

3. Minutes: Extra-ordinary Whangarei District Council Thursday 14 May, Friday 15 May, Monday 18 May and Tuesday 19 May

Minutes of an Extra-ordinary Whangarei District Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Forum North on Thursday 14 May, Friday 15 May, Monday 18 May and Tuesday 19 May 2015 at 9.00am respectively

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, C M Hermon, P R Halse, G C Innes, G M Martin, B L McLachlan, S L Morgan and J D T Williamson

In Attendance:

Acting Chief Executive Officer (S Weston), Group Manager Positive Growth (J Thompson), Group Manager Support Services (A Adcock), Group Manager District Living (P Dell), Governance Manager (D Kula), Parks Manager (P McDonald), Legal Adviser (K Candy), LTP Co ordinator (S Gavin), Development Contributions Co ordinator (L Dahl), C Isaachsen (Business Analyst), Support Assistant Policy (D du Toit), Executive Assistant (J Crocombe) and Senior Meeting Co-ordinator (C Brindle)

1. 2015 – 2025 Long Term Plan and Associated Statements of Proposal Submission Hearings

Moved: Cr Morgan

Seconded: Cr Hermon

- “2. That any submissions identified as being received after the close of the submission period (prior to the closure of this meeting) be accepted for consideration by Council.
3. That the submissions relating to the 2015-2025 Long Term Plan and additional Statements of Proposal be received and heard.

CARRIED

Procedural matter

Moved: Cr Cutforth

Seconded: Cr Bretherton

“That in accordance with NZS 3.3.7 the meeting continue beyond six hours.”

CARRIED

Submitters addressed the council with regard to their written submissions and answered questions from Councillors.

The submitters who were heard are listed:

Landowners Coalition Inc and Frank Newman – Frank Newman – debt, proposed rates increase, process and methodology, fees and charges

Lee Hitchens (tabled submission) – proposed rates increase,

Kim Fickert – Transport (seal Massey Road)

Kim Fickert – proposed rates increased, submission process

Whangarei Mountain Bike Club – Matt Andrew – funding for new facilities, support development of facilities on William Fraser Park on Pohe Island, development of urban cycleways and cycle transport network

Whangaruru Coastal Community & Sports Association – Miripaka & Graham Haydon, Henry Murphy and Hapi Haika – recreational facilities Oakura

