



Strategy Working Committee Minutes from 8 May 2024

- Present:** Deputy Mayor Melissa Sadler-Futter (Chair), Mayor Martin Connelly, Councillors Colin Olds, Kaye McAulay, Alistair Plimmer (from 9:15am), Rebecca Gray (from 9:05am), Martin Bosley, Pip Maynard, Aaron Woodcock (from 9:02am), and Aidan Ellims and Violet Edwards (Māori Standing Committee Representative) (from 9:26am).
- In Attendance:** Janice Smith (Chief Executive), Stefan Corbett (Group Manager Infrastructure and Community Operations), Russell O’Leary (Group Manager Planning and Environment), Paul Gardner (Group Manager Corporate Services), Nicki Ansell (Acting Manager Stakeholder Relationships), Charly Clarke (Acting Finance Manager), Narida Hooper (Pou Māori), Joelle Thomson (Communications Advisor) and Amy Andersen (Lead Advisor Democracy & Committees).
- Charles Barker and Adam Mattsen (Wellington Water).
- Public participation:** Daphne Geisler.
- Conduct of Business:** 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 where noted from 9:01am to 11:58am.
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Cr Woodcock arrived at 9:02am.

Open Section

A1. Karakia Timatanga - Opening
Cr Ellims opened the meeting.

A2. Apologies
STRATEGY WORKING COMMITTEE RESOLVED (SWC2024/36) to accept apologies from Cr Plimmer, Cr Gray and Ms Edwards for late arrival.
(Moved Cr Maynard/ Seconded Cr McAulay) Carried

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A3. Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest.

A4. Acknowledgements and tributes

Cr Ellims acknowledged the passing of David Harris, a long-time resident of Martinborough.

Cr Gray arrived at 9:05am.

A5. Public participation

Daphne Geisler spoke to the Committee about her concerns in relation to the extraordinary Council meeting held on 24 April 2024.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13am.

The meeting was reconvened at 9:15am.

Cr Plimmer arrived at 9:15am.

A5. Actions from public participation

There were no actions from public participation.

Cr Bosley noted that the email he sent to Ms Geisler was not dismissive.

A6. Extraordinary business

STRATEGY WORKING COMMITTEE RESOLVED (SWC2024/37) to approve an oral members' report from Mayor Connelly.

(Moved Mayor Connelly/No seconder)

Lapsed

A7. Confirmation of minutes

STRATEGY WORKING COMMITTEE RESOLVED (SWC2024/38) to confirm that the minutes of the Strategy Working Committee meetings held on 3 April, 10 April and 17 April 2024 are a true and accurate record.

(Moved Cr Olds/Seconded Cr Gray)

Carried

Abstained: Mayor Connelly

Abstained (3 April 2024 only): Cr Woodcock

A8. Matters arising from previous meetings

There were no matters discussed.

B Decision Reports from the Chief Executive and Staff

B1. Updated Three Waters Capital Delivery Plan for FY2023/24

Mr Corbett spoke to the report, highlighting the reasons for the increases in budget and provided explanations for the request.

Ms Edwards arrived at 9:26am.

Mr Corbett responded to queries from members including: communication of issues, consideration of option 3, timeframes and deadlines to confirm any budgetary issues and the current operational budget position.

Members discussed the work completed across the year and budgets required to maintain and replace water infrastructure, the implications of ageing infrastructure and the financial challenges this produces to complete programme/project work,

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and ways to manage this situation in future (proactive meetings/updates on budget position through the year).

STRATEGY WORKING COMMITTEE RESOLVED (SWC2024/39) to:

1. receive the *Updated Three Waters Capital Delivery Plan for FY23/24* Report.
(Moved Cr Ellims / Seconded Cr Plimmer) Carried

2. agree to increase the FY2023/24 capital investment budget to match the forecast in Option 2, an increase of \$0.53M bringing the total forecast expenditure for FY2023/24 to \$4.69M (excluding the actual forecast spend of \$0.29m against the Greytown Water Treatment Plant Upgrade project).
(Moved Mayor Connelly/Cr Maynard) Not carried
For: Cr Maynard, Mayor Connelly, Cr McAulay, Cr Olds
Against: Cr Gray, Edwards, Cr Plimmer, Cr Ellims, Cr Woodcock, Cr Bosley

Amendment:

agree to increase the FY2023/24 capital investment budget to match the forecast in option 3, an increase of \$1.01M bringing the total forecast expenditure for FY2023/24 to \$5.17M (excluding the actual forecast spend of \$0.29m against the Greytown Water Treatment Plant Upgrade project).

