

**MINUTES OF CARTERTON DISTRICT COUNCIL
HEARINGS COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE CARTERTON EVENTS CENTRE, 50 HOLLOWAY ST, CARTERTON
ON WEDNESDAY 15, 16 AND 22 MAY 2024**

PRESENT: Cr Robyn Cherry-Campbell (Chair), Cr Brian Deller (Deputy Chair), Cr Steve Laurence, Mayor Ron Mark, Cr B Deller, C S Cretney, Cr S Gallon, Cr L Newman (via videoconference 15 and 16 May), Cr G Ayling

IN ATTENDANCE: Geoff Hamilton (Chief Executive), Karon Ashforth (Corporate Services Manager), Solitaire Robertson (Planning and Regulatory Services Manager), Glenda Seville (Community Services Manager), Johannes Ferreira (Infrastructure Services Manager) (via videoconference), Marcus Anselm (Communications and Engagement Manager), Robyn Blue (Democratic Services Officer)

1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA

The meeting opened with a karakia by Deputy Mayor D Williams.

2 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies received.

3 CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARATION

Elected members declared the following conflicts of interest related to the Hearing:

- Cr Brian Deller
 - #76 – Wairarapa Water Advocacy Group – he is a member of the Wairarapa Water Resilience Group which is mentioned in the submission
 - #71 – Carterton District Historical Society – He is related to Pene Will
 - #3, #21, #34, #36, #46, #90, #120, #122, #117 – Carterton Indoor Pool – He is a member of the Carterton Lions Club which has endorsed the project with a letter of support.
- Cr S Cretney
 - #122, #117, #134 - Carterton Indoor Pool
 - #71 - Carterton District Historical Society – he is a member of the Society
- Cr G Ayling
 - #1 – Jonathan Ayling – her husband
- Cr S Laurence
 - #47, #140 - Go Carterton – is member
 - #3, #21, #34, #36 #46, #90, #120, #122, #117– Carterton Indoor Pool – The Carterton Rotary Club has endorsed the project
- Cr L Newman
 - #3, #21, #34, #36 #46, #90, #120, #122, #117– Carterton Indoor Pool – holds a key to the pool
 - #47, #140 - Go Carterton – she is a contractor to them
 - #39 – Business Wairarapa – they are an umbrella group that Go Carterton sits under

- #85 – Grant Sidaway – she has attended a meeting of the group to answer questions about the High St project
- Cr R Cherry-Campbell
 - #3, #21, #34, #36 #46, #90, #120, #122, #117– Carterton Indoor Pool – she is a member of Carterton Rotary which has endorsed the project.
- Mayor R Mark
 - #3, #21, #34, #36, #46, #90, #120, #122, #117 - Carterton Indoor Pool - has supported fundraising for the Carterton Indoor Pool project.

NOTED

- After the elected members declared their conflicts of interest there was a point of order to the Chair from Deputy Mayor Dale Williams who asked for Information that clarified the conflict of interest related to Cr Grace Ayling’s submission to the Long-Term Plan.
- Cr Cherry-Campbell identified that based on information provided by the Office of the Auditor General and other sources that there is a danger of bias on the part of Cr Ayling related to the fact she might unfairly regard with favour or disfavour the case of a party related to issues under consideration. Cr Ayling had pre-determined the outcome to be achieved on four statements related to what Council proposed to action. These statements may make people think she was not going to listen to, or consider all relevant information before she contributed to the decision(s). Cr Ayling had also not declared she had made a submission to the Long-Term Plan.
- For these reasons, as Chair Cr Cherry-Campbell said she was excluding Cr Ayling from the Long-Term Plan submissions and deliberations. She was, however, welcome to be present as a member of the public in the Hearings Committee meeting.

Cr Ayling left the meeting at 9.10 am.

4 PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public forum.

5 REPORTS

5.1 HEARING AND DELIBERATIONS - LONG TERM PLAN AND RATES REMISSION AND POSTPONEMENT POLICIES

1. PURPOSE

To provide Council with the feedback received on the Rates, Remission and Postponement Policies and the Consultation Document for the Long-Term Plan 2024-34 and advise on the process for finalising the Long-Term Plan (LTP).

