

3. Minutes: Extra-ordinary Whangarei District Council Wednesday 2 June 2011

Minutes of an Extra-ordinary Whangarei District Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Forum North on Thursday 2 June 2011 at 9.00am

Present:

Cr P R Halse (Chairperson)

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

Absent:

His Worship the Mayor M C A Cutforth (leave of absence)

In Attendance:

Chief Executive Officer (M P Simpson), Chief Operating Officer (J Thompson), Group Manager Support Services (A Adcock), Group Manager Environment (P Dell), Group Manager Infrastructure and Services (S Weston), Democracy and Legal Services Manager (J Singh), Revenue Manager (H McKenzie), Organisational Development Manager (S Gavin), Communications Manager (P Rose), Senior Specialist – Rates (B Harris), Strategic Planning Co-ordinator (S Munday), Executive Assistant (K von Keisenberg), Councillor Support (J Crocombe) and Senior Meeting Co-ordinator (C Brindle)

1. Draft 2011-2012 Annual Plan Deliberations

1. Community Services

Unicef Child Friendly City

Moved: Cr Deeming

Seconded: Cr Williamson

“That Council considers this issue and the associated budgeting requirements during the development of the draft 2012-2022 Long Term Plan (LTP).”

CARRIED

*Museums and Art Centre
Travel Fund
Sports Advisor
Funding for fitness professionals
Resilient Communities
Curtain recycling
Children’s involvement in Sport
Northland Youth Development Trust (NYDT)
Whangarei Youth Forum
Youth Centre
Total Mobility Scheme.*

Moved: Cr Edwards

Seconded: Cr Deeming

“That Council notes the submissions on the issues as listed above and that no change be made to the 2011-2012 Annual Plan.”

CARRIED

2. Economic Development

Sense of Place/Town Basin/CBD revitalisation (Support)
Sense of Place/Town Basin/CBD revitalisation (Opposed)
Support of Hundertwasser concept
Opposition to Hundertwasser Concept and/or request for further consultation
Forum North Performing Arts Centre

Moved: Cr Morgan
Seconded: Cr Edwards

“That Council considers these issues and the associated budgeting requirements during the development of the draft 2012-2022 Long Term Plan(LTP).”

CARRIED

Tourism
City Entrance
Rugby World Cup
CBD Targeted Rate

Moved: Cr Deeming
Seconded: Cr Edwards

“That Council notes the submissions and that no change be made to the Annual Plan.”

CARRIED

3. Governance Issues

Spending and Debt Level concerns

Moved: Cr Martin
Seconded: Cr Syers

“That Council considers this issue and the associated budgeting requirements during the development of the draft 2012-2022 Long Term Plan (LTP).”

CARRIED

Second Harbour Crossing
Governance Issues
Shared Services
Significance Test
Engagement
Consultation
Council Functions
Maintenance Schedules
Consultation
Annual Plan
Mileage Costs
Rationalisation
CBD Issues
Ngunguru Sandspit
Treaty Issues
Council-owned land

Moved: Cr Williams
Seconded: Cr Jongejans

“That Council notes the submissions and that no change be made to the 2011-2012 Annual Plan.”

CARRIED

4. Parks and Recreation

Ding Bay Access Track

Moved: Cr Deeming
Seconded: Cr Edwards

"That provision is made within the 2011-12 operating budgets to undertake this work, which has an estimated cost of \$36,000."

CARRIED

Onerahi shoreline protection and Beach Road issues
One Tree Point coastal protection and boat ramp
Ngunguru seawall

Moved: Cr Martin
Seconded: Cr Jongejans

"That an additional priority allocation of \$500,000 is made to undertake urgent repairs to seawalls in Ngunguru, Onerahi and One Tree Point (including protection of the boat ramp), with any further funding needs considered as part of the 2012-22 LTP."

CARRIED

Tutukaka boat ramp

Moved: Cr Jongejans
Seconded: Cr Martin

"That \$150,000 is allocated in the 2011-2012 Annual Plan to upgrade the boat ramp, with the cost and location of options for additional parking identified for future action."

