

**MINUTES OF CARTERTON DISTRICT COUNCIL
COUNCIL WORKSHOP
HELD AT THE CARTERTON EVENTS CENTRE, 50 HOLLOWAY ST, CARTERTON
ON WEDNESDAY, 17 DECEMBER 2025 AT 1:00 PM**

PRESENT: Mayor Steve Cretney, Deputy Mayor Grace Ayling, Cr Brian Deller, Cr Lou Newman, Cr Steve Laurence, Cr Steve Gallon, Cr Jane Burns, Cr Simon Casey, Cr Rachel Round

IN ATTENDANCE: Staff

Geoff Hamilton (Chief Executive), Solitaire Robertson (Group Manager Planning and Regulatory), Marc Ferguson (Chief Financial Officer), Lawrence Stephenson (Group Manager Infrastructure), Geri Brooking (Group Manager People and Corporate), Glenda Seville (Group Manager Community and Facilities), Marcus Anselm (Communications and Engagement Manager), Sara Renall (Senior Communications and Engagement Advisor), Robyn Blue (Democratic Services Officer),

Other

Shane Wratt (MBIE)

Johannes Ferreira (External contractor, former CDC Group Manager Infrastructure)

The meeting opened with a karakia.

1 REPORTS

4.1 WAINGAWA WATER STORAGE PROJECT (COUNCIL WORKSHOP)

1. PURPOSE

For Council to discuss the findings of the business case for the Waingawa Water Storage Project.

Discussion

- Councillors noted the initial business case, land acquisition, information, technical reports and cost estimates provided.
- The total project cost is 18.3M (including land purchase), but could increase to \$21M (excluding land purchase) which (for the relatively small increase in price) would provide double capacity water storage.
- The benefits are selling the water, not selling the gravel (due to high margins).
- There is support from Kānoa (MBIE) to underwrite the project.
- This asset would remain with CDC and wouldn't be transferred to the Wairarapa-Tararua Water Services Entity.
- The business case assumed uptake over a 20 year period. The water could be used by both industry and agriculture.

- Councillors requested more information on revenue, and ways to mitigate the risks and share the cost burden. Geoff will provide more information on the potential for demand, and the potential for investment partners (e.g. other councils and PSGEs).

2 KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA

The meeting was closed with a karakia.