

2. Minutes: Whangarei District Council Wednesday, 26 June 2013

Minutes of a meeting of the Whangarei District Council held in the Council Chamber, Forum North on Wednesday 26 June 2013 at 10.00am

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 Martin

“That the apology be sustained.”

CARRIED

Also present:

District Operations Manager Marty Ruth (New Zealand Police)

Mark Stuart and Family and Friends

Brian Roberts and Sarah Yeates (Northland Inc)

In Attendance:

Chief Executive Officer (M P Simpson), Group Manager Support Services (A Adcock), Group Manager District Living (P Dell), Group Manager Infrastructure and Services (S Weston), Group Manager Positive Growth (J Thomson), Financial Controller (H McKenzie), Legal Counsel (K Candy), Community Services Manager (O Thomas), District Promotions and Tourism Manager (T McInnes), Economic Development Manager (P Gleeson), Property Manager (M Hibbert), Financial Accountant (K Welford), Senior Communications Adviser (R Pascoe), Casual Communications Adviser (S Halliwell), Community Safety Officer (D Palmer), Personal Assistant (J Walters), Graphics Admin Assistant (E Loubser), Councillor Support (J Crocombe) and Senior Meeting Co-ordinator (C Brindle)

The Chairman advised Item 6 Royal Humane Society Award Ceremony would be taken before Item 5 Police Report.

1. Public Forum

There were no speakers at today's public forum.

2. Confirmation of Minutes of a Meeting of the Whangarei District Council held on 22 May 2013

Moved: Cr Jongejans

Seconded: Cr Morgan

“That the minutes of the meeting of the Whangarei District Council held on Wednesday 22 May 2013, 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 an Extra ordinary Meeting of the Whangarei District Council held on 14 and 15 May 2013

Moved: Cr Williams
Seconded: Cr McLachlan

“That the minutes of an Extra ordinary Council Meeting held Tuesday 14 and Wednesday 15 May 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

4. Confirmation of Minutes of an Extra ordinary Meeting of the Whangarei District Council held on 29 May 2013

Moved: Cr Jongejans
Seconded: Cr Williamson

“That the minutes of an Extra ordinary Council Meeting held Wednesday 29 May 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

Item 6 was taken after Item 4. Item 5 was taken after Item 6.

5. Police Report

Inspector Marty Ruth spoke to the report and answered questions from Councillors.

Moved: Cr Williams
Seconded: Cr Martin

- “1. That the information be received.
2. That the Mayor extend an invitation to School Principals and other interested parties from the district to meet and discuss the problem of increased truancy rates in the district.”

CARRIED

6. Royal Humane Society Award Ceremony

Following the reading of the Citation by Cr Deeming, Cr Halse presented the Citation for bravery, on behalf of the Royal Humane Society, to Mark Stuart.

Moved: Cr Deeming
Seconded: Cr Jongejans

“That Council acknowledge the Royal Humane Society Certificate of Merit Award presented to Mark Stuart.”

CARRIED

7. Update from Northland Inc - Tourism

Brian Roberts and Sarah Yeates spoke to the report and answered questions from Councillors.

Moved: Cr Morgan
Seconded: Cr Glen

“That the information be received.”

CARRIED

8. 2013-2014 Annual Plan

Moved: Cr Syers

Seconded: Cr Glen

“That having regard to the matters set out in section 100(2)(a) –(d) of the Local Government Act 2002, Council resolves that it is financially prudent to budget for a net operating deficit in the 2013-2014 financial year as consistent with the forecast deficit in the 2012-2022 Long Term Plan.”

CARRIED

Cr Christie requested his vote against be recorded.

Moved: Cr Syers

Seconded: Cr Williamson

- “1. That Council adopt the 2013-2014 Annual Plan in accordance with Section 95 of the Local Government Act 2002.
2. That Council authorises the Chief Executive to make any necessary minor drafting, or typographical or presentation corrections to the 2013-2014 Annual Plan prior tot the document going to print.”

CARRIED

9. Rates Resolution 2013/2014

Moved: Cr Syers

Seconded: Cr Deeming

“That the Whangarei District Council in pursuance of its powers under the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 hereby resolves to set the following rates and charges upon the rateable value of all rateable properties appearing in the District Valuation Roll now in force in the Whangarei district for the period 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014.

The rates will be set in accordance with the relevant provisions of the funding impact statement covering the financial year 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014.

All rates and charges include Goods and Services Tax (GST). Penalties added to unpaid rates are exempt from GST but will be applied to the GST inclusive amount.