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee:

1. **Receives** the report.

Deputy Mayor D Williams / Cr B Deller

CARRIED

2. **Hears** the submitters.

Cr R Cherry-Campbell / Deputy Mayor D Williams

CARRIED

3. **Considers** each submission and other feedback received on the Long-Term Plan Consultation Document 2024-34.
4. **Considers** the submissions and other feedback received on the Rates Remissions and Postponement Policies.

Deputy Mayor D Williams / Cr B Deller

CARRIED

5. **Agrees** any changes to the draft Long-Term Plan, following consideration of the submissions and all other feedback received on the Consultation Document and supporting information.

Cr B Deller / Deputy Mayor D Williams

CARRIED

- 6 **Instructs** the Chief Executive to reflect the agreed changes in an updated draft Long Term Plan for consideration at the Extraordinary Council meeting to be held on 29 May 2024.

Cr D Williams / Cr S Laurence

CARRIED

7. **Notes** the redrafted Long-Term Plan will be considered by Audit New Zealand ahead of the Council's meeting on 26 June 2024.

Mayor R Mark / Cr B Deller

CARRIED

5.2 LONG-TERM PLAN 2024-34 CHANGES POST-CONSULTATION

1. PURPOSE

For the Hearings Committee to be informed on changes to the Long-Term Plan since the plan was published in early March for public consultation and up to 14 May 2024 prior to the hearings.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee:

1. **Receives** the report.

Cr L Newman / Cr B Deller

CARRIED

5.3 ORAL SUBMISSIONS

The following people spoke to their submission on the LTP:

- 1 Jonathan Ayling
- 2 Grant Sidaway – High St Improvement Group
- 3 Nicola Belsham – Business Wairarapa
- 4 Tracey Higgins – Go Carterton
- 5 Ron Shaw – Go Carterton
- 6 Anna Nielson – Destination Wairarapa
- 7 Greg Lang – Five Towns Trail Trust
- 8 Roger Boulter
- 9 Pene Will – Carterton Historical Society
- 10 Vicki Pollock – Carterton Indoor Pool
- 11 Chris Montgomerie – Enviro Schools
- 12 Jason Markham - Carterton Indoor Pool
- 13 Catherine Rossiter-Stead – Carterton Indoor Pool
- 14 Barbara Durbin
- 15 Rosie Rogers - Open letter from the Tourism Industry (VC)
- 16 Chris Peterson – Sustainable Wairarapa
- 17 Grace Ayling
- 18 Michael Hewison
- 19 Andrew Leslie – Nuku Ora (VC)
- 20 Hank Optland
- 21 Matt Wills — Disability Action
- 22 Monique Leerschool and Pat McLean, Wairarapa Forest & Bird
- 23 Kevin Sullivan
- 24 Dominic Barrington – Wellington Free Ambulance
- 25 Jason Markham
- 26 Ron Shaw
- 27 Sky Halford
- 28 Tony McKone
- 29 Neil Wadham
- 30 Corinne Barnard, Victoria University
- 31 Simon Casey – Wairarapa Water Advocacy Group
- 32 Mike Johns
- 33 Lesley MacGibbon
- 34 John Booth

The minutes of the oral submissions are provided as a separate report.

5.4 MINUTES OF LTP DELIBERATIONS

THURSDAY 16 MAY 2024

Part 1 16 May

The Hearings Committee meeting reconvened, 9 am, Thursday 16 May 2024.

Consultation item 1 – Transportation

NOTED

- The majority of those who provided a written submission favoured Option 2. – *Usable, safe roads that are fit-for-purpose, with pavement rehabilitation to 1% of the network, an increased Focus on road Maintenance, agrading and culver clearing, with some activities reduced.*

MOVED

Agree to proceeding with Option 2 in Consultation Item 1 – Transportation

Cr S Laurence / Cr S Gallon

Cr L Newman – abstain

CARRIED

Consultation item 2 – Wastewater Plant Equipment Upgrade

NOTED

- Option 3 risks not meeting compliance and could compromise the GWRC nursery as it is only possible to irrigate to land if the the treated effluent is within tolerance.

