

2. Minutes: Whangarei District Council Wednesday, 26 March 2014

Minutes of a meeting of the Whangarei District Council held in the Council Chamber Forum North on Wednesday 26 March 2014 at 10.00am

Present:

Her Worship the Mayor (Chairperson)

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

Also present:

Relieving Area Commander Inspector Justin Rogers (New Zealand Police)
P Berks (Public Forum)

In Attendance:

Chief Executive Officer (M P Simpson), Group Manager District Living (P Dell), Group Manager Infrastructure and Services (S Weston), Group Manager Positive Growth (J Thompson), Group Manager Support Services (A Adcock), Governance Manager (D Kula), Legal Adviser (K Candy), Property Manager (M Hibbert), Economic Development Manager (P Gleeson), Venue and Events Manager (J Lynch), Senior Specialist Policy (D Coleman), Senior Communications Adviser (R Pascoe), Team Leader Contact Centre (B Mitchell), Community Safety Officer (D Palmer), Customer Services Representative (M Haami), Cadet (T Agnew), Executive Assistant (J Crocombe), Senior Meeting Co-ordinator (C Brindle)

1. Public Forum

Paul Berks – The UK Floods – are there lessons to be learned?

Cr Cutforth left the meeting at 10.06am during discussions on Item 1.

2. Confirmation of Minutes of a Meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee held on 4 March 2014

Moved: Cr Deeming

Seconded: Cr Morgan

“That the minutes of the meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee held on Tuesday 4 March 2014, 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. Police Report

Inspector Rogers spoke to his report and answered questions from Councillors.

Moved: Her Worship the Mayor

Seconded: Cr Glen

“That the information be received.”

CARRIED

Cr Cutforth rejoined the meeting at 10.11am during discussions on Item 3.

4. Delegations Manual

Moved: Cr Morgan
Seconded: Cr Deeming

- “1. That the Draft 2014 Whangarei District Council Delegations Manual be adopted.
2. That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to make any changes agreed at this meeting and any necessary minor drafting, typographical or presentation corrections.
3. That all previous delegations be rescinded upon adoption of the Draft 2014 Whangarei District Council Delegations Manual.”

CARRIED

5. Property Policy

Note amendment to Policy:

Refer page 24 – Further Consideration – Heritage Buildings
Reference to specific Heritage Buildings to be deleted and replace with “Buildings classified as Heritage Buildings under the District Plan.

Request that a list of key property acquisitions (made in recent years) be included in the Policy in future.

Moved: Cr Halse
Seconded: Cr Innes

“That the amended Property Policy be adopted.”

CARRIED

Cr Christie requested his vote against be recorded.

6. Refining NZ – Stormwater Basin Spillway Easement

Moved: Cr Deeming
Seconded: Cr Innes

- “1. That the information be received.
2. That Council approves the granting of an easement to drain water, subject to such terms and conditions to be agreed upon, over part Section 8 Block VII Ruakaka SD (Esplanade Reserve) appurtenant to Section 10 Block VII Ruakaka SD (NZ Refining Company) as shown marked A on SO 472914 pursuant to section 48 of the Reserves Act 1977.”

CARRIED

7. Hundertwasser Art Centre Community Telephone Survey

An amended Questionnaire was tabled, the Questionnaire was further amended during discussions on this item.

Moved: Cr Deeming
Seconded: Cr Innes

- “1. That Councillors agree to the Draft Survey questions as worded in the amended tabled document.
2. That Versus Research be engaged to undertake a survey of Whangarei residents in regard to the Hundertwasser Art Centre across 1000 residents, at a cost of \$17,065.

Amendment

Moved: Cr Cutforth
Seconded: Cr Bell

“That Councillors agree to the draft survey as worded with the following additional question:

“Do you oppose or support Council funds being used to underwrite any shortfall in operations and maintenance costs of a Hundertwasser Arts Centre?””

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

For the amendment:
Crs Bell, McLachlan, Martin, Glen, Halse and Cutforth (6)

Against the amendment:
Crs Morgan, Deeming, Williamson, Bretherton, Hermon, Christie, Innes and Her Worship the Mayor (8)

The amendment was LOST

Procedural Motion

Moved: Cr Halse
Seconded: Cr Cutforth

“That the motion now be put.”

CARRIED

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

For the motion:
Crs Morgan, Bell, Deeming, Williamson, Bretherton, McLachlan, Martin, Glen, Hermon, Halse, Cutforth, Christie, Innes and Her Worship the Mayor (14)

**The motion was CARRIED
Unanimous Vote**

Exclusion of public

Moved: Cr Deeming
Seconded: Cr Glen

“That the public be excluded from the following parts of proceedings of this meeting. The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered		Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for passing this resolution
C.1	Business Plan	Good reason to withhold information exists under Section 7 Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987	Section 48(1)(a)
C.2	Review Strategic Infrastructure		
C.3	Financial Matter		

C.4	Property Matter		
C.5	Sports Facilities		
C.6- C.8	Property Transactions		

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public is as follows:

Item	Grounds	Section
C.1	To enable the council to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage commercial activities	Section 7(2)(h)
C.2	To enable the council to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations	Section 7(2)(i)
C.3	To enable the council to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage commercial activities	Section 7(2)(h)
C.4	To protect the privacy of natural persons	Section 7(2)(a)
C.5	To enable the council to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations	Section 7(2)(i)
C.6- C.8	To enable the council to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations.”	Section 7(2)(i)

CARRIED

The meeting closed at 1.10pm

Confirmed this 23rd day of April 2014

S L Mai (Chairperson)