

# 1. Minutes: Whangarei District Council Tuesday, 25 October and Wednesday 26 October 2016

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*Minutes of a meeting of the Whangarei District Council held in the Council Chamber Forum North on Tuesday 25 October 2016 at 5.30pm and Wednesday 26 October 2016 at 9.00am*

## **Present:**

Her Worship the Mayor S L Mai (Chairperson)

Crs S J Bell, C B Christie, V P D Cocurullo, P A Cutforth, S J Deeming, S M Glen, J A Golightly, P R Halse, C M Hermon, G C Innes, G M Martin, S L Morgan and A H Murphy

## **In Attendance:**

Chief Executive (R Forlong), Group Manager District Living (P Dell), Group Manager Support Services (A Adcock), Group Manager Positive Growth (J Thompson), Governance Manager (J Marris), Executive Assistants (J Crocombe and C De Graaf) and Senior Meeting Co-ordinator (C Brindle)

## **Powhiri (Ceremonial welcome to the new Councillors)**

The tangata whenua (host party including local hapu, the returning Mayor and Whangarei District Council staff) extended a ceremonial welcome to the manuhiri (guests including the new Councillors for 2016-2019 and their visitors).

Kaumatua Te Warihi Heteraka led everyone in prayer followed by a himene.

Nga whaikorero (speeches of welcome by tangata whenua and replies by manuhiri) followed. After each speech a waiata of support was performed.

Kaumatua Taipari Munro ascended to the stage, extended a warm welcome to all present and provided an explanation of the proceedings, he then invited the Chief Executive to formally open the meeting.

## **1. Statutory Declaration by Members**

In accordance with the Local Government Act (2002) the Chief Executive opened the meeting.

The Mayor elect Sheryl Lorraine Mai made and signed the statutory declaration.

The Chief Executive formally invested Mayor Mai with the Chain of Office.

The Mayor chaired the meeting from this point.

Councillors made and signed the Statutory Declaration witnessed by Mayor Mai.

Declarations were made in the order as follows:

- Stuart Jonathan Bell
- Vincent Peter Damian Cocurullo
- Patricia Anne Cutforth
- Shelley June Deeming

- Susan Margaret Glen
- Jayne Anne Golightly
- Phillip Ross Halse
- Cherry Margaret Hermon
- Gregory Charles Innes
- Gregory MacDonald Martin
- Sharon Louise Morgan
- Anna Helen Murphy.

### **Address by Her Worship the Mayor**

The Mayor sincerely thanked the tangata whenua for their welcome of the new Councillors. She stated she was honoured to be Mayor of the district and to work with a team of Councillors to create a district that all could be proud of.

Her Worship acknowledged members of the previous council, Susy Bretherton, Brian McLachlan and John Williamson for their service as Councillors.

At the conclusion of her speech the Mayor thanked everyone for coming along and showing support for the district's new leaders and formally adjourned the meeting.

Kaumatua Taipari Munro led a karakia and blessed the kai.

The ceremony concluded with a light supper.

**THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7.20pm TUESDAY 25 OCTOBER FOLLOWING ITEM 1  
AND RECONVENED AT 9.00AM ON WEDNESDAY 26 OCTOBER, IN THE COUNCIL  
CHAMBERS**

**Present:**

Her Worship the Mayor S L Mai (Chairperson)

Crs S J Bell (9.03am) C B Christie, V P D Cocurullo, P A Cutforth, S J Deeming, S M Glen, J A Golightly, P R Halse, C M Hermon, G C Innes, G M Martin, S L Morgan and A H Murphy

**Apology:**

Cr S J Bell (late arrival)

**Moved: Cr Cutforth**

**Seconded: Cr Cocurullo**

“That the apology be sustained.”

**CARRIED**

**In Attendance:**

Chief Executive (R Forlong), Group Manager District Living (P Dell), Group Manager Support Services (A Adcock), Group Manager Infrastructure and Services (S Weston), Group Manager Positive Growth (J Thompson), Governance Manager (J Marris), Legal Counsel (G Mathias and K Candy), Maori Relationship Manager (S Tipene), Executive Assistant (J Crocombe) and Senior Meeting Co-ordinator (C Brindle)

**2. Maiden Speeches**

Councillors V Cocurullo, J Golightly and A Murphy gave their maiden speeches.

*Cr Bell joined the meeting at 9.03am during Item 2.*

**3. General Explanation of Laws Affecting Elected Members**

G Mathias advised council on the laws affecting elected members.

**Moved: Cr Halse**

**Seconded: Cr Hermon**

“That Council:

- a) note the general explanation of the laws affecting Elected Members.
- b) note that an in depth workshop regarding the laws affecting Elected Members is scheduled for Tuesday 8 November 2016.”

**CARRIED**

**4. Appointment of Deputy Mayor**

**Moved: Her Worship the Mayor**  
**Seconded: Cr Martin**

“That Council:

- a) notes the appointment by the Mayor of Councillor S L Morgan as Deputy Mayor.”

**CARRIED**

**5. First Ordinary Meeting of Council**

**Moved: Cr Martin**  
**Seconded: Cr Deeming**

“That Council:

- a) Set the first Ordinary Meeting for 9.00am on Thursday 24 November 2016, in the Whangarei District Council chamber.”

**CARRIED**

**The meeting closed at 9.29am**

Confirmed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of November 2016

S L Mai (Chairperson)