

**MINUTES OF CARTERTON DISTRICT COUNCIL
COUNCIL WORKSHOP
HELD AT THE CARTERTON EVENTS CENTRE, 50 HOLLOWAY ST, CARTERTON
ON WEDNESDAY, 19 MARCH 2025 AT 2:00 PM**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Staff

Geoff Hamilton (Chief Executive), Karon Ashforth (Corporate Services Manager), Johannes Ferreira (Infrastructure Services Manager), Glenda Seville (Community Services and Facilities Manager), Robyn Blue (Democratic Services Officer), Katrina King (Democratic Services Officer)

Other

Joseph Gillard – independent CDC representative on the Cobblestones Charitable Trust

Sharon Parker – Chair of the Carter Society

Roger Wigglesworth -independent CDC representative and Chair of Destination Wairarapa.

1 REPORTS

1.1 WORKSHOP - CDC REPRESENTATION ON EXTERNAL GROUPS

1. PURPOSE

To discuss CDC representation on external groups.

In 2024 Council undertook a review of representation on external groups. There was discussion on the need to review the process of reviewing appointments made to Destination Wairarapa, Cobblestones Trust, and Carter Society.

Key areas for review were:

- the risks around these appointments
- the strategic and operational alignment / value / engagement at Governance level, that is gained, or was expected to be gained by the appointment. In some cases these appointments are a result of historical, or long forgotten reasons. In other cases the appointment is written into the Constitution or Trust Deed.

It was discussed that strategic and operational engagement and alignment with external organisations can also be obtained through funding agreements without Board appointments.

The following people from these organisations attended a council workshop on 19 March 2025 to provide feedback to Council on the appointments.

- Joseph Gillard – independent CDC representative on the Cobblestones Charitable Trust
- Sharon Parker – Chair of the Carter Society
- Roger Wigglesworth -independent CDC representative and Chair of Destination Wairarapa.

It was noted that Charitable Trusts need to update their trust deeds in the next year, and so this is a timely discussion for all three organisations.

Cobblestones will have their AGM in August, which is when they will seek to adopt a new Constitution.

The Carter Society has two Council appointees in their constitution. They have to update their constitution this year and identified they would like to keep a council member on the Board. In terms of liability, the Society has insurance for the officers of the Society.

Destination Wairarapa has Director's Liability insurance for board members. The Destination Wairarapa MOU with CDC has a narrow focus, but the Board has a wider interest in economic development.

CDC identified it was grateful to all three organisations for the work they do in our community, often as volunteers or with a small honorarium. Council reiterated these discussions regarding Governance appointments should be considered very separate from, and unrelated to, decisions around funding that Council provides.

This will be taken to the Council meeting on 2 April 2025 for a decision.