



## **Strategy Working Committee Minutes from 14 February 2024**

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- Present:** Deputy Mayor Melissa Sadler-Futter (Chair), Mayor Martin Connelly, Councillors Colin Olds, Kaye McAulay, Alistair Plimmer, Rebecca Gray, Martin Bosley, Pip Maynard and Aaron Woodcock (until 12:10pm).
- Apologies:** Councillor Aidan Ellims and Violet Edwards (Māori Standing Committee Representative).
- In Attendance:** Storm Robertson (Martinborough Community Board)
- Amanda Bradley (General Manager Policy and Governance), Stefan Corbett (Group Manager Partnerships and Operations), Russell O’Leary (Group Manager Planning and Environment), Robyn Wells (Principal Advisor Water Transition) Nicki Ansell (Lead Policy Advisor), and Amy Andersen (Committee Advisor).
- Public participation:** Joelle Thomson, Jim Hedley and Mike Gray.
- 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 from 9:01am to 12:14pm.
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### **Open Section**

**A1. Karakia Timatanga - Opening**

Cr Gray opened the meeting.

**A2. Apologies**

*STRATEGY WORKING COMMITTEE RESOLVED (SWC2024/01) to accept apologies from Cr Ellims and Ms Edwards.*

*(Moved Cr Gray/Seconded Cr Maynard)*

*Carried*

**A3. Conflicts of Interest**

There were no conflicts of interest.

**A4. Public participation**

Joelle Thomson – Speed on Dublin Street, Martinborough

Ms Thomson spoke to the Committee about issues relating to the current speed limit on Dublin Street, including the roading infrastructure, volume of traffic and safety of

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people around and on the road. Ms Thomson sought support from the Committee to explore an alternative bypass and lower permanent speed limit. Members queried what other locations there might be for a bypass and the time period.

Jim Hedley – Rates

Mr Hedley spoke to the Committee regarding his concerns about the first principles rates review information and impacts of increasing rates for rural ratepayers.

Mike Gray – Rates

Mr Gray spoke to the Committee of his support for Mr Hedley's presentation on equity and fairness for ratepayers.

A written submission by Pauline Hedley was accepted by the Committee.

**A5. Actions from public participation**

Members sought advice from Mr Corbett who noted that reducing speed through whole road would provide better answer. The Speed Review is currently paused and officers are waiting for direction from central government.

Members queried whether the issues with roading infrastructure since repairs were completed in the last year, what was being used to surface the road (hot mix) and the options for fixing the leaking water main.

Action 32: Chief Executive to clarify what is currently included in the Speed Review for Dublin Street, Martinborough. Members would need to consider any further actions and how that would fit within the current roading work programme.

**A6. Extraordinary business**

There was no extraordinary business.

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

**B1. Tauwharenikau Pipeline Crossing Project**

Mr Corbett, supported by Ms Wells spoke to matters included in the report. Crs acknowledged the comprehensive report from Ms Wells.

Queries from members included: the proposed cost of works for the project; whether they could be an independent process for quotes; broadening the contractor pool; whether the CE would be part of the tender evaluation process; why there was no information relating to Opex in option 3, and why there appeared to be no support from iwi for option 3; iwi engagement to date; river diversion; capacity constraints and pipe size, as well as supporting future proofing; work to support a Featherston water source (refer to Aerial Aquifer Survey due in 2025), tender requirements and criteria – opportunities for Council input; and risks relating of ground water flow and river levels.

*STRATEGY WORKING COMMITTEE RESOLVED (SWC2024/02) to:*

1. Receive the Tauwharenikau Pipeline Crossing Project Report.

*(Moved Cr McAulay/Seconded Cr Maynard)*

Carried

2. Adopt Option 3 - Replace existing pipe with recommended methodology

*(Moved Cr Olds/Seconded Cr Gray)*

Carried

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Abstained: Cr Maynard

3. Release the ring-fenced funds of \$150,000 in Annual Plan 2023/24 for Wellington Water Limited to progress detailed design on the replacement of the pipe section.

*(Moved Cr Olds/Seconded Cr Gray)*

Carried

## **B2. Risk Pool Insurance – Unbudgeted Expense**

Ms Smith spoke to matters included in the report.

*STRATEGY WORKING COMMITTEE RESOLVED (SWC2024/03) to:*

1. Receive the 'Risk Pool Unbudgeted Expense' Report.
2. Retrospectively ratify the payment of the invoice for Risk Pool to the sum of \$47,000 from the source budget of Insurance.

### Amendment

That Council add a further action:

3. Request that a media statement be prepared to acknowledge the benefits of the scheme and its details.

*(Moved Mayor Connelly/ Seconded Cr Woodcock)*

Carried

For: Mayor Connelly, Deputy Mayor Sadler-Futter, Cr Olds, Cr McAulay, Cr Bosley, Cr Maynard and Cr Woodcock.

Against: Cr Plimmer and Cr Gray.

The amendment became an addition to the original resolution and became the substantive motion.

*RESOLUTION (SWC2024/03):*

1. Receive the 'Risk Pool Unbudgeted Expense' Report.
2. Retrospectively ratify the payment of the invoice for Risk Pool to the sum of \$47,000 from the source budget of Insurance.
3. Request that a media statement be prepared to acknowledge the benefits of the scheme and its details.

*(Moved Mayor Connelly/ Seconded Cr Woodcock)*

Carried

For: Mayor Connelly, Deputy Mayor Sadler-Futter, Cr Olds, Cr McAulay, Cr Bosley, Cr Maynard, Cr Woodcock, Cr Gray, Cr Plimmer

Cr Maynard left at 10:11am.

Cr Maynard returned at 10:13am.

## **B3. Wellington Region Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2023-2029 Adoption**

Cr Gray spoke to the matters included in the report. Members queried why recommendation 2 in the report was required.

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*STRATEGY WORKING COMMITTEE RESOLVED (SWC2024/04) to:*

1. Adopt the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2023-2029.
2. Agree to revoke the existing 2017-2023 Wellington Region WMMP.
3. Note that funding of the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan implementation has been incorporated into the draft LTP budgets.
4. Note that, as required under the Waste Minimisation Act 2008, all councils are required to review and update their Waste Management and Minimisation Plans to receive ongoing waste levy funding from the Ministry for the Environment to carry out waste minimisation projects and activities.
5. Note that the Wellington Region Waste Management and Minimisation Joint Committee has undertaken the special consultative procedure for the finalised 2023-2029 Wellington Region Management and Minimisation Plan as previously agreed by each council during May and June 2023.
6. Note that the Wellington Region Waste Management and Minimisation Joint Committee have recommended that all eight territorial authorities in the Wellington Region adopt the finalised 2023-2029 Wellington Region WMMP.

*[Items 1-6 read together]*

*(Moved Cr Gray/ Secoded Mayor Connelly)*

*Carried*

**B4. Appointments to the Community Wellbeing Subcommittee**

Ms Bradley spoke to matters included in the report.

*STRATEGY WORKING COMMITTEE RESOLVED (SWC2024/05) to:*

1. Receive the *Appointments to the Community Wellbeing Subcommittee* Report.
2. Appoint the following councillors as Council representatives to the Community Wellbeing Subcommittee:
  - a. Cr Gray, and Cr Olds as alternate.
  - b. Cr Maynard, and Cr McAulay as alternate.
  - c. Cr Bosley, and Cr Plimmer as alternate.
3. Appoint Cr Gray as Chairperson to the Community Wellbeing Subcommittee.

*[Items 1-3 read together]*

*(Moved Cr Olds / Secoded Mayor Connelly)*

*Carried*

Meeting adjourned at 10:25am.

Meeting reconvened at 10:38am.

**B5. Adoption of the Wairarapa Class 4 Gambling & Standalone TAB Venues Statement of Proposal and Draft Policy**

Ms Bradley and Ms Ansell spoke to matters included in the report.

Members queried whether there would be two policies covering the region if there were differing views of Councils and why the Councils were not adopting stricter rules.

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Members were reminded that this is a draft policy which will be going out for consultation.

Members Queried recommendation 1b and the issues relating to new gambling venues - officers were requested to strengthen wording and relay concerns relating to point 6.2 in the draft policy (venue relocation) and review the wording prior to policy adoption.

Members queried hearing and deliberations process and queried the accuracy of documentation and its use in public consultation. Officers confirmed consultation has been scheduled to commence next week.

Cr Woodcock left at 11:06am.

Cr Woodcock returned at 11:07am.