CARRIED

Hockey

Moved: Cr Sutherland
Seconded: Cr Deeming

"That Council supports the development of a third hockey turf in principle, with the Sports Code Strategy completed before any firm commitments are made. Funding of \$1 Million is to be allocated in the draft 2012-22 Long Term Plan for future consultation."

CARRIED

Cr Christie declared a potential conflict of interest and withdrew from discussions and voting during discussions on Hockey.

Northland Athletics and Gymnastics

The Deputy Mayor declared a potential conflict of interest and vacated the chair taking no part in discussions or voting on this topic.

The Chief Executive Officer, in accordance with NZ Standing Order 2.3.2 advised

"That If the chairperson is absent the deputy chairperson must preside at the meeting and if the deputy chairperson is absent the members of the committee must elect 1 of their number to preside at the meeting."

The Chief Executive called for nominations for a chairperson for the Northland Athletics and Gymnastics topic."

Moved: Cr Deeming

Seconded: Cr Morgan

“That Councillor Syers chair the meeting for the Northland Athletics and Gymnastics topic.”

CARRIED

Moved: Cr Williams
Seconded: Cr Deeming

- “1. That confirmation is sought from Northland Athletics and Gymnastics that they have secured their full share of funding before any Council funds are released or construction commences.
2. Northland Athletics and Gymnastics are to be advised that they are to fund the initial construction from their own funding sources, so that all Council expenditure is deferred to the 2012-13 year if possible.
3. That if Northland Athletics and Gymnastics have exhausted their funding and Council funding, as previously budgeted in the 2009-2019 LTCCP, is also required in the 2011/12 financial year, it is sourced through additional debt funding or the deferral of other capital works, with a final decision made at a meeting of the full Council at that time.”

CARRIED

Cr Halse resumed the chair after the Northland Athletics and Gymnastics topic.

*Marist Sports Club
Regional Coastal Park
Onerahi Skateboard Ramps
Budget for Structures
District Parks
Signage
Stevens Point Reserve
Interpretation
Whangarei Falls
Ruakaka River Mangrove Management Scheme
Hatea River Walkway entrance
Pest Plants'
Parks and Open Spaces benefits
Signage
Blue Goose
Support for Department of Conservation*

Moved: Cr Morgan
Seconded: Cr Syers

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CARRIED

5. Planning, Regulatory and Environmental Services

Support for GE/GMO issues and requests for funding to allow for more stringent rules in the District Plan

Moved: Cr Williams
Seconded: Cr Edwards

“That council considers this issue and the associated budgeting requirements during the development of the draft 2012-22 Long Term Plan.”

CARRIED

Solar Hot Water

*Sustainable Development
Environmental Education
Natural Disaster Impacts
Heritage and Archaeological Issues
Trees (height on road reserves)
Trees (Native Tree Policy)
Biodiversity
Heritage Building protection
Rezoning
Plan Changes
Growth Strategy
Heritage and Archaeological Issues
Department of Conservation Issues
Dog Registration
Whanau Ora Health Impact Assessment
Unconsented development work
Vehicle free zones
Dog exclusion zones
Consultants*

Moved: Cr Sutherland
Seconded: Cr Morgan

“That Council notes the submissions on the issues as listed above and that no change be made to the 2011-2012 Annual Plan.”

CARRIED

6. Revenue

Rates Structure - opposition

Moved: Cr Deeming
Seconded: Cr Glen

- “1. That Council complete a further rating review during the 2012 2022 Long Term Plan process, including a review of Activity Funding across sectors.
2. That the system for determining general rates should revert to the status quo until such a review has been completed ie Differentials of 1 (Residential), 0.8 (Rural) and 5 (Commercial).
3. That the Coastal Amenities and Recreation Facilities targeted rates are absorbed into the Uniform Annual General Charge as proposed in the Draft Annual Plan.”

Amendment

Moved: Cr Syers
Seconded: Cr Jongejans

“That the staff recommendation be amended to state “That the structure and detail concerning the lock down rating method in the draft annual plan (refer page 23) be adopted.”

