



## **Strategy Working Committee Minutes from 13 March 2024**

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<b>Present:</b>	Acting Mayor Melissa Sadler-Futter (Chair), Councillors Colin Olds, Kaye McAulay, Alistair Plimmer, Rebecca Gray, Martin Bosley (from 10:18am), Pip Maynard (from 9:17am), Aaron Woodcock, Aidan Ellims and Violet Edwards (Māori Standing Committee Representative).
<b>Apologies:</b>	Mayor Martin Connelly (leave of absence).
<b>In Attendance:</b>	Amanda Bradley (General Manager Policy and Governance), Stefan Corbett (Group Manager Partnerships and Operations), Russell O’Leary (Group Manager Planning and Environment), Nicki Ansell (Lead Policy Advisor), and Amy Andersen (Committee Advisor).  Emma McHardie-Wright and Natalie Street (GMD Consultants) Matt Carrere (Wellington NZ) Anna Nielson and Chrissie Cummings (Destination Wairarapa).
<b>Conduct of Business:</b>	This meeting Supper Room, Waihinga Centre, 62 Texas Street, Martinborough, and was livestreamed on the Council’s YouTube Channel. The meeting was held in public from 9:00am to 10:46am.

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### **Open Section**

**A1. Karakia Timatanga - Opening**

Ms Edwards opened the meeting.

**A2. Apologies**

*STRATEGY WORKING COMMITTEE RESOLVED (SWC2024/10)* to accept apologies from Cr Bosley and Cr Maynard for late arrival.

*(Moved Cr Gray/Seconded Cr Plimmer)*

*Carried*

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**A3. Conflicts of Interest**

Cr Plimmer declared a conflict with the Freedom Camping Bylaw.

**A4. Public participation**

There was no public participation.

**A5. Actions from public participation**

There was no public participation.

**A6. Extraordinary business**

*STRATEGY WORKING COMMITTEE RESOLVED (SWC2024/11)* to add the member report, *Funding of Traffic Management Plans for Anzac Day Events*, to the agenda as item D1. This report was not included in the original agenda because clarification was required from community groups about their requirements for funding; information was obtained after the agenda had been released. This item cannot be delayed until the next meeting of the Committee because funding needs to be confirmed before ANZAC Day.

*(Moved Cr Ellims/Seconded Edwards)*

Carried

**A7. Confirmation of minutes**

*STRATEGY WORKING COMMITTEE RESOLVED (SWC2024/12)* to accept that the minutes of the Strategy Working Committee meeting held on 14 February 2024 are a true and accurate record.

*(Moved Cr Olds/Seconded Cr McAulay)*

Carried

**A8. Matters arising from previous meetings**

There were no matters arising.

**B Decision Reports from the Chief Executive and Council Officers**

**B1. Freedom Camping Bylaw Deliberations**

Ms Bradley, supported by Ms McHardie Wright spoke to the report, and responded to queries from the Committee, including Vintners Lane and issues relating to the camping close to dump station (public health, addressing concerns of business owners and residents, township restrictions).

Cr Maynard arrived at 9:17am.

Members queried how the bylaw would be enforced (application of fines to level of breach, ambassadors programme), what would happen when funding runs out for the ambassadors' programme, and the submissions process.

*STRATEGY WORKING COMMITTEE RESOLVED (SWC2024/13)* to recommend to Council to:

1. receive the *Freedom Camping Bylaw Deliberations* Report;

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2. amend the Clifford Square Reserve Management Plan to allow for freedom camping to occur subject to the restrictions within the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2024.
3. adopt the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2024, as per Appendix 1.
4. authorise the Chief Executive to make any minor editorial changes to the above documents if required prior to adoption.
5. Support the trial of Freedom Camping Ambassadors (\$47k grant from MBIE) for the 2024/5 camping season, and if successful, to consider ongoing funding in the next Long Term Plan.

*[Items 1-5 read together]*

*(Moved Cr Olds/Seconded Cr Ellims)*

Carried

For: Acting Mayor Sadler-Futter, Cr Ellims, Cr Gray, Cr Olds and Cr McAulay.

Against: Cr Woodcock, Edwards.

Abstained: Cr Plimmer, Cr Maynard.

## **C Information Reports from Chief Executive and Council Officers**

### **C1. Chief Executive's Update**

Ms Smith spoke to the report and noted that the draft Government Policy Statement (GPS) on land transport was notified last week. SWDC are working through this with Carterton District Council as to whether a submission is made.

Members queried the status of interim speed management review. Mr Corbett spoke to the Committee regarding the relocation of signage on Jellicoe Street and the effects on speed zones/enforcement; the potential for permanent speed reductions outside of schools and processes for roading upgrades.

Ms Smith noted that Council's proposed changes would have no legal standing if central government changed their approach to speed management.

Members spoke about their concerns in relation to community safety and the funds already committed to completing the work on the interim speed management plan.

Ms Smith noted she would work with Mr Corbett to provide further information and advice on proceeding with the interim speed management plan.

Mr Corbett also provided updates in relation to work on structural bridges and Hinekura Road. Members queries whether signage for Hinekura Road would reflect the correct spelling. This will be followed up by Ms Smith.

### **C2. Wairarapa Economic Development Strategy Quarterly Update**

Mr Carrere spoke to matters included in the report and provided an update on initiatives to support small businesses in the Wairarapa, and initiatives/events including 5 Town Trails and Wings Over Wairarapa.

### **C3. Destination Wairarapa Quarterly Update**

Ms Nielson and Ms Cummings spoke to matters included in the report and noted the importance of "trade-ready products" and giving tourists reasons to visit and spend money within the regions; managing growth opportunities, including Dark Sky and attracting business to the South Wairarapa during the Winter months.

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Members queries inclusion of Stonehenge in current plans and initiatives, and the the Mayor’s sponsorship of the steering group and whether this had any implications for future funding decisions.

**C4. Action Items**

Action 406 – Mr O’Leary noted that a Senior Planner will send information to the Committee regarding natural hazards via email.

**D Members Reports**

**D1. Funding of Traffic Management Plans for Anzac Day Events**

Acting Mayor Sadler-Futter left at 10:18 – Councillors were reading through the item.

Cr Bosley arrived at 10:18am.

Acting Mayor Sadler-Futter returned at 10:19am.

Cr Olds spoke to matters included in the report and sought support for further funding of ANZAC Day events.

Members queried equity across the district in terms of support for each ward.

Members queried whether one TMP template could cover all three towns and discussed community fundraising for events.

*STRATEGY WORKING COMMITTEE RESOLVED (SWC2024/14) to*

1. To approve up to \$21k plus GST of unbudgeted expenditure to fund traffic management plans for ANZAC Day events 2024.
2. To work collaboratively with RSAs from each Ward on ANZAC Day funding plans to support future events.

[Items 1-2 read together]

*(Moved Cr Ellims/Seconded Cr Plimmer)*

Carried

**E Karakia Whakamutunga - Closing**

Ms Edwards closed the meeting.

The meeting closed at 10:46am.

**Confirmed as a true and correct record**

.....(Chair)

.....(Chief Executive)

.....(Date)

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