Nick Williamson – support alternative funding models

Revive Hikurangi – Mark Willemen- proposed rates increase

Springfield Community Swim Club – Susan McKegg – funding Community Pool

Positive Ageing Advisory Group – Stephanie McMillan – safety (footpaths & lighting), transport, accessible public recreational facilities, housing, libraries (outreach & mobile library services)
 Whangarei Dog Park Committee – Amada Delhaas and Tony Gill – asset maintenance & funding, Rolfe Jelavich – debt level
 Ronald Dannat – proposed rates increase
 Northern Football Federation – John Limma, Dave Alabaster and Chris Smith – increase rates to maintain levels of service, sports fields, ‘home’ of football
 Liz Wright – district promotion including Whangarei Quarry Garden, Russell Road improvements, supports option 1
 Retirement Village Association – John Collyns (representatives from local retirement villages) – proposed rates increase
 Marilyn Cox – proposed rates increase (supports to maintain and improve levels of service), Waipu cycleway/walkway (bring funds allocated in LTP forward)
 Jan Francis – Waipu cycleway/walkway, council consider becoming City, proposed rates increase
 Udy Investments – John Udy – proposed rates increase
 Waipu Resident and Ratepayers Association - Tony Solomon - proposed rates increase, roading and footpaths, solid waste, cycleway and walkway, parks and recreation, Hundertwasser (carparking)
 Te Moananui O Kiwa – Ueli Sasagi and Pania Baker – Pasefika Fusion Festival and Economic Growth - in support of Hihiaua Cultural Centre Charitable Trust submission on funding for cultural centre
 NZ Chamber of Commerce – proposed rates increase, infrastructure, business friendly organisational culture, financial strategy and management, tourism destination development, co operation and collaboration
 Democrats for social credit - Chris & Ann Leitch – debt, proposed rates increase, loan funding alternatives
 Whangarei Quarry Gardens Trust – Dan Robson, David McDermott and Rosie Sanderson - Visitor Centre (funding)
 Pīpīwai Titoki Advocacy for Community Health and Safety - Alex Wright – sealing rural roads
 Waipu Museum – Ken Couper and Simon Johnson– support for plan and development of the Museum & environs (increase in operation grant, capital funding (extensions to buildings)
 Volunteering Whangarei - Bart van der Meer – rent concession and annual operating grant
 Tutukaka Coast Promotions – Jeroen Jongejans – retain land purchase for Tutukaka trailer park, refuse station opening hours
 Whatitiri Maori Reserves Trust & Maungarongo Marae Committee - Lorraine Norris and Millan Ruka – public toilets Mangakahia Recreation Centre, public playground Poroti
 Ceili Lea & Jacob Buckle – Waipu cycle/walkway
 FC Whangarei – Derek Bon – maintenance & support for Football Club sportsfields and facilities
 Ian Reeves – trailer park at Tutukaka, proposed rates increase
 Totara Trust – Graeme and Denise Donald – proposed rates increase
 Anawhata Museum Trust – Geraldine & Fenton Crow, Phil Schultz and Fran Wilde – funding (annual operating grant) Pioneer and Packard Museum
 Clyde Faithful – proposed rates increase
 Bob Gibson – Bream Bay United Football Club – upgrade Ruakakak Recreation Centre playing fields

Procedural motion

Moved: Cr Martin
Seconded: Cr Cutforth

“That the meeting be adjourned and be reconvened in the Council Chambers on Friday 15 May at 9.00am.”

CARRIED

Cr Cutforth declared an interest for Liz Wright’s submission.

A tea break was taken from 10.29am to 10.41am following the submission from Stephanie McMillan

A lunch break was taken from 12.33pm to 1.00pm following the submission by John Udy.

Cr Innes left the meeting at 2.55pm following the submission from Jeroen Jongejans

A tea break was taken from 3.10pm to 3.20pm following the submission by Jacob Buckle.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4.21PM ON THURSDAY 14 MAY 2015 TO BE RECONVENED AT 9.00 AM ON FRIDAY 15 MAY 2015 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, RUST AVENUE, FORUM NORTH, WHANGAREI

THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 9.00 AM ON FRIDAY 15 MAY 2015 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, RUST AVENUE, FORUM NORTH, WHANGAREI

Minutes of the reconvened Extra-ordinary Whangarei District Council meeting held in the Council Chamber, Forum North on Thursday 14 May, Friday 15 May, Monday 18 May and Tuesday 19 May 2015 at 9.00am respectively

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In Attendance:

Acting Chief Executive Officer (S Weston), Group Manager Support Services (A Adcock), Group Manager District Living (P Dell), Group Manager Positive Growth (J Thompson), LTP Co-ordinator (S Gavin), Support Assistant Policy (D du Toit), Executive Assistant (J Crocombe) and Senior Meeting Co-ordinator (C Brindle)

Submitters continued to address the council with regard to their written submissions and answer questions from Councillors.

The submitters who were heard are listed:

Kamo Community Inc – Kay Jordan – disability parking, funding & support urban village design, youth / skate park, development Te Paka Crescent Reserve, development ‘pocket parks’
Northland Craft Trust – Andrea Beazley and Matt Keene – increased funding, supports option 1
Citizens Advice Bureau - Moea Armstrong – Elizabeth van der Kaay – proposed rates increase to support increased level of spending on social services
Port Road Industrial Park – Brian Eunson – proposed rates increase
Onerahi Foreshore - Robert Coats and Paul Doherty – Onerahi Foreshore Enhancement
Kamo Sports Charitable Trust – Murray Coop – maintenance of tennis courts (grant), funding community facility
The Tawapou Farm Partnership – Tom & Guy Bowden – rates postponement policy
Tim Howard – Tangata Whenua, Community Engagement, Local Alcohol Policy
Tiki Pride - John McGregor – Whangarei Falls Scenic Park
Ruakaka Recreation Centre – Winston Woods and Christine Thirling – Community Recreation Centre extension (support in principle)
NZ Health Professionals Opposing Fluoridation – Dr Lawrie Brett – Fluoridated water
Bream Bay UFC – Mike Davies and Warren Green – playing fields and facilities
Northland Regional Council – John Bain – roading, water, wastewater, stormwater, flood control
Otangarei Neighbourhood Safety Panel – Chis Goyen – community village plan, sportsfield renewal, sportsfield lighting, toilets, staged development cycle/walkway Fishbone Park (Te Punarere Park), development multi used sports facility Fish bone Park
Waipu Cycle & Walkway Group – Nyria Pullen, Mike Davies, Angela Stolwek – cycle/walkway
Vince Cocurullo – debt, finance & revenue policy, proposed rates increase, parking town basin, maintaining assets
Ruakaka Parish Residents & Ratepayers Group – Warren Daniels – various – road access to Ruakaka South Beach Settlement, Ruakaka Skateboard Park, Provision of Cemetery at Ruakaka, Combined Ruakaka Heritage Information Centre, One Tree Point Boat ramp wave protection works, foreshore protection, infrastructure (footpaths), Old Harbour Board Building, proposed convention centre/performing arts centre, bus shelter, toilets (junction SH1 & SH15)
Mangakahia Community and Sports Complex – Sylvia Tito – public toilets Mangakahia
Anthony Elson White – rates
Dean Scanlen – footpaths, road safety improvements
Phil Cullen – roading infrastructure upgrades, develop SH1, water/wastewater/stormwater infrastructure, maintain assets, rubbish, graffiti and vandalism, tourism, International Airport Kaikohe, Old Harbour Board building/Hundertwasser Arts Centre
Good Ground Real Estate – Martin Albrecht – rural roads, infrastructure
Ken Orr – proposed rates increase
Wally Yovich – proposed rates increase
Company of Giants – Ashley Holwell – 116A Bank Street

LeaRig Farms – Alan Whatmough & Ross Blomfield – proposed rates increase
Child & Youth Friendly Whangarei Steering Group - Hannah Mitchell – Child & Youth Friendly Cities
Otuhau Child & Youth Friendly Reference Group – Hannah Mitchell & representatives from the group
– Intersection improvements, new footpaths, new playground (Korau Road Reserve and Cobham
Road Reserve), free Wifi
GE Free Northland – Zelka Grammer – GMO Plan Changes,
Grammer Family – Zelka Grammer – Ruakaka Recreation Centre, GE/GMO's
David Mules – Reconnecting Northland programme – ecological restoration programme

Procedural motion

Moved: Cr Deeming

Seconded: Cr Glen

“That the meeting be adjourned to be reconvened in the Council Chambers on Monday 18 May at 9.00am.”

CARRIED

Cr Cutforth left the meeting at 9.57am following the submission from Robert Coats and Paul Doherty.
A tea break was taken from 10.37am to 10.47am after the submission from John McGregor.
Cr Cutforth rejoined the meeting at 10.57am during the submission from the representatives from the
Ruakaka Recreation Centre
A lunch was taken from 12.28pm to 1.00pm following the submission from Vince Cocurullo.
A tea break was taken from 3.05pm to 3.15pm following the submission from Wally Yovich.

**THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4.42PM FRIDAY 15 MAY 2015 TO BE RECONVENED AT
9.00 AM ON MONDAY 18 MAY 2015 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, RUST AVENUE, FORUM
NORTH, WHANGAREI**

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Apologies:

Cr G C Innes (absent)

Cr C B Christie (absent for interval)

Moved: Cr Morgan

Seconded: Cr Halse

“That the apologies be sustained.”

CARRIED

In Attendance:

Acting Chief Executive Officer (S Weston), Group Manager Positive Growth (J Thompson), Group Manager Support Services (A Adcock), Group Manager District Living (P Dell), Governance Manager (D Kula), Infrastructure Projects and Support Manager (C Martin), LTP Co ordinator (S Gavin), Support Assistant Policy (D du Toit), Executive Assistant (J Crocombe) and Senior Meeting Co-ordinator (C Brindle)

Submitters continued to address the council with regard to their written submissions and answered questions from Councillors.

The submitters who were heard are listed:

Hockey Northland – Grant McLeod and J Forbes – fourth hockey turf & replacement hockey turf

Northtec – Paul Binney and Khalid Bakhsove – support for tertiary education hub and student accommodation in the CBD

Central Brown AFC – Grant Lennon and Bryn Hughes– as per submission - funding (upgrading and increasing the capacity of sportsfields)

Sport Northland – Brent Eastwood – as per submission - support for Sport Northland’s programmes, capital spending on Sport and Recreation projects, support Walking and Cycling, capital funding request for Whangarei Aquatic centre, Sport Northland’s targeted Community approach

Northland Rugby Union – Jeremy Parkinson – support and funding facility Pohe Island

Carol Peters – as per submission – rates rebates, Company of Giants, emergency housing, Parihaka Transmission mast

WDC Disability Advisory Group – Jonny Wilkinson & Gwenda Reid – transportation, recreation, libraries, economic growth

Transition Whangarei – Ross Clark – future provisions for more localised economy

Hihiaua Cultural Centre Trust – Richard Drake, Ken Kawiti and Te Warahi Hetaraka – Hihiaua Cultural Centre

Rick and Jan Palmer – Whau Valley Parklands

Langs Beach Petition – Tim Hosking – access ramp Langs Beach

Margaret Hicks – various as per submission – proposed rates increase, wetland upgraded (Ruakaka wastewater treatment plant), climate change (potential effect on infrastructure and future coastal development)

David Lourie – various as per submission – potential effects of climate change

Christine King – proposed rates increase (supports option 1)

Grey Power – Don Nightingale – proposed rates increase

Robin Lieffering – various as per submission – proposed rates increase, debt level, Northland Events Centre Trust, strategic planning, extension Forum North building, sportsfield strategy, Old Library Building

Gertraud Ostwald – debt & proposed rates increase

Alan Agnew – Indoor Bowls facility, Community Hall maintenance & upgrade, infrastructure (roading)

Helen Frances – cycle/walkway Waipu

George Bond – various as per submission, proposed rates increase, fiscal responsibility

Northland Inc – David Wilson, Warren Moyes & Vaughan Cooper – as per submission, support and funding for economic development

Whangarei Music Society – Shona Scott – new concert Hall Whangarei

The Centre Waipu – Paul Wickham and Rick Stolwerk – proposed rates increase, collaborative approach to encourage business growth (working group)

KL Wickham and Hereford Trustees 2007 Ltd – Ken Wickham – proposed rates increase

Rathbone Business Centre – Paul Yovich – proposed rates increase

Parua Bay School – Danny Jewell – infrastructure (transport/parking/underpass or crossing), all weather sports area, adequate playing area.

Procedural motion

Moved: Cr Hermon

Seconded: Her Worship the Mayor

“That the meeting be adjourned to be reconvened in the Council Chambers on Tuesday 19 May at 9.00am.”

CARRIED

Cr Williamson joined the meeting at 9.15am during the submission by Paul Binney.

Cr Christie did not rejoin the meeting immediately following the tea break.

A tea break was taken from 10.45am to 10.56am following the submission from Richard Drake.

A lunch break was taken from 11.16am to 12.30pm after the submission from Tim Hosking.

Cr Halse did not rejoin the meeting immediately following the lunch break.

Cr Halse rejoined the meeting at 1.05pm during the submission from Robin Lieffering.

