

**MINUTES OF CARTERTON DISTRICT COUNCIL
HEARINGS COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE CARTERTON EVENTS CENTRE, 50 HOLLOWAY ST, CARTERTON
ON WEDNESDAY, 29 MAY 2024 AT 3:00 PM**

PRESENT: Cr Robyn Cherry-Campbell (Chair), Cr Brian Deller (Deputy Chair), Cr Steve Laurence, Mayor Ron Mark, Cr Steve Cretney, Cr Steve Laurence, Cr Lou Newman, Cr Grace Ayling

IN ATTENDANCE: Staff

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), Kyra Low (Finance Manager), Marcus Anselm (Communications and Engagement Manager), Robyn Blue (Democratic Services Officer)

1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA

The meeting opened with a karakia by Cr Robyn Cherry-Campbell.

2 APOLOGIES

MOVED

That an apology be received from Cr Steve Gallon.

Cr R Cherry-Campbell / Mayor R Mark

CARRIED

3 CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARATION

NOTED

- Cr Grace Ayling identified a conflict of interest with decisions related to the Carterton Cycle Trails, the Carterton Events Centre and Consultation Items One (Transportation) and Two (the Waste Water Treatment Plant), and that she would abstain from discussion or voting on these items. However, it was noted that Cr Ayling would be able to vote on discussions on the use of Better Off Funding.

4 PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public forum.

5 REPORTS

5.1 DELIBERATION DECISIONS FOR THE 2024-2034 LONG-TERM PLAN

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for Hearings Committee to reconsider the Long-Term Plan (LTP) decisions from deliberations held on 16 and 22 May 2024.

1	Consultation Item 1 - Transportation	Option 2	
2	Consultation Item 2 – Waste Water Treatment Plant	Option 2	
3	Cycle Trails	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. This is comprised of \$520k Better Off Funding and \$295k c/fwd.	\$815,000
4	Destination Wairarapa	That CDC continues with the existing Destination Wairarapa contract and will review in September 2025 aligning with other local councils.	
5	Carterton Indoor Pool	CDC can provide “in kind” support such as with use of the Events Centre and the provision of resource consents at no cost.	No funding
6	Water Storage Project		No funding
7	Wairarapa Water Resilience Strategy	Fund the Wairarapa Water Resilience Strategy \$25k per annum for three years as part of the LTP.	\$25,000 3 years
8	Business Wairarapa	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	
9	Go Carterton	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.	\$10,000 From the Economic Devpt budget
10	Carterton District Historical Society	Up to \$12k for rent not approved. They are encouraged to apply to the Community Grants Committee, noting community grants funding can't be	No funding

		approved for rent, but can go towards other operational costs.	
11	Wellington Free Ambulance	Both the motion to fund WFA at \$1 per person in Carterton (\$10,500), and \$3,000 per annum (as per currently via the Community Grants fund) were declined.	No funding
12	Enviro Schools	That Enviro Schools receives \$10k per year for three years out of the Community Grants pool using the Waste Levy.	\$10,000 Waste Levy
13	Victoria University	Funding of \$9,429k toward a National Music School was declined.	No funding
14	Wairarapa Forest and Bird	Funding not sought. CDC will continue to work with the Group and will come back to Council at a later date with a partnership agreement.	
15	Five Towns Trail Trust	The Five Towns Trail Trust is requesting operational costs, \$20k per year until 2027. MOTION FAILED	No additional funding
16	Operations Depot	\$150k for Year 1 and no funding for Year 2.	\$150k Year 1
17	Library self-issue machines (RFID)-Capex	To fund RFID self-issue machines.	No change
18	Library Workroom	Additional Budget request. MOTION FAILED	No additional funding
19	Events Centre Carpet replacement-Capex	To fund carpet replacement beginning in Yr 3 for three years.	\$106k
20	Auditorium floor sand and varnish-Capex	To fund the auditorium floor sand and varnish – Year 2.	No change to capex
21	Cyclorama auditorium projector-Capex	To fund the cyclorama auditorium projector from Yr3 to Yr 4	\$71.4k
22	Sound system renewal-Capex	To fund the sound system renewal split over years 1 & 2 .	\$145.4k
23	Fly winch system renewal-Capex	To fund the fly winch system renewal split across years 3 & 4.	\$78.1k Yr1 \$92.7k Yr2
24	Theatrical lighting improvements-Capex	To fund theatrical lighting improvements – split over years 1, 2, and 3. \$69k Yr1, \$72.2k Yr2, \$66.6k Yr3	No change
25	De-sludging of the WWTP Ponds	The pond cleaning is scheduled for Year 1.	No change

26	New external funding to be allocated-Opex	That \$250k from projects in the Wairarapa Combined District Plan is re-allocated to Opex.	
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DISCUSSION

- At deliberation, the Hearings Committee had agreed to funding of \$815k for the Carterton Cycle Trails. This was comprised of \$295k carry-forward funding and \$520k Better Off funding.
- Glenda Seville, Manager of Community Services identified that since deliberations she has received high level estimates of the cost of the detailed design of the bridge and the trail from River Road to Lincoln Road, and also has the cost estimate for scoping the trail from Lincoln Rd to Clareville. This provides information on how much the detailed design will cost and the timeframe. It is noted that we currently have a working relationship with the Carterton District Trails Trust who is taking responsibility for the detailed design, and construction fund-raising of the bridge. No ratepayer funding has been included in the LTP for the construction of the cycle bridge over the Waiohine River. Management's view is that both the bridge detailed design (estimated \$150k - \$170k) and undertaking detailed design on the trail from River Rd to Lincoln Road (estimated \$50k) can be delivered within the estimated carry forward budget of \$295k.
- Management also considered that the Carterton Trail and the Five Towns Trail Network funding request of \$60k (over three years) is also able to be Included in the available carry-over funding of \$295k with no further impact on ratepayers.

#15 – Five Towns Trail Trust

MOVED

That the Committee:

Approves 20k per year for 3 years for the Five Towns Trails Trust from the existing Trails Project carry-over funding of \$295k, noting this has no impact on ratepayers.

Cr D Williams / Cr L Newman

Abstain – Cr G Ayling (conflict of interest)

CARRIED

#3 – Carterton Trails

NOTED

- As there is sufficient funding of up to \$235 from the current LTP carry forward funding to fund the Carterton Trails detailed bridge design, trail design and other scoping, the following wording can be deleted from #3.

DELETE -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. This is comprised of \$520k Better Off Funding and \$295k c/fwd.

MOVED

Agrees that the \$520k of Better-Off Funding is re-allocated from Cycle Trails to a Three Waters Infrastructure Project in Year One of the LTP, subject to confirmation by DIA and Audit NZ.

Cr S Cretney / Mayor R Mark

CARRIED

MOVED

That the Council:

- 1. **Receives** the report.

Cr R Cherry-Campbell / Cr L Newman

CARRIED

- 2. **Reconfirms** the LTP decisions as noted above for consideration by Council, subject to the changes identified in #3 and #15.

Cr S Laurence / Cr S Cretney

CARRIED

6 KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA

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

The meeting closed at 3.46 pm

Minutes confirmed:

26 June 2024

Date: