

2. Minutes: Whangarei District Council Wednesday, 27 April 2011

Minutes of a meeting of the Whangarei District Council held in the Council Chamber, Forum North on Wednesday 27 April at 10.00 am

Present:

Deputy Mayor 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

Apology:

His Worship the Mayor M C A Cutforth

Moved: Cr Halse

Seconded: Cr Morgan

“That the apology be sustained.”

CARRIED

Also Present:

Area Commander P Dimery (New Zealand Police)
J Davidson, J Griggs, E Scrivener, K Pram and E Cribb
J Harris, R Macey, V Cocurullo and L Andrews
R Smart (New Zealand Hundertwasser Foundation)

In Attendance:

Chief Executive Officer (M P Simpson), Group Manager Environment (P Dell), Group Manager Support Services (A Adcock), Financial Controller (M Taylor), Communications Manager (P Rose), Property and Community Services Manager (M Hibbert), Economic Development Manager (P Gleeson), Parks and Recreation Manager (P McDonald), Roading Manager (J Devine), Senior Community Services Advisor (O Thomas), Community Safety Officer (D Palmer), Executive Assistants (F Watson, K von Keisenberg and J Walters), Councillor Support (J Crocombe), Meeting Co-ordinator (D Taylor) and Senior Meeting Co-ordinator (C Brindle)

1. Public Forum

Jane Davidson – Propose WDC introduce a Tree Protection Policy
Jeff Griggs, S Scrivener and K Pram – Introduction of the Whangarei Youth forum to Councillors
Emma Cribb – Roading Tikipunga.

2. Confirmation of Minutes of a Meeting of the Whangarei District Council held on 23 March 2011

Moved: Cr Deeming

Seconded: Cr Williams

“That the minutes of the meeting of the Whangarei District Council held on Wednesday 23 March 2011 including the confidential section, having been circulated, be taken as read and now confirmed and adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings of that meeting.”

CARRIED

3. Confirmation of Minutes of the Creative Communities Assessment Committee meeting held on 22 March 2011

Moved: Cr Morgan
Seconded: Cr Jongejans

"That the minutes of the Creative Communities Assessment Committee meeting held on Tuesday 22 March 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

4. Confirmation of Minutes of the 20/20 Inner City Development (City Centre/Urban Design) Subcommittee meeting held on 14 April 2011

Moved: Cr Williams
Seconded: Cr Edwards

"That the minutes of the 20/20 Inner City Development (City Centre/Urban Design) Subcommittee meeting held on Thursday 14 April 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

5. Police Report

Inspector P Dimery provided a verbal report and answered questions from Councillors.

Moved: Cr Martin
Seconded: Cr Glen

"That the information be received."

CARRIED

6. Contract 10013 – Lower Hatea Crossing – Design and Construction - Tender Recommendation

Moved: Cr Martin
Seconded: Cr Morgan

1. That the contract value for Lower Harbour Crossing – Design and Construction (CON10013) be awarded to the Transfield Services/McConnell Dowell Joint Venture for the tender sum of \$200,000.00 (Two Hundred Thousand Dollars) excluding GST.
2. That a Lower Harbour Crossing Working Group be established to guide the project and make key decisions during the projects development.
3. That the Lower Hatea River Crossing Working Group shall consist of the following members: Councillors P R Halse, J S Jongejans, G M Martin, M R Williams and the, Chief Executive Officer, Group Manager Environment and Group Manager Infrastructure and Services."

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

For the motion:

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

Against the motion:
Cr Edwards

Absent:
His Worship the Mayor

CARRIED

7. Future or rail in Northland

Moved: Cr Edwards
Seconded: Cr McLachlan

- "1. That the Whangarei District Council indicates its support for the continuation of rail operations in Northland including the construction of the Marsden Point link, and request the Northland Regional Council Land Transport Committee work actively with local industry and operators to ensure the economic viability of rail in Northland.
2. That Council, should the decision be made to cease rail services in Northland, support a mothballing period for the Northland line to give breathing space for the potential emergence of economic factors which may determine the future viability of the line, and while issues such as port rationalisation are considered further."

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

For the motion:
Crs Halse, Edwards, Deeming, Williams, Williamson, McLachlan, Martin, Glen, Jongejans, Christie, Sutherland, Morgan and Syers (13)

Absent:
His Worship the Mayor

CARRIED

8. Hundertwasser Art Centre Whangarei

Mr R Smart addressed council on this item.

Moved: Cr Sutherland
Seconded: Cr Syers

- "1. That Council confirms a preference for developing the Hundertwasser concept at the former Northland Harbour Board building at the Town Basin as part of the overall vision for the District contained in the 30/50 Sustainable Futures Growth Strategy.
2. That Council begins a Special Consultative Process, including a range of funding options, on the Hundertwasser proposal as part of the Growth Strategy shaping the future development of the District. This will be a greenfields funding review and may include ratepayer funding involvement.
3. That the Special Consultative Process begins with a presentation by staff on the 30/50 Sustainable Growth Strategy at a series of public meetings.
4. That Council staff report to the May meeting of Council on a timeline for the Special Consultative Process and for the Hundertwasser Art Centre proposal, should it proceed.
5. That Council has an official public opening and a blessing for the Hundertwasser model on 26 May 2011."

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

For the motion:

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

Against the motion:

Cr Edwards

Absent:

His Worship the Mayor

CARRIED

9. Elected Member Remuneration

Moved: Cr Halse

Seconded: Cr Syers

"That Council accept the recommendation of the Remuneration Authority and that elected member remuneration levels for the period from July 2011 to June 2012 are set at:

His Worship the Mayor	\$118,800
Deputy Mayor	\$ 51,434
Committee Chairs (3)	\$ 51,434
Councillors	\$ 41,147."

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

For the motion:

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

Against the motion:

Cr Sutherland

Abstained:

Cr Christie

Absent:

His Worship the Mayor

CARRIED

Further motion

Moved: Cr Deeming

Seconded: Cr Jongejans

"That Council request the Chief Executive Officer to investigate a method of reimbursing Councillors sitting as hearing commissioners for Council initiated plan change hearings."

CARRIED

A break of 5 minutes was taken at 12.08pm following Item 9.

Exclusion of public

Moved: Cr Deeming
Seconded CrEdwards

“That J Harris, R Macey, V Cocurullo and L Andrews be permitted to remain at this meeting, after the public has been excluded, because of their knowledge of Item C.4 Services Contract. This knowledge, which will be of assistance in relation to the matter to be discussed, is relevant to that matter because of their background knowledge.”

CARRIED

Moved: Cr Martin
Seconded: Cr Williamson

“That the public be excluded from the following part(s) of proceedings of this meeting namely:

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| Item C.1 | Minutes of the Confidential Meeting of the Whangarei District Council held on 23 March 2011 |
| Item C.2 | Property Transaction |
| Item C.3 | Property Transaction |
| Reason: | To enable the council to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations |
| Grounds: | Section 7(2)(i) |
| Item C.4 | Services Contract |
| Reason: | To enable the Council (the Committee) to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage commercial activities |
| Grounds: | Section 7(2)(h).” |

CARRIED

The meeting closed at 1.00pm

Confirmed this 25th day of May 2011

P R Halse (Chairperson)