



**Minutes of a Meeting of the
Marlborough District Council
held in the Council Chambers, 15 Seymour Street, Blenheim
on THURSDAY 1 APRIL 2021 commencing at 9.00 am**

Present

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

In Attendance

Messrs M S Wheeler (Chief Executive), A P Quirk (District Secretary) and M J Porter (Democratic Services Manager).

Karakia

The meeting opened with a karakia.

Cncl-0421-322 Declaration of Interests -

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.

A number of declarations were noted in the agenda:

- The various interests as declared under Minute Nos. Cncl-0221-239;
- The interest as declared under Minute No. PF&C-0321-309 (Minute No. PF&C-0321-310);
- The interest as declared under Minute No. PF&C-0321-315;
- The interests as declared under Minute No. Grnt-0321-295; and
- The interest declared at the meeting by Cllr Maher with reference to the Environment Information Pack of 11 March 2021 (in particular Item 43 [U200598] on page 29 under the title of *Resource Consent Approvals Under Delegated Authority*).

Cncl-0421-323 Confirmation of Minutes -

Cllr Arbuckle questioned a conflict in the wording of the commentary against the resolution under Minute No. Cncl-0221-279 (Road Naming Sub-Committee). The Sub-Committee was delegated the power to name or alter the name of roads in the Marlborough region, however, the commentary inferred that this still needed ratification by Council.

Cllr Taylor/The Mayor:

That the words “prior to ratification by Council” be deleted from the second paragraph of the commentary under Minute No. Cncl-0221-279 (Road Naming Sub-Committee).

Carried

The Mayor/Cllr Taylor:

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 25 February 2021 (Minute Nos. Cncl-0221-239 to Cncl-0221-281), as amended above, be taken as read and confirmed.

Carried

NB: Cllr Arbuckle voted against Minute No. Cncl-0221-279

Committee Reports

Cncl-0421-324 Assets & Services Committee -

Cirs Fitzpatrick/Brooks:

That the Committee report contained within Minute Nos. A&S-0321-282 to A&S-0321-291 be received and the recommendations adopted.

Carried

Cncl-0421-325 Environment Committee -

It was noted that Clr Brooks had tendered her apology for non-attendance at this meeting. Staff are to amend the apologies resolution accordingly.

The Mayor/Clr Hope:

That the Committee report contained within Minute Nos. Env-0321-296 to Env-0321-308 be received and the recommendations adopted.

Carried

Cncl-0421-326 Planning, Finance & Community Committee -

Cirs Peters/Croad:

That the Committee report contained within Minute Nos. PF&C-0321-309 to PF&C-0321-321 be received and the recommendations adopted.

Carried

Cncl-0421-327 Grants Sub-Committee -

Cirs Andrews/Sowman:

That the Sub-Committee report contained within Minute Nos. Grnt-0321-292 to Grnt-0321-295 be received and the recommendations adopted.

Carried

Cncl-0421-328 Resource Hearing Sub-Committee Membership **D050-001-R12**

Members noted that the purpose of the report was to appoint Councillor Thelma Sowman to the Resource Hearing Sub-Committee.

It was reported that the workload for some members (outside of the Sub-Committee) means that they are not able to provide the time needed now for the anticipated number of hearings that are needed to be set. Councillor Sowman has shown an interest and is keen to join the Sub-Committee. Councillor Sowman has completed the "Making Good Decisions" course with an excellent pass mark.

Cirs Oddie/Arbuckle:

That Councillor Thelma Sowman be appointed to the Resource Hearing Sub-Committee.

Carried

Cncl-0421-329 Review of Representation

D050-004-022-11

Members noted that the purpose of the report was to outline the Representation Review process and procedures; to consult with iwi on the issue of a Māori ward; and to appoint three councillors (one from each ward), with the Mayor as ex-officio, to undertake the community consultation for the Representation Review.

In summary, staff reported that the report outlined the key timeline, issues and process for the Representation Review. Clrs Taylor, Hope and Croad have indicated their preparedness to be appointed to undertake the community consultation for the Representation Review. This panel would be assisted by the independent consultant from electionz.com and relevant Council staff.

The report covered in detail commentary under the following headings: Background, Legislation, Population Formula, Fair and Effective Representation, Māori Wards, Review of Ward Structure, Community Boards; and gave Council two options (either "undertake a Representation Review using an independent consultant to undertake and coordinate the review" or the "status quo of staff putting up options for Council to review"). Members agreed to go with "undertake a Representation Review using an independent consultant to undertake and coordinate the review".

Clrs Brooks/Arbuckle:

1. That Council note the process and procedures for the representation review.
2. That Council appoint three (3) councillors (Clr Nadine Taylor, Clr Gerald Hope and Clr David Croad), with the Mayor as ex-officio, to undertake the community consultation for the Representation Review, to be assisted by the independent consultant from electionz.com and Council staff.

Carried

Cncl-0421-330 Decision to Conduct Business with the Public Excluded

The Mayor/Clr Taylor:

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

- Confirmation of Public Excluded Minutes
- Committee Reports (Public Excluded Sections)
- Landing Reserve

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General Subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
Minutes and Committee Reports	As set out in the Minutes	That the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under Section 7 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.
Landing Reserve	To enable the Council, as holder of the information, to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) provided for under Section 7(2)(i)	That the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under Section 7 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

Carried

The meeting closed at 9.25 am.

Confirmed this 13th day of May 2021

J C LEGGETT
MAYOR

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