

2. Minutes: Whangarei District Council Thursday 27 April 2017

Minutes of a meeting of the Whangarei District Council held in the Council Chamber Forum North on Thursday 27 April 2017 at 10.30am

Present:

Her Worship the Mayor S L Mai (Chairperson)

Crs Stu Bell, Vince Cocurullo, Tricia Cutforth, Shelley Deeming, Sue Glen, Jayne Golightly, Phil Halse, Cherry Hermon, Greg Innes, Greg Martin, Sharon Morgan and Anna Murphy

Apology:

Cr Christie

Moved: Cr Martin

Seconded: Cr Cocurullo

“That the apology be sustained.”

CARRIED

In Attendance:

Chief Executive (Rob Forlong), General Manager Community (Sandra Boardman), General Manager Finance and Corporate (Alan Adcock), General Manager Infrastructure (Simon Weston), General Manager Planning and Development (Alison Geddes), General Manager Strategy and Democracy (Jill McPherson), Governance Manager (Jason Marris), Waste and Drainage Manager (Andrew Carvell), Legal Counsel (Kathryn Candy), Financial Controller (Rich Kerr), Community Services Manager (Owen Thomas), Parks Manager (Paul McDonald), Property Manager (Mike Hibbert), Group Planner Infrastructure (Robin Rawson), Executive Assistant (Judi Crocombe) and Senior Meeting Co-ordinator (C Brindle)

Cr Morgan opened the meeting with a prayer/karakia.

Declarations of interest – Cr Morgan requested it be noted that she is the Council appointed representative on the organisations referred to in Item 6 – Whangarei Art Museum and Item 7 – Creative Northland.

Her Worship acknowledged the awarding of the QSM, for services to the community, to Walter Yovich.

1. Public Forum

Speakers:

Brian May – various subjects

Lawrence Wayne Deeming – Code of Conduct Review – A Consumer’s View

2. Confirmation of minutes of a Meeting of the Whangarei District Council held on 20 March 2017

Moved: Cr Murphy
Seconded: Cr Deeming

“That the minutes of the Whangarei District Council Meeting held on Thursday 30 March 2017, including the confidential section, 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. Proposed swap of reserve land, Russell Road

Moved: Cr Deeming
Seconded: Cr Morgan

“That the Whangarei District Council

- a) Notes public advertisement (under Section 15 of the Reserves Act) of the application for a land swap between Lot 2 DP126790 and Lot 3 DP126790, with easements to be provided over Lots 4 and 7 DP110869;
- b) Agrees that given the potential for public benefit from the proposal, that staff time will not be charged to process the application.”

CARRIED

Cr Halse abstained from voting on Item 3.

4. 2017 Local Government New Zealand Conference

Moved: Cr Deeming
Seconded: Cr Morgan

“That Council notes that;

- a) the Local Government New Zealand Conference is being held 23-25 July in Auckland.
- b) the Mayor, Councillors, Tricia Cutforth, Cherry Hermon, Greg Innes, Sharon Morgan, Anna Murphy and General Managers Sandra Boardman and Alison Geddes will attend and represent council at the 2017 LGNZ Conference.”

CARRIED

5. Council Benchmarks 2015/2016

Moved: Cr Martin
Seconded: Cr Innes

“That Council notes the financial benchmarking data in the report.”

CARRIED

6. Recommendation from the Community Funding Committee - Whangarei Art Museum Report

Moved: Her Worship the Mayor
Seconded: Cr Morgan

“That Council notes the report of the Whangarei Art Museum.”

Amendment

Moved: Cr Bell
Seconded: Cr Cocurullo

“That Council notes the report of the Whangarei Art Museum; and requests the Whangarei Art Museum Trust provide to Council a full report on all of the funding applications it has lodged since 1 July 2015.”

**The amendment was CARRIED
and subsequently CARRIED
as the substantive MOTION**

7. Recommendation from the Community Funding Committee - Review Creative Northland Report

Moved: Her Worship the Mayor
Seconded: Cr Innes

“That Council notes the report on the review of Creative Northland.”