On the amendment being put Cr Martin called for a division:

*For the amendment:
Crs Williamson, Jongejans, Morgan and Syers (4)*

*Against the amendment:
Crs Halse, Edwards, Deeming, Williams, McLachlan, Martin, Glen, Christie and Sutherland (9)*

*Absent:
His Worship the Mayor*

The amendment was LOST

On the motion being put Cr Halse called for a division:

*For the motion:
Crs Halse, Edwards, Deeming, Williams, McLachlan, Martin, Glen, Christie and Sutherland (9)*

*Against the motion:
Crs Williamson, Jongejans, Morgan and Syers (4)*

*Absent:
His Worship the Mayor M C A Cutforth*

The motion was CARRIED

Revenue gathering

**Moved: Cr McLachlan
Seconded: Cr Deeming**

"That council notes the submission and that no change be made to the Annual Plan."

CARRIED

7. Support Services

Council Office at Tutukaka

**Moved: Cr Jongejans
Seconded: Cr Martin**

"That Council considers this issue and the associated budgeting requirements during the development of the implementation of Sustainable Futures 30/50."

CARRIED

*Ruakaka Library
Internal mail service
Ruakaka Service Centre
Civil Defence Issues*

**Moved: Cr Deeming
Seconded: Cr Glen**

"That council notes the submissions on the issues listed above and that no change be made to the Annual Plan."

CARRIED

8. Transportation

*Walking and Cycling
Waipu to Waipu Cove Cycle and Walkway*

**Moved: Cr Edwards
Seconded: Cr Williams**

"That \$5,000 of existing funding allocated in the 2011-12 budgets be utilised for a full review of the Walking and Cycling Strategy to allow for the prioritisation of one or more projects to proceed in the 2011-12 year that are clearly aligned to the strategy's sought outcomes. A total of \$150,00 has been

allocated for physical works after priorities have been assessed, which will include existing routes such as Onerahi and other routes in the district, as well as the proposed Waipu to Waipu Cove walking and cycleway.”

CARRIED

Unsealed roads in Waipu area
District sealed roads
Raumanga bus shelters

Moved: Cr Martin
Seconded: Cr Edwards

“That Council considers these issues and the associated budgeting requirements during the development of the draft 2012-2022 Long Term Plan.”

CARRIED

Rail
Bus services
Bus depot
Mander Park
CBD Parking
Roading projects
Bus service
District Roads
Traffic congestion
Mimiwhangata Road
Car-pooling
Peak oil
Funding
Tutukaka Reserve Signage
Rust Avenue bridge replacement
Roadside pest plant programme
Ngunguru 50km/h speedzone extension
Road safety at Parua Bay Tavern

Onerahi roundabout, parking and congestion
Parua Bay Village
Footpaths

Moved: Cr Syers
Seconded: Cr Jongejans

“That council notes the submissions on the issues listed above and that no change be made to the Annual Plan.”

CARRIED

9. Waste and Drainage

Regional collaboration on desludging equipment

Moved: Cr McLachlan
Seconded: Cr Jongejans

“That staff raise this issue with the Regional Wastewater Accord Group and report back to Council on the issue.”

CARRIED

Stormwater issues at Limeburners Creek

Moved: Cr Christie
Seconded: Cr McLachlan

“That Council directs staff to undertake a feasibility study at a cost of \$40,000 with the funds to be allocated from the existing Stormwater ‘Pump Upgrades’ capital budget, with the remainder allocated to the Hikurangi Swamp Scheme.”

CARRIED

Stormwater prioritisation

Moved: Cr McLachlan
Seconded: Cr Glen

“That Council considers this issue and the associated budgeting requirements during the development of the draft 2012-22 Long Term Plan.”