3. agree to increase the FY2023/24 capital investment budget to match the forecast in option 3, an increase of \$1.01M bringing the total forecast expenditure for FY2023/24 to \$5.17M (excluding the actual forecast spend of \$0.29m against the Greytown Water Treatment Plant Upgrade project).
(Moved Cr Plimmer/Seconded Cr Gray) Carried
For: Cr Gray, Edwards, Cr McAulay, Cr Bosley, Cr Plimmer, Cr Ellims
Against: Mayor Connelly, Cr Maynard, Cr Olds, Cr Woodcock

4. note that Wellington Water have committed to improve their processes to better deliver the capital programme within Council approved budget.
(Moved Cr Gray/Seconded Cr Plimmer) Not carried
For: Cr McAulay, Cr Bosley, Cr Plimmer, Cr Gray
Against: Cr Olds, Cr Woodcock, Cr Ellims, Cr Maynard, Edwards
Abstained: Mayor Connelly.

Amendment:

request that Wellington Water will commit to improve their processes to better deliver the capital programme within Council approved budget, and by the end of July a report to be prepared and tabled that outlines how we will reset expectations and ensure Wellington Watter internal processes for supporting forecasting and budgeting.

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(Moved Cr Ellims/ Seconded Cr Bosley) Carried

B2. Community Wellbeing Fund Amendment

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Ms Smith spoke to the report and responded to questions including: whether funds held would be used for water services and infrastructure, whether there could be a reduction of funds held for potential costs.

Members discussed the original purpose of the fund, and support for community initiatives and projects.

STRATEGY WORKING COMMITTEE RESOLVED (SWC2024/40) to:

1. receive the *Community Wellbeing Fund Amendment* report.
2. approve the ringfencing of \$500,000 of Better Off Funding to the Community Wellbeing Fund to enable community led projects across the South Wairarapa to be considered and approved if appropriate.
3. acknowledge that the remaining funds of circa. \$800,000 will be held to fund the potential costs arising from the development of the Water Services Plan and transition to a Local Waters Done Well solution.
4. delegate approval to the Chief Executive to approve the allocation of the funding to ensure that the Council's legal objectives under Local Waters Done Well are met, including the consideration of a Wairarapa water solution.
5. request that the Chief Executive report back to the Committee on the use of the funds in due course.

[Items 1-5 read together]

(Moved Cr Olds/Seconded Cr Maynard)

Not Carried

For: Cr Olds, Cr McAulay, Cr Ellims, Cr Maynard

Against: Cr Gray, Cr Plimmer, Edwards, Mayor Connelly,
Cr Woodcock, Cr Bosley.

STRATEGY WORKING COMMITTEE RESOLVED (SWC2024/41) to:

1. receive the *Community Wellbeing Fund Amendment* report.
2. approve the ringfencing of \$500,000 of Better Off Funding to the Community Wellbeing Fund to enable community led projects across the South Wairarapa to be considered and approved if appropriate.
3. acknowledge that the remaining funds of circa. \$800,000 will be held to fund the potential costs arising from the development of the Water Services Plan and transition to a Local Waters Done Well solution only and any unspent funds will be returned to the Community Wellbeing Fund.
4. delegate approval to the Chief Executive to approve the allocation of the funding to ensure that the Council's legal objectives under Local Waters Done Well are met, including the consideration of a Wairarapa water solution.
5. request that the Chief Executive report back to the Committee on the use of the funds in due course.

[Items 1-5 read together]

(Moved Cr Plimmer/Seconded Cr Gray)

Carried

For: Cr Olds, Cr McAulay, Cr Maynard, Edwards, Cr Gray,
Cr Plimmer, Cr Bosley

Against: Mayor Connelly, Cr Ellims, Cr Woodcock.

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B3. Wairarapa Class 4 Gambling and TAB Venues Policy

Ms Ansell spoke to the report and responded to questions about the Council's previous requests that relate to 6.1 - venue relocation, and the discussions and deliberations held by the Wairarapa Policy Working Group.

Action 191: Request confirmation of whether the cap covers each individual district or the district as a whole, in relation to the Wairarapa Class 4 Gambling and Standalone TAB Venues Policy.