Amendment

Moved: Cr Cutforth
Seconded: Cr Cocurullo

“The Council notes the report on the review of the Creative Northland and in light of it’s findings, staff re-assess Council’s funding contribution and report back to Council by June 2017.”

Cr Hermon foreshadowed her intention to move a further amendment and the tenor of her proposed amendment.

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

For the amendment:

Crs Bell, Cocurullo, Deeming, Golightly, Halse, Martin, Glen and Cutforth (8)

Against the amendment:

Crs Hermon, Innes, Murphy, Morgan and Her Worship the Mayor (5)

Absent:

Cr Christie

**The amendment was CARRIED
and subsequently CARRIED
as the substantive MOTION**

8. Council priorities for Te Kārearea,

Supplementary No 1 – Item 8 was distributed separately but within the timeframe specified in LGOIMA.

Moved: Cr Murphy

Seconded: Cr Cutforth

“That Council;

- (a) agrees to base its priorities for Te Kārearea, on the concept of “fairness to all”
- (b) confirms the Whangarei District Council priorities below for discussion at the May Te Kārearea meeting:

Council Draft Priorities

8 points - Effective 2-way communication

6 points - Hihiaua Cultural centre

5 points - Focus on youth (joint initiative)

4 points equal

- Sincere early engagement (e.g. LTP/Rates Review/Blue Green Strategy)
- Explore co-governance models so we are ready (Management plans - areas)

3 points equal

- Water Quality issues (e.g. Otuihau)
- Cultural competency training (translation)
- Maori Commissioners (RMA) training/resource
- Working with under resourced communities
- National symposium on Maori representation and local government

2 points equal

- Joint effort to promote the district
- Possible transfer of land Otangarei Marae/Takahiwai
- Creating an understanding of council processes
- Maori housing/healthy homes

1 point equal

- Council protocol for mihi whakatau meetings etc.
- Understanding the history of significant areas to Maori in the District
- Observing the relevant legislation more than we do now
- Support Marae on same basis as community halls

Other Priorities

- Pilots for local Hapu to be contractors (e.g. Mokau Otangarei)
- Investigate employing more Maori staff at WDC
- Water Ownership and Management
- Papakaianga housing – making it happen
- Using Hapu Environmental Management plans better
- Waiata for councillors (appropriate for circumstance)
- Fixing naming mistakes
- Heritage trails Blue/Green -shared stories
- More in Maori language week/Matariki.”

Amendment

Moved: Cr Deeming
Seconded: Cr Cocurullo

“That recommendations a) and b) be adopted, excepting that ‘Marae with a Civil Defence function be supported on the same basis as community halls’.”

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

For the amendment:

Crs Bell, Cocurullo, Deeming, Hermon, Golightly, Halse, Martin and Glen (8)

Crs Cutforth, Innes, Murphy, Morgan and Her Worship the Mayor (5)

Absent:

Cr Christie

**The amendment was CARRIED
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A ten minute break was taken from 12.20pm to 12.35pm following Item 8.

Exclusion of the public

Moved: Cr Deeming
Seconded: Cr Hermon

“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	Confidential Minutes Whangarei District Council meeting 30 March 2017	Good reason to withhold information exists under Section 7 Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987	Section 48(1)(a)
C.2	Trustee Appointment		
C.3	Property Transaction		
C.4	Property Transaction		
C.5	Contract Extension		

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, are as follows:

Item	Grounds	Section
C.1	For the reasons as stated in the minutes	
C.2	To protect the privacy natural persons	Section 7(2)(a)
C.3	To enable the Committee to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations	Section 7(2)(i)
C.4	To enable the Committee to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations	Section 7(2)(i)
C.5	To enable the Committee to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations	Section 7(2)(i)."

CARRIED

The meeting closed at 1.24pm

Confirmed this 25th day of May 2017

Her Worship the Mayor Sheryl Mai (Chairperson)