

4. Minutes: Extra-ordinary Whangarei District Council Wednesday 12 November 2014

Minutes of an Extra-ordinary Whangarei District Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Forum North on Wednesday 12 November 2014 at 12.30pm

Present:

Her Worship the Mayor S L Mai

Crs S J Bell, S J Bretherton, C B Christie, P A Cutforth, S J Deeming, S M Glen, P R Halse, G C Innes, C M Hermon, G M Martin, B L McLachlan, S L Morgan and J D T Williamson

In Attendance:

Chief Executive Officer (M P Simpson), Legal Counsel (G Mathias), Group Manager Infrastructure and Services (S Weston), Group Manager District Living (P Dell), Financial Controller (R Kerr), Property Manager (M Hibbert), Media Relations Adviser (A Midson), Executive Assistant (J Crocombe) and Senior Meeting Co ordinator (C Brindle)

Conflicts of interest

The Chief Executive Officer declared a conflict of interest vacated his position and left the room. Group Manager S Weston represented the Chief Executive for the meeting.

Councillor Martin requested it be recorded that he had sought confirmation from the members whether there were any members who wished to declare a conflict of interest.

Petition

Councillor Christie in accordance with Standing Order 3.20.2 presented a petition in support of the Prosper Northland Trust Proposal to build the Hundertwasser and Wairau Maori Arts centre.

1. Notice of Motion

Moved: Cr Cutforth

Seconded: Cr Bretherton

1. That this council again rejects the Hundertwasser proposal for the redevelopment of the former Harbour Board/NRC Building.
2. That council continues to progress other options."

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

For the motion:

Crs Bell, Bretherton, Martin, Halse and Cutforth (5)

Against the motion:

Crs Morgan, Deeming, Williamson, McLachlan, Glen, Hermon, Christie, Innes and Her Worship the Mayor (9)

LOST

2. Assessment of development alternatives for the former Harbour Board/ NRC Building

Moved: Her Worship the Mayor

Seconded: Cr Morgan

1. That council receives the report.

2. That council supports the building of the Hundertwasser Wairau Maori Art Centre with a grant of \$2.8million to the Prosper Northland Trust.
3. That council includes commitment to this project in the draft 2015-2025 Long Term Plan.
4. That staff be authorised to engage independent qualified professionals to assess Harbourside/AMP proposals, up to a maximum of \$100,000 in total. Assessment to include construction costs, operating costs and expected visitor numbers with a view to exploring these as additional development projects for inclusion in the 20/20 Inner City Revitalisation Plan.
5. That council thanks all those people who submitted proposals.”

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

Procedural motion

Moved: Cr Halse
Seconded: Cr Deeming

“That the motion now be put.”

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

For the motion:

Crs Bell, Deeming, Bretherton, Martin, Glen, Halse and Cutforth (7)

Against the motion:

Crs Morgan, Williamson, McLachlan, Hermon, Christie, Innes and Her Worship the Mayor (7)

**The motion was LOST
on the casting vote of Her Worship the Mayor**

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

For the motion:

Crs Morgan, Williamson, Hermon, Christie, Innes and Her Worship the Mayor (6)

Against the motion:

Crs Bell, Deeming, Bretherton, McLachlan, Martin, Glen, Halse, and Cutforth (8)

The motion was CARRIED *LOST
**refer minutes WDC 26 November 2014*

Further motion

Moved: Cr McLachlan
Seconded: Cr Glen

- “1. That council receives the report.
2. That in view of the high community interest in these projects, and the complexity of comparing their relative merits, it is recommended that the following options be considered further:
 - a) Harbourside, and
 - b) Hundertwasser Wairau Maori Art Centre and
 - c) Demolish the Harbour Board building.
3. That to allow a fair comparison of the proposals staff be authorised to engage independent qualified professionals to assess the construction costs, operational costs and expected visitor numbers for the Harbourside project up to a maximum of \$100,000 and that the assessment be completed by February 2015.

4. That council thanks all those people that had submitted proposals.
5. That council undertakes a binding referendum in March 2015 to determine which project to pursue.
6. That a communication strategy on the three options be developed for approval by council.”

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

For the motion:

Crs Morgan, Bell, Deeming, Williamson, Bretherton, McLachlan, Martin, Glen, Hermon, Halse, Cutforth and Innes (12)

Against the motion:

Her Worship the Mayor

Abstained:

Cr Christie

CARRIED

The meeting closed at 2.46pm

Confirmed this 26th day of November 2014

S L Mai (Chairperson)