CARRIED

Rubbish Collection

Environmental Education (expansion WDC programme)

Environmental Education (Community and schools)

Biofuel

E-cycle

E-cycle

Commercial Premises Recycling

Catchment Management Plans

Stormwater pumps

Mandatory minimum permeable surface

Low Impact Urban Design Development

Tutukaka Marina

Public Toilets

Ruakaka Treatment Plant

Wastewater solutions

Regional approach

Targets

Maintenance at Ngunguru and Tutukaka

Ruakaka South Wastewater Scheme funding

Biofuel

Moved: Cr Syers
Seconded: Cr Jongejans

“That council notes the submissions on the issues listed above and that no change be made to the Annual Plan.”

CARRIED

10. Water

Upgrades to water mains

Moved: Cr Martin
Seconded: Cr Glen

“That Council considers this issue and the associated budgeting requirements during the development of the draft 2012-2022 Long Term Plan.”

CARRIED

*Water Source
Drinking Water Assistance Programme
Ngunguru River
Drought targets*

**Moved: Cr McLachlan
Seconded: Cr Syers**

"That council notes the submissions on the issues listed above and that no change be made to the Annual Plan."

CARRIED

Draft 2011-2012 Annual Plan

**Moved: Cr Halse
Seconded: Cr Martin**

- "1. That the information be received.
2. That having deliberated on the topics in the Deliberations Report, Council's recommendations as adopted at today's meeting, be incorporated into the 2011-2012 Annual Plan.
3. That the rates for the 2011-2012 year are increased by 4.5% in line with Council's position on keeping rates in line with inflation.
4. That the Chief Executive Officer directs staff to review operating and capital budgets based on the resolutions adopted today and that these changes are incorporated into the final Annual Plan for the adoption meeting."

Amendment

**Moved: Cr Christie
Seconded: Cr Sutherland**

"That the rates for the 2011-2012 year are increased by 4% in line with Council's position on keeping rates in line with inflation."

The amendment was LOST

On the motion being put Cr Deeming called for a division:

For the motion:

Crs Halse, Edwards, Deeming, Williams, Williamson, McLachlan, Martin, Glen, Jongejans, Morgan and Syers (11)

Against the motion:

Crs Christie and Sutherland (2)

Absent:

His Worship the Mayor M C A Cutforth

CARRIED

2. Draft 2011 Amendment to the 2009-2019 Long Term Council Community Plan Deliberations

**Moved: Cr McLachlan
Seconded: Cr Williamson**

- “1. That the information be received.
2. That Council adopts the 2011 Draft Amendment to the Long Term Council Community Plan.”

CARRIED

3. Mayoral Remuneration during leave of absence

The Deputy Mayor declared a potential conflict of interest, vacated the chair and left the meeting taking no part in discussions or voting on this item.

The Chief Executive Officer, in accordance with NZ Standing Order 2.3.2 advised

“That If the chairperson is absent the deputy chairperson must preside at the meeting and if the deputy chairperson is absent the members of the committee must elect 1 of their number to preside at the meeting.”

The Chief Executive called for nominations for a chairperson for this item.

Nominations for Cr Morgan and Syers were put forward. The Chief Executive called for a show of hands for each nominee, Cr Morgan was subsequently appointed to chair the meeting for Item 3.

Moved: Cr Glen
Seconded: Cr Williams

- “1. That Council recommends to the Remuneration Authority that during the period 18 May 2011 to 31 August 2011 for which Council has granted His Worship the Mayor leave of absence, 40% or \$47,520 of the gross Mayoral Remuneration on an annualised basis, be allocated to the Deputy Mayor taking his total gross remuneration to \$98,954 per annum for this period and the Mayor receive a residual gross remuneration of \$71,280 per annum for this period; and
2. That the Mayoral Vehicle be stored securely on Council premises during the Mayor’s leave of absence and to be available for the Mayor to use on his return.”

On the motion being put Cr Morgan called for a division:

For the motion:

Crs Edwards, Deeming, Williams, Williamson, McLachlan, Martin, Glen, Jongejans, Christie, Sutherland, Morgan and Syers (12)

Absent:

His Worship the Mayor M C A Cutforth and Cr Halse (2)

CARRIED
Unanimous

Cr Halse vacated the chair and left the meeting at 10.51am.

The meeting closed at 10.55am

Confirmed this 22nd day of June 2011

P R Halse (Chairperson)