Cr Christie rejoined the meeting at 1.44pm during the submission from Alan Agnew.

A tea break was taken from follow 2.31pm to 2.47pm following the submission from David Wilson.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4.35PM MONDAY 18 MAY 2015 TO BE RECONVENED AT 9.00 AM ON TUESDAY 19 MAY 2015 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, RUST AVENUE, FORUM NORTH, WHANGAREI

THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 9.00 AM ON TUESDAY 19 MAY 2015 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, RUST AVENUE, FORUM NORTH, WHANGAREI

Present:

Her Worship the Mayor S L Mai

Crs S J Bretherton, C B Christie (9.06am), P A Cutforth, S J Deeming, S M Glen, C M Hermon, P R Halse, G C Innes, G M Martin, B L McLachlan, S L Morgan and J D T Williamson

Apology:

Cr J S Bell

Moved: Cr Bretherton

Seconded: Cr Cutforth

“That the apology be sustained.”

CARRIED

In Attendance:

Acting Chief Executive Officer (S Weston), Group Manager District Living (P Dell), Governance Manager (D Kula), Support Assistant Policy (D du Toit), Executive Assistant (J Crocombe) and Senior Meeting Co-ordinator (C Brindle)

Submitters continued to address the council with regard to their written submissions and answer questions from Councillors.

The submitters who were heard are listed:

Bank Street Revitalisation Group – Tracey Deane – Bank Street Revitalisation
Tutukaka Resident & Ratepayer Group – Chris Robertson & Sally Hume – various – Trailer park at Tutukaka, Hundertwasser Art Centre, Ngunguru Foreshore, walkways, cycleways, proposed rates increase, people with disabilities
Whangarei Film Society – Kate Elliot – accommodation for Film Society
Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (EECA) – Bill Hewitt – support greater energy efficiency and renewable energy initiatives in council operations and wider community.
Steering Group Making Whangarei a Fair Trade District – Peter Bruce (and representatives) (tabled petition) – as per submission
Lovell Land Limited – Marianne Lovell – infrastructure (roading), proposed rates increase, supports option 2.
Pehiaweri Maori Church and Marae Inc – Mike Kake, Les Wakefield, Joy Hopa, Kathryn McKenzie – Otuihau/Whangarei Falls Action Group
District Health Board – Dr Clair Mills – various – as per submission - water (infrastructure and fluoridation), Local Alcohol Policy, roading (dust)
Paul Berks – various – as per submission – consultation, strategic planning, climate change,
Leo Robinson – various – as per submission – maintaining assets (roads)), cost saving – levels of service, fiscal responsibility
W Drake – Tania Groombridge – various – as per submission - proposed rates increase
Cheryl McCullough – Gay McCullough – various - as per submission, weed control (Whangarei Heads), proposed rates increase, Revenue and Finance Policy (capital expenditure, depreciation), Hundertwasser/Old NRC Building
Jan May – various as per submission – water conservation, safety services, pensioner housing (rents and maintenance), emergency housing, funding Community Halls, debt, energy efficient fleet cars, Old Harbour Board building, One building
Gloria Bruni – various – as per submission – Ngunguru/Tutukaka cycleway (support in principle), Sense of Place initiatives, Tutukaka Green, proposed rates increase (supports Option One)
Isobel Finlayson – hydrotherapy pool changing room
Northport Ltd and Marsden Maritime Holdings Ltd – Brett Hood – Rates Remission and Postponement Policy
Emily Falloon – ‘Beautify the City’ project
Federated Farmers – Richard Gardiner – various – as per submission.

*Cr Christie joined the meeting at 9.06am during the submission from Tracey Deane.
A tea break was taken from 10.23am to 10.34am following the submission from Marianne Lovell.
A lunch break was taken from 12.27 to 1.15pm following the submission from Gloria Bruni.
The meeting was adjourned from 1.58pm to 2.14pm following the submission from Emily Falloon.*

The meeting closed at 2.28pm

Confirmed this 24th day of June 2015

S L Mai (Chairperson)