

3. Minutes: Extra-ordinary Whangarei District Council Tuesday 29 May 2012

Minutes of an Extra-ordinary Whangarei District Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Forum North on Tuesday 29 May 2012 at 9.30am

Present:

His Worship the Mayor M C A Cutforth (Chairperson)

Crs C B Christie, S J Deeming, A J Edwards, S M Glen, P R Halse, 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

In Attendance:

Chief Executive Officer (M P Simpson), Group Manager Positive Growth (J Thompson), Group Manager Support Services (A Adcock), Group Manager District Living (P Dell), Group Manager Infrastructure and Services (S Weston), Governance Manager (D Kula), Finance Manager (D Muckle), Media Relations Adviser (A Midson), Plans and Treasury Accountant (S Goddard), LTP Co-ordinator (S Munday), Casual Communications Advisor (S Halliwell), Personal Assistant (J Walters), Councillor Support (J Crocombe) and Senior Meeting Co-ordinator (C Brindle)

1. 2012-2022 Draft Long Term Plan (LTP) Deliberations

Traffic Congestion

Moved: Cr McLachlan

Seconded: Cr Morgan

- “1. That council includes \$700,000 (adjusted for inflation) in Year 1 of the LTP to meet its share of the intersection improvement funding.
2. That this project (the share if intersection improvement funding) be included on the Development Contribution schedule.”

CARRIED

Cr Edwards declared a conflict of interest and left the room at 9.34am taking no part in discussions or voting on this matter. Cr Edwards rejoined the meeting at 9.35am after this item.

Economic Growth

Moved: Cr Jongejans

Seconded: Cr Morgan

- “1. That Council notes the submissions and that no change be made to the 2012-2022 Long Term Plan.
2. That Council continues to focus efforts on Economic Growth and allocates appropriate resources to support positive GDP growth in the Whangarei District.”

CARRIED

Sense of Place

Moved: Cr Williams

Seconded: Cr Deeming

“That additional funding of \$100,000 per annum (adjusted for inflation) is allocated in the Long Term Plan for community projects that support their Sense of Place.”

CARRIED

Hundertwasser Art Centre

Moved: Cr Syers

Seconded: His Worship the Mayor

- “1. That Council confirm the budget allocated in the draft Long Term Plan for this project.
2. That Council proceed with this project, to a consent stage including all necessary design drawings.
3. That Council formally apply to outside external sources for Grant funding to complete the financial budget required to complete this project.
4. That Council formalise all necessary arrangements with the Hundertwasser Foundation, including, agreement to proceed with the construction, details of rotated displayed art works, insurance of art works and agreement of any artistic copyright.
5. That the Chief Executive Officer present to full council in a timely manner, a full report on all those issues raised in points 1 to 4 above, and any other matters that require council’s attention.”

Amendment

Moved: Cr Martin

Seconded: Cr Deeming

- “1.. That Council formalise all necessary arrangements with the Hundertwasser Foundation, including, agreement to proceed with the construction subject to details of rotated displayed art works, insurance of art works and agreement of any artistic copyright meeting council approval.
2. That the Chief Executive Officer present to full council in a timely manner, a full report on all those issues raised and any other matters that require council’s attention before the project begins.
3. That all staff time and costings be identified in the monthly financial accounts.”

Cr Williams gave notice that if the amendment was lost he would move a further amendment.

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

For the amendment:

Cr Martin (1)

Against the amendment:

Crs Halse, Edwards, Deeming, Williams, Williamson, McLachlan, Glen, Jongejans, Christie, Sutherland, Morgan, Syers and His Worship the Mayor (13)

The amendment was LOST

Amendment

Moved: Cr Williams

Seconded: Cr McLachlan

1. That Council confirm the budget allocated in the draft Long Term Plan for this project.
2. That Council formally applies to outside external sources for grant funding to complete the financial budget required to complete the project.
3. That no other steps be taken to further the project until a binding referendum of voters is carried out.”

Cr Deeming gave notice that if the amendment was lost she would move a further amendment.

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

For the amendment:

Crs Edwards, Deeming, Williams, McLachlan, Martin and Christie (6)

Against the amendment:

Crs Halse, Williamson, Glen, Jongejans, Sutherland, Morgan, Syers and His Worship the Mayor (8)

The amendment was LOST

Amendment

Moved: Cr Deeming

Seconded: Cr Edwards

“That Council confirm the budget allocated in the draft Long Term Plan for the purpose of redevelopment of the old NRC building and site subsequent to further assessment of proposals, including funding from outside sources and further community engagement.”

