

MINUTES OF PUBLIC EXCLUDED STRATEGY WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING
LONG TERM PLAN 2025/34 DELIBERATIONS
HELD AT THE SUPPER ROOM, WAIHINGA CENTRE, TEXAS STREET, MARTINBOROUGH
ON WEDNESDAY, 14 MAY 2025 AT 9:00 AM

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Melissa Sadler-Futter (Chair), Mayor Martin Connelly, Cr Alistair Plimmer (from 9:23am), Cr Aaron Woodcock, Cr Aidan Ellims, Cr Martin Bosley, Cr Colin Olds, Cr Pip Maynard, Cr Rebecca Gray, Ms Violet Edwards, Cr Kaye McAulay (from 9:27am).

APOLOGIES: Cr Aaron Woodcock.

IN ATTENDANCE: Janice Smith (Chief Executive Officer), Russell O'Leary (Group Manager, Planning and Regulatory), [REDACTED]

CONDUCT OF BUSINESS: This meeting was held in the Supper Room, Waihinga Centre, Texas Street, Martinborough and via audio-visual conferencing commencing at 9:10am. The meeting was held under public excluded provisions from 9:16am to 9:36am.

OPEN SECTION

1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA – OPENING

All in attendance opened the meeting.

2 APOLOGIES

2.1 APOLOGIES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SWC2025/68

Moved: Cr R Gray

Seconded: Cr P Maynard

Cr Woodcock for absence; Cr Plimmer and Cr McAulay for late arrival.

CARRIED

3 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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

8 PUBLIC EXCLUDED BUSINESS**8.1 FEATHERSTON GREEN SPACE**

Ms Smith spoke to matters in the report, explained the process relating to the negotiations / purchase, the recommended approach to negotiations and how rates would be affected by the purchase.

Cr Plimmer arrived at 9:23am.

Members queried expenditure type (Capital), discussed the state of the Featherston property market, and some members openly voiced their support for the purchase at this stage of the discussion.

Members discussed the maximum sum for the purchase negotiations, and some suggested setting this at a limit of \$450,000.

Further discussion was held regarding the zoning rules currently in place for the land (TBC); members asked Mr O'Leary to look into this further to alleviate any issues which may present in future, depending on whether rezoning will be required for e.g. parking (commercial zoning).

Cr McAulay arrived at 9:27am.

Members further discussed the limits they would like to set for purchase negotiations with some members suggesting that the limit should be raised to a maximum \$500,000.

Ms Smith responded to members questions regarding the potential use of the site, which has not yet been determined and noted that upon securing the asset, a decision can be made on this by Council and issues relating to zoning can be further explored.

Ms Clarke and Ms Smith provided further assurance that this asset will be rated as district wide, and the rating impact is minor in future years.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SWC2025/71

Moved: Cr P Maynard

Seconded: Cr C Olds

The Strategy Working Committee resolved to receives the report "Featherston Green Space".

CARRIED

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SWC2025/72

Moved: Deputy Mayor M Sadler-Futter

Seconded: Cr C Olds

The Strategy Working Committee resolved to:

1. Note that this decision has been considered against the Significance & Engagement Policy and does not trigger consultation due to the commercial sensitivity of the decision and that the costs of consultation would not be in proportion to the benefits.
2. Approve the transfer of \$132,000 previously allocated for a walkway to the medical centre to the purchase of this property.

3. Approve the allocation of the Featherston part of the Asset Realisation Reserve of \$170,000 to the purchase of this property.
4. Approve a maximum sum of \$500,000 within which negotiations are to take place.
5. Approve the CEO carries out negotiations for the purchase of 38 – 40 Fox Street, Featherston and concludes the purchase within the approved budget.
6. That this report and associated minutes stay in public excluded until the Chief Executive determines there are no longer any reasons to withhold the information under the Act.
7. Note that the withholding of information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 is necessary to withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities - s7(2)(h).

[Items 1-7 read together]

CARRIED

Public session resumed at 9:36am.

Confirmed as a true and correct record.

[Redacted Signature] (Chair)

..... (Date)

[Redacted Signature] (Chief Executive)

..... (Date)