



MEETING of Wairarapa Combined District Plan Joint Committee AGENDA

Time: 10:00 am
Date: Tuesday, 21 July 2026
Venue: Carterton Event Centre, 50 Holloway Street, Carterton

MEMBERSHIP

Chair David McMahon
Deputy Chair Brian Jephson (SWDC)
Cr Craig Bowyer (MDC)
Cr Jane Burns (CDC)
Rangitāne Representative Amber Craig

Cr Brian Deller (CDC)
Cr Stella Lennox (MDC)
Ngāti Kahungunu Representative Rawiri Smith
Cr Rob Taylor (SWDC)

RECOMMENDATIONS IN REPORTS ARE NOT TO BE CONSTRUED AS COUNCIL POLICY
UNTIL ADOPTED

Values

1. **Public interest:** members will serve the best interests of the people within the Masterton district and discharge their duties conscientiously, to the best of their ability.
2. **Public trust:** members, in order to foster community confidence and trust in their Council, will work together constructively and uphold the values of honesty, integrity, accountability and transparency.
3. **Ethical behaviour:** members will not place themselves in situations where their honesty and integrity may be questioned, will not behave improperly and will avoid the appearance of any such behaviour.
4. **Objectivity:** members will make decisions on merit; including appointments, awarding contracts, and recommending individuals for rewards or benefits.
5. **Respect for others:** will treat people, including other members, with respect and courtesy, regardless of their ethnicity, age, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or disability. Members will respect the impartiality and integrity of Council staff.
6. **Duty to uphold the law:** members will comply with all legislative requirements applying to their role, abide by this Code, and act in accordance with the trust placed in them by the public.
7. **Equitable contribution:** members will take all reasonable steps to ensure they fulfil the duties and responsibilities of office, including attending meetings and workshops, preparing for meetings, attending civic events, and participating in relevant training seminars.
8. **Leadership:** members will actively promote and support these principles and ensure they are reflected in the way in which MDC operates, including a regular review and assessment of MDC's collective performance.

These values complement, and work in conjunction with, the principles of section 14 of the LGA 2002; the governance principles of section 39 of the LGA 2002; and our MDC governance principles:

Whakamana Tangata	Respecting the mandate of each member, and ensuring the integrity of the committee as a whole by acknowledging the principle of collective responsibility and decision-making.
Manaakitanga	Recognising and embracing the mana of others.
Rangatiratanga	Demonstrating effective leadership with integrity, humility, honesty and transparency.
Whanaungatanga	Building and sustaining effective and efficient relationships.
Kotahitanga	Working collectively.

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1 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Members are 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.

2 APOLOGIES

The Chair invites notice from members of apologies, including apologies for lateness and early departure from the meeting.

3 PUBLIC FORUM

4 ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

The Chairperson will give notice of items not on the agenda as follows:

Matters requiring urgent attention as determined by resolution of the Council

- The reason why the item is not on the agenda; and
- The reason why discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.

Minor matters relating to the general business of Council

No resolution, decision or recommendation may be made in respect of the item except to refer it to a subsequent meeting of Masterton District Council for further discussion.

5 REPORTS FOR DECISION

**5.1 MINUTES OF WAIRARAPA COMBINED DISTRICT PLAN JOINT COMMITTEE
 MEETING HELD ON 4 MAY 2026**

File Number:

Author: Ruth McEwen, Governance and Information Advisor

Authoriser: Karen Yates, Group Manager Strategy

PURPOSE

For the Wairarapa Combined District Plan Joint Committee to confirm the minutes of the previous meeting held on 4 May 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Wairarapa Combined District Plan Joint Committee meeting held on 4 May 2026 be received and confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Minutes of Wairarapa Combined District Plan Joint Committee meeting held on 4 May 2026** [!\[\]\(c580b67c7cd5c9e9e19f04ff6d5093e0_img.jpg\)](#)

MINUTES

Wairarapa Combined District Plan Joint Cttee Meeting Monday, 4 May 2026

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**MINUTES OF MASTERTON DISTRICT COUNCIL
WAIRARAPA COMBINED DISTRICT PLAN JOINT CTTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE GREATER WELLINGTON REGIONAL COUNCIL, 34 CHAPEL STREET,
MASTERTON
ON MONDAY, 4 MAY 2026 AT 9:30 AM**

PRESENT: Councillor Craig Bowyer (MDC), Councillor Stella Lennox (MDC), Councillor Brian Deller (CDC), Councillor Jane Burns (CDC), Member Brian Jephson (SWDC representative), and Rangitāne iwi representative Amber Craig.

IN ATTENDANCE: Building and Planning Manager (MDC), Senior Resource Planner (MDC), Planner (CDC), Group Manager Regulatory & Planning (CDC) (via Teams), Hamish Wesney (Boffa Miskell) (via Teams), Rachel Conner (Hazelton Law), Group Manager Planning & Regulatory (SWDC), Manager Planning (SWDC) and Governance Advisor (MDC).

1 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were declared.

2 APOLOGIES

No apologies were received.

3 PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public forum.

4 ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were no items not on the agenda.

5 REPORTS FOR DECISION

5.1 APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT CHAIR AND DEPUTY CHAIR - WAIRARAPA COMBINED DISTRICT PLAN JOINT COMMITTEE

The report presenting the Joint Committee with the recommended Independent Chair and seeking appointment of a Deputy Chair of the Joint Committee for the appeal phase of the Proposed Wairarapa Combined District Plan was spoken to by the Building and Planning Manager from MDC.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2026/1

Moved by Brian Deller
Seconded by Craig Bowyer

That the Joint Committee:

1. Receives the report 'Appointment of Independent Chair and Deputy Chair – Wairarapa Combined District Plan Joint Committee' dated 16 April 2026; and
2. Appoints David McMahon as Independent Chair of the Wairarapa Combined District Plan

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Joint Committee; and

3. Appoints Brian Jephson as Deputy Chair of the Wairarapa Combined District Plan Joint Committee.

CARRIED

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COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2026/2

Moved by Stella Lennox

Seconded by Brian Jephson

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject matter 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 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 for the passing of this resolution
6.1 - Direction on Appeals for Environment Court Mediation and Resolution of Some Appeals	s7(2)(c)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely otherwise to damage the public interest s7(2)(g) - the withholding of the information is necessary to maintain legal professional privilege s7(2)(i) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)	s48(1)(a)(i) - 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 would exist under section 6 or section 7

CARRIED

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The Meeting closed at 12.35pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Wairarapa Combined District Plan Joint Committee held on 21 July 2026.

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DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON

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RECOMMENDATION(S)

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