STRATEGY WORKING COMMITTEE RESOLVED (SWC2024/42) to:

1. note that a review of the Wairarapa Class 4 Gambling and Standalone TAB Venues Policy has been undertaken;
2. note that consultation with the community occurred between 19 February and 22 March 2024.
3. note that hearings and deliberations were undertaken by the Wairarapa Policy Working Group on 15 April 2024.
[Items 1-3 read together]
(Moved Cr Gray/Seconded Cr Plimmer) Carried
Against: Cr McAulay

4. approve the recommendations from the Wairarapa Policy Working Group:
 - i) agree to the amendment to clause 6.1 of the Proposed Wairarapa Class 4 Gambling and Standalone TAB Venues Policy as follows: Clause 6.1 Council will not grant consent for a Class 4 venue to permanently re-establish at a new site in Masterton District under any circumstances.
(Moved Cr Plimmer/Seconded Cr Maynard) Carried
 - ii) adopt the Wairarapa Class 4 Gambling and Standalone TAB Venues Policy (Attachment 1).
(Moved Cr Gray/ Seconded Cr Olds) Not Carried
For: Cr Olds, Cr Gray, Edwards, Bosley
Against: Cr Plimmer, Mayor Connelly, Cr Maynard, Cr Ellims, Cr Woodcock, Cr McAulay.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:48am.

The meeting was reconvened at 10:58am.

C Information Reports from the Chief Executive and Staff

C1. Chief Executive's Update

Ms Smith spoke to the report and responded to members queries including: RMA changes, potential impacts in relation to the Wairarapa Combined District Plan. (Noted that the hearings will be starting in August 2024 and are scheduled to be completed in February 2025).

STRATEGY WORKING COMMITTEE RESOLVED (SWC2024/43) to receive the *Chief Executive's Update*.

(Moved Cr Olds/Seconded Cr Bosley) Carried

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C2. Wairarapa Economic Development Strategy Quarterly Update
Mr Carrere spoke to matters in the report and responded to questions from members including, amount allocated to the WEDS tourism budget.

C3. Action Items
Noted that actions 133 and 157 have been closed.

STRATEGY WORKING COMMITTEE RESOLVED (SWC2024/44) to receive the Action Items report.

(Moved Cr McAulay/Seconded Edwards)

Carried

D Reports from the Chairperson

D1. Chairperson's Report
Deputy Mayor Sadler-Futter spoke to matters in the report.

STRATEGY WORKING COMMITTEE RESOLVED (SWC2024/45) to:

1. receive the Chairperson's Report.
2. approve the amended Terms of Reference for Council and Committees, as per Appendix 1, subject to the following change in the CEO Employment Committee ToR: *consider and/or approve all variations to the Chief Executive's contract as required.*
3. note Narida Hooper's resignation from the Māori Standing Committee.

[Items 1-3 Read together]

(Moved Cr Gray/Seconded Cr Ellims)

Carried

E Members Reports

E1. Infrastructure Portfolio Update, Cr Ellims
Cr Ellims spoke to matters included in the report and responded to questions from members, including Mr Cantwell's properties and whether this has been resolved,

Members raised the current roadworks on SH53 (detour on Moroa Road) and referred these issues to Mr Corbett for follow up with the Roding Manager for further investigation.

Cr Ellims acknowledged Mr Corbett and the Infrastructure and Community Operations team for the supplementary report.

STRATEGY WORKING COMMITTEE RESOLVED (SWC2024/46) to receive the Infrastructure Portfolio Report.

(Moved Ms Edwards/Seconded Cr Gray)

Carried

F Appointment Reports

F1. Wairarapa Trails Action Group – Cr Olds
Cr Olds spoke to the report and acknowledged James O'Connor for his work with the group.

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STRATEGY WORKING COMMITTEE RESOLVED (SWC2024/47) to receive the Wairarapa Trails Action Group Appointment Report.
(Moved Cr Plimmer/Seconded Cr Ellims)

Carried

G Public Excluded Section

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

Report/General Subject Matter	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this Resolution
Public excluded minutes 10 April 2024 (Greytown Water Treatment Plant Upgrade Options Project Report)	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7(2)(h)	Section 48(1)(a)
Chief Executive KPIs	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7(2)(a)	Section 48(1)(a)

This resolution (SWC2024/48) is made in reliance on Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

Reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this Resolution
The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.	Section 7(2)(a)
The withholding of information is necessary to enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.	section 7(2)(h)

(Moved Deputy Mayor Sadler-Futter / Seconded Cr Olds)

Carried

- G1.** Confirmation of public excluded minutes
- G2.** Chief Executives KPIs

H Karakia Whakamutunga - Closing

Ms Edwards closed the meeting.

The meeting closed at 11:58pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record

.....(Chair)

.....(Date)

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.....(Chief Executive)

.....(Date)

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