

**MINUTES OF CARTERTON DISTRICT COUNCIL
POLICY AND PROJECTS COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE CARTERTON EVENTS CENTRE, 50 HOLLOWAY ST, CARTERTON
ON WEDNESDAY, 18 FEBRUARY 2026 AT 9:00 AM**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Staff
Geoff Hamilton (Chief Executive), Lawrence Stephenson (Group Manager Infrastructure), Solitaire Robertson (Group Manager Planning and Regulatory), Marc Ferguson (Chief Financial Officer), Jeet Kiran (Waters Compliance and Monitoring Officer), Sarvesh Tiwari (Waste Management and Minimisation Officer), Christo Heyns (Project Manager), Victoria Ross (Events Centre Team Leader), Matt Peterken (Senior Water Treatment Operator), Sara Renall (Senior Communications and Engagement Advisor), Katrina King (Democratic Services Officer)

1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA

The meeting opened with a karakia by all members.

2 APOLOGIES

MOVED

That an apology be accepted from Joel Ngātuere (Ngāti Kahukuraāwhitia).

Cr R Round/Mayor S Cretney

CARRIED

3 CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARATION

There were no conflicts on interest declared.

4 PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public forum.

5 DISCUSSION OF THE PUBLIC FORUM

Not applicable.

6 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

6.1 MINUTES OF THE POLICY AND PROJECTS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 3 DECEMBER 2025

MOVED

1. That the Minutes of the Policy and Projects Committee Meeting held on 3 December 2025 are true and correct.

Mayor S Cretney/Cr J Burns

CARRIED

7 REPORTS

7.1 WASTE MANAGEMENT AND MINIMISATION UPDATE

1. PURPOSE

For the Committee to be updated on Carterton District's Waste Management and Minimisation services.

NOTED

1. Officers will work with Phoenix recycling to install buckets at EC for battery collections
2. Officers will investigate Jib board recycling

MOVED

That the Committee:

1. **Receives** the report.

Deputy Mayor G Ayling/Cr S Gallon

CARRIED

7.2 UPDATE ON MAJOR PROJECTS**1. PURPOSE**

To update the Committee on the progress of major projects.

MOVED

That the Committee:

1. **Receives** the report.

Cr J Burns/Cr S Laurence

CARRIED

2. **Recommend to Council to** bring forward \$800,000 of the 2026/27 budget as discussed in the report to allow continuation of work.
3. **Recommend to Council to** the transfer of \$540,362 from Backflow Prevention budget (WSC25Boundrybackflow) to the Water Supply network renewal budget (WSC25Mainsreplace).
4. **Recommend to Council to** the transfer of \$132,230 from Condition Assessment budget (WSC25Conditionassess) to the Water Supply network renewal budget (WSC25Mainsreplace).

Mayor S Cretney/Cr S Gallon.

CARRIED**7.3 UPDATE ON OPERATIONAL CONSENTS****1. PURPOSE**

To update the Committee on the status of the existing consents.

MOVED

That the Committee:

1. **Receives** the report.

Cr S Gallon/Mayor S Cretney

CARRIED

7.4 RUAMĀHANGA ROADS AND CORRIDOR ACCESS REPORT

1. PURPOSE

For the Committee to be updated on Ruamāhanga Roads and Corridor Access activities.

MOVED

That the Committee:

1. **Receives** the report.

Cr J Burns/Mayor S Cretney

CARRIED

7.5 WATER OPERATIONS REPORT

1. PURPOSE

For the Committee to be updated on the water operations.

MOVED

That the Committee:

1. **Receives** the report.

Deputy Mayor G Ayling/Cr S Laurence

CARRIED

7.6 EVENTS CENTRE ACTIVITY REPORT

1. PURPOSE

For the Committee to receive the activities report for the Wairarapa Events Centre.

MOVED

That the Committee:

1. **Receives** the report.

Cr L Newman/Cr S Casey

CARRIED

7.7 UPDATE ON PLANNING RESOURCE CONSENTS**1. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to update the Committee on the resource consents issued since the previous update.

MOVED

That the Committee:

1. **Receives** the report.

Mayor S Cretney/Cr J Burns

CARRIED**7.8 REVIEW OF SENSITIVE EXPENDITURE POLICY****1. PURPOSE**

For the Committee to adopt the reviewed Sensitive Expenditure Policy.

MOVED

That the Committee:

1. **Receives** the report.
2. **Adopts** the reviewed Sensitive Expenditure Policy.

Deputy Mayor G Ayling/Cr J Burns

CARRIED**7.9 UPDATED POLICY ON ELECTED MEMBERS ALLOWANCES AND EXPENSES****1. PURPOSE**

For the Council to adopt the updated Elected Members' Allowances and Expenses Policy.

MOVED

That the Council:

1. **Receives** the report.

Deputy Mayor G Ayling/Mayor S Cretney

CARRIED

2. **Agrees** to the addition of quarterly payment options for the Communications Allowance.

Mayor S Cretney/Cr S Gallon

CARRIED

- 3. **Notes** the Remuneration Authority consideration to remove out of district restrictions.
- 4. **Adopts** the updated Elected Members' Allowances and Expenses Policy 2025/26.

Mayor S Cretney/Deputy Mayor G Ayling

CARRIED

8 KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA

The meeting closed with a karakia by all members.

The Meeting closed at 10.31am

Minutes confirmed:

Date: