

3. Minutes: Extra-ordinary Whangarei District Council Tuesday 8 September 2015

Minutes of an Extra-ordinary Whangarei District Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Forum North on Tuesday 8 September 2015 at 9.00am

Present:

Her Worship the Mayor S L Mai

Crs S J Bell (9.02am), C B Christie, P A Cutforth, S J Deeming, S M Glen, C M Hermon, G M Martin, B L McLachlan, S L Morgan and J D T Williamson

Apologies:

Crs S J Bretherton, P R Halse and G C Innes

Moved: Cr Martin

Seconded: Cr Morgan

“That the apologies be sustained.”

CARRIED

In Attendance:

Chief Executive (R Forlong), Group Manager District Living (P Dell), Team Leader Environmental Health (R Mussle), Executive Assistance (J Crocombe) and Senior Meeting Co ordinator (C Brindle)

1. Interim Deliberation Report – Local Alcohol Policy (LAP)

Moved: Cr Glen

Seconded: Cr Hermon

“That Council continue its deliberations on the draft Local Alcohol Policy.”

CARRIED

Cr Bell joined the meeting at 9.02am during consideration of the above recommendation.

Temporary suspension of Standing Orders

Moved: Her Worship the Mayor

Seconded: Cr Deeming

“That Standing Order 3.8 Rules of Debate and 3.9 Motions and Amendments be temporarily suspended to enable free and frank discussion on the submissions and evidence presented on the draft Local Alcohol Policy.”

CARRIED

Deliberations

Prior to discussion P Dell outlined the key elements of the staff report including:

- Introduction
- What may be contained in a LAP
- Matters that cannot be included in a LAP
- Precautionary principle
- Key Findings – District Profile
- Analysis of submissions.

Council then deliberated and reached an agreed position on the following elements of the policy:

(i) Hours for Off licensed premises

Generally agreed that the maximum opening hours for all Off Licensed premises Monday to Friday be 9.00am to 9.00pm.

(ii) Hours for On licensed and Club licensed premises

Generally agreed that the hours for on licensed and club licensed premises (outside of the CBD) are Monday to Sunday 8.00am to 1.00am with the option of 11.00pm closing for premises close to or within residential zones.

(iii) Hours for On licensed premises in the CBD

Generally agreed that the hours for on-licensed premises in the CBD be Monday to Sunday 8.00am to 1.00am with an extension to 3.00am where they have a one-way-door policy.

(iv) Hours for Special licences

1. Maximum Trading Hours - General agreement no change to clause 4.4 of the draft LAP.
2. Discretionary conditions – Generally agreed the discretionary condition for potentially “restricting the use of outdoor areas” and the condition in regard to the need to “keep an incident book” (opposed to violence register); be retained but the others removed.

Submissions on Sensitive sites

Generally agreed that a specific position be drafted and included in the provisional LAP being “That all new licenses of any type, except for restaurants or cafes, and Special licenses must be considered in relation to the “sensitive sites” provision.”

Definition of sensitive sites to be similar to that in the Gisborne decision (referenced in the agenda report) and including a ‘generalised’ proximity reference for the District Licensing Committee (DLC) to consider.

Specific restrictions on the issue of further off licenses for new bottle stores

Generally agreed no new bottle stores allowed for in the first three years after the LAP becomes operative.

CBD Zone

Generally agreed existing CBD area sufficient and appropriate to control hours and concerns relating to amenity in the area directly adjoining the CBD zone.

Impact Assessments – Health impact assessments

Generally agreed not to include a requirement for a social health impact assessment to be lodged with an application.

General

General agreement that issues raised that could not be addressed through a LAP be documented/captured.

The possibility of an inter agency approach through education, lobbying central government and the mayoral forum may be other options council could consider going forward.

Strategy for management of alcohol issues could be an option in talking to the wider community going forward from this process.

Cr Christie left the meeting at 11.05am during discussion on Health impact assessments.

Reinstatement of Standing Orders

Moved: Her Worship the Mayor

Seconded: Cr Hermon

“That NZ Standing Order 3.8 Rules of Debate and 3.9 Motions and Amendments be reinstated.”

CARRIED

Moved: Cr McLachlan

Seconded: Cr Williamson

“That staff be directed to prepare:

- a) A Comprehensive Deliberations Report including all deliberations to date; and
- b) A track change document of the draft Local Alcohol Policy encompassing the direction of deliberations.”

CARRIED

The meeting closed at 11.19am

Confirmed this 23rd day of September 2015

S L Mai (Chairperson)