

4. Minutes: Extra-ordinary Whangarei District Council Thursday 12 July 2012

Minutes of an Extra-ordinary Whangarei District Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Forum North on Thursday 12 July 2012 at 9.00am

Present:

His Worship the Mayor M C A Cutforth (Chairperson)

Crs C B Christie, S J Deeming, S M Glen, P R Halse, G M Martin, B L McLachlan, S L Morgan, W L Syers and M R Williams

Apologies:

Crs A J Edwards, J S Jongejans, K J Sutherland and J D T Williamson

Moved: Cr Martin

Seconded: Cr Morgan

“That the apologies be sustained.”

CARRIED

In Attendance:

Chief Executive Officer (M P Simpson), Group Manager Support Services (A Adcock), Democracy Manager (D Kula), Legal Counsel (K Candy), Councillor Support (J Crocombe) and Senior Meeting Co-ordinator (C Brindle)

1. 2012 Representation Arrangements Review

Moved: Cr Halse

Seconded: Cr Morgan

“It is recommended that, in accordance with sections 19H and 19J of the Local Electoral Act 2001 for the 2012 Whangarei District Council representation arrangements review, the Council proposes that:

- a) The Whangarei District Council comprises 13 councillors, plus the Mayor;
- b) The Whangarei District Council retain the current 6 wards, being Mangakahia-Maungatapere, Hikurangi-Coastal, Whangarei Heads, Denby, Okara and Bream Bay;
- c) That the boundaries of each ward be slightly amended as follows. The maps detailing these boundary adjustments are attached:
 - I Increase the Denby Ward and reduce the Whangarei Heads Ward by including areas around Boundary Road into Denby;
 - ii Increase the Mangakahia-Maungatapere Ward and decrease Bream Bay Ward by including areas around Austin Road into the Mangakahia-Maungatapere Ward;
 - iii Increase the Denby Ward and reduce the Mangakahia-Maungatapere Ward by including areas around Whau Valley Road area into Denby Ward;
 - iv Increase the Mangakahia-Maungatapere Ward and decrease the Hikurangi-Coastal Ward by including areas around Three Mile Bush Road into the Mangakahia-Maungatapere Ward;
 - v Increase the Bream Bay Ward and decrease the Mangakahia-Maungatapere Ward by including the areas around Codlin Road into the Bream Bay Ward;

- vi Increase the Okara Ward and decrease the Bream Bay Ward by including the areas around Tauroa Street into the Okara ward;
 - vii Increase the Okara Ward and decrease the Denby Ward by including the areas around Kensington Ave into the Okara Ward;
 - viii Increase the Hikurangi-Coastal ward and decrease the Denby ward by including the areas around Dip Road into the Hikurangi-Coastal ward.
- d) No community boards be established;
 - e) The reasons for the changes to the boundaries of the wards is to better reflect communities of interest and also to comply with section 19V of the Local Electoral Act 2001, where the population of each ward, when divided by the number of councillors to be elected by that ward, must be no more than 10% greater or smaller than the population of the district divided by the total number of councillors;
 - f) The above initial representation arrangements proposal be submitted for formal public consultation, including inviting submissions.”

CARRIED

Cr Halse requested the following statement be recorded in the minutes – “That it be noted that during the recent Long Term Plan public consultation process Council received no requests from the public for changes to Ward boundaries.”

The meeting closed at 9.11am

Confirmed this 25th day of July 2012

M C A Cutforth (Chairperson)