

**MINUTES OF SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL
STRATEGY WORKING COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE SUPPER ROOM, WAIHINGA CENTRE, TEXAS STREET, MARTINBOROUGH
ON WEDNESDAY, 16 APRIL 2025 AT 9:00 AM
HEARINGS ON THE LONG TERM PLAN 2025/34**

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Melissa Sadler-Futter (Chair), Mayor Martin Connelly, Cr Alistair Plimmer, Cr Aaron Woodcock, Cr Colin Olds, Cr Pip Maynard, Cr Rebecca Gray, Ms Violet Edwards (from 10:16am) and Cr Kaye McAulay (until 11:45am).

APOLOGIES: Cr Aidan Ellims and Cr Martin Bosley.

IN ATTENDANCE: Janice Smith (Chief Executive Officer), Nicki Ansell (Senior Policy and Projects Advisor), Alex Pigou (Team Lead Communications) and Amy Andersen (Lead Advisor Democracy and Committees).

SUBMITTERS: Cobblestones Museum - Lynn Bushell, Clare Barton and Graeme Gray, Michelle Dawson, Wairarapa Dark Sky Group – Viv Napier and Charlotte Harding, Martinborough School Board of Trustees – Dylan Firth, Michael Smith, Featherston Community Centre Charitable Trust Board – Jay Jensen and Darren Goulding, Jenny Boyne (via Teams), Martinborough Community Board – Storm Robertson (Chair) and Angela Brown, Wairarapa Five Towns Trail Trust – Greg Lang, Claire Bleakley, Sue Fox, James Brodie, Robert Perry Cameron, Dean di Bona, Featherston Community Board – Tui Rutherford (Chair), Pete Smith, Democracy Now – Warren Woodgyer, Norris Everton, Greytown Community Board – Louise Brown (Chair), Dan Riddiford, Leah Hawkins and Jim Hedley.

CONDUCT OF BUSINESS: This meeting was held in the Supper Room, Waihinga Centre, Texas Street, Martinborough and via audio-visual conference. This meeting was recorded and live-streamed, available to view on our YouTube channel. The meeting was held in public under the above provisions from 9:10am to 2:15pm except where expressly noted.

OPEN SECTION

1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA – OPENING

All in attendance opened the meeting.

2 APOLOGIES

2.1 APOLOGIES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SWC2025/35

Moved: Cr A Plimmer

Seconded: Cr C Olds

The Strategy Working Committee resolved to accept apologies from Cr Bosley, Cr Ellims; and Ms Edwards for lateness.

CARRIED

3 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No interests were disclosed relating to items on the agenda or interests not already recorded on a relevant register.

4 SUBMISSIONS ON THE LONG TERM PLAN 2025/34

The following individuals and groups presented to the Committee on their submission:

- Cobblestones Museum - Lynn Bushell, Clare Barton and Graeme Gray
- Michelle Dawson

Cr Woodcock left at 9:32am.

- Wairarapa Dark Sky Group – Viv Napier and Charlotte Harding
- Martinborough School Board of Trustees – Dylan Firth

Cr Woodcock returned at 9:48am.

- Michael Smith
- Featherston Community Centre Charitable Trust Board – Jay Jensen and Darren Goulding
- Jenny Boyne (via Teams)
- Martinborough Community Board – Storm Robertson and Angela Brown

Ms Edwards joined the meeting via Teams at 10:16am.

- Wairarapa Five Towns Trail Trust – Greg Lang
- Storm Robertson

Meeting adjourned at 10:45am.

Meeting resumed at 11:15am.

- Claire Bleakley
- Sue Fox
- James Brodie
- John Coveney's submission was read aloud as he was unable to attend in person
- Robert Perry Cameron

Meeting adjourned at 11:45am.

Cr McAulay left during the break.

Meeting resumed at 12:31pm.

- Dean di Bona
- Featherston Community Board – Tui Rutherford (via Teams)

- Pete Smith
- Democracy Now – Warren Woodgyer
- Norris Everton

Meeting adjourned at 1:15pm.

Meeting resumed at 1:30pm.

- Greytown Community Board – Louise Brown
- Dan Riddiford
- Leah Hawkins
- Jim Hedley.

Additional information provided by submitters at the meeting can be found on the SWDC website meetings page: [Long Term Plan Hearing 16 April 2025 - SWDC](#)

5 DECISION REPORTS FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND STAFF

5.1 LONG TERM PLAN 2025/34 HEARINGS

Ms Ansell spoke to the report and clarified the process of submissions, collation of information which is available for all to read on the SWDC website, including formed letters.

Members acknowledged the process and the work conducted in order to connect with and support the community to engage in the process.

Members queried engagement with Kuranui College.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SWC2025/36

Moved: Deputy Mayor M Sadler-Futter

Seconded: Cr R Gray

The Strategy Working Committee resolved to:

1. Receives the full set of submissions on the 2025/34 Long-Term Plan.
2. Note that 218 full submissions and 600 formed letters were received.
3. Notes that of the received submissions 29 individuals are scheduled, 24 are heard.
4. Notes that deliberations will take place on 14 May 2025.

CARRIED

5 KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA – CLOSING

All in attendance closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 2:15pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record.

..... (Chair)

..... (Date)

..... (Chief Executive)

..... (Date)