On the amendment being put His Worship the Mayor called for a division:

For the amendment:

Crs Edwards, Deeming and Martin (3)

Against the amendment:

Crs Halse, Williams, Williamson, McLachlan, Glen, Jongejans, Christie, Sutherland, Morgan, Syers and His Worship the Mayor (11)

The amendment was LOST

On motion being put His Worship the Mayor called for a division:

For the motion:

Crs Halse, Williams, Williamson, Glen, Jongejans, Christie, Sutherland, Morgan, Syers and His Worship the Mayor (10)

Against the motion:

Crs Edwards, Deeming and Martin (3)

Abstained:

Cr McLachlan

The motion was CARRIED

A tea break was taken at 11.16am following discussions on the Hundertwasser Art Centre. The meeting resumed at 11.29am.

Cr Williams did not rejoin the meeting immediately following the tea break.

Wastewater

Moved: Cr Jongejans

Seconded: Cr Williamson

"That Council approves the Wastewater programme as budgeted for in the 2012-2022 draft Long Term Plan."

CARRIED

Levels of Service

Moved: Cr Martin
Seconded: Cr Edwards

1. That the levels of service for Transportation are adjusted to reflect the changes to the Transportation budgets.
2. That no change is made to other levels of service as outlined in the draft Long Term Plan.

CARRIED

Rates Review

Moved: His Worship the Mayor
Seconded: Cr Jongejans

"That the changes to the rating system outline in the draft Long Term Plan are implemented."

CARRIED

Cr Christie requested his vote against be recorded.

Community Services

Child and Youth Friendly Cities

Moved: Cr Edwards
Seconded: Cr Williamson

1. That Council notes the submission(s) and that no change be made to the 2012-2022 Long Term Plan.
2. That staff progress a risk assessment and feasibility study of this project and the conditions for accreditation."

CARRIED

He Matariki Teen Parent School

Moved: Cr Martin
Seconded: Cr Glen

1. That Council notes the submission and that no change be made to the 2012-2022 Long Term Plan.
2. That Council directs staff to undertake further investigations before any funding is committed and that any funding will be provided through existing Contestable Grants budgets."

CARRIED

The Barn – Waipu

Moved: Cr Halse
Seconded: Cr Jongejans

"That an allocation of \$600,000 (adjusted for inflation) as a capital grant be incorporated into Year 2 of the final Long Term Plan to support this proposal."

CARRIED

General District Living

CBD Revitalisation

Moved: Cr Halse
Seconded: Cr Edwards

- “1. That it is acknowledged that the submissions support the current programmes included in the 2012-2022 Long Term Plan.
2. That Council notes the submissions and that no change be made to the 2012-2022 Long Term Plan.
3. That the 20/20 Inner City Development (City Centre/Urban Design) Subcommittee reviews all plans and reports back to full council before any work commences.”

CARRIED

Gomez Road

Moved: Cr Christie
Seconded: Cr Jongejans

- “1. That the funding for the Gomez Road Sportspark is removed from the 2012-2022 Long Term Plan.
2. That the Gomez Road Plan Change is abandoned.
3. That staff be directed to undertake a wider assessment of options for locating noisy sports activities in the District.
4. That staff enter into discussions with the Gomez Road people on the future of the property.”

CARRIED

Policy and Monitoring

Genetic Engineering

Moved: Cr Edwards
Seconded: Cr Morgan

“That Council notes the submission and that no change be made to the 2012-2022 Long Term Plan.”

CARRIED

Economic Development

Tourism/District Promotions

Moved: Cr Deeming
Seconded: Cr Syers

- “1. That Council retains the contribution to Destination Northland at \$1 per head per population.
2. That increased promotion of the District be managed within existing budgets.”

CARRIED

Marine Recreational Park

Moved: Cr Edwards

Seconded: Cr Glen

- “1. That Whangarei District Council support Northland Regional Council expediting the process to establish a Marine Recreational Park in the Whangarei District.
2. That once the Marine Recreational Park proposal is complete and subject to the concerns of key stakeholders being met, Council support the proposal and agree next steps, including any funding requirements, to be incorporated in the 2013 Annual Plan.”