MOVED

Agree to proceeding with Option 1 – *Undertake all three wastewater components to meet best practice requirements, ensure network reliability, and meet compliance.*

MOTION FAILED

Agree to proceeding with Option 2- *Minimum required upgrades to meet compliance and ensure network reliability. This means an upgrade of the existing primary sedimentation tank as opposed to a new one, and no funding for foul air treatment.*

Cr B Deller / Deputy Mayor D Williams

CARRIED

NOTED

- Mayor R Mark and Cr S Cretney identified that Cr G Ayling should be included in deliberations on items she did not discuss in her personal submission.

The meeting adjourned at 9.55 am and reconvened at 10.33 am.

Paart 2 - 16 May 2024**NOTED**

- Following discussion with Dr Mike Reid from LGNZ, Cr Ayling is able to be included in deliberations on items she did not make a submission on.

MOVED

Agreed Cr G Ayling is able to be included in the Hearing deliberations excluding discussion and decisions related to the Carterton District Trails Project, and the Carterton Events Centre.

Cr R Cherry Campbell / Mayor R Mark

Abstain – Deputy Mayor D Williams, Cr S Cretney

CARRIED**Cycle Trails Carterton****MOVED**

That \$2.4M is included in the LTP as per the Consultation Document.

MOTION FAILED

That sufficient funding is put in the LTP to scope and design the cycle trail from River Road at Matarawa to Clareville.

Cr S Laurence / Cr L Newman

AMENDED MOTION

That sufficient funding is put in the LTP up to \$295K to scope and design the cycle trail from River Road at Matarawa to Clareville.

Cr S Cretney / Cr S Gallon

FOR – 4 - Mayor R Mark, Cr S Cretney, Cr S Gallon, Cr B Deller

AGAINST – 4 - Cr S Laurence, Cr R Cherry-Campbell, Cr L Newman, Deputy Mayor D Williams

MOTION TIED**AMENDED MOTION**

That sufficient funding up to \$815k is put in the LTP to scope and design the cycle trail from River Road at Matarawa to Clareville, noting there is no impact on ratepayers.

Cr S Laurence / Cr L Newman

FOR – 5 - Cr R Cherry-Campbell, Cr L Newman, Deputy Mayor D Williams, Cr B Deller, Cr S

Laurence

AGAINST – 3 - Cr S Gallon, Cr S Cretney, Mayor R Mark

CARRIED

Cr G Ayling joined the meeting at 11.30 am.

Destination Wairarapa**NOTED**

- The LTP budget has \$56k to Destination Wairarapa, \$60k to the Wairarapa Economic Development Strategy and \$15k to Business Wairarapa, plus CPI adjustments.
- It is not yet known if SWDC is supporting Destination Wairarapa in their LTP. The Mayor identified that Masterton District Council plans to support Destination Wairarapa for 24/25.
- CDC needs to discuss CDC's LTP and not be affected by decisions by the two other Wairarapa Councils.
- Overall submissions were strongly in favour of the continued work of Destination Wairarapa.
- Destination Wairarapa looks after the region and there are indirect benefits to Carterton from tourism in the other two districts.
- The MOU expires 30 June 2024 and the KPIs can be clarified as part of the new MOU. A one year extension is planned to align with the SWDC and MDC MOUs (review in September 2025).

MOVED

That CDC continues with the existing Destination Wairarapa contract.

Deputy Mayor D Williams / Cr R Cherry-Campbell

Abstain – Cr L Newman

CARRIEDCarterton Indoor Pool**NOTED**

- At the start of the Hearing a number of elected members identified conflicts of interest related to the Carterton Indoor Pool. It was discussed that they are not on the pool Committee and have no financial interests in the pool, and this does not preclude them from discussion and voting on the matter.
- CDC currently provides a 'peppercorn' lease for the land the pool is situated on, and can provide "in kind" support such as with use of the Events Centre and the provision of resource consents at no cost.

Action –The CE will draft a paragraph for the LTP related to supporting community-led projects such as the Carterton Indoor Pool and linkage to the Wellbeings.

The Committee adjourned at 12.15 pm and reconvened at 12.45 pm.

