

Whangarei District Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, 31 August, 2017
Time: 10:30 a.m.
Location: Council Chamber
Forum North, Rust Avenue
Whangarei

In Attendance	Her Worship the Mayor Sheryl Mai (Chairperson) Cr Stu Bell Cr Crichton Christie Cr Vince Cocurullo Cr Tricia Cutforth Cr Shelley Deeming Cr Sue Glen Cr Phil Halse Cr Cherry Hermon Cr Greg Innes Cr Greg Martin Cr Sharon Morgan Cr Anna Murphy
Not in Attendance	Cr Jayne Golightly

Also present:

Chief Executive (Rob Forlong), General Manager Finance and Corporate (Alan Adcock), General Manager Infrastructure (Simon Weston), General Manager Planning and Development (Alison Geddes), General Manager Strategy and Democracy (Jill McPherson), Senior Legal Adviser (Kathryn Candy), Governance Manager (Jason Marris), Manager RMA Consents (Murray McDonald), Commercial Portfolio Manager (Mike Hibbert), NTA Manager (Peter Thompson), Roading Manager (Jeff Devine), Waste and Drainage Manager (Andrew Carvell), Manager Health and Bylaws (Grant Couchman), Manager Community Development (Jonny Gritt), Acting Parks Manager (Aubrey Gifford), Finance Manager (Rich Kerr), Management Accountant (Nicole Butturini), Audit & Risk Analyst (Emily Thompson), Manager Health & Bylaws (Grant Couchman), Team Leader Communications Operations (Rachel Pascoe), Manager District Plan (Melissa McGrath), Democracy Advisers\ (Jennie Thomas), Team Leader Democracy (Nicolene Pestana) and Executive Assistant (Judi Crocombe)

1. Karakia/Prayer

Cr Cocurullo opened the meeting with a prayer.

2. Declarations of Interest

3. Apologies - Cr Jayne Golightly

Moved by Cr Vince Cocurullo

Seconded by Cr Crichton Christie

That the apologies be sustained.

Carried

4. Public Forum

There were no applications for Public Forum.

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

5. Open Minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting 13 July 2017

Moved by Cr Greg Martin

Seconded by Cr Shelley Deeming

That the minutes of the Extraordinary Whangarei District Council meeting held on 13 July 2017, 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.

With the correction noted 2017 not 2107.

Carried

5.1 Open Minutes of the Whangarei District Council meeting 27 July 2017

Moved by Cr Sharon Morgan

Seconded by Cr Shelley Deeming

That the minutes of the Whangarei District Council meeting held on 27 July 2017, 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.

Secretarial note: Minutes to be corrected (Item 6.1 Cr Inne's name was omitted from the list of names recorded in the Minutes 'For the Motion'). The Chair deferred this item to the 28 September 2017 Whangarei District Council Meeting.

5.2 Minutes Whangarei District Council Meeting held 2 August 2017

Moved by Cr Greg Martin

Seconded by Cr Sue Glen

That the minutes of the Whangarei District Council meeting held on 2 August 2017, 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 Election 2019 - Choice of Electoral System

Moved by Cr Greg Innes

Seconded by Cr Phil Halse

That Council:

- a) Retains the First Past the Post electoral system for the 2019 triennial election

Crs Tricia Cutforth and Anna Murphy requested their vote be recorded Against.

Carried

6.2 Policy on Elected Members Allowances and Recovery of Expenses

Moved by Cr Stu Bell

Seconded by Cr Shelley Deeming

That Council;

- a) Notes that the Remuneration Authority has issued a new determination effective from 1 July 2017
- b) Approves the payment of hearing fees be set at \$100 per hour for the chairperson role, and \$80 per hour for the member role
- c) Adopts the updated Elected Member Allowances and Recovery of Expenses Policy as attached to this report

- d) Delegates to the Mayor and Chief Executive the ability to make minor editorial changes to the policy if required.

Cr Vince Cocurullo requested his vote be recorded Against.

Carried

6.3 Final Capital Projects Report 2016-2017 and Adoption of Carry Forwards to 2017-2018

Moved by Cr Phil Halse

Seconded by Cr Greg Innes

That the Council:

- a) Notes the Capital Projects Report for the year ending 30 June 2017;
- b) Approves the proposed carry forwards of \$12.1m from 2016/17 to 2017/18;
- c) Approves the amended 2017/18 Capital Projects Budget of \$70.3m

Carried

6.4 Removal of Marginal Strip Requirements Consultation with Iwi Hapu

Cr Phil Halse declared a conflict on this item and withdrew from the table taking no part in the discussion.

Moved by Cr Stu Bell

Seconded by Cr Crichton Christie

That Council:

- a) confirms its intent to remove marginal strip requirements from highly modified commercial/industrial sites as described in Attachment 1 - appendix 1 Draft Gazette Notice.
- b) acknowledges the schedule of properties (for the removal of marginal strip purposes) and modifications descriptions as to the nature of the areas in each title and locality as detailed in Attachment 1 – appendix 2.
- c) acknowledges the obligation of Section 3 of the Harbour Boards Dry Land Endowment Revesting Act 1991 to ascertain the views of

tangata whenua in relation to the removal of marginal strip requires of the properties in question.