CARRIED

Mining

Moved: Cr Williamson

Seconded: Cr Halse

“That Council investigates the new data, and monitors the process so as to better understand the implications and opportunities for the District arising from the aero-magnetic survey of Northland.

Amendment

Moved: Cr Martin

Seconded: Cr Edwards

- “1. That Council investigates the new data, and monitors the process so as to better understand the implications and opportunities for the District arising from the aero-magnetic survey of Northland.
2. That Council keeps stakeholders within the District regularly updated.”

**The amendment was CARRIED
and subsequently CARRIED
as the substantive MOTION**

Cr Williams rejoined the meeting at 12.14pm during discussions on this item.

Venues and Events

Theatre

Moved: Cr Halse

Seconded: Cr Edwards

- “1. That the funding allocated in Year 9 and Year 10 of the 2012-2022 Long Term Plan is retained.
2. That once the theatre feasibility study is complete, it is presented to Council for consideration and next steps, including theatre size and location, be agreed and incorporated into future planning processes.”

CARRIED

Maori Relationships

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Moved: His Worship the Mayor

Seconded: Cr Edwards

- “1. That Council notes the submission and that no change be made in the 2012-200 Long Term Plan.

2. That as soon as is practical an agenda item including draft Terms of Reference for the recommended approach is prepared by staff.”

CARRIED

Property – Community Policy

Rose Street Bus Terminal

Moved: Cr Morgan
Seconded: Cr Edwards

“That \$50,000 (adjusted for inflation) be allocated in Year 4 of the Long Term Plan to make improvements to the Rose Street Bus terminal.”

CARRIED

Financial Services

Debt

Moved: Cr Syers
Seconded: Cr Jongejans

“That the debt levels outlined in the draft Plan are retained to allow Council to complete the planned capital works program and meet level of service targets.”

CARRIED

Cr Christie requested his vote against be recorded.

Rates – CPI vs LGCI

Moved: Cr Martin
Seconded: Cr Deeming

“That the overall budget for Rates in the Long Term Plan is increased by the LGCI inflation factor each year.”

CARRIED

Crs Christie and McLachlan requested their votes against be recorded.

A lunch break was taken after this item from 12.53pm to 1.15pm.

Cr McLachlan did not rejoin the meeting immediately following the lunch break.

Asset Sales

Moved: Cr Martin
Seconded: Cr Syers

- “1. That planned asset sales continue.
2. That staff include more information about property sales and the Property Reinvestment Reserve in regular financial reports.”

CARRIED

Governance

Culture Change

Moved: Cr Williams
Seconded: Cr Jongejans

“That Council management instruct staff to discharge their statutory duties in a manner that enables the implementation of proposed initiatives where possible and appropriate.”

CARRIED

EECA

Moved: Cr Halse

Seconded: His Worship the Mayor

“That Council notes the submission and that no change be made to the 2012-2022 Long Term Plan.”

Cr Edwards gave notice that if the motion was lost he would move a further motion.

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

For the motion:

Crs Halse, Deeming, Williamson, Martin, Glen, Sutherland, Syers and His Worship the Mayor (8)

Against the motion:

Crs Edwards, Williams, McLachlan, Jongejans, Christie and Morgan (6)

CARRIED

Cr McLachlan rejoined the meeting at 1.19pm during discussions on this item.

Parks and Recreation

Third Hockey Turf

Moved: Cr Halse

Seconded: Cr Martin

- “1. That the Kensington Park Management Plan be reviewed as soon as possible.
2. That the Urban Park line in the Capital Expenditure Programme which included \$1 million for Hockey, will now be shown as a separate item in Year 1.
3. That discussions are held with Hockey to provide an additional grass field in Kensington Park in the interim.”

CARRIED

Cr Christie withdrew from the table taking no part in discussions or voting on this item.

Netball Courts

Moved: Cr McLachlan

Seconded: Cr Jongejans

- “1. That staff develop a change to the Kensington Park Management Plan to alter the area indicated for Petanque to be used for four additional netball courts.
2. That funding of \$250,000 (adjusted for inflation) to allow for the provision of additional netball facilities be included in Year 2 of the Long Term Plan.”

CARRIED

Cr Sutherland requested his vote against be recorded.

Support for proposed development at Springs Flat

Moved: Cr Martin
Seconded: Cr Edwards

“The Springs Flat development proceeds as provided for in the 2012-2022 draft Long Term Plan.”

