

Whangarei District Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, 27 August, 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)

1. Karakia/Prayer

Cr Benney opened the meeting with a karakia/prayer.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

4. Public Forum

Speakers:

Beverley Woods – WDC responsibility for vehicles on beaches

Amber Fayerberg – Urgent need for 2 dedicated pedestrian crossings at Ngunguru

Nadia Snyman and Skyla Anderson-Wynn – Pedestrian crossings at Tikipunga High School

Council received apologies from Chris Twiss and Brian May.

Item 7.1 was taken after Item 4.

3. Apologies

There were no apologies.

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

5.1 Minutes Whangarei District Council meeting held 23 July 2020

Moved By Cr Greg Martin

Seconded By Cr Carol Peters

That the open minutes of the Whangarei District Council meeting held on Thursday 23 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

5.2 Minutes Extra ordinary Whangarei District Council meeting held 13 August 2020

Moved By Cr Tricia Cutforth

Seconded By Cr Nicholas Connop

That the minutes of the Whangarei District Council meeting held on Thursday 13 August 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 Staff Delegations Under Resource Management Act (1991)

Moved By Cr Anna Murphy

Seconded By Cr Greg Innes

That the Council delegate the following functions under the Resource Management Act 1991:

1. Section 39AA(2) to direct that a hearing or part of a hearing be conducted using one or more remote access facilities to the following staff:

- General Manager – Planning and Development
- Manager – RMA Consents
- Manager – District Plan
- RMA Planning Specialist and,
- Team Leader – RMA Consents.

Carried

6.2 Three Waters Reform - Memorandum of Understanding Application

Moved By Cr Greg Innes

Seconded By Her Worship the Mayor

That the Whangarei District Council,

1. Sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Crown, agreeing to participate in the initial stage of a central/local government three waters service delivery reform programme (Appendix A).
2. Authorise the Chief Executive to enter into the Funding Agreement and a delivery plan, to accept a grant from the Crown to spend on operating and/or capital expenditure relating to three waters infrastructure and service delivery (Appendix B).
3. Note that signing the MoU does not obligate Council to continue participation beyond the term of the MoU.

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		
Cr Simon Reid	X		
Results	14	0	0

**The motion was Carried (14 to 0)
Unanimous**

6.3 Election 2022 - Choice of Electoral System

Moved By Cr Tricia Cutforth

Seconded By Cr Carol Peters

That Council pursuant to section 27 of the Local Electoral Act 2001 resolves to change to the Single Transferrable Voting electoral system for the 2022 and 2025 triennial elections.

Amendment

Moved By Cr Vince Cocurullo

Seconded By Cr Shelley Deeming

That Council pursuant to section 27 of the Local Electoral Act 2002 resolves to retain the First Past the Post electoral system for the 2022 triennial election.

On the amendment being put Cr Deeming 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	5	0

**The amendment was Carried (9 to 5)
and subsequently Carried
as the substantive Motion**

A break was taken from 10.56am to 11.15am following Item 6.3.

6.4 Regional Economic Development: Progress Towards a Joint Delivery Model

Moved By Her Worship the Mayor

Seconded By Cr Greg Innes

That Council;

1. Support the proposal that recommends Northland Inc. be modified to become a joint regional CCO;
 - a. with a formal joint committee to provide oversight,
 - b. a funding arrangement that Northland Regional Council contribute 60% and Whangarei, Far North and Kaipara District Councils contribute 40% and
 - c. this is achieved over a six-year time frame aligned to the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan Cycle and
 - d. public consultation to establish Northland Inc. as a joint regional CCO is included and aligned to the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan consultation process of each Northland Council.
2. Approve the proposal that recommends Northland Regional Council share the appointment of directors and input to the Statement of Intent process with Whangarei, Far North and Kaipara District Councils, in return for agreed funding for the 2020-2021 Annual Plan Year. The agreed funding for the 2020-2021 Annual Plan is:
 - a. Northland Regional Council – Continue to fund Northland Inc. and the IGR per their current Long-Term Plan
 - b. Whangarei District Council – One hundred and five thousand dollars (\$105K) plus the contribution of up to one FTE to Northland Inc.
 - c. Kaipara District Council – Twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25K)
 - d. Far North District Council – Eighty-two thousand dollars (\$82K)
3. Support, in principle, the development of a Regional Economic Development Strategy for inclusion in the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan Cycle, subject to scope, resources and funding.