Part 3 – 16 May**Water Storage Project****NOTED**

- Simon Casey is seeking \$21k to reinvigorate the Water Storage Project (previously known as the Wairarapa Water Limited / Wakamoekau Dam) .
- Cr Deller explained that this Group plans to do one part of the work for the Water Resilience Strategy. DIA needs to release the intellectual property on previous work on the project and additional funding is not necessarily needed.
- Simon Casey did not provide detail on how the funding will be spent.
- CDC is also being asked for \$25k in the LTP for the Wairarapa Water Resilience Strategy. This Group has to consider all options related to water resilience, including water storage.
- There was a consensus not to fund the Water Storage Project in the LTP 2024-34

MOVED

Agree to fund the Wairarapa Water Resilience Strategy \$25k per annum for three years as part of the LTP.

Deputy Mayor D Williams / Mayor R Mark

CARRIED**MOUs****NOTED**

- The main MOUs with CDC are multi-council, multi-year MOUs eg with Destination Wairarapa and the Wairarapa Economic Development Strategy (WEDS), Business Wairarapa.
- A number of the requests for funding via the LTP can be made via other avenues e.g.
 - CDC Community Grants Committee (\$75k), and regional community grants (\$110K) – both of these are funded from rates.
 - Creative Communities (\$11,500) is funded by Creative Communities.
 - The WWII Memorial Trust is funded by a trust fund and rates.
 - Waste projects are funded by the Waste Minimisation Levy (\$60k).
- Go Carterton, Carterton District Historical Society, Nuku Ora, Wellington Free Ambulance, and Hurunui-o-Rangi Marae are currently funded under Community Grants. Funding to Business Wairarapa is from the Economic Development budget.
- In this LTP Go Carterton is requesting new funding of \$20k for Space Week.
- Business Wairarapa is asking for an additional \$15K.
- There is a need to have a robust policy on MOUs with local agencies.
- Additional funding could be given to the Community Grants Committee until such time as there is a policy in place.

- In their submissions several groups asked for an MOU with CDC. MOUs are a low-level contract that identifies expectations and how each party will work together. For CDC with respect to MOUs there are implications in terms of time and resources.

Action – A policy on MOUs is developed for local agencies, to be approved at the Policy and Project Committee.

Business Wairarapa

- Business Wairarapa currently gets \$15K from the Economic Development budget. On top of this they are asking for an additional \$15k.
- This is a multi-council request - (\$120k for the whole of Wairarapa)

MOVED

That CDC continues with the existing funding to Business Wairarapa for a one-year term with the proviso to align with other councils after that.

NO VOTE AS THIS IS EXISTING FUNDING

Action – CDC officers to align the funding to Business Wairarapa with the other councils.

Go Carterton – Space Week

- Go Carterton has an MOU with CDC for \$2,500 per year. The MOU has expired and they will be seeking more funding for administration support in the next round of community grants.
- The group is requesting \$20K for Space Week, with a view to Carterton working to become a ‘Space Town’.
- They could be provided with ‘in kind’ support from Space Week by use of the Carterton Events Centre at no cost.
- \$10k could be considered for this project from the Economic Development Fund.

MOVED

That Go Carterton receives \$10K from the Economic Development budget or Community Grants, noting there is no additional rating Impact.

Deputy Mayor D Williams / Cr R Cherry-Campbell

NO VOTE

AMENDED MOTION

That Go Carterton receives \$10K for Space Week. This funding is from the Economic Development budget *and is allocated to the Community Grants budget*, and will therefore be subject to them satisfying the same criteria through the Grants Committee process.

AMENDED MOTION

That Go Carterton receives \$10K for Space Week. This funding is from the Economic Development budget, and is subject to satisfying the same criteria used in the Grants Committee process.

Mayor R Mark / Cr R Cherry-Campbell

FOR – 4 – Cr R Cherry-Campbell, Mayor R Mark, Deputy Mayor D Williams, Cr B Deller

AGAINST 3 – Cr S Cretney, Cr G Ayling, Cr S Gallon

ABSTAIN – 2 – Cr L Newman, Cr S Laurence (Conflict of interest)

CARRIED

Carterton District Historical Society

NOTED

- The Society is seeking up to \$12k for rent.
- This application is not approved. They are to be encouraged to apply to the Community Grants Committee, noting community grants funding can't be approved for rent, but can go towards other operational costs.

Wellington Free Ambulance (WFA)

NOTED

- CDC has a 5-year MOU with WFA which is about to expire. In the last 5 years they have received \$3,000 per year funded out of the Regional Community Grants budget.
- They are seeking funding of \$1 per person in Carterton i.e. \$10,500 which is adjusted every year.
- If funding is declined, they are encouraged to apply for funding through the Community Grants process.

MOVED

That WFA is funded \$1 per person in Carterton (\$10,500) subject to satisfying the same criteria used in the Grants Committee process.

Cr B Deller / Cr S Cretney

MOTION NOT PUT TO THE VOTE

MOVED

That CDC continues to fund WFA at \$3,000 per year.

Cr S Laurence / Mayor R Mark

FOR – 4- Cr S Laurence, Mayor R Mark, Cr G Ayling, Cr L Newman

AGAINST – 5 – Cr S Cretney, Cr B Deller, Cr S Gallon, Deputy Mayor D Williams , Cr R Cherry-Campbell

MOTION FAILED

MOVED

That WFA is funded \$1 per person in Carterton (\$10,500) subject to satisfying the same criteria used in the Grants Committee process.

Cr B Deller / Cr S Cretney

FOR – 3 – Cr B Deller, Cr S Cretney, Cr R Cherry-Campbell

AGAINST – 6 – Cr G Ayling, Cr S Laurence, Cr S Gallon, Mayor R Mark, Deputy Mayor D Williams, Cr L Newman

MOTION FAILED

Enviro Schools

NOTED

- Enviro Schools are seeking an MOU and funding for \$10k per year plus CPI. In the past, CDC has funded this out of the Community Grants Committee.
- SWDC and MDC fund Enviro Schools through the Waste Levy. The levy is covered by legislation as to what it can be spent on.

MOVED

That Enviro Schools receives \$10k per year for three years out of the Community Grants pool using the Waste Levy.

Mayor R Mark / Cr R Cherry-Campbell

FOR – 7 – Mayor R Mark, Deputy Mayor D Williams, Cr R Cherry-Campbell, Cr B Deller, Cr S

Laurence, Cr S Gallon, Cr L Newman

AGAINST – Cr G Ayling

ABSTAIN – Cr S Cretney

CARRIEDVictoria University**NOTED**

- Victoria University is seeking funding of \$9,429k towards a National Music School.

NO MOTION – APPLICATION DECLINEDAratoi

- Aratoi has a multi-year MOU with CDC expiring in May 2027.
- Cobblestone Museum has a multi-year MOU expiring in 2026. CDC has a commitment to Cobblestones via their Trust Deed with a representative from CDC on their Board of Trustees.

Action - Review the MOU with both Aratoi and Cobblestones when they expire.

Wairarapa Forest and Bird**NOTED**

- Their submission was for information. Their work on predator/pest control, monitoring, and DNA testing is progressing.
- They are seeking an MOU with CDC.
- CDC officers will continue working with the Group. This will come back to council at a later date i.e. Partnership agreement and vision.

The meeting adjourned at 2.50 pm and reconvened at 3 pm.

Part 4 – 16 May5 Towns Trail Trust**NOTED**

- The 5 Towns Trail Trust is requesting operational costs, \$20k per year until 2027.
- Deputy Mayor D Williams identified the need to support the project. This will assist them to receive government funding.
- In the previous Ten-Year Plan CDC set aside \$295K for Five Towns Trails, with the funding to be spent on Carterton trails that link to the Five Towns Trail. This is carry-forward funding.

MOVED

That the request for funding the Five Towns Trail Trust is not supported.

Cr S Cretney / Cr G Ayling

MOTION WITHDRAWN as the \$295k of funding not spent in the previous Ten-Year Plan has been rolled over.

