

Whangarei District Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, 14 May, 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)

Administrative matters

Her Worship covered the following administrative matters:

- Meeting being live streamed
- Change of order of business - Item 5.5 Adoption of the Consultation Document and Supporting Information for the 2020-21 Annual Plan to be taken after Item 5.3 Deliberation and Adoption of 2020-21 Fees and Charges
- Minor correction - Item 5. 5 – Adoption of the Consultation Document and Supporting Information for the 2020-21 Annual Plan
- Declarations of Interest – Members were reminded to declare any interests.

1. Karakia/Prayer

Chief Executive Rob Forlong opened the meeting with a karakia/prayer.

3. Apologies

There were no apologies.

4. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting of the Whangarei District Council

4.1 Minutes Whangarei District Council meeting held 30 April 2020

Moved By Cr Vince Cocurullo

Seconded By Cr Carol Peters

That the minutes of the Whangarei District Council meeting held on Thursday 30 April 2020, having been circulated, be taken as read and now confirmed and adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings of that meeting; subject to it being noted in the apologies that the reason for Cr Halse and Cr Peters late arrival was due to access issues.

Carried

5. Decision Reports

5.1 COVID-19 Response Strategy

Moved By Cr Greg Innes

Seconded By Cr Simon Reid

That the Council

1. Endorses the COVID-19 Response Strategy (Attachment 1)
2. Authorises the Chief Executive to make any minor amendments to the text and graphics of the COVID-19 Response Strategy as required.

**Carried
Unanimous**

5.2 COVID-19 Relief Package

Moved By Cr Carol Peters

Seconded By Cr Gavin Benney

That the Council:

1. Endorses a Council Relief Package totalling \$3,000,000 for inclusion in the proposed 2020-21 Annual Plan. The total amount will be allocated to:
 - a. Community groups \$900,000
 - b. Business Support (District Development) \$1,350,000
 - c. Ratepayer support \$750,000.

**Carried
Unanimous**

Secretarial note:

The rental relief percentages provided in the table on page 57 of the agenda report are incorrect, the correct percentages are:

Inner City Living/Redevelopment – 27% - \$367k

Rental Relief Council Tenants – 43% - \$580k.

5.3 Deliberation and Adoption of 2020-21 Fees and Charges

Moved By Cr Shelley Deeming

Seconded By Cr Vince Cocurullo

That Council:

1. Note the information and submission comments.
2. Note that Council is finalising fee relief for those affected by COVID-19 through a grant system which will assist businesses (hospitality) most affected.
3. Deliberate on the submission to the proposed 2020-21 Fees and Charges.

Carried

Following deliberations, Council resolved:

Moved By Cr Shelley Deeming

Seconded By Cr Tricia Cutforth

That Council:

1. Make no changes to the draft 2020-21 Fees and Charges as a result of consultation.
2. Note that the submitter will be informed of the outcome of their submission.
3. Adopt the 2020-21 fees and charges which were subject to a special consultative procedure under the Local Government Act 2002 listed in Table A below:

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

	Refer Attachment Three Statement of Proposal
Bylaw Enforcement	Page 22
Drainage (Waste Water and Trade Waste)	Page 7-8

Food Act	Page 18-20
Gambling and Racing Act	Page 21
Health Act Registered Premises	Page 20-21
Public Places Bylaw	Page 21
Resource Management Act	Page 11-17
Rubbish Disposal	Page 5-6
Water Supply	Page 9-10

4. Authorise the Chief Executive to make minor amendments, drafting, typographical or presentation corrections necessary to the 2020-21 Fees and Charges document (including reference to the previous year's fees).

Carried

Declaration of interest:

Cr Benney declared a conflict of interest and withdrew from the table and took no part in discussions or voting on Item 5.3.

A short break was taken from 10.24am to 10.40am following Item 5.3. Item 5.5 was taken after Item 5.3.

5.4 2021 – 2031 Long Term Plan – Early Direction Setting

Moved By Cr Vince Cocurullo

Seconded By Cr Phil Halse

That Council

1. Endorses the vision from option 1 and the strategic drivers and priorities outlined in option 3 for the 2021 – 2031 Long Term Plan.
2. Not undertake early engagement on the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan.
3. Requests staff to develop a communications programme for the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan using feedback from consultation on Council's response to COVID-19 through the Annual Plan process.
4. Notes that formal consultation on the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan will be undertaken in March 2021.

Amendment

Moved By Her Worship the Mayor

Seconded By Cr Anna Murphy

That Council

1. Endorses the vision, strategic drivers and priorities outlined under option 3 for the 2021 – 2031 Long Term Plan.
2. Not undertake early engagement on the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan.
3. Requests staff to develop a communications programme for the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan using feedback from consultation on Council's response to COVID-19 through the Annual Plan process.
4. Notes that formal consultation on the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan will be undertaken in March 2021.

On the amendment being put Her Worship called for a division:

Recorded	For	Against	Abstain
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
Results	9	2	3

**The amendment was Carried (8 to 2)
and subsequently Carried
as the substantive Motion**

Item 5.5 was taken after Item 5.3.

5.5 Adoption of the Consultation Document and supporting information for 2020-21 Annual Plan

Moved By Her Worship the Mayor

Seconded By Cr Greg Innes

That Council:

1. Adopts the Supporting Information to the Consultation Document to the 2020-2021 Annual Plan (Attachment One).
2. Endorses the preferred option for General and Targeted rates, as outlined in this Agenda and summarised in the Consultation Document for the 2020-2021 Annual Plan.
3. Adopts the Consultation Document for the 2020-2021 Annual Plan (Attachment 2) which outlines Councils proposed changes to Year 3 of our Long Term Plan in response to COVID-19, including the preferred option for general and targeted rates.
4. Notes that Council will not meet the financial prudence balanced budget benchmark for 2020-2021.
5. Authorises the Chief Executive to make any necessary drafting, administrative, typographical or presentation changes.

Carried

Cr Deeming re-joined the meeting at 10.44am during discussions on Item 5.5.

Item 5.4 was taken after Item 5.5.

Secretarial note: The sector share percentages on page 4 of the agenda report are incorrect, the correct percentages are located on page 32 of the CD & supporting information document (page 38 of the supplementary agenda).

6. Information Reports

6.1 Risk and Audit activity under COVID-19

Moved By Her Worship the Mayor

Seconded By Cr Shelley Deeming

That Council:

1. Notes the Risk and Audit Committee agenda for the meeting scheduled for 25 March 2020 that did not go ahead due to COVID-19.

2. Notes the risk approach taken to date in response to COVID-19.
3. Notes that the Risk and Audit three-year rolling work programme will be re-worked and brought back to the Risk and Audit Committee in June 2020 for endorsement.

Carried

7. Public Excluded Business

Moved By Cr Greg Innes

Seconded By Cr Carol Peters

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	Property purchase	Good reason to withhold information exists under Section 7 Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987	Section 48(1)(a)
1.2	Rent Relief for Covid 19 Response		

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	<p>To protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it or the subject of the information</p> <p>To enable Council to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage commercial activities</p> <p>To enable Council to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)</p>	<p>Section 7(2)(b)(ii)</p> <p>Section 7(2)(h)</p> <p>Section 7(2)(i)</p>

1.2	<p>To enable Council to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage commercial activities</p> <p>To enable Council to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)</p> <p>To maintain legal professional privilege</p>	<p>Section 7(2)(h)</p> <p>Section 7(2)(i)</p> <p>Section 7(2)(g)</p>
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Carried

8. Closure of Meeting

The meeting concluded at 12.28pm

Confirmed this 28th day of May 2020

Her Worship the Mayor Sheryl Mai (Chairperson)