

**MINUTES OF CARTERTON DISTRICT COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE CARTERTON EVENTS CENTRE, 50 HOLLOWAY ST, CARTERTON
ON WEDNESDAY, 26 FEBRUARY 2025 AT 1:00 PM**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Staff

Geoff Hamilton (Chief Executive), Solitaire Robertson (Planning and Regulatory Services Manager), Johannes Ferreira (Infrastructure Services Manager), Geri Brooking (People and Wellbeing Manager), Glenda Seville (Community Services and Facilities Manager), Marcus Anselm (Communications and Engagement Manager) via videoconference, Sara Renall (Communications and Engagement Advisor), Anna Tulloch (Communications and Engagement Advisor), Robyn Blue (Democratic Services Officer), Katrina King (Democratic Services Officer), Victoria Caccioppoli (Financial Accountant)

1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA

The meeting was opened with a karakia by all members.

2 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies received.

3 CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARATION

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

4 PUBLIC FORUM

Roger Boulter spoke to four transport issues – speed limit reductions, the Remutaka Hill road, rail services, and the Wairarap Five Towns Trail.

- While most of the public are pleased to have the speed limits on SH2 increased to 100kph (from 80kph) under the 'Road to Zero' speed limit campaign, national data has shown tangible reductions in road crashes, a reduction in deaths, and reductions in the severity of injury.
- Kiwi Rail is increasing the frequency of rail services in the Hutt Valley Line. This may impact on the promised introduction of more frequent Wairarapa rail services due to rail traffic backlogs in the Hutt Valley.

5 YOUTH COUNCIL VIEWS ON AGENDA ITEMS

NOTED

- A recruitment drive for new members is being undertaken.

6 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

7.1 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11 DECEMBER 2024

NOTED

- There has been progress with establishment of the car park at West Taratahi Hall.

MOVED

1. That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 11 December 2024 are true and correct.

Deputy Mayor S Cretney / Cr S Laurence

CARRIED

7 REPORTS

8.1 CORRESPONDENCE

1. PURPOSE

To note relevant correspondence received by Council.

MOVED

That the Council:

1. **Notes** the correspondence received.

Mayor R Mark, Deputy Mayor S Cretney

CARRIED

8.2 WELLINGTON NZ QUARTERLY REPORT.**1. PURPOSE**

For the Council to receive a report of activities for the quarter ending December 2024 on the delivery on the Wairarapa Economic Development Strategy.

NOTED

- Wellington NZ has received new funding to attract Australian visitors to the region.

MOVED

That the Council:

1. **Receives** the Wellington NZ quarterly report.
2. **Agrees** with the endorsement from the WEDS work programme Steering Group to continue with the current work programme into the 25/26 financial year.

Cr R Cherry-Campbell / Cr B Deller

Cr S Gallon - Abstain

CARRIED**8.3 BUSINESS WAIRARAPA REPORT****1. PURPOSE**

For the Council to receive a report of activities for the period ending January 2025.

MOVED

That the Council:

1. **Receives** the report.

Cr R Cherry-Campbell / Cr S Gallon

CARRIED

8.4 BROOKLYN ROAD WATER RENEWAL

1. PURPOSE

For the Council to consider bringing forward a portion of the 25/26 Financial year Water Supply Network renewal budget.

MOVED

That the Council:

1. **Receives** the report.
2. **Approves** bringing forward \$490,000 of the 25/26 financial year's Water Supply network renewal budget to complete the Brooklyn Road network renewal and reduce the 25/26 Financial year from \$1,884,000 to \$1,394,000.

Cr S Gallon / Cr B Deller

CARRIED

8.5 SH2 / GALLONS ROAD ROAD-MARKING UPGRADE

1. PURPOSE

For the Council to consider approving funds for the road marking upgrade of the SH2 / Gallons Road intersection.

MOVED

That the Council:

1. **Receives** the report.