*STRATEGY WORKING COMMITTEE RESOLVED (SWC2024/06) to:*

1. agree to make amendments to the draft Policy:
  - (a) to state that Class 4 Gambling Venues cannot relocate in Masterton District under any circumstances.
  - (b) to state that Class 4 Gambling Venues cannot relocate to Carterton and South Wairarapa District's most deprived areas (those on the New Zealand Deprivation Index of decile 9 or 10) if the proposed location is outside of a main town centre;
  - (c) to state that no new standalone TAB venues may be established in the Wairarapa;
  - (d) to clearly state that no additional electronic gaming machines will be granted consent, in any Class 4 venue in the Wairarapa (amendment for clarification purposes); and
  - (e) to reflect legislative or other changes since the last review, and to improve the flow and readability.
2. adopt the Statement of Proposal and draft Policy for consultation with the community, using the Special Consultative Procedure (Attachments One and Two).
3. delegate authority to the Chief Executive to approve minor edits that do not change the intent of the content, prior to publication of the Statement of Proposal and draft Policy for consultation.
4. note that a joint review of the Wairarapa Class 4 Gambling and Standalone TAB Venues Policy (the Policy) is underway.
5. note that the Wairarapa Policy Working Group considered options for progressing the review and recommended that the Wairarapa District Councils adopt a joint policy for consultation with a regional variation for Masterton in relation to venue relocation.
6. note that consultation with the community is proposed to take place between 21 February and 22 March 2024, subject to adoption by the three Wairarapa District Councils.
7. note that the Wairarapa Policy Working Group will hear submissions and undertake deliberations ahead of making final recommendations to Council in

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*[Items 1-7 read together]*

*(Moved Cr Bosley/Seconded Cr Olds)*

*For:* Deputy Mayor Sadler-Futter, Cr Olds, Cr McAulay, Cr Bosley, Cr Maynard, Cr Woodcock, Cr Gray, Cr Plimmer Carried

*Against:* Mayor Connelly

## **C Information Reports from CE and Council Officers**

### **C1. Pain Estate Update**

Members queried the arrangements of having a lease in relation to the transfer station. Ms Smith noted that a formal agreement about payment for services is required. Members queried why the Pain Farm issue was being raised in a wider forum and not just at Community Board level.

*STRATEGY WORKING COMMITTEE RESOLVED (SWC2024/07):*

1. To receive the Pain Estate Update Report.

*(Moved Cr Maynard/Seconded Cr McAulay)*

Carried

Foreshadowed amendment:

2. That the Strategic Working Committee instruct the Chief Executive to action the items identified in the Memorandum of Agreement for Pain Farm and report back to the Martinborough Community Board.

*(Moved Cr Maynard/Seconded Cr McAulay)*

Carried

*The mover and seconder agreed that the amendment become part of the substantive motion.*

3. That the Strategic Working Committee instruct the Chief Executive to action the items identified in the Memorandum of Agreement for Pain Farm and report back to the Martinborough Community Board.

*(Moved Cr Maynard/Seconded Cr McAulay)*

Carried

### **C2. Action Items**

Closed:

- 398 – Mr Corbett provided update and clarified rationale to close the action. This was supported by majority of members.
- 445 – Referred to Roading programme.
- 281 – Greytown bore report due in March.

To remain open:

- 407 – Cr Gray provided update. No response to date from other elected members. Mayor/Deputy to support in promoting message. Remains open.
- 409 – Cr Gray queried creative ways to progress the no-mow policy (e.g. community working group). Noted – bylaw restrictions and need a review if changes are proposed. Officers suggested a trial on one street. Officers suggested would be included in LTP work. Further information required.
- 469 – Members provided update on current use on the space. Expressions underway. Applications close on 29 February 2024 at 4pm.

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**D1. Chairperson’s Report**

*STRATEGY WORKING COMMITTEE RESOLVED (SWC2024/08) to:*

- 1. Receive the Chairperson’s Report.  
*(Moved Cr Olds/Seconded Cr Maynard)* Carried
- 2. Appoint Violet Edwards to the Strategy Working Committee as the Māori Standing Committee Representative.
- 3. Confirm the Portfolio Lead and Strategic Leadership pairings.
- 4. Agree the frequency by which portfolio leads report to the Committee.
- 5. Direct the CE to arrange the schedule of regular meetings for the Strategic Leadership and Portfolio Lead pairings in line with the report frequency.
- 6. Agree that the Chair and Portfolio Leads complete the Akona Chairing Meetings training before the next Committee meeting.

*[Items 1-6 read together]*  
*(Moved Cr Maynard/Seconded Cr Bosley)* Carried

Members resumed discussion in relation to the regarding Action 469 on Stella Bull to clarify wording of the resolution made by Council on 22 November (DC2023/171, point 4).

Cr Woodcock left 12:10pm.

**E1. Appointment Report – Destination Wairarapa**

*STRATEGY WORKING COMMITTEE RESOLVED (SWC2024/09) to receive the Destination Wairarapa Appointment Report.*  
*(Moved Mayor Connelly/ Seconded Cr Olds)* Carried

**Added item - Acknowledgements and tributes**

Cr Maynard acknowledged the wrap up of Fab Feathy, their input into the Featherston community and all their hard work over the years.

**F Karakia Whakamutunga - Closing**

Cr Gray closed the meeting.

The meeting closed at 12:14pm.

**Confirmed as a true and correct record**

.....(Chair)

.....(Date)

.....(Chief Executive)

.....(Date)

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