

1. Minutes: Environment Committee

Wednesday, 10 August 2011

Minutes of a meeting of the Environment Committee of the Whangarei District Council held in the Council Chamber Forum North on Wednesday 10 August 2011 at 10.30am

Present:

S J Deeming (Chairperson)

Cr S C B Christie, A J Edwards, S M Glen, P R Halse, J S Jongejans, G M Martin (11.10am), B L McLachlan, S L Morgan, K J Sutherland, M R Williams and J D T Williamson

Apologies:

Cr W L Syers (absent) and Cr G M Martin (late arrival)

Moved: Cr Edwards

Seconded: Cr Williamson

“That the apologies be sustained.”

CARRIED

Absent:

His Worship the Mayor (leave of absence)

In Attendance:

Group Manager Environment (P Dell), Consents Manager (A Hartstone), Policy and Monitoring Manager (P Waanders), Team Leader District Plan (N Williamson), Senior Policy Planner (M McGrath), Customer Services Officer (N Jacob), Councillor Support (J Crocombe) and Senior Meeting Co-ordinator (C Brindle)

1. Confirmation of Minutes of a Meeting of the Environment Committee held on 13 July 2011

Moved: Cr Williams

Seconded Cr Glen

“That the minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee held on 13 July 2011 having been circulated, be taken as read and now confirmed and adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings of that meeting subject to the following amendment to Number 2 of Item 6 – Rural Development Strategy:

“2. *That community consultation to prepare the Rural Development Strategy commences.*”

CARRIED

2. Environment Group Monthly Report – July 2011

Moved: Cr Glen

Seconded: Cr Morgan

“That this report be received.

CARRIED

3. Final Consideration of Plan Change 92 – Built Form and Development

Moved: Cr Deeming
Seconded: Cr Edwards

- “1. That the report be received.
2. That Plan Change 92 be approved in terms of Clause 17 of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991.
3. That the Plan Change be notified in terms of Clause 20 of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991.”

CARRIED

4. Plan Change 93 – Urban Transition Environment – Hearing Commissioners’ Recommendations

Moved: Cr Morgan
Seconded: Cr Edwards

- “1. That the report and attachments be received.
2. That the report and recommendations of the Commissioners be approved in terms of Clause 29 of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991.
3. That the necessary notification of Council’s Decision be given in terms of Clause 11 of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991.”

CARRIED

Councillors Williams and Williamson declared a potential conflict of interest and withdrew from the table taking no part in discussions on Item 4.

5. Update on Coastal Plan Changes 95 and 116

Item 5 was taken in 2 parts.

Moved: Cr Williamson
Seconded: Cr Deeming

- “1. That Council resolves pursuant to Clause 8D of the First Schedule to the Resource Management Act 1991 to **withdraw** Plan Changes 95 and 116 for the following reasons:
- a The Plan Changes were notified prior to the introduction of the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement 2010, which sets out different criteria for identifying the ‘coastal environment’ than was contemplated in the Plan Changes. The District Plan is required to be amended to give effect to the Policy Statement as soon as practicable.
- b The Northland Regional Council is currently preparing a new Regional Policy Statement, which is required to consider where, how and when to provide for future residential, rural residential, settlement, urban development and other activities in the coastal environment at a regional and district level. This will require the ‘coastal environment’ to be identified by the Regional Council.
- c To minimise the potential for conflict between the District Plan, the Regional Policy Statement and the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement, and any confusion between definitions of the ‘Coastal Countryside Environment’ zone and the “coastal environment” as described in the Resource Management Act 1991.”

CARRIED

Moved: Cr Williamson
Seconded: Cr Williams

- "2. That Council commences a review of the Coastal Countryside Environment and rules with a view to notifying a new plan change for the coastal environment, taking into account the provisions of the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement 2010, Sustainable Futures 30/50 and the new RPS presently under development."

CARRIED

Cr Glen left the meeting at 10.54am during discussions on number 2 of Item 5 and rejoined the meeting at 11.00am.

Cr Sutherland left the meeting at 11.00am during discussions on part 2 of Item 5.

6. Plan Change 103 – Management Plan Technique – Hearing Commissioners Recommendation

Moved: Cr Williamson
Seconded: Cr Williams

- "1. That the report and attachments be received.
2. That the report and recommendations of the Commissioners be approved in terms of Clause 29 of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991.
3. That the necessary notification of council's decision be given in terms of Clause 11 of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991."

CARRIED

Cr Sutherland rejoined the meeting at 11.02am during discussions on Item 6.

7. Plan Change 117 Northpower

Moved: Cr Morgan
Seconded: Cr Jongejans

- "1. That the report and attachments be received.
2. That the report and recommendations of the Commissioners be approved in terms of Clause 29(4) of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991.
3. That the necessary notification of council's decision be given in terms of Clause 29(5) of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991."

CARRIED

Cr Martin joined the meeting at 11.10am during discussions on Item 7.

8. National Policy Statement on Freshwater Management

Moved: Cr McLachlan
Seconded: Cr Williams

"That the report be received."

CARRIED

The meeting closed at 11.20am

Confirmed this 14th day of September 2011

S J Deeming (Chairperson)