

## **Whangarei District Council Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Thursday, 25 March, 2021  
**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 Phil Halse  
Cr Greg Innes  
Cr Greg Martin  
Cr Anna Murphy  
Cr Carol Peters  
Cr Simon Reid

**Not in Attendance** Cr Jayne Golightly

**Scribe** C Brindle (Senior Democracy Adviser)

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### **Administrative matters**

- Item 4 – Public Forum – supplementary report advising additional speakers (Terry Burkhardt and Len Bristowe)
- Item 7.17 – Easement Request – Marsden Maritime Holdings – withdrawn
- Meeting livestreamed
- Cr Innes attending electronically (audio visual link).

#### **1. Karakia/Prayer**

Cr Peters opened the meeting with a karakia/prayer.

#### **2. Declarations of Interest**

Item 7.3 - Oruku Landing Due Diligence.

### 3. **Apology**

Cr Jayne Golightly

**Moved By** Cr Tricia Cutforth

**Seconded By** Cr Carol Peters

That the apology be sustained.

**Carried**

*A further apology was received from Cr Innes following Item 7.1.*

Further apology

Cr Greg Innes (early departure)

**Moved By** Cr Simon Reid

**Seconded By** Cr Phil Halse

That the apology be sustained.

**Carried**

### 4. **Public Forum**

Frank Newman – Present petition on holding a referendum on one or more Māori wards for the next two triennial elections, commencing 2022.

Terry Burkhardt - Māori wards

Len Bristowe - Māori wards

### 5. **Police Report**

#### 5.1 **Police Report**

**Moved By** Cr Greg Martin

**Seconded By** Cr Vince Cocurullo

That Council note the report.

**Carried**

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

#### 6.1 **Minutes Whangarei District Council Meeting held 25 February 2021**

**Moved By** Cr Gavin Benney

**Seconded By** Cr Carol Peters

That the minutes of the Whangarei District Council meeting held on Thursday 25 February 2021, 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 held 24 February 2021

**Moved By** Cr Vince Cocurullo

**Seconded By** Cr Carol Peters

That the minutes of the Whangarei District Council meeting held on Wednesday 24 February 2021, 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 Notices of Motion - Councillor Cocurullo

**Moved By** Cr Vince Cocurullo

**Seconded By** Cr Simon Reid

That the following resolution of Council 3 November 2020:

*“That Council approves the establishment of Māori ward(s) for the 2022 and 2025 elections”, be rescinded.”*

*On the motion being put Her Worship the Mayor called for a division:*

	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
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 Phil Halse	X		
Cr Greg Innes		X	
Cr Greg Martin	X		
Cr Anna Murphy		X	
Cr Carol Peters		X	
Cr Simon Reid	X		
<b>Results</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>

**The motion was Lost (5 to 8)**

Further Motion

The motion was taken in parts.

**Moved By** Cr Vince Cocurullo

**Seconded By** Cr Shelley Deeming

That the Council;

1. Note the petition from Democracy Northland.

**Carried**

*Cr Murphy requested her vote against be record.*

2. Approves the conduct of a non binding poll on the establishment of Māori ward(s) in conjunction with the 2022 elections.

*On the motion being put Cr Cocurullo called for a division:*

	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
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 Phil Halse	X		
Cr Greg Innes		X	
Cr Greg Martin	X		
Cr Anna Murphy		X	
Cr Carol Peters		X	
Cr Simon Reid	X		
<b>Results</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>

**The motion was Lost (5 to 8)**

*Cr Golightly was absent from the meeting.*

*A break was taken from 11.09am to 11.28am following Item 7.1.*

*Cr Innes apology for early departure was recorded after the break.*

*Cr Cocurullo did not re-join the meeting immediately following the break.*

## **7.2 Treasury Risk Management Policy (Including the Liability Management Policy and Investment Policy) Review**

**Moved By** Cr Simon Reid

**Seconded By** Cr Ken Couper

That the Council:

1. Approves amendments to the Treasury Risk Management Policy which includes:
  - a. The Liability Management Policy
  - b. The Investment Policy.

**Carried**

*Cr Cocurullo re-joined the meeting at 11.32am during discussions on Item 7.2.*

## **7.3 Oruku Landing Due Diligence**

**Moved By** Cr Shelley Deeming

**Seconded By** Cr Greg Martin

That the Council

1. Approves the allocation of up to \$150,000 Opex as overspend in the current financial year for professional services and due diligence on the Oruku Landing group of projects included within the Long Term Plan.
2. Notes that should Council agree to the proposal in the Draft Long Term Plan the funds will come from the 2021/2022 Oruku budget.
3. Notes that if Council does not approve the proposal in the Draft Long Term Plan the money will be written off.

**Carried**

*Declarations of Interest:*

*Crs Benney, Cocurullo and Martin declared their interests as Council's appointed representatives to the Oruku Landing Project Control Group.*

## **7.4 Durham Road Property Sale**

**Moved By** Cr Ken Couper

**Seconded By** Cr Shelley Deeming

That the Council;

1. Declares the balance of closed road at Durham Road Waipu to be surplus,
2. Authorises staff to offer the property for sale to the adjoining landowner,

3. Authorises the Chief Executive to enter into the necessary agreements on behalf of Council to complete the property sale.

**Carried**

## **7.5 Management of Public Trees Policy Adoption**

**Moved By** Cr Nicholas Connop

**Seconded By** Her Worship the Mayor

That the Council adopts the Management of Public Trees Policy.

**Carried**

### Procedural Motion

**Moved By** Cr Ken Couper

**Seconded By** Cr Simon Reid

That the motion now be put.

**Carried**

## **7.6 Temporary Road Closure - Northland Car Club events April - July 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 11 April 2021**

**Sime and Kepa Roads, Ruakaka**, Full closure.

**Sunday 2 May 2021**

**Hillford Road, Waiotira**, Full closure.

**Sunday 20 June 2021**

**Coxhead Road, Parakao**, from a point 500 meters from SH15.

**Sunday 4 July 2021**

**Springfield Road**, from a point 7.5kms from SH1 to the intersection of Ormiston 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**

## **7.7 Easement Request - Marsden Maritime Holdings**

Item 7.7 was withdrawn from the agenda.

## **8. Information Reports**

### **8.1 Financial Report for the 8 months ending 28 February 2021**

**Moved By** Cr Anna Murphy

**Seconded By** Cr Simon Reid

That the Council notes the operating results for the eight months ending 28 February 2021.

**Carried**

### **8.2 Capital Projects Report - February 2021**

**Moved By** Cr Phil Halse

**Seconded By** Cr Carol Peters

That the Council notes the Capital Projects Report for the 8 months ending 28 February 2021.

**Carried**

### **8.3 Whangarei District Council 2021 Credit Rating Upgrade**

**Moved By** Her Worship the Mayor

**Seconded By** Cr Shelley Deeming

That the Council receives the 2021 S&P Global Ratings credit rating report and notes its contents.

**Carried**

## **9. Public Excluded Business**

There was no business conducted in public excluded.

## **10. Closure of Meeting**

The meeting concluded at 12.28pm.

Confirmed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2021

Her Worship the Mayor Sheryl Mai (Chairperson)