MOTION

That CDC supports the Five Towns Trail Trust funding application of \$20K per year for 3 years – total \$60k

Deputy Mayor D Williams / Cr R Cherry-Campbell

FOR – 4 – Cr R Cherry-Campbell, Deputy Mayor D Williams, Cr L Newman, Cr B Deller

AGAINST – 4 – Cr G Ayling, Cr S Cretney, Mayor R Mark, Cr S Laurence

ABSTAIN – 1- Cr S Gallon

TIED VOTE - MOTION FAILED The Chair did not use her casting vote

Hurunui-o-Rangi Marae**NOTED**

- \$10k per annum is budgeted for Hurunui-o-Rangi Marae for cultural advice to the Council and the provision of cultural support on occasions of importance.
- The current MOU has not been signed.
- Relationships with Hurunui-o-Rangi have changed. The Mayor identified it would be unfair to make a change now, but the MOU needs to be reviewed.

Action – The CE to review / progress the MOU with Hurunui-o-Rangi Marae.

Main St – Grant Sidaway**NOTED**

- The group is seeking Council support with bylaws to improve the appearance of the High St town centre. There is strong support in the community for improvements.
- Noted that bylaws don't always work, and there is a risk of legal challenge.
- Several years ago the Placemaking Advisory Group was established. One purpose of the Group was to consider options for improvements to High St. As a result, there were previous efforts to clean up the street e.g. with painting.
- Greytown Heritage Trust has considerable input as to what can be done on the Main St in Greytown. It was explained that the difference between Greytown and Carterton is that the Main St of Greytown is a Heritage Precinct, and the Trust can't always influence change. The difference with Carterton is that High St is a character area controlled by the Heritage Plan, not a Heritage Precinct.

Action – Invite Grant Sidaway to be a member of the People & Places Advisory Group.

The meeting closed at 3.56 pm.

Actions from Day 1 of Deliberations

Chief Executive	The CE will draft a paragraph for the LTP related to supporting community-led projects such as the Carterton Indoor Pool and linkage to the Wellbeings.
Glenda Seville	A policy on MOUs is developed for local agencies, to be approved at the Policy and Project Committee.
Glenda Seville	Align Business Wairarapa funding with other councils.
Glenda Seville	Review the MOU with both Aratoi and Cobblestones when they expire.
Chief Executive	Review / progress the MOU with Hurunui-o-Rangi Marae.
Community Development OR Democratic Services	Invite Grant Sidaway to be a member of the People & Places Advisory Group.

WEDNESDAY 22 MAY 2024

The meeting reconvened at 10 am 22 May 2024.

CDC Hearings Deliberations – 22 May 2025**Part 1****Karakia**

The meeting opened with a karakia by all members.

Apologies

An apology was received from Mayor Ron for lateness.

Late paper - Long-Term Plan 2024-34 Changes Post Consultation**PURPOSE**

For the Hearings Committee to be informed on changes to Long-Term Plan since the plan was published in early March for public consultation and up to 14 May 2024.

NOTED

- Management has continued to review operational and capital budgets since the Consultation Document was published.
- If smoothing of the impact of high rates in year 1 of the LTP was considered, CDC should have consulted the public on this.
- The net effect of all known movements to the LTP budgets since the draft Plan was adopted in March is to reduce the impact of rates on Year 1 of the LTP by 0.4%. The impact of these changes over the first three years of the LTP period is an increase of 1.3%.

MOVED

That the Committee

1. **Receives** the report.

Cr L Newman / Cr B Deller

CARRIED**MOVED**

That further deliberations on the LTP 2024-34 are paused until Council is comfortable with the legality and optics of the LTP on the Consultation Document.

Cr G Ayling / Cr S Cretney

DISCUSSION

- The Auditor-General has confirmed that Council can defer adoption of the LTP beyond June 2024.
- However, there are significant risks and complications with not agreeing on the rates by 30 June e.g.
 - the first instalment on rates will be based on 2023/4, with a wash up on the subsequent instalments.
 - GWRC rates would also need to be based on 2023/4 with a subsequent wash-up.
 - There would be significant delays in the subsequent audit by Audit NZ.

FOR – 3 - Cr G Ayling, Cr S Cretney, Mayor R Mark

AGAINST – 6 - Cr R Cherry-Campbell, Cr D Williams, Cr B Deller, Cr S Gallon, Cr S Laurence, Cr L Newman

MOTION FAILED**MOVED**

That the Chair of the LTP Hearings Committee is replaced by the Deputy Chair of the Hearings Committee.

