

**MINUTES OF SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL
STRATEGY WORKING COMMITTEE**

SPEED MANAGEMENT REVIEW HEARINGS

**HELD AT THE SUPPER ROOM, WAIHINGA CENTRE, TEXAS STREET, MARTINBOROUGH
ON WEDNESDAY, 6 AUGUST 2025 AT 9:00 AM**

- PRESENT:** Deputy Mayor Melissa Sadler-Futter (Chair), Cr Alistair Plimmer, Cr Aaron Woodcock, Cr Martin Bosley, Cr Colin Olds, Mayor Martin Connelly, Cr Pip Maynard and Cr Kaye McAulay.
- APOLOGIES:** Cr Aidan Ellims, Cr Rebecca Gray and Ms Violet Edwards.
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Janice Smith (Chief Executive Officer), James O'Connor (Acting Group Manager, Infrastructure and Community Operations), Tim Langley (Principal Advisor, Roding) and Amy Andersen (Lead Advisor, Democracy and Committees).
- SUBMITTERS:** Dave Shepherd, Anne Hynds, Stephen Ward, James Brodie, Jenny Boyne, Stuart Campbell, Narida Hooper, Richard, Doug Rowan, Els Kleinjan and John Kennedy.
- 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 9:00am to 1:10pm except where expressly noted.

OPEN SECTION

1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA – OPENING

All in attendance opened the meeting.

2 APOLOGIES

2.1 APOLOGIES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SWC2025/118

Moved: Cr K McAulay

Seconded: Cr P Maynard

The Strategy Working Committee resolved to accept apologies from Cr Ellims, Cr Gray and Ms Edwards.

CARRIED

3 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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

4 SUBMISSION HEARINGS ON THE SPEED MANAGEMENT REVIEW

The following people were heard by the Committee:

1. Dave Shepherd – Spoke in favour of reducing the speed on Puruatanga Road highlighting issues around the fatal accident which occurred in February 2025, the safety around the vineyards, with 100kph being too fast to maintain safety of those using the road.
2. Anne Hynds – Spoke in favour of speed reduction on Underhill Road in Featherston, highlighting the narrowness, use by quarry trucks, cyclists and school buses.
3. Stephen Ward – Spoke to submission, opposing the reduction from 100kph to 80kph on Cape Palliser Road, highlighting issues relating to travel time for Ngawi residents.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:21am.

The meeting was resumed at 10:03am.

4. James Brodie – Spoke in favour of speed reduction to 50kph for roads around Martinborough town, to limit confusion by using various speed limits and a separate cycle lane on Puruatanga Road.
5. Jenny Boyne – Spoke to her submission, primarily opposed to 80kphs signs on gravel roads out at Ngawi, issues relating to signage for 30kph stretches and was in favour for the route in and out of towns needs to be reduced, but to keep these uniform at 70kph or 50kph. Ms Boyne also highlighted increase in population in the area, use of trucks and damage to the roads as a result of speed changes.
6. Stuart Campbell – Spoke in favour of 50kph for Martinborough perimeter, suggesting that benefits would include reduction in signage / costs / rates and provided a proposal to members for their review (Key for map: Yellow 60kph, red is 40kph, green is 30kph, blue 80kph).
7. Narida Hooper, SWDC Pou Māori on behalf of the Māori Standing Committee – spoke in favour of changes to the speed limits outside three local marae, including signage.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:33am.

The meeting was resumed at 11:15am; Cr Woodcock not present.

Cr Woodcock arrived at 11:22am.

8. Richard Nation (Festival Road Action Group) – Spoke in favour of one speed on Puruatanga Road, highlighting the various road users (cyclists, tractors, trucks), stating that a unique solution was required through a variable speed road (dropping at certain times for specific needs/events). In favour of cycleways for safety of riders on this road.
9. Jeniah Peterson's submission was read out in her absence, which noted she was in favour of speed reduction on Western Lake Road, past the cemetery for safety of people exiting the cemetery and Cindy's Road.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:37am.

The meeting was resumed at 12:30pm.

10. Doug Rowan – Spoke in favour of all changes where 100kph is coming down to 60kph for Martinborough. Mr Rowan Questioned why Campbell Street was being reduced from 50kph to 40kph, as due to the nature of road, it seemed unnecessary. Opposed to reducing the speed limit around Martinborough Square to 30kph and highlighted issues with signage in relation to this. Also made comment on the confusion relating to having multiple speed limits in the area.
11. Els Kleinjan – Spoke in favour of 40kph limit or having footpaths on Awhina Drive / Garrity Lane; noted the issues on Humphries Street / Wood Street into the centre, and that speed limits are being ignored. Also requested action in relation to the State Highway 2, 100kph to 70kph coming into Greytown from Featherston.

Members noted a letter has gone to NZTA regarding a speed reduction for entry into Greytown and into Featherston.

12. John Kennedy – Spoke in favour of simplifying the speed limits in the Martinborough area, rather than various limits in a particular location.
13. Kim Hayes - submission detailing views in relation to Cape Palliser Road (opposed to further speed reductions) was read out in her absence.
14. Mark Percival - submission detailing views on Underhill Road proposals (in favour of reducing Underhill Road to 80kph) was read out in his absence.

5 DECISION REPORTS FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND STAFF**5.1 SPEED MANAGEMENT REVIEW HEARINGS REPORT**

Mr Langley spoke to the report.

Members queried whether there was flexibility in making changes to the proposed plan as part of deliberations; Mr Langley confirmed there could be some changes to the plan in light of the community's feedback as this is part of the hearings and deliberations process.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SWC2025/119

Moved: Cr A Plimmer

Seconded: Cr A Woodcock

The Strategy Working Committee resolved to:

1. Receive the *Speed Management Review Hearings* report
2. Note that 220 submissions were received.
3. Note that of the received submissions, 14 were heard.
4. Note that deliberations are scheduled for 20 August 2025.

CARRIED

5 KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA – CLOSING

All in attendance closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 1:10pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record.

..... (Chair)

..... (Date)

..... (Chief Executive)

..... (Date)