CARRIED

Onerahi Soccer

Moved: Cr Glen
Seconded: Cr McLachlan

- “1. That Council rescind the decision to offer a Recreation Development Loan to Onerahi Soccer.
2. That a capital grant of \$100,000 (adjusted for inflation) is added to the Long Term Plan for the provision of a new public toilet in Church Street, Onerahi, to be administered by the Onerahi Soccer Club on agreed terms.”

CARRIED

Pest and Weed Control

Moved: Cr Morgan
Seconded: Cr McLachlan

- “1. That council continues to meet its current level of service for areas managed as weed free in Parihaka, Whangarei Falls, and Pukenui and continues to prioritise weed related customer calls by order of the level of threat, especially to health and safety.
2. That an additional \$40,000 be included within the Parks and Reserves operating budget to further prioritise weed related customer requests.”

CARRIED

Skateparks/Playgrounds

Moved: Cr Sutherland
Seconded: Cr Morgan

- “1. That the funding for skateparks already in the draft Long Term Plan is approved.
2. That the budget for the Otangarei Centre Development is confirmed, but that consideration for a skateboard park be included for consulting with community groups as part of the overall programme development.”

CARRIED

Quarry Gardens

Moved: Cr Glen
Seconded: Cr Edwards

“That Council includes a further \$100,000 (adjusted for inflation) as a capital grant in Year 2 of the Long Term Plan to support the proposed development.”

CARRIED

Cr Williams withdrew from the table taking no part in discussions or voting on this item.

Matakohe/Limestone Island

Moved: Cr Sutherland
Seconded: Cr Jongejans

"That allowance is made to increase operational funding to \$50,000 per annum (adjusted for inflation) and that this is formalised as an annual operating grant or contract ."

CARRIED

Coastal Protection Issues

Moved: Cr Deeming

Seconded: Cr Martin

1. That Council approves coastal works in line with previous proposed programmes.
2. That Council approves additional funding of \$500,000 per annum (adjusted for inflation) from Year 4 to Year 10 of the Long Term Plan to fund the long term improvement programme."

CARRIED

Lease of Land at Puni Puni Road, Whangaruru

Moved: Cr McLachlan

Seconded: Cr Martin

"That Council request an operational plan and more detail of the building proposal from the submitter, including agreement from the leaseholder prior to committing budget via a subsequent planning process."

CARRIED

Oakura Reserve

Moved: Cr Martin

Seconded: Cr Jongejans

1. That Council provides a budget for a \$10,000 grant (adjusted for inflation) in Year 1 of the Long Term Plan.
2. That Council enters into lease negotiations with the Community Group."

CARRIED

Stormwater

Hikurangi Swamp

Moved: Cr Halse

Seconded: Cr Williamson

1. That rate increases be 25% per year for each of the first three years of the Long Term Plan and 8% each year thereafter.
2. That the capital works programme be modified so that the resource consent requirements (primarily stop bank remediation) be undertaken prior to further pump replacements and the debt profile provided for in the draft Long Term Plan is maintained.
3. That WDC continue to collaborate with NRC in operating the scheme."

CARRIED

Cr Martin and the Chief Executive Officer declared a conflict of interest and took no part in discussions or voting on this item.

Porowini Stormwater

Moved: Cr McLachlan

Seconded: Cr Williams

- “1. That the geotechnical investigation to develop an overland flow path to Limeburners Creek is undertaken and a final design and estimate reported to council. The report shall identify timing and what further budgets are required.
2. That a budget of \$2 million (adjusted for inflation) be included in Year 1 of the Long Term Plan for remedial works, subject to identifying a funding source that does not increase WDC debt.”

CARRIED

Cr Halse requested his vote against be recorded.

Infrastructure improvements in Kamo

Moved: Cr Williamson

Seconded: Cr Christie

- “1. That within Year 1 of the Long Term Plan Council investigate flooding issues at the corner of Kamo and Bush Roads.
2. That Council includes \$100,000 per annum (adjusted for inflation) for Years 1, 2 and 3 of the Long Term Plan to fund infrastructure works as agreed with Kamo Community Inc.”

