

1. Minutes: Environment Committee Wednesday, 13 July 2011

Minutes of a meeting of the Environment Committee of the Whangarei District Council held in the Council Chamber Forum North on Wednesday 13 July 2011 at 10.30am

Present:

S J Deeming (Chairperson)

Crs C B Christie, A J Edwards, S M Glen, P R Halse, G M Martin, S L Morgan, W L Syers, K J Sutherland, M R Williams and J D T Williamson

Apologies:

Crs J S Jongejans and B L McLachlan

Moved: Cr Edwards

Seconded: Cr Martin

“That the apologies be sustained.”

CARRIED

Absent:

His Worship the Mayor (leave of absence)

In Attendance:

Chief Executive Officer (M P Simpson), Chief Operating Officer (J Thompson), Group Manager Environment (P Dell), Consents Manager (A Hartstone), Policy and Monitoring Manager (P Waanders), Building Compliance Manager (B Rogers), Team Leader District Plan (N Williamson), Team Leader Building Inspections (K Crocombe), Executive Assistant (K von Keisenberg), Councillor Support (J Crocombe) and Senior Meeting Co-ordinator (C Brindle)

The Chairperson advised that Item 5 – Plan Change 117 Northpower was withdrawn from the agenda.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of a Meeting of the Environment Committee held on 8 June 2011

Moved: Cr Williams

Seconded: Cr Williamson

“That the minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee held on 8 June 2011 having been circulated, be taken as read and now confirmed and adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings of that meeting.”

CARRIED

2. Environment Group Monthly Report – June 2011

Moved: Cr Williamson

Seconded: Cr Edwards

“That this report be received.”

CARRIED

Cr Williamson left the meeting at 10.45am during Item 2.

3. Approval of Plan Change 76 Environmental Engineering Standards

Moved: Cr Edwards

Seconded: Cr Williams

- “1. That this report be received.
2. That no hearings be conducted for Plan Change 76 in terms of the provisions of Clause 8C of the First Schedule to the Resource Management Act 1991.
3. That submission 3, Reyburn and Bryant Limited be accepted and Plan Change 76 shall be amended to read;

8.4.12 Services and Infrastructure

To ensure that all subdivision and development is capable of being provided, by the subdivider or developer, with adequate services and infrastructure having regard to the Whangarei District Council's Environmental Engineering Standards 2010 (except where the subdivision or development is for specific protection purposes), including:

- Vehicle access, including emergency service vehicle access;
- Water supply, (including for fire fighting purposes), storm water and sewage disposal;
- Energy and telecommunication connections;
- Useable open space in urban areas;
- During the design and construction of the subdivision, measures to reduce storm water run off.

Explanation and Reasons: Subdivision provides an opportunity to provide the necessary services to the allotments, efficiently and in a manner that minimises adverse effects on the environment. Generally, it is the expectation of the purchaser that the effects of the anticipated activity will have been taken into account before the new title was allowed to be created. In situations where no public services are available, it must be demonstrated that the sites are suitable for on-site servicing. Where reticulated services are unavailable, further development in some areas may not be feasible. (Financial contributions are covered in Chapter 9).

8.4.24 Environmental Engineering Standards

To ensure that all infrastructure; servicing and engineering design has regard to Whangarei District Council's Environmental Engineering Standards 2010.

4. That submission 2, New Zealand Transport Agency be accepted and Plan Change 76 shall be amended to read:

47.2.4 Engineering Standards

<p>An activity is a permitted activity if:</p> <p>a) It complies with all the relevant standards set out in Whangarei District Council's Environmental Engineering Standards 2010.</p> <p>Note: Written approval from the NZ Transport Agency will be requested for any proposal in the vicinity of the State highway network should Council consider that the State highway is potentially adversely affected.</p>	<p>Any activity that does not comply with a condition for a permitted activity is a restricted discretionary activity:</p> <p><i>Discretion is restricted to those matters that do not comply with the Whangarei District Council's Environmental Engineering Standards 2010.</i></p>
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That Council approves Plan Change 76 in terms of Clause 10 of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991.”

CARRIED

4. Plan Change 83 – Northgate: Port Marsden Industrial Area – Hearing Commissioners’ Recommendations

Moved: Cr Williams

Seconded: Cr Halse

- “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 Edwards declared a potential pecuniary interest and left the room at 10.53am, taking no part in discussions or voting on this item. Cr Edwards rejoined the meeting at 10.59am.

5. Plan Change 117 Northpower

Item 5 was withdrawn from the agenda.

6. Rural Development Strategy – Community Consultation

Moved: Cr Halse

Seconded: Cr Morgan

- “1. That the report and attachments be received.
2. That community consultation be prepare the Rural Development Strategy commences.”

CARRIED

7. Review of Council Policy on Dangerous, Insanitary and Earthquake Prone Buildings

Moved: Cr Edwards

Seconded: Cr Williams

- “1. That this policy review is received.
2. That having considered the draft policy and any changes, council adopts the draft policy for consideration for public consultation pursuant to section 83 of the Local Government Act.”

CARRIED

The meeting closed at 11.20am

Confirmed this 10th day of August 2011

S J Deeming (Chairperson)