

4. Minutes: Extra-ordinary Whangarei District Council Wednesday 13 June 2012

Minutes of an Extra-ordinary Whangarei District Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Forum North on Wednesday 13 June 2012 at 1.00pm

Present:

His Worship the Mayor M C A Cutforth (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:

Cr P R Halse

Moved: Cr Martin

Seconded: Cr Glen

“That the apology be sustained.”

CARRIED

In Attendance:

Chief Executive Officer (M P Simpson), Group Manager Positive Growth (J Thompson), Group Manager Support Services (A Adcock), Councillor Support (J Crocombe) and Senior Meeting Co-ordinator (C Brindle)

1. Rates Remission and Postponement Policies

Policy 12/102 – Remission of some general rates and uniform annual general charges and targeted rates on rating units which are in common ownership but do not meet the criteria of a contiguous property

Moved: Cr Edwards

Seconded: Cr Syers

“That no changes are made to the draft policy.”

CARRIED

Policy 09/309 – Remission of Rates for Community, Sports and Other Organisations

Moved: Cr Deeming

Seconded: Cr Morgan

“That no changes are made to the draft policy.”

CARRIED

Policy 09/611- Remission of Rates on Unoccupied Maori Freehold Land

Moved: Cr Williams

Seconded: Cr Williamson

“That no changes are made to the draft policy.”

CARRIED

Policy 12/412 – Postponement and Remission on Specific Farmland Properties

Moved: Cr Williams
Seconded: Cr Edwards

“That clauses 4 and 5 of the conditions and criteria of Policy 12/412 – Postponement and Remission on Specific Farmland Properties be amended to:

- “4 *The farming operation should provide a significant source of revenue for the owner of the land who should be the actual operator of the farm, and*
- 5 *The area of the land that is the subject of the application is not less than 30 hectares. Discretion will be allowed to extend the relief to owner-operators of smaller intensive farming operations where there is clear evidence that it is an economic unit in its own right.”*

And the following two additional clauses be included in the conditions and criteria section of the policy:

- “7 *The Financial Services Manager and the Group Manager – Support Services have delegated authority to grant or refuse remissions under this policy.*
- 8 *Any appeals against the decision of the Group Manager – Support Services will be referred to the Finance and Support Committee for final determination.”*

CARRIED

Cr Williamson left the meeting at 1.29pm during discussions on Policy 12/412.

Moved: Cr McLachlan
Seconded: Cr Morgan

- “1. That the information be received.
2. That after deliberating, the recommendations after any amendments and where appropriate be incorporated into the Rates Postponement and Remissions Policies.
3. That Council adopts the Rates and Remissions Policies (including any amendments) to take effect from 1 July 2012.”

CARRIED

The meeting closed at 1.38pm

Confirmed this 27th day of June 2012

M C A Cutforth (Chairperson)