

1. Minutes: District Living Committee Wednesday, 13 March 2013

Minutes of a meeting of the District Living Committee of the Whangarei District Council held in the Council Chamber, Forum North on Wednesday 13 March 2013 at 10.00am

Present:

S J Deeming (Chairperson)

His Worship the Mayor M C A Cutforth, Crs, 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 and M R Williams

Apologies:

Crs C B Christie and J D T Williamson

Moved: Cr Martin

Seconded: Cr Glen

“That the apologies be sustained.”

CARRIED

In Attendance:

Chief Executive Officer (M P Simpson), Group Manager District Living (P Dell), Policy and Monitoring Manager (P Waanders), Regulatory Services Manager (G Couchman), Team Leader Futures Planning (K Grundy), Senior Specialist (Policy) (H McNeal), Senior Policy Planner (M McGrath), Casual Communications Adviser (S Halliwell), Councillor Support (J Crocombe) and Senior Meeting Coordinator (C Brindle)

1. Confirmation of Minutes of a Meeting of the District Living Committee held on 13 February 2013

Moved: Cr Jongejans

Seconded: Cr Morgan

“That the minutes of the meeting of the District Living Committee held on Wednesday 13 February 2013 having been circulated, be taken as read and now confirmed and adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings of that meeting.”

CARRIED

2. Confirmation of Minutes of a Meeting of the Community Funding Subcommittee held on 13 February 2013

Moved: Cr Syers

Seconded: Cr Martin

“That the minutes of the meeting of the Community Funding Subcommittee held on Wednesday 13 February 2013 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. District Living Group Monthly Report – February 2013

Moved: Cr Glen
Seconded: Cr Morgan

“That the information be received.”

CARRIED

4. Rural Development Strategy - Adoption

Moved: Cr Martin
Seconded: Cr Morgan

- “1. That the report and attachments be received.
2. That the Rural Development Strategy – February 2013 be adopted subject to the deletion of all reference to the “use and purpose to which high class and versatile soils may be put”.
3. That staff commence with the preparation of plan changes as recommended in the Rural Development Strategy.”

CARRIED

5. Proposed Private Plan Change 113: Whangarei Racing Club – Ruakaka Racecourse

Moved: Cr Halse
Seconded: Cr Jongejans

- “1. That the report and attachments be received.
2. That the Request for a Private Plan Change by Whangarei Racing Club to rezone the entire Whangarei Racing Club site from Coastal Countryside Environment under the Operative Whangarei District Plan to Ruakaka Equine Environment (REE) be accepted.
3. That the Policy and Monitoring Manager commence with the necessary statutory procedures for the public notification of the Private Plan Change under Clause 26 of Part 2 of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991.
4. That Council records that its decision to accept the Request for a Plan Change for notification does not fetter its decision-making powers in relation to the hearing and determination of submissions on the Plan Change following notification.
5. That the applicant pays for the actual and reasonable costs of processing this private plan change.”

CARRIED

Procedural motion

Moved: Cr Williams
Seconded: Cr Halse

“That the meeting adjourn for a 10 minute interval and reconvene at 10.30am.”

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 10.18am and reconvened in the Council Chambers at 10.30am.

6. Managing Risks Associated with Outdoor Use of GMOs: Draft Proposed Plan Change and Section 32 Report

Presentation by K Grundy.

Moved: Cr Halse

Seconded: Cr Edwards

- “1. That Whangarei District Council receives and supports in principle the resolutions of the Inter Council Working Party on GMO Risk Evaluation and Management Options (the Working Party) as set out in the minutes of the meeting of the Working Party on 30 January 2013.
2. That the following documentation be received:
 - i. Managing Risks Associated with the Outdoor Use of Genetically Modified Organisms: Cover Note by Dr Grundy. January 2013.
 - ii. Draft Proposed Plan Change to the District/Unitary Plan: Managing Risks Associated with the Outdoor Use of Genetically Modified Organisms. January 2013.
 - iii. Draft Section 32 Report (Volume 1): Draft Proposed Plan Change to the District/Unitary Plan: Managing Risks Associated with the Outdoor Use of Genetically Modified Organisms. January 2013.
 - iv. Supporting Documentation to the Draft Section 32 Report (Volume 2): Managing Risks Associated with Outdoor Use of Genetically Modified Organisms. January 2013.
 - v. Legal Opinion from Dr R.J. Somerville QC: Outdoor Use of Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs). 18 January 2013.
3. That Whangarei District Council adopts in principle the Draft Proposed Plan Provisions and Draft Section 32 Report as produced by the Working Party for inclusion in the Whangarei District Plan, and that Whangarei District Council acknowledges the importance of a collaborative approach with other member councils on the Working Party to support the effectiveness of the draft proposed plan provisions and the efficiencies to be gained by sharing the costs of future statutory processes (where possible), including joint response to possible legal challenge.
4. That subject to the Working Party member councils' determinations in respect to recommendation (e) from the minutes of the Working Party meeting on 30 January 2013, a memorandum of understanding between the participating councils to jointly manage any further statutory process, including response to possible legal challenge, be prepared and provide for the joint funding of that process, where possible (on an equitable basis as used for previous work).
5. That prior to signing a memorandum of understanding, a process be developed to enable co-ordination between participating councils in respect of statutory procedures (and timing) concerning the introduction of plan provisions into planning documents for managing the outdoor uses of GMOs.
6. That Whangarei District Council notes that the plan provisions and accompanying Section 32 Report are in draft and will not be final until such time as they are publically notified as a change to, or introduction of, a district or unitary plan, and that new information and/or consultation which may occur in the intervening period may be considered in the documentation.”

On the motion being put Cr Halse called a division:

For the motion:

Crs Halse, Edwards, Deeming, Williams, McLachlan, Martin, Glen, Jongejans, Sutherland, Morgan, His Worship the Mayor and Syers (12)

Absent:

Crs Christie and Williamson (2).

CARRIED

The meeting closed at 10.52am

Confirmed this 10th day of April 2013

S J Deeming (Chairperson)