

## Extraordinary Whangarei District Council Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Thursday, 16 April, 2020  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m.  
**Location:** Virtual Meeting Room

**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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Her Worship opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the first virtual meeting of the Whangarei District Council.

**1. Karakia/Prayer**

Māori Engagement Manager Aperahama Edwards opened the meeting with a karakia/prayer.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

Item 4.3 Community Fund 2019-20 Round 2

**4. Decision Reports**

**4.1 Review of decision making arrangements during COVID-19**

**Moved By** Her Worship the Mayor

**Seconded By** Cr Greg Innes

That Council:

1. Note the amendments made to the Local Government Act 2002 made under the COVID-19 Response (Urgent Management

Measures) Legislation Act 2020 to allow for meeting attendance and quorum by audio or audio visual link.

2. Rescind the *following* resolutions made at the Emergency Council meeting on 24 March 2020:

*“2. Delegates the power to make urgent decisions on behalf of Council or its Committees to:*

- Any two of the Mayor or Deputy Mayor, and the Chairperson of either the Infrastructure, Strategy, Planning and Development, or Community Development Committees.*
- To be in force so long as Council is required to act in accordance with COVID-19 Alert Level 4 as determined by Government.*

- 3. If the Mayor or Deputy Mayor is not available, delegates to the Chief Executive, urgent decision making powers, except for those responsibilities, duties and powers specifically excluded in clause 32(1)(a) – (h) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002.*

- 4. Agree that the Chief Executive’s financial delegation is increased to \$4,500,000 in relation to these urgent decision making powers if they are required.”*

3. Agree to operate under a temporary limited meeting schedule as follows:

- Defer meetings of the four committees of the whole (Community Development, Infrastructure, Strategy Planning and Development, and Risk and Audit) and the Exemptions and Objections Subcommittee until 31 May 2020, or until the Epidemic Preparedness (COVID-19) Notice 2020 expires or is not renewed by the Prime Minister, whichever comes first.
- Continue with meetings of the remaining three committees as required (Chief Executive Review, Civic Honours Selection, and District Licensing).

4. Approve the amended Council meeting schedule for April and May as follows:

- a. Ordinary meetings of council on:

- 30 April 2020
- 14 May 2020
- 28 May 2020.

5. Delegates to the Chief Executive, the ability to amend or add to the amended meeting schedule in recommendation 4 above, in consultation with the Mayor.

**Carried**

*Cr Couper requested his concern that meetings of the Risk and Audit Committee were deferred, and his concern that the committee has not yet met; be recorded in the minutes.*

## **4.2 Draft Economic Recovery Response**

**Moved By** Cr Gavin Benney

**Seconded By** Cr Carol Peters

That the Council;

1. Note that the Covid-19 pandemic has had a material impact on households and businesses.
2. Endorses the approach for Council's Economic Recovery Response, including the actions identified to support those in hardship in the community.
3. Notes that there may be further items added to the response so there will be regular briefing sessions/meetings to update elected members and seek input.

**Carried  
(Unanimous)**

## **4.3 Community Fund 2019-20 Round 2**

**Moved By** Cr Tricia Cutforth

**Seconded By** Cr Anna Murphy

That Council:

1. Approves grants from Round 2 of the 2019-20 Community Fund as follows:
  - i. Age Concern Whangarei for postage paid envelopes \$1,789
  - ii. Diversity Northland (under Creative Northland) for Diversity Festival 2020 \$7,000
  - iii. Mahitahi Hauora for Kai Ora Fund \$7,000
  - iv. Mangapai Historic Buildings Inc for relocation of historic church \$7,000
  - v. Northland Athletics and Gymnastics Sports Trust for interior upgrade \$7,000
  - vi. Northland Chinese Association for Chinese Moon Festival \$1,000
  - vii. Oneonesix Trust for Whangarei Fringe Festival \$7,000
  - viii. Rotary Club of Whangarei South for Bernina Northland Fashion Awards 2020 \$4,000

ix.	Te Pou Theatre Trust for Maori Double Bill	\$2,951
x.	Waipu Cove Surf Life Saving Club for first aid training	\$5,000
xi.	Waipu Primary School Board of Trustees for Bream Bay Matariki Festival	\$3,858
xii.	Whangarei Men's Shed for Railway Station restoration	\$7,000
xiii.	Whangarei Mountain Bike Club for new trail	\$7,000
xiv.	Whangarei Victim Support for volunteers training programme	\$2,750
xv.	Whangaruru School for Whangaruru Cultural Festival 2020	\$3,000
xvi.	Whangarei Cat Rescue	\$4,635.00

2. Declines grants from Round 2 of the 2019-20 Community Fund as follows:

- i. Arthritis NZ for arthritis workshop
- ii. Dress of Success Northland for operating costs
- iii. Elevate Project for murals project
- iv. Epilepsy Association of NZ for computer replacement
- v. Hikurangi Rugby Union Football Club for kitchen upgrade
- vi. Jack Morgan Museum for 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event and exhibition addition
- vii. Kensington Croquet Club for croquet hoops
- viii. Learn NZSL with Eddie Trust for NZSL winter programme
- ix. Massive Company Trust for performing arts programme
- x. Nga Kura mo te Ako o Whangarei for community of learning project
- xi. Northland Indian Association for Festival of Life
- xii. Northland Society of Arts for garden irrigation
- xiii. Onerahi Volunteer Fire Brigade for Skyfest
- xiv. Waiotira Domain Board for drainage works
- xv. Waipu Caledonia Society for Highland Games
- xvi. Whangarei Group Riding for the Disabled for salary contribution
- xvii. Regent Community Trust for toy library purchases
- xviii. Whangarei Parents Centre for Teddy Bears Picnic 2020.

*On the motion being put Cr Halse 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 Carol Peters	X		
Cr Simon Reid		X	
<b>Results</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>

**The motion was Carried (8 to 3)**

*Cr Innes was absent from the meeting from 10.01am to 10.13am during discussion on Item 4.2.*

*Cr Anna Murphy left the meeting at 2:30pm during discussion on Item 4.3.*

*Declarations of interests:*

*Cr Cocurullo declared an interest and withdrew from voting on Item 4.3.*

*Chief Executive Rob Forlong declared an interest in regard to a familial connection to Dress for Success Northland.*

## **5. Closure of Meeting**

The meeting concluded at 10.25am.

Confirmed this 30 day of April 2020

Her Worship the Mayor Sheryl Mai (Chairperson)