Cr L Newman / Cr R Cherry-Campbell

CARRIED

2. **Approves** unplanned expenditure of \$65,000 for improvement of the SH2/Gallons Road Intersection, to be funded from the Roding Contribution Fund, and that Management will seek to recover the costs from NZTA in which was agreed by Mark Owen in 2018.

Cr S Laurence / Deputy Mayor S Cretney

Cr G Ayling - Against

CARRIED

8.6 WATER RACE PRIORITY DURING LOW FLOW**1. PURPOSE**

For Council to consider setting a priority for the use of water taken from the Water Race.

MOVED

That the Council:

1. **Receives** the report.
2. **Resolves** that when the Waingawa Process Water Project is operational, that in times of “low flow” Water Race users using water for stock are prioritised over industrial users of Water Race water.

Cr B Deller / Cr S Gallon

CARRIED**8.7 FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2024****1. PURPOSE**

To present the Year-to-Date financial results to Council for the six months ended 31 December 2024.

MOVED

That the Council:

1. **Receives** the report.

CARRIED**8.8 CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT****1. PURPOSE**

For the Council to be informed on planned Council operational activities, major projects, and other matters of importance and interest.

MOVED

That the Council:

1. **Receives** the report.

Cr G Ayling / Deputy Mayor S Cretney

CARRIED

8.9 APPRENTICE FOR THE WATER RACE OVERSEER

1. PURPOSE

For Council to consider the recommendations from the Water Race Committee to employ an apprentice Water Race Overseer.

MOVED

That the Committee:

1. **Receives** the report.

Cr R Cherry-Campbell / Deputy Mayor S Cretney

CARRIED

2. **Agrees** to fund the employment of an apprentice Water Race Overseer at no cost to the Water Race users for three years.

Cr S Gallon / Cr B Deller

CARRIED

3. **Notes** the Water Race Members of the Water Race Committee will identify suitable candidates for the apprentice position.

Cr B Deller / Cr S Gallon

CARRIED

4. **Agrees** to a 50% reduction in Corporate overhead charges to the Water Race activity for three years.

Deputy Mayor S Cretney / Cr S Gallon

Cr L Newman / Cr S Laurence - against

CARRIED

8.10 LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT REQUESTS

1. PURPOSE

To inform the Council of the number of requests under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA) 1987 (the Act) 2 December 2024 to 13 February 2025.

MOVED

That the Council:

1. **Receives** the report.

Deputy Mayor S Cretney / Cr G Ayling

CARRIED

8.11 SERVICE REQUESTS AND COMPLAINTS

1. PURPOSE

For the Council to be informed on Service Requests received in November 2024 to 27 February 2025 and Complaints received from 27 November 2024 to 10 February 2025.

MOVED

That the Council:

Receives the report.

Cr R Cherry-Campbell / Cr L Newman

CARRIED

The Council went into recess at 3 pm, and reconvened at 3.13pm

8.12 DESTINATION WAIRARAPA QUARTERLY REPORT

1. PURPOSE

For the Council to receive a report of activities for the quarter ending December 2024.

MOVED

That the Council:

1. **Receives** the report.

Cr B Deller / Cr S Laurence

CARRIED

8 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

MOVED

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject matter of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48 for the passing of this resolution
<p>9.1 - Confirmation of the public-excluded minutes of the Council meeting 11 December 2024</p>	<p>s7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons</p> <p>s7(2)(b)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information</p> <p>s7(2)(f)(i) - free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of any local authority</p> <p>s7(2)(g) - the withholding of the information is necessary to maintain legal professional privilege</p> <p>s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities</p>	<p>s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7</p>
<p>9.2 - Independent Advisor, Chief Executive Employment Review Committee</p>	<p>s7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons</p>	<p>s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7</p>

Deputy Mayor S Cretney / Cr L Newman

CARRIED

MOVED

That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council.

Cr B Deller / C S Gallon

CARRIED

9 KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA

The meeting closed with a karakia by all members.

The meeting closed at 3.45 pm

Minutes confirmed:

Date:

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