

Exemptions and Objections Sub-committee Meeting Minutes

Date:	Wednesday, 4 November, 2020
Time:	9:30 a.m.
Location:	Council Chamber Forum North, Rust Avenue Whangarei
In Attendance	Cr Shelley Deeming (Chairperson) Her Worship the Mayor Sheryl Mai Cr Ken Couper Cr Greg Innes
Also present	Carla and Craig Butler (Objectors) Reiner Mussle (Manager Health and Bylaws) Nina Darling (Bylaws Enforcement Co- ordinator) Sean Holland (Animal Management Officer Armourguard Peter Banks (Animal Management Executive Officer Armourguard)
Scribe	C Brindle (Senior Democracy Adviser)

1. **Declarations of Interest**

Declaration of Interest:

Cr Ken Couper declared an interest due to parties involved being personally known to him.

2. **Apologies**

There were no apologies.

3. **Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Exemptions and Objections Committee Meeting**

There were no minutes for confirmation.

4. **Decision Reports**

4.1 **Objection to Menacing Dog Classification**

Tabled – letter from Barbara and Colin Griffin advising they no longer wish to pursue the objection to the menacing dog classification for their dog Minka.

Moved By Cr Shelley Deeming

Seconded By Cr Greg Innes

That the Committee:

1. Note the letter received from the objectors Barbara and Colin Griffin, owners of the dog Minka, advising they no longer wish to pursue the objection to the menacing classification.
2. Request staff advise the objectors, Barbara and Colin Griffin, that the menacing classification on the dog Minka remains in force.

Carried

4.2 Objection to Menacing Dog Classification

Moved By Cr Shelley Deeming

Seconded By Cr Greg Innes

That the Committee hear the objection to the menacing classification against the dog 'Horse' owned by Carla Butler.

Carried

The Committee heard the objection. The Committee then closed the hearing and reserved its decision.

Moved By Her Worship the Mayor

Seconded By Cr Shelley Deeming

That the Committee's decision on the menacing dog classification be reserved until such time as the Committee has considered the evidence and all relevant matters and the Committee's decision be issued in due course.

Carried

Following deliberations the Committee resolved:

Moved By Cr Shelley Deeming

Seconded By Cr Greg Innes

The Committee having considered the information presented in writing and in person at the hearing determines that the Menacing Dog Classification imposed on the dog 'Horse' owned by Carla Butler, on the 20 March 2020 under the Dog Control Act 1996, be **rescinded**, subject to the owner complying with the following conditions:

- a) That the dog 'Horse' is kept under control at all times, as required under the Dog Control Act 1996, and

- b) is kept under control at all times, when traversing the public place (the track splitting the Butler's land effectively in two parts), and
- c) can be contained within a suitably fenced portion of the immediate property surrounding the dwelling house, when not under supervision. The fencing provided to be inspected by, and to the satisfaction, of the Animal Control Officer.

Carried

The full Decision of the Committee and the reasons for it's determination has been issued separately.

5. Closure of Meeting

The meeting concluded at 11am.

Confirmed this 6th day of April 2021

Councillor Shelley Deeming (Chairperson)