

**Minutes of the
EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT COUNCIL
held in the Council Chambers and via Teams, 15 Seymour Street, Blenheim
on TUESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2024 commencing at 1.00 pm**

Present

The Mayor N P Taylor (in the Chair), Cllrs S R W Adams, A R Burgess, J D N Croad, D A Dalliessi, B G Dawson, B A Fauls, M R K Flight, G A Hope, R J Innes, B J Minehan, J C Rosene and T P Sowman.

Present via Teams

Cllrs J A Arbuckle and S J Arbuckle.

In Attendance

Messrs J R Boswell (Chief Executive), D G Heiford (Manager Economic, Community & Support Services) and M J Porter (Democratic Services Manager).

Karakia

The meeting opened with a karakia.

Cncl-0924-104 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.

Cllr J A Arbuckle declared an interest in Minute No. Cncl-0924-105.

Cncl-0924-105 Marlborough Māori Ward **D050-004-025-16**

The Mayor welcomed all to the meeting, especially to the standing room only public.

Members noted that the purpose of the report was to provide information for Council to vote to either retain or disestablish the Marlborough Māori Ward in accordance with the Local Government (Electoral Legislation and Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Act 2024.

Staff reported that Council could either vote to retain or disestablish the Marlborough Māori Ward. If Council voted to retain the Marlborough Māori Ward, Council must resolve to hold a binding poll on the Marlborough Māori Ward at the 2025 Local Election. If Council voted to disestablish the Marlborough Māori Ward, Council must undertake a shortened representation review process immediately to meet the required deadline outlined in the Local Government (Electoral Legislation and Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Act 2024.

Each member expressed their view on the matter.

The Mayor/Cllr Burgess:

- 1. That Council resolves to retain the Marlborough Māori Ward for the 2025 Local Elections and therefore the 2025-2028 Council term; and**
- 2. That Council resolves to hold a binding poll on the Marlborough Māori Ward at the 2025 Local Election.**

Carried on a show of hands (following a division call) by 14 to 0 (the Mayor, Cllrs Adams, S J Arbuckle Burgess, Croad, Dalliessi, Dawson, Fauls, Flight, Hope, Innes, Minehan, Rosene and Sowman for, with 0 against).

NB: Cllr Jamie Arbuckle declared an interest in the above and did not discuss nor vote on the issue.

The meeting closed with a karakia at 1.57 pm.

Confirmed this 19th day of September 2024

N P TAYLOR
MAYOR

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