

Whangarei District Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, 31 October, 2019
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Location: Semenoff Stadium

In Attendance	Her Worship the Mayor Sheryl Mai (Chairperson) Cr Gavin Benney Cr Vince Cocurullo Cr Nicholas Connop Cr Tricia Cutforth Cr Shelley Deeming Cr Jayne Golightly Cr Phil Halse Cr Greg Innes Cr Greg Martin Cr Anna Murphy Cr Carol Peters Cr Simon Reid
Not in Attendance	Cr Ken Couper

Scribe **C Brindle (Senior Democracy Adviser)**

Powhiri (Ceremonial welcome to the new Councillors)

The Mayor and Councillors-elect were welcomed with a powhiri led by Taipari Munro, Dick Shepherd and Aperahama Edwards. A karakia led by Kaumatua Hohepa Rudolph commenced proceedings.

4.1 Statutory Declaration by Members

After the powhiri, Whangarei District Council Chief Executive Rob Forlong opened the inaugural Council meeting and invited Mayor Sheryl Mai to make her statutory declaration and receive the mayoral chain.

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

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:

Gavin John Benney
Nicholas Hunter Connop
Vincent Peter Damian Cocurullo
Patricia Anne Cutforth
Shelley June Deeming
Jayne Anne Golightly
Phillip Ross Halse
Gregory Charles Innes
Gregory MacDonald Martin
Anna Helen Murphy
Carolyn Rae Peters
Simon John Reid.

An apology from Councillor Ken Couper was noted.

Address by Her Worship the Mayor

The Mayor sincerely thanked the tangata whenua for their welcome of the new Councillors. She stated that she was honoured to be elected Mayor of the district for a third term, 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, Crichton Christie, Sue Glen, Cherry Hermon and Sharon Morgan.

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 closed with a karakia and blessed the kai.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6.10PM ON THURSDAY 31 OCTOBER TO BE RECONVENED AT 9.00AM ON FRIDAY 1 NOVEMBER, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

Minutes of the reconvened meeting of the Whangarei District Council held in the Council Chamber, Forum North, on Friday 1 November 2019 at 9.00am

In Attendance

**Her Worship the Mayor Sheryl Mai
(Chairperson)**

Cr Gavin Benney

Cr Vince Cocurullo

Cr Nicholas Connop

Cr Tricia Cutforth

Cr Shelley Deeming

Cr Jayne Golightly

Cr Phil Halse

Cr Greg Innes

Cr Greg Martin

Cr Anna Murphy

Cr Carol Peters

Cr Simon Reid

Not in Attendance

Also present

Cr Ken Couper

Graeme Mathias (Legal Counsel)

Scribe

C Brindle (Senior Democracy Adviser)

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made at this meeting.

3. Apology

Cr Ken Couper

Moved By Cr Vince Cocurullo

Seconded By Cr Greg Innes

That the apology be sustained.

Carried

4. Information Reports

4.2 Public Forum

Fiona Green – Whangarei Disability Advisory Group – selection criteria

Melanie Payne – Advocating on behalf of gender diverse community.

4.3 Maiden Speeches

Councillors Nicholas Connop, Carol Peters and Simon Reid gave their maiden speeches.

4.4 General Explanation of Laws Affecting Elected Members

Moved By Cr Tricia Cutforth

Seconded By Cr Phil Halse

That Council notes the general explanation of laws affecting Elected Members.

Carried

4.5 Appointment of Deputy Mayor

Moved By Her Worship the Mayor

Seconded By Cr Shelley Deeming

That the Council notes the appointment by the Mayor of Councillor Greg Innes as Deputy Mayor.

Carried

4.6 Committee Structure for the 2019 - 2022 Term

Moved By Her Worship the Mayor

Seconded By Cr Greg Innes

That Council:

1. Notes the committee structure, chairpersons, and elected member representation on Committees for the 2019-2022 term.
2. Notes the Chief Executive will conduct a contestable process to identify a suitable candidate for the Independent Chair of the Risk and Audit Committee.
3. Notes the Commissioner Chair of the District Licensing Committee is contracted to that role until 2021.
4. Notes the Chief Executive will develop Terms of Reference for the committees of Council, in liaison with the committee chairs, for approval at the November Council meeting.
5. Notes the Chief Executive will develop a timetable of Council meetings for approval at the November Council meeting.

Amendment

The amendment was taken in parts.

Moved By Cr Vince Cocurullo

Seconded By Cr Jayne Golightly

That Council,

1. Notes the committee structure, chairpersons and elected member representation on Committees for the 2019-2022, as recommended by Her Worship the Mayor.

Cr Cocurullo called for divisions on all of the recommendations:

Recorded	For	Against	Abstain
Her Worship the Mayor	X		
Cr Gavin Benney	X		
Cr Vince Cocurullo	X		
Cr Nicholas Connop	X		
Cr Tricia Cutforth	X		
Cr Shelley Deeming	X		
Cr Jayne Golightly	X		
Cr Phil Halse	X		
Cr Greg Innes	X		
Cr Greg Martin	X		
Cr Anna Murphy	X		
Cr Carol Peters	X		
Cr Simon Reid	X		
Results	13	0	0

Recommendation 1 was Carried (13 to 0)

2. Establishes a Finance Committee under clause 30 of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act (2002).

Recorded	For	Against	Abstain
Her Worship the Mayor		X	
Cr Gavin Benney		X	
Cr Vince Cocurullo	X		
Cr Nicholas Connop			X
Cr Tricia Cutforth		X	

Cr Shelley Deeming		X	
Cr Jayne Golightly	X		
Cr Phil Halse	X		
Cr Greg Innes		X	
Cr Greg Martin		X	
Cr Anna Murphy		X	
Cr Carol Peters		X	
Cr Simon Reid	X		
Results	4	8	1

Recommendation 2 was Lost (8 to 4)

Recommendations 3 and 4, no longer relevant, were withdrawn.

3. Appoints all Elected Members to the Finance Committee.
4. Appoints the Chairperson of the Finance Committee following the procedure outlined in Standing Order 5.6, Voting system for committee chairs; and accepts a nomination to appoint Councillor Halse as Chairperson.
5. Appoints the Chairperson of Risk and Audit Committee following the procedure outlined in Standing Order 5.6, Voting system for committee chairs.

Recorded	For	Against	Abstain
Her Worship the Mayor		X	
Cr Gavin Benney		X	
Cr Vince Cocurullo	X		
Cr Nicholas Connop	X		
Cr Tricia Cutforth	X		
Cr Shelley Deeming		X	
Cr Jayne Golightly	X		
Cr Phil Halse	X		
Cr Greg Innes		X	
Cr Greg Martin		X	
Cr Anna Murphy		X	

Cr Carol Peters		X	
Cr Simon Reid	X		
Results	6	7	0

Recommendation 5 was Lost (7 to 6)

6. Appoints Councillors Phil Halse and Simon Reid to the Chief Executive Review Committee.

Recorded	For	Against	Abstain
Her Worship the Mayor		X	
Cr Gavin Benney		X	
Cr Vince Cocurullo	X		
Cr Nicholas Connop	X		
Cr Tricia Cutforth		X	
Cr Shelley Deeming		X	
Cr Jayne Golightly	X		
Cr Phil Halse	X		
Cr Greg Innes		X	
Cr Greg Martin		X	
Cr Anna Murphy		X	
Cr Carol Peters		X	
Cr Simon Reid	X		
Results	5	8	0

Recommendation 6 was Lost (8 to 5)

7. Notes the Commissioner Chair of the District Licensing Committee is contracted to that role until 2021.

Recorded	For	Against	Abstain
Her Worship the Mayor	X		
Cr Gavin Benney	X		
Cr Vince Cocurullo	X		
Cr Nicholas Connop	X		
Cr Tricia Cutforth	X		
Cr Shelley Deeming	X		

Cr Jayne Golightly	X		
Cr Phil Halse	X		
Cr Greg Innes	X		
Cr Greg Martin	X		
Cr Anna Murphy	X		
Cr Carol Peters	X		
Cr Simon Reid	X		
Results	13	0	0

Recommendation 7 was Carried (13 to 0)

8. Notes the Chief Executive will develop Terms of Reference for the committees of Council, in liaison with the committee chairs, for approval at the November meeting.

Recorded	For	Against	Abstain
Her Worship the Mayor	X		
Cr Gavin Benney	X		
Cr Vince Cocurullo	X		
Cr Nicholas Connop	X		
Cr Tricia Cutforth	X		
Cr Shelley Deeming	X		
Cr Jayne Golightly	X		
Cr Phil Halse	X		
Cr Greg Innes	X		
Cr Greg Martin	X		
Cr Anna Murphy	X		
Cr Carol Peters	X		
Cr Simon Reid	X		
Results	13	0	0

Recommendation 8 was Carried (13 to 0)

9. Notes the Chief Executive will develop a timetable of Council meetings for approval at the November Council meeting.

Recorded	For	Against	Abstain
Her Worship the Mayor	X		
Cr Gavin Benney	X		
Cr Vince Cocurullo	X		
Cr Nicholas Connop	X		
Cr Tricia Cutforth	X		
Cr Shelley Deeming	X		
Cr Jayne Golightly	X		
Cr Phil Halse	X		
Cr Greg Innes	X		
Cr Greg Martin	X		
Cr Anna Murphy	X		
Cr Carol Peters	X		
Cr Simon Reid	X		
Results	13	0	0

Recommendation 9 was Carried (13 to 0)

**The amendments as carried
were subsequently carried
as the substantive motion**

Cr Murphy was absent from the meeting from 10.17 am to 10.19am during Item 4.6.

Cr Couper was absent from the meeting.

A tea break was taken from 10.26am to 10.36am during Item 4.6.

5. Decision Reports

5.1 First Ordinary Meeting of Council

Moved By Cr Anna Murphy

Seconded By Cr Greg Innes

That the Council set the first Ordinary Meeting for 9.00am on Wednesday 27 November 2019, in the Whangarei District Council Chamber.

Carried

5.2 Infrastructure Capital Projects and Carry Forwards Report - October 2019

Moved By Cr Phil Halse

Seconded By Cr Shelley Deeming

That Whangarei District Council

1. Notes the carry forwards forecast for 2019/20 financial year are likely to be between \$14 – \$21m; and
2. Approves bringing forward budget totalling \$4.16m from future Long Term Plan years for projects listed below; and
3. Approves an equivalent carry forward of \$4.163m to maintain the total budget envelope for the 2019/20 financial year.

Project Description	LTP Indicator	Amount Brought Forward	Comment
Pohe Island Skate Park Upgrade	Skate Park Upgrade (LTP Yr 2021-22)	\$1.4m	Detailed design work is nearing completion and ready to move to construction.
Ngunguru Sportsfield Drainage	Sport & Recreation Renewals (LTP Yr 2021-24)	\$0.08m	Drainage design complete, works need to be done before Ngunguru skate park construction.
Whareora Rd Raw Water Main Upgrade	Water Reticulation – Programmed Work (LTP Yr 2021-24)	\$1.2m	Can be delivered this year, provides additional supply capacity of raw water from Hatea River to the water treatment plant.
Hikurangi Water Delivery Line	Water Reticulation – Programmed Work (LTP Yr 2021-24)	\$0.3m	Replacement of old water line to the reservoir, in a new and more accessible location.
Cobham Oval Carpark Sealing	Okara Park Carpark (LTP Yr 2026-27)	\$0.833m	Upgrade of Cobham Oval Carpark. Lighting, EV charging, landscaping and stormwater treatment may increase this to \$1.7m, which will require a further council approval.
Waipu Cove Wastewater River Crossing	Wastewater Network Upgrades (LTP Yr 2020-21)	\$0.35m	Design to increase capacity of the wastewater main at the river crossing.
TOTAL		\$4.163m	

Carried

Cr Cocurullo was absent from the meeting from 11.09am to 11.19am during Item 5.2.

5.3 Plan Change 134 - Designations - Final Approval

Moved By Cr Shelley Deeming

Seconded By Cr Greg Innes

That the Council approve:

1. the incorporation of PC134 into the District Plan in terms of Clause 17 of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991.
2. the notification of PC134 becoming operative in terms of Clause 20 of the Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Carried

Crs Cocurullo and Halse requested their votes against be recorded.

6. Closure of Meeting

The meeting concluded at 11.39am

Confirmed this 27th day of November 2019

Her Worship the Mayor Sheryl Mai