General rates and charges

General Rates:

	Differential Land Use Category	Cents in Dollar of Land Value including GST
1.	Residential	\$0.0030475
2.	Residential – Step 1	\$0.0015237
3.	Residential – Step 2	\$0.0007619
4.	Multi – Unit	\$0.0060950
5.	Rural	\$0.0025294
6.	Commercial / Industrial	\$0.0151110
7.	Miscellaneous Properties	\$0.0030475

Uniform Annual General Charge:

A charge of \$347.00 to every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit.

Targeted rates

Sewage Disposal:

A targeted rate of \$581.00 for residential and for any other premises having no more than two toilet pans and a targeted rate of \$378.00 per pan for all other premises having more than two toilet pans connected to the district's sewer reticulation and sewage disposal systems. The rate will be based on the number of water closets or urinals per separately used and inhabited parts within the rating unit.

Educational establishments will be subject to a special remissions policy.

Refuse Facilities:

A targeted rate of \$144.00 in respect of every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit.

Water Supply:

A charge of \$2.08 per cubic metre of water consumed (as measured by meter) in respect of every separate rating unit to which water is supplied and where a meter is installed.

An annual supply charge of \$29.00 will apply to every separately metered used or inhabited part of a rating unit and will be calculated and applied to each account according to the consumers' cyclic billing period.

For calculation purposes, water will be treated as having been consumed on an equal daily basis over the period of the reading. An estimated account may be calculated and this will be in accordance with clause 1.3.10.5 of the (WDC) Water Supply By-Law 2012.

Rating units, where the consumption of water is not charged through a meter, but are connected to any of the district's water supply systems, will be subject to an annual charge of \$406.00.

Rating units that are situated within 100 metres of any public water reticulation system that are capable of being connected but are not connected will be subject to an annual charge of \$29.00 (for availability).

Rating units where a backflow preventer connection is required will be subject to an annual charge based on the size of the connection applied as follows:

15/20mm connection	\$72.14
25mm connection	\$73.11
32mm connection	\$86.49
40mm connection	\$88.52
50mm connection	\$91.83
100mm connection	\$231.31
150mm connection	\$270.78
200mm connection	\$448.48

Miscellaneous targeted rates

These rates will be charged as a set amount per rating unit and will only apply to rating units within a defined and specified area where it is considered that the ratepayers within this defined area are receiving a direct benefit from the specified works.

Targeted Rates – Project Works	Annual Charge including GST
Ruakaka South Sewer Extension- (Residential)	\$2,342.95
(Non Residential)	\$3,466.87
Acacia Park Roding Remediation	\$400.00

Pataua Boat Ramp and Foreshore Protection	\$141.07
McGregors Bay, Taiharuru Erosion Protection (Beachfront)	\$2,204.07
(Other)	\$304.83

Hikurangi Swamp Major Scheme Rating District

A differential targeted rate to every rating unit within the defined rating area of the swamp scheme rating district. Rates will be charged on the basis of the land area within the rating unit in accordance with the following scale:

Class – Scale of Charges	Dollar per Hectare including GST
A	\$110.60
B	\$ 99.33
C	\$ 77.43
D	\$ 11.08
E	\$ 5.58
F	\$ 2.23

Hikurangi Swamp Drainage Rating District

A differential targeted rate to every rating unit within the defined rating area of the drainage rating district. Rates will be charged on the basis of the land area within the rating unit in accordance with the following scale:

Class – Scale of Charges	Dollar per Hectare
A	\$12.79
F	\$ 1.28

Due dates for payment

For those ratepayers who are unable to pay their year's rates in full by the due date of the first instalment (20 August 2013) payment may be made by way of four instalments with each instalment due and payable on the date specified on the rate invoice for that instalment as follows:

Instalment	Date Rates Due and Payable
1.	20 August 2013
2.	20 November 2013
3.	20 February 2014
4.	20 May 2014

Water (by meter) accounts are processed monthly, two-monthly or six-monthly. The due dates of these accounts will be relative to the consumer's cyclic billing period. The due date for payment will be shown on every separate account.

Discount for rates and charges paid in full

Discount of three per cent (3%) will be allowed if full payment of 2013/2014 rates and charges including any arrears (excluding water by meter) are paid in full by the due date of the first instalment - 20 August 2013.

