



**Minutes of the
EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT COUNCIL
held in the Council Chambers, 15 Seymour Street, Blenheim
on FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2020 commencing at 4.40 pm**

Present

The Mayor J C Leggett (in the Chair), Cllrs J L Andrews, J A Arbuckle, C J Brooks, J D N Croad, B A Faulls, M J Fitzpatrick, D D Oddie, M A Peters, T P Sowman and N P Taylor.

Via Zoom

Cllr G A Hope

In Attendance

Mr M S Wheeler (Chief Executive), Ms J A Tito (Manager Parks and Open Spaces), Ms L J Craighead (Parks and Open Spaces Planner) and Mr M J Porter (Democratic Services Manager).

Karakia

The meeting opened with a karakia.

Apologies

The Mayor/Cllr Brooks:

That the apologies for absence from Cllrs B G Dawson and F D Maher be received and sustained.

Carried

Cncl-1120-191 Declaration of Interests

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Members were reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as a member and any private or other external interest they might have.

Cllr Faulls noted her interest in the item to be discussed.

Cncl-1120-192 Proposed Responsible Camping Control Bylaw 2020

R510-005-15-02

Ms Tito advised that the purpose of the report was for Council to adopt the *Marlborough District Council Responsible Camping Control Bylaw 2020* with effect from 1 December 2020. Following the Annual Plan process of 2019-20, and in consideration of submissions and presentations received by the community from earlier Annual Plans, Council agreed that a review of the *Marlborough District Council Freedom Camping Control Bylaw 2012* would take place from mid-2020.

Ms Tito reported on the background to the review and the process undertaken since Council agreed to the review in 2019. Council engaged a consultant specialising in the parks and recreation sector (co-funded by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment) in 2019 to undertake a review of Responsible Camping in Marlborough (which included a comprehensive assessment of sites (Marlborough District Council Responsible Camping Review - Site Assessments, May 2020) to the *Current Bylaw* and also at some additional sites within the region. The review matrix used in the assessment aligned with the Freedom Camping Act 2011 (Part 2, section 11(2)(a)(i), (ii) and (iii)) to ensure that responsible camping sites in the Bylaw would meet the three provisions: to protect the area; to protect the health and safety of people who may visit the area; and to protect access to the area.

At the Council meeting of 6 August 2020, Council approved public notification of the *Marlborough District Council Freedom Camping Control Bylaw 2020* and the notification period was set from 7 August 2020 to 7 September 2020. A *Revised Statement of Proposal for Marlborough District Council Freedom Camping Control Bylaw* and

the proposed *Marlborough District Council Freedom Camping Control Bylaw 2020* were developed as the review documents to support the public notification process. Council received 350 submissions to the Bylaw Review from the Marlborough community and outside of the district including national camping organisations and holiday park owners. The Freedom Camping Sub-Committee heard 49 submissions over three days from 14 to 16 September 2020. The Decision Report of the Hearings Panel was appended to the agenda (and the schedule as noted in the Decision Report was circulated separately [and was also placed on Council's website]).

It was further reported that a fundamental change introduced through the *Proposed Statement of Review* to the *Current Bylaw* was the move to be a self-contained vehicle region only. The agenda report covered all other changes in detail.

During discussions Cllr Brooks proposed the following amendment, however it was lost.

Cllrs Brooks/Taylor:

That the clause "*There is to be no washing hung outside of the van and there is to be no cooking in the car parking spaces*" is to be added to the conditions under 3. Renwick Domain Carpark.

Lost on a show of hands 4 to 6

No other amendments to the bylaw were proposed. Members agreed that the bylaw was a bold statement and that members of the Marlborough community were listened to.

Cllrs Oddie/Sowman:

1. **That Council approve the change to the name of the Marlborough District Council Bylaw on Freedom Camping and Control to the *Marlborough District Responsible Camping Control Bylaw 2020*.**
2. **That the *Marlborough District Council Responsible Camping Control Bylaw 2020* be adopted effective 1 December 2020.**

Carried unanimously

NB: Cllr Faulls declared an interest in the above and did not take part in discussions nor vote on the issue.

The meeting closed at 5.03 pm.

Confirmed this 10th day of December 2020

J C LEGGETT
MAYOR

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