

## Whangarei District Council Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Thursday, 27 February, 2020  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m.  
**Location:** Council Chamber  
Forum North, Rust Avenue  
Whangarei

**In Attendance**

Her Worship the Mayor Sheryl Mai  
(Chairperson)  
Cr Gavin Benney  
Cr Vince Cocurullo  
Cr Nicholas Connop  
Cr Ken Couper  
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

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

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### Acknowledgement

Her Worship acknowledged and welcomed special guests Rebecca and Vanessa from Port Vila Municipal Council who are spending time at Whangarei District Council.

### 1. Karakia/Prayer

Eva Vaughan opened the meeting with a karakia.

### 2. Declarations of Interest

Item 6.2 – Whangarei Harbour Marina Management Trust – variation to lease  
Item 6.10 – Fees and Charges 2020 to 2021

### 3. Apologies

There were no apologies.

#### **4. Public Forum**

Peter Vaughan – Planning Consent application processes – principles of the Treaty of Waitangi

Robert Van Der Kaap – Council record cameral film of vehicle theft. An improved camera system for Vine Street car park. Number of vehicles stolen etc Vine Street/Whangarei

Oliver Krollmann – Climate Change Update – establishment of a Climate Emergency Action Advisory Group

#### **5. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting of the Whangarei District Council**

##### **5.1 Minutes Whangarei District Council meeting held 19 December 2019**

**Moved By** Cr Carol Peters

**Seconded By** Cr Vince Cocurullo

That the minutes of the Whangarei District Council meeting held on Thursday 19 December 2019, 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**

##### **5.2 Minutes Extra ordinary Whangarei District Council meeting held 11 February 2020**

**Moved By** Cr Shelley Deeming

**Seconded By** Cr Anna Murphy

That the minutes of the Whangarei District Council meeting held on Tuesday 11 February 2019 having been circulated, be taken as read and now confirmed and adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings of that meeting.

**Carried**

#### **6. Decision Reports**

##### **6.1 Active Recreation and Sports Strategy – adoption**

**Moved By** Cr Greg Innes

**Seconded By** Cr Nicholas Connop

That the Council adopts the Active Recreation and Sports Strategy and supports including short term projects for consideration in the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan.

**Carried**

*Cr Cocurullo requested his vote against be recorded.*

## **6.2 Whangarei Harbour Marina Management Trust - variation to lease**

**Moved By** Cr Greg Martin

**Seconded By** Cr Greg Innes

That Council;

1. approves in principle the variation of the Whangarei Harbour Marina Management Trust lease for maritime buildings and boating facilities at the Town Basin and Kissing Point on the following terms:
  - a. the lease to be extended for a further 16 years, extending the expiry date for the lease from 30 June 2034 to 30 June 2050;
  - b. adding additional rights of renewal and rent reviews on 1 July 2034, 1 July 2039, 1 July 2044 and 1 July 2045; and
  - c. the extension being conditional on the Trust obtaining an extension of the resource consent for marina operations to align with the new expiry date.
2. Delegates to the Chief Executive the authority to execute the lease extension upon confirmation of these terms.

**Carried**

*Declaration of Interest:*

*Cr Deeming declared an interest as council's representative on the Whangarei Harbour Marina Management Trust.*

*Cr Murphy abstained from voting on Item 6.2.*

## **6.3 Temporary Road Closure - ANZAC Day Parade 2020**

**Moved By** Cr Vince Cocurullo

**Seconded By** Cr Nicholas Connop

That Whangarei District Council,

1. Approves the proposal to temporarily close the following roads to ordinary traffic for the ANZAC Day Parade on the following date in accordance with the Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closure) Regulations 1965.

**Saturday 25 April 2020**

**Bank Street**, from Hunt Street to Water Street

**Rust Avenue**, from Whangarei Intermediate School to Bank Street

**Cameron Street**, from Bank Street to Rathbone Street

**Rathbone Street**, from Cameron Street to Robert Street  
**Robert Street**, from Rathbone Street to Lauri Hall Carpark  
**Laurie Hall Carpark**  
**Service Lanes**, adjacent to the closed roads  
**Period of Closure:** 4:00am – 8:00am

2. Approves the proposal to temporarily close the side roads off the roads to be closed for up to 100 meters from the intersection for safety purposes.
3. Delegates to the Chair of the Infrastructure Committee and General Manager Infrastructure the power to give public notice of these proposed temporary closures, to consider any objections and to either approve, cancel or amend any or all of the temporary road closures if applicable.

**Carried**

#### **6.4 Direction setting for the 2019 - 2022 term**

**Moved By** Her Worship the Mayor

**Seconded By** Cr Carol Peters

That Council:

1. Endorses the following priorities for the 2019 -2022 Triennium, for consideration through the 2021 – 2031 Long Term Plan:
  - Transport (Roading and Public Transport)
  - Revitalising the City Core
  - Potential Northport expansion/Navy relocation
  - Sustainability (including waste minimisation)
  - Housing.
2. Notes the development of strategic planning and engagement programme.

**Carried**

#### **6.5 Policy on Elected Members Allowances and Recovery of Expenses**

**Moved By** Cr Shelley Deeming

**Seconded By** Cr Vince Cocurullo

That Council:

1. Approves the draft Elected Members Allowances and Recovery of Expenses Policy.

2. Delegates to the Chief Executive the responsibility of updating the policy to reflect changes from the Remuneration Authority.

**Carried**

## **6.6 Civic Centre - Review of Scope and Budget**

The motion was taken in parts.

**Moved By** Her Worship the Mayor

**Seconded By** Cr Shelley Deeming

That the Whangarei District Council:

1. Note that current population statistics show higher recent population growth than previous projections.

**Carried**

2. Note that the effect of the increased population is that the Civic Centre will need to be considerably larger than previously considered.

**Carried**

3. Resolve to use the Accommodation Schedule in this report as the basis to enter the Civic Centre design phase.

**Carried**

4. Increase the Civic Centre project budget by \$10 million, with the increase to be allocated to the 2021/22 financial year.

*On the resolution being put Her Worship the Mayor called for a division:*

<b>Recorded</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Her Worship the Mayor	X		
Cr Gavin Benney	X		
Cr Vince Cocurullo		X	
Cr Nicholas Connop	X		
Cr Ken Couper	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
<b>Results</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>

**The resolution was Carried (10 to 3)**

*The meeting adjourned from 11.07am to 11.22am following Item 6.6.*

## **6.7 Policy for Council Appointments to Outside Organisations**

**Moved By** Cr Gavin Benney

**Seconded By** Cr Tricia Cutforth

That the Council:

1. Adopts the proposed Policy on Council Appointments to Outside Organisations located at Attachment One.
2. Delegates to the Chief Executive the authority to make editorial and typographical changes to the Policy on Council Appointments to Outside Organisations, if required.

**Carried**

*Cr Deeming re-joined the meeting at 11.23am following Item 6.7.*

## **6.8 Status of Director of Springs Flat Contractors Ltd**

**Moved By** Cr Greg Innes

**Seconded By** Cr Greg Martin

That the Council

1. Agrees to remove Crichton Christie as a director and do not appoint a replacement, at this stage.

Amendment

**Moved By** Cr Vince Cocurullo

**Seconded By** Cr Phil Halse

2. Agrees that a letter of thanks is sent to former Councillor Crichton Christie for his many years of service both within the Directorship and also on council.

**The amendment was Carried  
and subsequently Carried  
as the substantive Motion**

## 6.9 Appointments to Outside Organisations for 2019-2022 term

The motion was taken in parts.

**Moved By** Cr Tricia Cutforth

**Seconded By** Cr Phil Halse

That Council:

1. Approves the appointment of elected members as Council representatives to outside organisations as follows:
  - a. Northland Regional Landfill Limited Partnership (NRLLP) Advisory Committee – Cr Shelley Deeming, Cr Vince Cocurullo
  - b. Bream Head Conservation Trust – Her Worship the Mayor
  - c. Mangakahia Sports Ground Society Inc – Cr Simon Reid
  - d. Northland Athletics and Gymnastics Stadium Trust – Cr Phil Halse
  - e. Northland Craft Trust (Quarry Arts Centre) – Cr Nicholas Connop
  - f. Ngunguru Retirement Village Trust – Cr Greg Martin, Cr Anna Murphy
  - g. Saorsa Retirement Village Trust – Cr Phil Halse
  - h. Stonehaven Village Trust – Cr Phil Halse
  - i. The Mission to Seafarers Marsden Point – Cr Ken Couper
  - j. Tutukaka Marina Management Trust – Cr Greg Martin
  - k. Whangarei Harbour Marina Management Trust – Cr Shelley Deeming, Cr Phil Halse
  - l. Northland Road Safety Trust – Cr Greg Martin
  - m. Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Northland Inc – Cr Ken Couper
  - n. City Safe – Cr Vince Cocurullo
  - o. Disability Advisory Group – Cr Jayne Golightly
  - p. Positive Ageing Advisory Group – Cr Tricia Cutforth
  - q. Youth Advisory Group – Cr Nicholas Connop
  - r. Walking and Cycling Reference Group – Cr Gavin Benney.

**Carried**

2. Notes the approach to appointments to other outside organisations where formal appointments have historically been made, and associated communication.

**Carried**

*Crs Deeming and Peters requested their votes against be recorded.*

## **6.10 Fees and Charges 2020 to 2021**

**Moved By** Her Worship the Mayor

**Seconded By** Cr Nicholas Connop

That Whangarei District Council:

- a. Adopt the Statement of Proposal for 2020-2021 fees and charges listed in Table A below which are subject to the Special Consultative Procedure process under the Local Government Act 2002.
- b. Resolve to seek public submissions on these fees and charges in accordance with the Special Consultative Procedure.

### **Table A: 2020-21 Fees and charges subject to the Special Consultative Procedure.**

- c. Adopt the 2020-21 fees and charges which are not subject to the Special Consultative Procedure listed in Table B below

### **Table B: 2020-21 Fees and charges not subject to the Special Consultative Procedure.**

- d. Authorise the Chief Executive to make minor amendments, drafting, typographical or presentation corrections necessary to the Proposed Fees and Charges and the Statement of Proposal prior to consultation.

**Carried**

*Declaration of Interest:*

*Cr Benney declared a conflict of interest and withdrew from the table taking no part in discussions or voting on Item 6.10.*

*Secretarial note: the following amendments were made to the Proposed Draft Fees and Charges document:*

*Page 22 – formal submission period amended to 4 March – 6 April 2020.*

*Page 23 – Closing date for feedback amended to Monday 6 April 2020.*



## **7. Information Reports**

### **7.1 Financial Report for the 7 Months Ending 31 January 2020**

**Moved By** Cr Phil Halse

**Seconded By** Cr Anna Murphy

That the Council notes the operating results for the seven months ending 31 January 2020.

**Carried**

### **7.2 Capital Projects Report for the 7 months ending 31 January 2020**

**Moved By** Cr Phil Halse

**Seconded By** Cr Shelley Deeming

That the Council notes the Capital Projects Report for the seven months ending 31 January 2020.

**Carried**

### **7.3 Northland Transportation Alliance - Benefits Assessment**

**Moved By** Cr Ken Couper

**Seconded By** Cr Greg Martin

That Council notes the contents of the report.

**Carried**

*Cr Halse left the meeting at 12.23pm following Item 7.3.*

### **7.4 Reintroduction of the Well-beings - Responding to changes to the Local Government Act 2002**

**Moved By** Cr Greg Innes

**Seconded By** Cr Anna Murphy

That Council:

1. Notes the pathway to meeting the intent of the Local Government (Community Well-being) Amendment Act 2019.

**Carried**

*Cr Couper left the meeting from 12.24pm to 12.26pm during discussions on Item 7.4.*

## 7.5 Upper North Island Strategic Alliance (UNISA) Update

**Moved By** Her Worship the Mayor

**Seconded By** Cr Greg Innes

That the Council notes the update on the Upper North Island Strategic Alliance.

**Carried**

## 8. Public Excluded Business

**Moved By** Cr Anna Murphy

**Seconded By** Cr Shelley Deeming

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
1.1	Confidential Minutes Whangarei District Council 19 December 2019	Good reason to withhold information exists under Section 7 Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987	Section 48(1)(a)
1.2	Bid for sporting event		
1.3	Appointment		

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
1.1	For the reasons as stated in the minutes	
1.2	To enable Council to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)	Section 7(2)(h)
1.3	To protect the privacy of natural persons	Section (7)(2)(a)

**Carried**

**9. Closure of Meeting**

The meeting concluded at 1.14pm.

Confirmed this 30<sup>th</sup> day of April 2020

Her Worship the Mayor Sheryl Mai (Chairperson)