Cr G Ayling / Cr S Cretney

FOR – 2- Cr S Cretney, Cr G Ayling

AGAINST – 5 - Cr B Deller, Cr S Laurence, Cr L Newman, Cr S Gallon, Cr D Williams

ABSTAIN – 2 -Cr R Cherry-Campbell (Conflict of Interest), Mayor R Mark

MOTION FAILED

The Committee adjourned at 11.38 and reconvened at 11.45 am.

Part 2**Business Cases****Operations Depot****MOVED**

Agree to \$150k for Year 1 and no funding for Year 2.

Cr S Cretney / Cr B Deller

CARRIED (noting Mayor R Mark was absent)

Library self-issue machines (RFID)**NOTED**

- CDC receives books loaned from other libraries for both CDC and SWDC.

Action - The CE / Community Services Manager to investigate if receipt of books for SWDC could be charged for.

MOVED

Agreed to fund RFID self-issue machines.

Cr D Williams / Cr L Newman

FOR - Cr L Newman, Cr S Laurence, Cr D Williams, Cr B Deller, Cr R Cherry-Campbell, Cr S Gallon, Mayor R Mark

AGAINST – Cr G Ayling, Cr S Cretney

CARRIED**Library Workroom****MOVED**

That \$60k is added to the existing budget in Year 1 of the LTP for renovations to the Library Workroom.

Cr D Williams / Cr S Laurence

FOR – 4 –Cr S Laurence, Cr D Williams, Cr B Deller, Cr R Cherry-Campbell

AGAINST - 4 – Cr S Cretney, Cr G Ayling, Mayor R Mark, Cr L Newman

ABSTAIN – Cr S Gallon

MOTION FAILED -The Chair did not use her casting vote

Carterton Events Centre**MOVED**

To fund carpet replacement beginning in Year 3 and progressing after that.

Cr B Deller / Cr D Williams

FOR – 6 - Cr S Laurence, Cr R Cherry-Campbell, Cr D Williams, Mayor R Mark, Cr B Deller, Cr S Gallon

AGAINST – 2 - Cr L Newman , Cr S Cretney

EXCLUDED – Cr G Ayling

CARRIED

MOVED

To fund the auditorium floor sand and varnish – Year 2.

Cr S Laurence / Cr D Williams

FOR – 5 - Cr D Williams, Cr R Cherry-Campbell, Cr B Deller, Cr S Laurence, Cr S Gallon

AGAINST - 3 - Mayor R Mark, Cr L Newman, Cr S Cretney

EXCLUDED – Cr G Ayling

CARRIED

MOVED

To fund the cyclorama projector – Year 4.

Cr R Cherry-Campbell / Cr D Williams

FOR – 4 - Cr D Williams, Cr R Cherry-Campbell, Cr B Deller, Cr S Laurence

AGAINST – 3 - Mayor R Mark, Cr S Cretney, Cr L Newman

ABSTAIN – Cr S Gallon

EXCLUDED – Cr G Ayling

CARRIED

MOVED

To fund the sound system renewal split over years 1 & 2 of the LTP.

Cr D Williams / Cr B Deller

FOR – 5 - Cr D Williams, Cr R Cherry-Campbell, Cr B Deller, Cr S Laurence, Cr S Gallon

AGAINST – 3 – Cr S Cretney, Cr L Newman, Mayor R Mark

EXCLUDED – Cr G Ayling

CARRIED

MOVED

To fund the fly winch system renewal split across years 3 & 4.

Cr B Deller / Dr D Williams

FOR – 5 - Cr B Deller, Cr D Williams, Cr R Cherry-Campbell, Cr S Laurence, Cr S Gallon

AGAINST – 3 - Cr S Cretney, Cr L Newman, Mayor R Mark

EXCLUDED – Cr G Ayling

CARRIED**MOVED**

To fund theatrical lighting improvements – split over years 1, 2, and 3.

Cr D Williams / Cr R Cherry-Campbell

FOR – 5 - Cr D Williams, Cr R Cherry-Campbell, Cr B Deller, Cr S Laurence, Cr S Gallon

AGAINST – 3 – Cr L Newman, Cr S Cretney, Mayor R Mark

EXCLUDED – Cr G Ayling

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 12.52pm and reconvened at 1.30pm.

