

**MINUTES OF PUBLIC EXCLUDED STRATEGY WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE SUPPER ROOM, WAIHINGA CENTRE, TEXAS STREET, MARTINBOROUGH
ON WEDNESDAY, 30 APRIL 2025 AT 10:00 AM**

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Melissa Sadler-Futter (Chair), Cr Alistair Plimmer (via MS Teams), Cr Aaron Woodcock, Cr Aidan Ellims, Cr Martin Bosley (until 3:05pm), Cr Colin Olds, Cr Pip Maynard, Cr Rebecca Gray, Ms Violet Edwards, Cr Kaye McAulay

APOLOGIES: Mayor Martin Connelly.

IN ATTENDANCE: Janice Smith (Chief Executive Officer), Russell O'Leary (Group Manager, Planning and Regulatory), Stefan Corbett (Group Manager, Infrastructure and Community Operations), Paul Gardner (Group Manager, Corporate Services), Alex Pigou (Manager, Communications), Charly Clarke (Chief Financial Officer), and Amy Andersen (Lead Advisor, Democracy and Committees).

For item 14.3:



For item 14.2: Frank Aldridge (Consultant).

CONDUCT OF BUSINESS: This meeting was held in the Supper Room, Waihinga Centre, Texas Street, Martinborough and via audio-visual conferencing commencing at 10:04am. The meeting was held under public excluded provisions from 1:10pm to 3:08pm except where expressly noted.

OPEN SECTION

1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA – OPENING

All in attendance opened the meeting.

2 APOLOGIES

2.1 APOLOGIES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SWC2025/43

Moved: Deputy Mayor M Sadler-Futter

Seconded: Cr A Ellims

The Strategy Working Committee resolved to accept apologies from Cr Plimmer; and Mayor Connelly for early departure.

CARRIED

3 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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

14 PUBLIC EXCLUDED BUSINESS

14.1 PUBLIC EXCLUDED MINUTES OF THE STRATEGY WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 12 MARCH 2025

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SWC2025/55

Moved: Cr R Gray

Seconded: Ms V Edwards

The Strategy Working Committee resolved to:

1. That the Public Excluded minutes of the Strategy Working Committee meeting held on 12 March 2025 are confirmed as a true and correct record.
2. That the minutes stay in public excluded until the Chief Executive determines there are no longer any reasons to withhold the information under the Act.
3. To note that the withholding of information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 is necessary to:
s7(2)(a) the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.

[Items 1-3 read together]

CARRIED

14.3 BYLAW - PAPER ROAD

██████████ provided background information as per the report, issues relating to the use of the area/road and noting the damage to the whenua over time. ██████████ outlined the options provided, the significance of the site and how to protect the road and surrounding whenua in future.

██████████ provided further background with regard to the upkeep, maintenance of the land and entitled use by people with 4-Wheel drive vehicles as well as stock gates being left open, noting that negative behaviours have progressively worsened since the COVID-19 pandemic. ██████████ acknowledged the Māori Standing Committee for their support in bringing this matter to the Strategy Working Committee. Members congratulated ██████████ and officers for bringing the paper to the Committee's attention.

Members queried whether bicycles were permitted or not. ██████████ confirmed that the draft bylaw currently states there is no access, and time to heal the land is required. Members suggested more detail in the draft bylaw to ensure there is restriction to ensure that people are clear about this.

Members acknowledged making good decisions relating to the environment, to support Te Ao Māori and highlighting the value of this. Members requested that Scouts be added to consultation.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SWC2025/56**Moved:** Cr R Gray**Seconded:** Cr M Bosley

The Strategy Working Committee resolved to:

1. determine that in accordance with section 155(1) of the Local Government Act 2002, a bylaw is the most appropriate way of addressing the perceived problems;
2. determine that in accordance with section 155(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 2002 the draft Bylaw is the most appropriate form of bylaw;
3. determine that in accordance with section 155(2)(b) of the Local Government Act 2002 the draft Bylaw does not give rise to any implications under the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990;
4. endorse to adopt the Cape Palliser Paper Road Bylaw Statement of Proposal (Attachment 1) and draft Cape Palliser Paper Road Bylaw (Attachment 2) for adoption by the South Wairarapa District Councils for community consultation;
5. delegate authority to the Chief Executive to approve minor edits that do not alter the intent of the content, prior to publication of the draft bylaw and statement of proposal for consultation;
6. note that public consultation, using the special consultative procedure, is proposed to run from July 2025;
7. Agree 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; and
8. Note that the withholding of information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 is necessary to: s7(2)(c)(ii) the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely otherwise to damage the public interest.

[Items 1-8 read together]

In Favour: Cr A Woodcock, Cr A Ellims, Cr M Bosley, Cr C Olds, Deputy Mayor M Sadler-Futter, Cr P Maynard, Cr R Gray, Ms V Edwards and Cr K McAulay

Against: Nil

Abstained: Cr A Plimmer

CARRIED

At 1:34pm, Cr Olds left the meeting.

14.2 TRANSITIONING WATER SERVICES UPDATE

Mr Corbett spoke to the report and provided background information on the work completed up until this point.

At 1:36pm, Cr Olds returned to the meeting.

Mr Aldridge, supported by Mr Corbett, spoke to the presentation included in the agenda (Appendix 1) and responded to queries from members regarding timeframes, costs, ability to progress options with [REDACTED] the relationship with Wellington Water Limited and how this will be managed going forward, as well as implications and risks with regard to each option.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20pm.

Meeting resumed at 2:27pm.

Mr Corbett further detailed the options and risks associated with changes, and navigating the complexity of transition (Local Water Done Well), to support members in their decision making.

Members discussed the costs/benefits of the options, the timing of this work prior to transition to entity in 2026 and the approach to meeting with Wellington Water Limited next week.

Members queried the approach to any roadblocks to progress option 1 and Ms Smith noted that she would make contact with central government / Commerce Commission if and when required (within 7-10 days of this decision).

If the option cannot be progressed with Wellington Water Limited, the matter will be returned to the Committee for further discussion and decisions.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SWC2025/57

Moved: Cr A Ellims

Seconded: Cr P Maynard

The Strategy Working Committee resolved to:

1. Receive the Transitioning Water Services report; and
2. Note that allowing the WWL agreement to expire on 30 June 2025 will trigger the Obligations at End of Agreement and Termination Transition clauses of the agreement.

[Items 1-2 read together]

CARRIED

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SWC2025/58

Moved: Cr C Olds

Seconded: Cr M Bosley

The Strategy Working Committee resolved to continue the development of a Water Transition Plan, with Option 1 - continue with WWL for OPEX and bring CAPEX in house.

In Favour: Cr A Plimmer, Cr A Ellims, Cr M Bosley, Cr C Olds, Deputy Mayor M Sadler-Futter, Cr P Maynard, Cr R Gray, Ms V Edwards and Cr K McAulay

Against: Cr A Woodcock

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COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SWC2025/59**Moved:** Cr R Gray**Seconded:** Cr C Olds

The Strategy Working Committee resolved to:

1. Instruct Officers to begin implementation planning on Option 1 -continue with WWL for OPEX and bring CAPEX in house;
2. Note that the Transitioning Water Services Update 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; and
3. Note that the withholding of information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 is necessary to: Enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities – S 7(2)(h).

[Items 1-3 read together]

CARRIED**14.4 PUBLIC EXCLUDED ACTION ITEMS**

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15 KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA – CLOSING

All in attendance closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 3:08pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record.

..... (Chair)

..... (Date)

..... (Chief Executive)

..... (Date)