

Whangarei District Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, 26 November, 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)

Administrative matters

- Withdrawn Item 5.1
- Extra ordinary business – Confidential Items 1.4 & 1.5 – Property Matters

1. Karakia/Prayer

Rob Forlong opened the meeting with a karakia/prayer.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made in the open section of the meeting.

3. Apologies

There were no apologies.

4. Public Forum

David Lourie - Barriers to control the use of vehicles on beaches
Brian May – various

5. Presentation

5.1 McKenzie Bay - various encroachments

Item 5.1 was withdrawn.

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

6.1 Minutes Whangarei District Council meeting held Thursday 22 October 2020

Moved By Cr Vince Cocurullo

Seconded By Cr Carol Peters

That the minutes of the Whangarei District Council meeting held on Thursday 22 October 2020, 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.

Carried

6.2 Minutes Whangarei District Council meeting held Tuesday 3 November 2020

Moved By Cr Tricia Cutforth

Seconded By Cr Carol Peters

That the minutes of the Whangarei District Council meeting held on Tuesday 3 November 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

7. Decision Reports

7.1 Decision making over the 2020-21 Christmas recess period

Moved By Cr Phil Halse

Seconded By Cr Shelley Deeming

That Council:

1. Delegates the power to make urgent decisions on behalf of Council or its Committees between the last scheduled meetings in

December 2020 and the first meeting of Council or its Committees in 2021 (the 2020-21 Christmas recess period) to:

- any two of either the Mayor or Deputy Mayor, and the Chairperson of either the Infrastructure, Strategy Planning and Development, Community Development, or Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Forum Standing Committees
2. In the event the Mayor and Deputy Mayor are both absent from Council at the same time, delegates the power to make urgent decisions on behalf of Council or its Committees over the 2020-21 Christmas recess period to:
 - Any two Chairpersons of either the Infrastructure, Strategy Planning and Development, Community Development, or Te Karearea Strategic Partnership Forum Standing Committees.
 3. Notes that if it is considered necessary, an extraordinary meeting of Council will be called during the 2020-21 Christmas recess period;
 4. Notes that if the urgent decision-making process is exercised, the instances will be reported to the first Council or relevant Committee meeting in 2021.
 5. Designates Councillor Nicholas Connop the authority under section 25(5) of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002 to declare a state of local emergency in the event the Mayor is unavailable over the 2020-21 Christmas recess period.

Carried

7.2 Adoption of the 2019-20 Annual Report

Moved By Her Worship the Mayor

Seconded By Cr Greg Martin

That Council;

1. Adopts the Annual Report and Summary Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2020;
2. Authorises the Chief Executive to make any minor editing amendments that are required.

Carried

7.3 Joint Climate Change Adaptation Committee – Formal Appointment of Members

Moved By Cr Tricia Cutforth

Seconded By Cr Nicholas Connop

That Council:

- a) Appoints Councillor Anna Murphy to be the Whangarei District Council representative on the Joint Climate Change Adaptation Committee.
- b) Appoints Councillor Greg Innes (Deputy Mayor) to be the alternate Whangarei District Council representative on the Joint Climate Change Adaptation Committee.
- c) Appoints Delaraine Armstrong as the hapū representative on the Joint Climate Change Adaptation Committee.
- d) Appoints Rosie Wellington to be the alternate hapū representative on the Joint Climate Change Adaptation Committee.

Carried

7.4 Review of the Significance and Engagement Policy

Moved By Cr Gavin Benney

Seconded By Cr Shelley Deeming

That Council:

- 1. Determines that consultation under section 82 of the Local Government Act 2002 on the revised Significance and Engagement Policy is not required, given it has sufficient information about community interests and preferences to enable the purpose of the Policy to be achieved.
- 2. Adopts the revised Significance and Engagement Policy (Attachment 1) in accordance with Option 1, to replace the Council's existing policy.
- 3. Delegates to the Chief Executive the ability to make minor editorial changes to the revised Significance and Engagement Policy, if required.

Carried

7.5 Contract Traffic and Pedestrian Signal Maintenance

Moved By Cr Greg Martin

Seconded By Cr Simon Reid

That Council approves;

That the contract for Traffic and Pedestrian Signal Maintenance 2015 (Contract 15071) be extended for a further 6 months from 31 January 2021 to 31 July 2021 and the contract value increased by the sum of \$300,000.00 bringing the total contract value to \$3,763,723.05 exclusive of GST.

Carried

8. Information Reports**8.1 Financial report for the 4 months ending 31 October 2020****Moved By** Her Worship the Mayor**Seconded By** Cr Carol Peters

That the Council notes the operating results for the four months ending 31 October 2020.

Carried

8.2 Capital Projects Report - October 2020**Moved By** Cr Shelley Deeming**Seconded By** Her Worship the Mayor

That the Council notes the Capital Projects results for the four months ending 31 October 2020.

Carried

8.3 Whangarei District Airport - Annual Report and Performance Summary 2019/20

The draft financial statements had not received final Audit clearance at the time of the meeting. Staff are working through queries surround performance measures and the most appropriate reporting of these within the financial statements.

Moved By Cr Shelley Deeming**Seconded By** Cr Greg Martin

That Council;

1. Notes the report on the performance of the Whangarei District Airport for the year 2019/20.
2. Authorises changes to be made to the financial statements for the Whangarei Airport for the year ending 30 June 2020 in order to satisfy Audit New Zealand's requirements.
3. Delegates authority to Her Worship the Mayor and Councillor Shelley Deeming (Chair of Strategy, Planning and Development Committee), to sign and approve the financial statements for the Whangarei District Airport for the year ended 30 June 2020, upon receipt of the final signed independent audit opinion.

Carried

Extra ordinary business

Subsequent to the agenda being circulated confidential Items 1.4 and 1.5 – Property matters, were distributed separately but not within the timeframe specified in LGOIMA.

WDC Standing Orders (9.12) require a council resolution to deal with items of business that cannot be delayed.

These items were not included in the agenda for the reason that properties identified as being of strategic importance became available after the agenda closure.

Council are asked to consider these items item at today's meeting due to give certainty to both vendors and council around future property purchases.

Moved By Her Worship the Mayor

Seconded By Cr Greg Martin

That council consider Items 1.4 and 1.5 – Property matters at this meeting.

Carried

9. Public Excluded Business

Moved By Cr Vince Cocurullo

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	Confidential Minutes Whangarei District Council Meeting 22 October 2020	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 Emergency Whangarei District Council Meeting 13 November 2020		
1.3	Review Services Contract		
1.4	Property matter		
1.5	Property matter		

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 enable Council to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage commercial activities To enable Council to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)	Section 7(2)(h) Section 7(2)(i)
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 enable Council to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)	Section 7(2)(i)

Carried

10. Closure of Meeting

The meeting concluded at 12.47pm

Confirmed this 17th day of December 2020

Her Worship the Mayor Sheryl Mai (Chairperson)