

**MINUTES OF CARTERTON DISTRICT COUNCIL  
COUNCIL WORKSHOP  
HELD AT THE CARTERTON EVENTS CENTRE, 50 HOLLOWAY ST, CARTERTON  
ON THURSDAY, 24 OCTOBER 2024 AT 11:00 AM**

- PRESENT:** Deputy Mayor Steve Cretney, Cr Dale Williams, Cr Brian Deller, Cr Robyn Cherry-Campbell, Cr Grace Ayling, Cr Lou Newman, Cr Steve Laurence, Marty Sebire (Hurunui-o-Rangi Marae), Joel Ngātuere (Ngātikahukuraāwhitia) - via videoconference
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Karon Ashforth (Corporate Services Manager), Johannes Ferreira (Infrastructure Services Manager), Solitaire Robertson (Planning and Regulatory Services Manager), Geri Brooking (People and Wellbeing Manager), Marcus Anselm (Communications and Engagement Manager), Robyn Blue (Democratic Services Officer)
- OTHER** Maseina Koneferenisi (MDC), Robyn Wells (SWDC), Peter Wimsett (Tararua District Council)

**1 KARAKIA**

THE MEETING OPENED AND CLOSED WITH A KARAKIA BY ALL PARTICIPANTS.

**2 APOLOGIES**

APOLOGIES WERE RECEIVED FROM MAYOR RON MARK, CR STEVE GALLON AND GEOFF HAMILTON.

**3 REPORTS**

**1.1 WORKSHOP - LOCAL WATER DONE WELL**

**1. PURPOSE**

To discuss the Local Water Done Well options prior to the council meeting on 30 October 2024.

The meeting focused on preparing for the upcoming council meeting to decide between two alternative water service delivery options: the Wellington regional approach and the Wairarapa plus Tararua option.

Key points included the legislative requirement for consultation on the current state versus alternatives, the need to finalise and submit a water services delivery plan by 3 September 2025 and as such the importance to making a decision as soon as possible on which alternative to develop further for consultation, and the potential risks of other councils making different decisions. Consultation would be undertaken in February/March. Individual councils consultation process outcomes could also influence the future of an future option.

Concerns were raised about the financial sustainability of standalone options and the impact on general rates.

The discussion also touched on the importance of defining shared values and the objectives for any new water service entity.

The two hapū representatives outlined the importance of hapū having input, the primacy of Wairarapa moana, and the need to restore te mana o te wai.