On the motion 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	6	8	0
The motion was Lost (6 to 8)			

6.5 Te Tai Tokerau Worker Redeployment Package – Storm Response Funding Variation

Moved By Cr Greg Martin

Seconded By Cr Nicholas Connop

That the Council;

1. Approve Council varying the existing agreement with the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment to receive an additional \$4m of funding for storm repair program acceleration and associated operational and capital expenditure to address flood damage in Northland (specifically \$2m funding in Far North and \$2m funding Whangarei Districts) related to roads, culverts, drains, parks, stormwater and other storm impacted Council Infrastructure;
2. Approve Council varying the existing agreement with Far North District Council to ensure delivery of their component of the agreement in recommendation 1, and;
3. Delegates to the Chief Executive the authority to finalise the terms and conditions of the variation agreements in recommendations 1 and 2.

Carried

6.6 Flood Damage Repair Costs

Moved By Cr Phil Halse

Seconded By Cr Nicholas Connop

That Council,

1. Approve up to \$5m unbudgeted operating and capital expenditure in order to repair damage caused during the flooding event on 17 July 2020.
2. Note that Council is likely to incur an operating deficit as a result of the flood repairs.
3. Note that non urgent works may be deferred where repairing flood damage receives priority.
4. Note that, where possible, the government contribution of \$2m through the MBIE Redeployment Package will be used to offset the expenditure.

Carried

7. Information Reports

7.1 Police Report

Area Commander Martyn Ruth updated council on Police matters.

Moved By Cr Vince Cocurullo

Seconded By Cr Gavin Benney

That Council note the report.

Carried

Item 4 was taken after Item 7.1.

7.2 Financial Report for the 1 month ending 31 July 2020

Moved By Cr Greg Martin

Seconded By Cr Shelley Deeming

That Council notes the external net debt position and treasury report as at 31 July 2020.

Carried

7.3 Operating Report for the 12 Months Ending 30 June 2020

Moved By Cr Shelley Deeming

Seconded By Cr Greg Innes

That Council notes the draft operating results for the 12 months ending 30 June 2020.

Carried

7.4 Capital Projects Report for the year ending 30 June 2020

Moved By Cr Anna Murphy

Seconded By Cr Jayne Golightly

That the Council notes the final Capital Projects Report for the year ending 30 June 2020, and the revised Capital Projects Budget for 2020-21 financial year.

Carried

7.5 Whangarei District Council 2020 Credit Rating

Moved By Cr Vince Cocurullo

Seconded By Cr Tricia Cutforth

That the Council receives the 2020 S&P Global Ratings credit rating report and notes its contents.

Carried

7.6 2020 Whangarei District Council Resident Satisfaction Survey

Moved By Cr Nicholas Connop

Seconded By Cr Gavin Benney

That Council notes the information provided in the 2020 Whangarei District Council Resident Satisfaction Survey.

Carried

8. Public Excluded Business

Moved By Cr Ken Couper

Seconded By Cr Anna Murphy

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 23 July 2020	Good reason to withhold information exists under Section 7 Local Government Official Information and Meetings	Section 48(1)(a)
1.2	Appointment Independent Hearing Commissioners Panel		

1.3	Cemetery – Land purchase	Act 1987	
1.4	Civic Centre Contract		
1.5	Chief Executive's Performance Review 2019/2020 and Annual Review of Remuneration		
1.6	Chief Executive's Performance Goals 2020/2021		

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 commercial activities	Section 7(2)(h)
1.4	To enable Council to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)	Section 7(2)(i)
1.5	To protect the privacy of natural persons including that of a deceased person	Section 7(2)(a)
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Carried

A break was taken from 12.49pm to 1.20pm.

9. Closure of Meeting

The meeting concluded at 2.49pm.

Confirmed this 24th day of September 2020

Her Worship the Mayor Sheryl Mai (Chairperson)