

**MINUTES OF SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL
STRATEGY WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE SUPPER ROOM, WAIHINGA CENTRE, TEXAS STREET, MARTINBOROUGH
ON WEDNESDAY, 2 JULY 2025 AT 10:00 AM**

- PRESENT:** Cr Martin Bosley (Chair), Cr Alistair Plimmer, Cr Aaron Woodcock, Cr Aidan Ellims (via MS Teams from 10:17am), Cr Colin Olds , Cr Rebecca Gray (via Audio from 10:12; in person from 10:30am) and Ms Violet Edwards.
- APOLOGIES:** Deputy Mayor Melissa Sadler-Futter, Cr Kaye McAulay, Mayor Martin Connelly and Cr Pip Maynard.
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Janice Smith (Chief Executive Officer), Stefan Corbett (Group Manager, Corporate Services), Russell O'Leary (Group Manager, Planning and Regulatory), James O'Connor (Group Manager, Infrastructure and Community Operations), Charly Clarke (Chief Financial Officer), Tim Langley (Principal Advisor, Roding), Melissa Stockley (Manager, Community Operations), Peter Trafford (Principal Advisor – Three Waters), Sarah Pearson-Coats (Lead Advisor, Property Portfolio), and Amy Andersen (Lead Advisor, Democracy and Committees).
- CONDUCT OF BUSINESS:** This meeting was held in the Supper Room, Waihinga Centre, Texas Street, Martinborough and via audio-visual conference. This meeting was live-streamed is available to view on our YouTube channel. The meeting was held in public under the above provisions from 10:12am to 11:36am except where expressly noted.

OPEN SECTION

1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA – OPENING

All in attendance opened the meeting.

2 APOLOGIES

2.1 APOLOGIES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SWC2025/106

Moved: Ms V Edwards

Seconded: Cr A Woodcock

The Strategy Working Committee resolved to accept apologies from Deputy Mayor Sadler-Futter, Cr Kaye McAulay, Mayor Connelly and Cr Maynard; and late arrival for Cr Ellims.

CARRIED

3 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Plimmer disclosed a non-financial interest in relation to item 13.4 (close relationship) and did not participate in discussion or vote on this item.

Ms Edwards disclosed a non-financial interest in relation to item 13.1 (close relationship) and did not participate in discussion or vote on this item.

4 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND TRIBUTES

There were no acknowledgements and tributes.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

6 URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business.

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

7.1 MINUTES OF THE STRATEGY WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 4 JUNE 2025

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SWC2025/107

Moved: Cr C Olds

Seconded: Ms V Edwards

1. That the minutes of the Strategy Working Committee meeting held on 4 June 2025 are confirmed as a true and correct record.
2. That the public excluded minutes of the Strategy Working Committee meeting held on 4 June 2025 are confirmed as a true and correct record.

In Favour: Cr A Woodcock, Cr A Ellims, Cr M Bosley, Cr C Olds, Cr R Gray and Ms V Edwards

Against: Nil

Abstained: Cr A Plimmer

CARRIED

8 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

There were no matters arising.

9 REPORT BACKS AND REQUESTS FROM MĀORI STANDING COMMITTEE AND COMMUNITY BOARDS

9.1 REPORT BACK AND UPDATES FROM THE MĀORI STANDING COMMITTEE AND COMMUNITY BOARDS

There were no updates or report backs from the Community Boards

Cr Ellims arrived via MS Teams at 10:17am.

10 INFORMATION REPORTS FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND STAFF

10.1 ACTION ITEMS

Members queried item 321/322 – Officers clarified these actions will be completed under the Speed Management Plan which is currently being consulted on.

11 CHAIRPERSON REPORTS

11.1 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Cr Bosley spoke to matters included in the report on Deputy Mayor Sadler-Futter's behalf. Members discussed their views in regard to progressing a letter of support to enable investigations by NZTA.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SWC2025/108

Moved: Cr A Plimmer

Seconded: Cr C Olds

The Strategy Working Committee resolved to write a letter of endorsement for the Remutaka Road Action Group supporting their aims of:

- a. An investigation into a new alternate highway over the Remutaka Hill.

In Favour: Cr A Plimmer, Cr A Ellims, Cr M Bosley, Cr C Olds and Ms V Edwards

Against: Cr A Woodcock and Cr R Gray

CARRIED 5/2

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SWC2025/109

Moved: Cr A Plimmer

Seconded: Cr C Olds

The Strategy Working Committee resolved to write a letter of endorsement for the Remutaka Road Action Group supporting their aims of:

- b. Having the Remutaka Hill Road included in the government's list of Roads of National Significance.

In Favour: Cr A Plimmer, Cr A Woodcock, Cr A Ellims, Cr M Bosley, Cr C Olds and Ms V Edwards

Against: Cr R Gray

CARRIED 6/1

12 APPOINTMENT REPORTS

12.1 INFRASTRUCTURE PORTFOLIO UPDATE

Cr Ellims, supported by Mr Corbett, spoke to matters included in the report.

Members congratulated the team on the dashboard reporting and presentation of the report. Members were positive to see savings as identified in the report, Mr Corbett stated that the savings will be transferred to renewals.

Cr Gray arrived in person at 10:30am.

Mr Corbett also noted the recent developments with regard to work underway on the Greytown Wheels Park, and noted the Featherston playground completion was on track for the end of August. There has also been progress noted on an asset management planning system.

12.2 MEMBERS FEEDBACK FROM THE MĀORI STANDING COMMITTEE AND COMMUNITY BOARDS

Cr Woodcock provided the updates from Greytown Community Board on behalf of the Chair, Louise Brown: grants allocations, events held in June including the Volunteer Expo and the Volunteer Breakfast; plans for Arbor Day (including honouring of Six Lions for their efforts and keeping traditions alive).

Ms Brown also highlighted Greytown Community Board members for their hard work and efforts over the last few months to ensure events were a success.

13 PUBLIC EXCLUDED BUSINESS

RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SWC2025/110

Moved: Cr R Gray

Seconded: Cr A Ellims

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject matter 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 of

the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48 for the passing of this resolution	Plain English reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter
13.1 - Papawai Land Exchange	s7(2)(i) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7	Withholding the information is necessary to enable South Wairarapa District Council to negotiate without prejudice or disadvantage.
13.2 - Waters Capital Contracts - Greytown Desludging & Tauwharenikau Pipeline	s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7	Relates to commercially sensitive information regarding contracts for water capital projects.
13.3 - Office Renovation - Financial Approval	s7(2)(i) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7	Relates to the tender process for office renovations.
13.4 - Application for Partial Remission of Rates – Follow-Up Submission	s7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7	This report is regarding ratepayers' application for remission and shouldn't be in public.

<div>CARRIED</div>

14 KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA – CLOSING

All in attendance closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 11:36am.

Confirmed as a true and correct record.

..... (Chair)

..... (Date)

..... (Chief Executive)

..... (Date)