

**MINUTES OF CARTERTON DISTRICT COUNCIL  
EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE CARTERTON EVENTS CENTRE, 50 HOLLOWAY ST, CARTERTON  
ON WEDNESDAY, 9 JULY 2025 AT 9:00 AM**

**PRESENT:** Deputy Mayor Steve Cretney (Acting Chair), Cr Brian Deller, Cr Robyn Cherry-Campbell, Cr Steve Laurence, Cr Grace Ayling, Cr Lou Newman, Cr Steve Gallon ( Via Video Conference), Joel Ngātuere (via videoconference)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Geoff Hamilton (Chief Executive), Geri Brooking (Group Manager People and Corporate), Solitaire Robertson (Group Manager Planning and Regulatory), Glenda Seville (Group Manager Community and Facilities), Johannes Ferreira (Group Manager Infrastructure), Sara Renall (Senior Communications and Engagement Advisor), Robyn Blue (Democratic Services Officer), Katrina King (Democratic Services Officer)

**1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA**

The meeting opened with a karakia by all elected members.

**2 APOLOGIES**

**MOVED**

That apologies be accepted from Mayor Ron Mark.

Deputy Mayor S Cretney / Cr L Newman

**CARRIED**

**3 CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARATION**

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

**4 PUBLIC FORUM**

There was no public forum.

## 5 REPORTS

### 7.1 LOCAL WATER DONE WELL - JOINT WAIRARAPA & TARARUA WATER SERVICES ENTITY

#### 1. PURPOSE

To provide Council with an update on negotiations regarding a joint Wairarapa - Tararua Water Services Council Owned Organisation (WSCOO) negotiations and consider adopting the Joint Wairarapa - Tararua WSCOO as the preferred approach for the future delivery of Water Services for the Carterton District.

#### NOTED

- Prior to making the decision on joining a WSCOO, there was robust discussion on a number of issues and risks, including voting, shareholding, iwi representation on the Shareholder Council appointments to the WSE Board, the name of the Shareholder Council, and the effect if Masterton District Council chooses not to join the Wairarapa-Tararua WSCOO.

#### MOVED

That the Committee:

- a) **Receives** the report.

Cr R Cherry-Campbell / Cr L Newman

#### **CARRIED**

- b) **Endorses** Carterton District Council participation in a joint Wairarapa – Tararua Water Services Council Controlled Organisation

Deputy Mayor S Cretney / Cr B Deller

Abstained - Cr S Gallon

#### **CARRIED**

- c) **Notes** the key terms that have been negotiated with other Councils as outlined in **Attachment 1**, and that Carterton District Council reaffirms that no organisation has appointment rights to the WSE Board.

Cr R Cherry -Campbell / Cr S Laurence

#### **CARRIED**

- d) **Approves** unbudgeted expenditure of up to \$1,250,000 as Carterton District Councils ¼ share of transition and establishment costs.

Deputy Mayor S Cretney / Cr B Deller

#### **CARRIED**

- e) **Notes** the unbudgeted expenditure will be capitalised, funded from borrowing and transferred to the WSCOO at Go-Live, with other Council debt.

Cr B Deller / Cr R Cherry-Campbell

#### **CARRIED**

- f) **Delegates** authority to the Chief Executive Officer to sign the relevant documents to establish the Wairarapa – Tararua WSCOO including amongst other things Companies Office, Banking authorities and LGFA borrower documentation.

Deputy Mayor S Cretney / Cr L Newman

**CARRIED**

- g) **Instructs** the Chief Executive Officer to cease development of a stand-alone Water Services Delivery Plan as a backup option.

Deputy Mayor S Cretney / Cr B Deller

For the motion – Cr R Cherry-Campbell / Cr B Deller / Deputy Mayor S Cretney

Against the motion – Cr G Ayling / Cr L Newman / Cr S Laurence / Cr S Gallon

**MOTION LOST**

## **6 KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA**

The meeting closed with a karakia by all elected members.

**The meeting closed at 10.18am**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting of the Carterton Council held on 6 August 2025.**

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**CHAIRPERSON**

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**DATE**