Part 3**Staffing Levels****NOTED**

- Compared to other Wairarapa Councils CDC has an in-house Parks and Reserves and Waters Team.
- CDC Human Resources look at every position before progressing with recruitment.
- The CE is budgeting for a decrease in the head count in this LTP compared to 2023/4.

MOVED

There is a staff hiring freeze and/or a percentage decrease in staff for the life of the LTP.
Any vacancies go to full council for approval.

Cr G Ayling / no seconder

Discussion

- Noted that Chief Executive is responsible for employing staff, not the Council.

MOTION DID NOT PROGRESS**Actions**

- The CE to check Council authorities related to staffing.
- Undertake a section 17A review of one service area in the next 12 months (**in progress**).

MOVED

That budgeted staffing costs reduce by 5% in the LTP 2024-34.

Cr G Ayling / no seconder

MOTION DID NOT PROGRESS**MOVED**

That the budget for salaries for the first three years of the LTP is capped at \$7.2M.

Cr S Cretney / no seconder

Discussion

- Noted by the CE that this could create employment issues.

MOTION RESCINDED**De-sludging the WWTP Ponds****MOVED**

To defer the first pond cleaning of sludge from Year 1 to Year 3.

Cr S Cretney / Mayor R Mark

Discussion

- The Infrastructure Services Manager identified the following:
 - The reason for de-sludging in Year 1 is that if it is moved to Year 3 it would align with the most expensive item in the LTP for the ponds – the Headworks Upgrade.
 - It would be prudent to de-sludge the ponds as soon as possible due to deferred maintenance over a long period. If this is not done the ponds will continue to lose oxidation capacity, and the treatment of the waste water will be less effective.

MOTION RESCINDED**AMENDED MOTION****MOVED**

To defer the first pond cleaning to Year 4 of the LTP, de-sludging of the second pond is deferred to Year 6, and de-sludging of the third pond deferred to Year 8 of the LTP.

Cr S Cretney / no seconder

Discussion

- Due to central government re-organisation related to 3 Waters / Local Waters Done Well, the WWTP ponds will likely not be a CDC asset in the next LTP. However, this decision has not yet been fully decided and Council needs to make decisions on information to hand.
- The WWTP ponds should be in a good condition for handover. De-sludging has always been planned. It would cost more to defer this.
- De-sludging and the Headworks are inter-related projects. There will be more of a benefit for the Headworks by de-sludging as soon as possible.
- As part of our Waste Minimisation Management Plan Wairarapa needs to set up an organics waste facility by 2028, so in future there will be a place to put the sludge.

- It was noted by the CE that the significant areas of LTP expenditure are in Roading and 3 Waters, but most of the expenses are in Capital, not Operations. There will be power savings with the Solar Project.
- Waste water is 90% rate-targeted to those able to connect to the network in urban areas.

MOTION RESCINDED

The meeting adjourned at 3.15 pm and reconvened at 3.25 pm.

Part 4**NOTED**

- The Planning & Regulatory Services Manager identified that funding of \$250k will be able to be re-allocated from the project budget in the Wairarapa Combined District Plan as she doesn't see it being used.

MOVED

That \$250k from projects in the Wairarapa Combined District Plan is allocated to Opex.

Mayor R Mark / Cr R Cherry-Campbell

CARRIED**Karakia**

The meeting closed at 4 pm with a karakia by all members.

Actions from Day 2 of Deliberations

Chief Executive / Glenda Seville	CDC receives books loaned from other libraries for both CDC and SWDC. Investigate if this service could be charged for.
Chief Executive	Review the profile of the funding for the Events Centre endorsed by the Hearings Committee and bring this back to the Extraordinary Council meeting on 29 May.
Chief Executive	Reconcile the number of FTEs and the head count.
Chief Executive	Check Council authorities related to staffing. Undertake a section 17A review of one service area in the next 12 months(in progress)
Chief Executive	Review revenue and options for improved revenue eg fees and charges.

6 KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA

The meeting closed with a karakia by Cr R Cherry-Campbell.

The Meeting closed at 4.03 pm

Minutes confirmed:

Date: