

Whangarei District Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, 23 July, 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

Not in Attendance Cr Simon Reid

Scribe C Brindle (Senior Democracy Adviser)

Administrative matters

Her Worship covered the following administrative matters:

- Meeting being livestreamed
- Withdrawn - Item 8.3 - Development Opportunity Dent Street

Her Worship acknowledged those who assisted during the recent flooding. A special thanks to those people in the community that offered help and assistance to those affected and also to the council, CDEM, contractors and emergency services staff who worked tirelessly during and after the flood to restore normality.

Cr Murphy joined the meeting at 9.03am.

1. Karakia/Prayer

Cr Connop opened the meeting with a karakia/prayer.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

Item 6.3 – Future Governance Options for the Northland Events Centre

3. **Apologies**

Cr Simon Reid (absent) and Cr's Tricia Cutforth and Anna Murphy (late arrival)

Moved By Cr Greg Innes

Seconded By Cr Carol Peters

That the apologies be sustained.

Carried

4. **Public Forum**

Shaun Davison and Carmel Henry – Ahi wai Eco-neighbourhood – outlined of the principles and practice of this special development

Peter Vaughan – Cultural Impact Assessment – current process, recommendations for future CIA's and various topics

Robin Lieffering – Proposal to move the Te Karearea Strategic Partnership Forum to a Standing Committee of Council.

5. **Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meetings of the Whangarei District Council**

5.1 **Minutes Whangarei District Council Meeting held 25 June 2020**

Moved By Cr Greg Innes

Seconded By Cr Jayne Golightly

That the open minutes of the Whangarei District Council meeting held on Thursday 25 June 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 the recorded vote on the amendment being amended to '8', (Item 6.2 – Elected member remuneration 2019-2022 term – amendment (page 10)).

Carried

5.2 **Minutes Whangarei District Council Meeting held 9 July 2020**

Moved By Cr Carol Peters

Seconded By Cr Greg Martin

That the minutes of the Whangarei District Council meeting held on Thursday 9 July 2020, 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 Request for Private Development Agreement by WFH Properties (The Landing)

Moved By Cr Greg Innes

Seconded By Cr Shelley Deeming

That the Whangarei District Council;

1. Approves a Private Development Agreement with WFH Properties to acquire Lots 602 and Lot 603 valued at \$1,050,000 plus GST including playground improvements in lieu of paying parks and reserves development contributions estimated at \$706,766 plus GST.
2. Delegates the Chief Executive the authority to finalise all terms and conditions relating to the Private Development Agreement with WFH Properties.

Carried

6.2 Temporary Road Closure - Northland Car Club - September 2020 - January 2021

Moved By Cr Vince Cocurullo

Seconded By Cr Phil Halse

That Whangarei District Council,

1. Approves the temporary closure of the following roads to ordinary traffic for the Northland Car Club events on the following dates in accordance with section 342 (1)(b) and Schedule 10 Clause 11 of the Local Government Act 1974.

Sunday 13 September 2020

Rosythe Road, Waipu, 400 meters from SH1 to a point 1.5kms from SH1.

Sunday 27 September 2020

Doctors Hill Road, Waipu, 600 meters from SH1 to Mountfield Road.

Sunday 1 November 2020

Crows Nest Road, Hukurenuī, from a point 2 kms from SH1 to Paia Road.

Sunday 29 November 2020

Paiawa Road, Waiotira, from Mititai Road to a point approximately 2.7km from Mititai Road.

Sunday 31 January 2021

Kaikanui Road, from a point approximately 5kms from Pigs Head Road to a point approximately 3kms towards Webb Road.

Period of Closure: 9:30am – 5:30pm.

2. Approves the temporary closure of 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 notices of these temporary road closures.

Carried

Secretarial Note: The title of the report was amended to 'September 2020 - January 2021'.

6.3 Future Governance Options for the Northland Events Centre

Moved By Cr Vince Cocurullo

Seconded By Cr Carol Peters

That the Council:

1. Endorses Option 1 (New Full Trust) as the preferred option for future governance and management of the Northland Events Centre.
2. Notes the Indicative Implementation Pathway for the preferred option.
3. Notes that a detailed implementation plan will be developed for the preferred option.

On the motion being put Cr Martin 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		
Results	9	2	2

The motion was Carried (9 to 2)

Declarations of Interest:

Cr Halse declared an interest as Chair of the Northland Events Centre Trust. Cr Halse withdrew from the table and took no part in discussions or voting on Item 6.3.

Cr Benney declared an interest as a Trustee of the Northland Events Centre Trust. Cr Benney withdrew from the table and took no part in discussions or voting on Item 6.3.

Cr Reid was absent from the meeting.

7. Information Reports

7.1 Financial Report for the 12 months ending 30 June 2020

Moved By Cr Tricia Cutforth

Seconded By Cr Jayne Golightly

That the Council notes the external net debt position and treasury report as at 30 June 2020.

Carried

7.2 Corporate Group - Contracts Approved Under Delegated Authority

Moved By Cr Ken Couper

Seconded By Cr Tricia Cutforth

That Council notes the Corporate Group contracts awarded under Chief Executive and General Manager delegated authority in relation to the design of the Civic Centre.

Carried

Cr Halse requested his vote against be recorded.

7.3 CCO Audit Letters of Support

Moved By Cr Vince Cocurullo

Seconded By Cr Gavin Benney

That the Council

1. Notes the draft Letters of Support for Whangarei Art Museum Trust, Northland Events Centre Trust, Whangarei Quarry Gardens Trust, and Whangarei District Airport.

Carried

Cr Deeming left the meeting at 10.27am during discussions on Item 7.3.

7.4 Report back on Class 4 Gambling Venues Policy

Moved By Cr Carol Peters

Seconded By Cr Greg Innes

That Council receives the Class 4 Gambling Venues Policy Social Impacts Report (Attachment A) and Options Analysis (Attachment B) and confirm the policy review in 2022.

Carried

Cr Deeming re-joined the meeting at 10.29am during discussions on Item 7.4.

8. Public Excluded Business

Moved By Cr Shelley Deeming

Seconded By Cr Vince Cocurullo

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 25 June 2020	Good reason to withhold information exists under Section 7 Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987	Section 48(1)(a)
1.2	Civic Honours Selection Committee – Approval of Minutes and Recommendations		
1.3	Development Opportunity Dent Street		
1.4	Code of Conduct Complaint		

1.5	Report on Conduct of Conduct Complaint		
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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 open minutes.	
1.2	To protect the privacy of natural persons including that of a deceased person	Section 7(2)(a)
1.3	To enable Council to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)	Section 7(2)(i)
1.4	To protect the privacy of natural persons including that of a deceased person The making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences and the right to a fair trial	Section 7(2)(a) Section 6(a)
1.5	To protect the privacy of natural persons including that of a deceased person	Section 7(2)(a)

Carried

A break was taken from 10.48am to 11am.

9. Closure of Meeting

The meeting concluded at 12.32pm.

Confirmed this 27th day of August 2020

Her Worship the Mayor Sheryl Mai (Chairperson)