Penalties added to unpaid rates

A penalty of ten per cent (10%) will be added to each instalment or part thereof, or in the case of water (by meter) to each account or part thereof, which are not paid by the due date. All rates and charges (excluding water by meter) charged prior to 30th June 2013 (i.e. all previous years rates) that still remain unpaid as at 1st September 2013 will be subject to a further additional penalty of ten per cent (10%).

For rates and charges for water by meter, still unpaid at six monthly intervals after the due date will be subject to an additional penalty of 10% at each six monthly interval.”

CARRIED

Moved: Cr Deeming
Seconded: Cr Sutherland

“That staff report back regarding rating mineral royalties.”

CARRIED

10. Northland Events Centre – Appointment of Trustee

Moved: Cr Deeming
Seconded: Cr Jongejans

1. That Council appoints Deborah Harding to the Northland Events Centre Trust under the standard indemnity applying to Trustees.
2. That Council thanks Clare Davies-Colley for her contribution to the Trust.”

CARRIED

11. Public Forum

Moved: Cr Halse
Seconded: Cr Deeming

“That, in accordance with Standing Order 2.1.2, Appendix F – Public Forum be removed from Council’s Standing Orders.”

Amendment

Moved: Cr Williams
Seconded: Cr Williamson

“That, in accordance with Standing Order 2.1.2, Appendix F – Public Forum be suspended from Council’s Standing Orders until the inauguration of the new council post elections.”

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

*For the amendment:
Crs Edwards, Williams, Williamson and Glen (4)*

*Against the amendment:
Crs Halse, Deeming, McLachlan, Martin, Jongejans, Christie, Sutherland, Morgan and Syers (9)*

*Absent:
His Worship the Mayor*

The amendment was LOST

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

For the motion:

Crs Halse, Edwards, Deeming, Martin, Jongejans, Morgan and Syers (7)

Against the motion:

Crs Williams, Williamson, McLachlan, Glen, Christie and Sutherland (6)

Absent:

His Worship the Mayor

An amendment or alteration to Standing Orders requires a vote of not less than 75% of the members present. The 75% threshold was not met therefore Appendix F will remain in Standing Orders.

12. Notice of Motion

Cr McLachlan tabled an amended Notice of Motion.

Moved: Cr Halse

Seconded: Cr Deeming

“That Council accept Cr McLachlan’s amended Notice of Motion.”

CARRIED

Moved: Cr McLachlan

Seconded: Cr Williamson

- “1. That Council approves in principle the sale of the Old Paper Reclaim Facility on Pohe Island to Bike Northland for \$1.00.
2. That a ground lease be developed to Bike Northland and that the lease provide for performance reporting to Council.
3. That recommendations 1 & 2 be subject to the finalisation of the current review of the Reserve Management Plan for William Fraser Memorial Park on Pohe Island.
4. That staff bring back an all encompassing report including details of the final lease and sale for Council approval.”

Amendment

Moved: Cr Christie

Seconded: Cr Sutherland

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2. That a ground lease be developed to Bike Northland and that the lease provide for performance reporting to Council.
4. That staff report back with the final lease and sale for Council approval.”

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

For the amendment:

Crs McLachlan, Christie and Sutherland (3)

Against the amendment:

Crs Halse, Edwards Deeming, Williams, Williamson, Martin, Glen, Jongejans, Morgan and Syers (10)

Absent:

His Worship the Mayor

The amendment was LOST

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

For the motion:

Crs Halse, Edwards, Williams, Williamson, McLachlan, Martin, Glen, Christie, Sutherland and Morgan (10)

Abstained:

Crs Deeming, Jongejans and Syers (3)

Absent:

His Worship the Mayor

The motion was CARRIED

13. Update on Hundertwasser Art Centre Project

Group Manager Paul Dell provided an update on this item and answered questions from Councillors.

Moved: Cr Sutherland

Seconded: Cr Morgan

“That the report be received.”

CARRIED

Exclusion of the public

Moved: Cr Williamson

Seconded: Cr Edwards

“That the public be excluded from the following parts of proceedings of this meeting on the following grounds:

Item C.1 Confidential Minutes of the Whangarei District Council meeting held on 22 May 2013

Item C.2 Confidential Minutes of the Civic Honours Committee meeting held 11 June 2013

Reason To protect the privacy of natural persons

Grounds Section 7(2)(a).

Item C.3 Property Update

Reason To enable the council to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations

Grounds Section7(2)(i).”

CARRIED

The meeting closed at 12.26pm

Confirmed this 24th day of July 2013

P R Halse (Chairperson)