- d) records the views of Te Parawhau and Ngati Kahu identified as affected tangata whenua in relation to the removal of marginal strip purposes to complete the consultation process and complete the obligations under Section 3 of the Harbour Boards Dry Land Endowment Revesting Act 1991.
- e) delegates the Chief Executive to formalise the necessary documentation in response to the Ministers request to provide evidence of consultation with tangata whenua.

Crs Tricia Cutforth and Anna Murphy requested their vote be recorded against.

Carried

6.5 Award of Contract 16080 for Whangarei Wastewater and Stormwater Operations and Maintenance

Councillor Greg Martin declared a conflict on this item and withdrew from the table taking no part in the discussion.

Moved by Cr Stu Bell

Seconded by Cr Cherry Hermon

That Council:

- a) approves an increase in funding for CON12047 from \$6,495,152.99 to \$6,817,152.99.
- b) approves award of Contract 16080 for Wastewater and Stormwater Operation and Maintenance to Hydrotech Limited.
- c) approves award of Separable Portion One of Contract 16080 to Hydrotech Limited for the sum of two million, nine hundred and three thousand, seven hundred dollars and ninety-three cents (\$2,903,700.93 excluding GST).

Carried

6.6 Transportation Procurement Strategy

Moved by Cr Greg Martin

Seconded by Cr Shelley Deeming

That Council:

- a) Approves the Transportation Procurement Strategy, 2017-2021.
- b) Approves the option for two local roading maintenance, operations and renewals contracts for the Whangarei District.
- c) Approves a restriction in the Transportation Procurement Strategy to ensure that a single supplier cannot be awarded all of the new maintenance, operations and renewal contracts to be established across the three Northland council districts.
- d) Delegates authority to the Chief Executive and the General Manager Infrastructure to make any changes, if required, to the Transportation Procurement Strategy 2017 to 2021 to be consistent with any amendments approved by the other three Northland councils that do not materially affect the Whangarei District Council and the integrated approach to local government transportation procurement across Northland.
- e) Requests that the New Zealand Transport Agency:
 - Endorses the Transportation Procurement Strategy 2017-2021;
 - Approves the term of the maintenance, operations and renewal contracts at 4+2+1+1 years (8 years maximum);
 - Approves the use of the Northland Transportation Alliance, established as a Shared Services Business Unit, providing in house professional services to the four Northland Councils.
 - Approves a restriction in the Transportation Procurement Strategy to ensure that a single supplier cannot be awarded all of the new maintenance, operations and renewal contracts to be established across the three Northland council districts.

Carried

6.7 Mangakahia and Otaika Valley Rd Declaration as State Highway 15

Moved by Cr Stu Bell

Seconded by Her Worship the Mayor Sheryl Mai (Chairperson)

That Council:

- a) notes the report on the declaration of the Mangakahia Inland Route as State Highway 15.
- b) Confirms the divestment of 55.3 km of Council road with a net book value of \$38.9million to NZTA for \$Nil, with an associated loss on

sale of \$38.9 Million in the council's accounts for the year ended 30 June 2017.

- c) notes that prior to Mangakahia Inland Route being declared a state highway, the cost to Council to maintain the Mangakahia Inland Route was \$1,150,000 per year and;
- d) that Council is redirecting the maintenance costs into other roading projects.

Carried

6.8 GMO - Instruction to join appeal to Auckland Unitary Plan under s274 of the RMA

Moved by Cr Anna Murphy

Seconded by Cr Greg Innes

That Council:

- a) approves the application to join under section 274 of the Resource Management Act, the Federated Farmers appeal to the Environment Court against the Auckland Unitary Plan decision.
- b) notes that as the appeal relates to the Auckland Unitary Plan, Whangarei District Council will not call evidence but instruct legal counsel to undertake a watching brief of the appeal, in order to protect Whangarei District Council's interests.

Carried

6.9 Hikurangi Multiuse Hardcourt – Land Purchase

Moved by Cr Greg Martin

Seconded by Cr Anna Murphy

That Council approves the \$1.00 purchase of the Hikurangi tennis courts to enable redevelopment into a multiuse hardcourt facility.

Carried

7. Information Reports

7.1 2017 Annual Residents Satisfaction Survey Report

Moved by Cr Greg Martin

Seconded by Cr Stu Bell

That Council notes the information provided in the 2017 Annual Residents Satisfaction Survey Report.

Carried

7.2 LGNZ Reputation Survey Report

Moved by Cr Tricia Cutforth

Seconded by Cr Stu Bell

That Council notes the information provided in the 2017 New Zealand Local Government Reputation Report.

Carried

8. Public Excluded Business

Moved by Cr Greg Martin

Seconded by Cr Greg Innes

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 27 July	Good reason to withhold information exists under Section 7 Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987	Section 48(1)(a)
1.2	Confidential Minutes Whangarei District council 13 July		

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	For the reasons as stated in the open minutes.	
1.3	To protect the privacy of natural person	Section 7(2)(a)

Carried

9. Closure of Meeting

The meeting concluded at 12.34pm

Confirmed this 28th day of September 2017

Her Worship the Mayor Sheryl Mai