CARRIED

Transportation

Seal Extensions

Moved: His Worship the Mayor

Seconded: Cr Edwards

“That Council make a budget allocation of \$600,000 a year (adjusted for inflation) to allow for seal extensions. Funding for this would come from a relocation of other works in the road maintenance budget.”

CARRIED

Cr Halse requested his vote against be recorded.

Walking and Cycling – General

Moved: Cr Edwards

Seconded: Cr Williams

- “1. That Council approves the programme detailed in the 2012-2022 draft Long Term Plan.
2. That Council include \$150,000 per annum (adjusted for inflation) in Years 1 through to 4 of the Long Term Plan for the Raumanga – Onerahi Cycleway.”

CARRIED

Mander Statue – Coronation Centenary

Moved: Cr Williamson

Seconded: Cr Williams

- “1. That funding be allocated from current budgets for the erection of story boards at Mander Park to commemorate the gifting in 1906 of 4 acres to the then Whangarei Borough Council by local MP and businessman Frank Mander.
2. That appropriate action is taken to commemorate the centennial of the establishment of the Coronation Scenic Reserve.”

CARRIED

Other Issues – Appendix A

Citysafe

General Community Services
General Funding Requests
Youth Issues
District Plan Issues
General Policy and Monitoring
General Regulatory Services
General Resource Consents
General Community Property
Pensioner Housing
The Hub/Bus Terminal
Economic Growth – General
Hihiaua
General Property (Commercial)
General Venues & Events
Hotel
General Financial Services
Core Service Focus
Council Policy & (Strategic Direction)
Council Reorganisation (Unitary etc)
Governance – process
Long Term and Annual Plan process issues
General Library
Dog Park/facilities
Fruit trees
General Parks and Recreation
Mander Park Trees
Mangroves
Sports/Recreational Facilities
General Infrastructure and Services
General Solid Waste
General Storm water
General Transport
Parking
Public Transport
Traffic Congestion
General Wastewater
Public Toilets
General Water
New Water Source.

Moved: Cr McLachlan

Seconded: Cr Edwards

“That Council notes the submissions and that no change be made to the 2012-2022 Long Term Plan.”

CARRIED

Other Issues – Appendix B

General Community Property
General Parks and Recreation
General Policy and Monitoring
General Stormwater
General Transport
General Wastewater
Parking
Rates General

Sales of Council owned Property
Unsealed Roads.

Moved: Cr Deeming

Seconded: Cr Edwards

- “1. That no change be made to the 2012-2022 Long Term Plan.
2. That the 18 identified submission issues raised are lodged as Customer Request Management Issues (CRM's) and that the issue is allocated to the appropriate department and/or staff member of direct follow up with the submitter.”

CARRIED

Moved: Cr Syers
Seconded: Cr Morgan

- “1. That the information be received.
2. That recommendations in the Deliberations Report, after any amendments and where appropriate, be incorporated into the 2012-2022 Long Term Plan.
3. That the Chief Executive Officer directs staff to review operating and capital budgets based on the outcomes of the deliberations process and that these changes are incorporated into the final 2012-2022 Long Term Plan for the adoption meeting.
4. That staff are directed to review the naming of the CAPEX project items prior to the completion of the final 2012-2022 Long Term Plan to support and enhance community understanding and transparency.”

CARRIED

2. Fees and Charges 2012/2013 - Deliberations

Moved: Cr Deeming
Seconded: Cr Williamson

“That no changes be made to the schedule of fees and charges as publicly notified for consultation and that Staff proceed towards preparing the final fees and charges schedule, for adoption prior to 1 July 202.”

CARRIED

3. Draft 2012 Development Contributions Policy Deliberations

Moved: Cr Halse
Seconded: Cr Deeming

- “1. That the deliberations report be received.
2. That the amended uncapped development contributions charges be incorporated into the 2012 Development Contributions Policy, noting that there are no changes to the capped values.
3. That following consideration of the staff recommendations to submissions Council approve the policy incorporating any amendments for adoption at the June Meeting.
4. That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to make any minor changes including drafting, typographical or format changes before final adoption.
5. That at the June Council meeting the final Development Contributions Policy be presented for adoption in accordance with the provisions of Section 102 of the Local Government Act 2002.
6. That Council will review the Policy as required,”

CARRIED

Cr Edwards withdrew from the table taking no part in discussions or voting on this item.

The meeting closed at 2.29pm

Confirmed this 27th day of June 2012

M C A Cutforth (Chairperson)