

Whangarei District Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, 13 April, 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 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

Not in Attendance Cr Ken Couper

Scribe C Brindle (Senior Democracy Adviser)

Administrative matters

- Copies of all submissions provided to Councillors
- Supplementary report containing late/unaccounted for submissions circulated.
Any further late submissions will be tabled
- Meeting being livestreamed
- Hearing procedure outlined.

1. Karakia/Prayer

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

3. Apologies

Cr Ken Couper (apology for the duration of the meeting), Cr Simon Reid (early departure) and Cr Jayne Golightly (late arrival)

Moved By Cr Carol Peters

Seconded By Cr Greg Martin

That the apologies be sustained.

Carried

Procedural motion

Moved By Cr Greg Innes

Seconded By Cr Carol Peters

That in accordance with Standing Order 4.2, the meeting continue beyond six hours.

Carried

Cr Cutforth joined the meeting at 9.03am.

4. Decision Reports

4.1 Long Term Plan 2021-24 Public Submissions, Hearings and Associated Statements of Proposals

Moved By Cr Shelley Deeming

Seconded By Cr Tricia Cutforth

That Council;

1. Receive and hear the submissions relating to the Consultation Document for the 2021 -2031 Long Term Plan, consultations alongside the Long Term Plan and 2021-2022 Fees and Charges; and
2. That any submissions identified as being received after the close of the submission period (prior to the closure of this meeting), be accepted for consideration by Council.

Carried

Cr Golightly joined the meeting at 9.06am.

Submitters who were heard are listed:

Jim Kilpatrick (Judi Gilbert, Adrian Gilbert, Sophie Edwards) – Ngunguru Sandspit Protection Society Inc – Tabled speaking notes plus further information in two Library reference folders, NR33.91 715 Ngunguru (tabled document)

Roger de Bray – Northland Emergency Trust helicopter – noise levels

Geoff Sharples – Individual – Key issues & Education for business owners

Mary Williams – Individual – Key issues & dog park for small dogs

Stephen Smith – NorthChamber – Key issues & Security in CBD, Support Northport expansion, District Air Hub, Support 4 Lane Highway, Support sealing rural roads

Jon Carapiet – Auckland GE Free Coalition – Support the Plan addressing risks of GE/GMO trials, Retain precautionary approach to GE/GMO's, request risky gene edited organisms & gene silencing pesticides be mentioned in plan

Judi Plain – Tabled speaking notes – management of lost, abandoned cats – mandatory de-sexing of cats (tabled document)

Stephen Smith – Individual – Key issues

Terry and Bev Heappey – Individual – Key issues – Tarsealing rural roads, in particular Snooks Road

David Badham – Onerahi Football Club – Upgrade playing field

Maggie Buxton – Individual – Key issues and stormwater in coastal areas

Andrew Garratt – Prosper Northland Trust – Key issues and support Oruku development, Hihiaua facility and theatre at Forum North

Pamela Stevens – Individual – Key issues and support improvements to shared paths/cycleways, infrastructure for bike parking

Francis Pou Maroroa – Manuel Pou Family Whanau Trust – Key issues, Treaty issues

Oliver Krollmann – Individual – Key issues and Infrastructure One Tree point, Recycling organic waste, Suspend work on new regional airport, Cat bylaw, positive leadership

Ange Tepania – Tai Tokerau Emergency Housing Charitable Trust – Affordable housing strategy

Grant McLeod – Hockey Northland – 4th Hockey field, artificial turf maintenance costs – funding requested

Lesley Marshall & Brady Kerewaro (Holly Nichol, Rhonda Padgett) – Maungatapere Village Inc – Cycle/walkways/riding trails and public space (including public toilets & playground) Maungatapere

Rhonda Padgett – Key issues and Public space, walking/cycle ways Maungatapere (tabled document)

Kim Robinson – Individual – Key issues and retrofit venues to be accessible by disabled

Andrew Tyler – Individual – Key issues

Julie Tattley – Individual – Key issues and improved amenities Whangarei Heads (dog park, toilets), waste water/drainage issues

Bruce Mauchline – Individual – Key issues and strategic approach to future Sportshub

Norma de Langen – Whangaruru South Residents & Ratepayers – continued support for wetlands project

Deborah Harding – Te Huinga – Request Okara Pa (Old Boys Rugby site) is set aside for Nga hapu o Whangarei (tabled document)

Merv Williams – Individual – Key issues and Pensioner housing

Hinurewa Te Hau – Creative Northland – Key issues and support for NECT Trust model, inclusion Arts & Cultural strategy for the district in plan, increased funding arts and culture, Maori representation on Creative Community Scheme Committee, stock take art groups receiving funding from WDC

Maria Hodgson-Williams – Key issues and funding currently allocated for Sand Bay seawall reallocated to other infrastructure such as improved toilets, surf club, space for freedom camping and additional carparks

Lodewijk Henneveld – Individual – Key issues

Cherry Hermon – The Forum North Trust – Key issues and WDC owned theatre on Forum North site - support the refurbishment of Forum North and Capitaine Bougainville theatre complex

Lachie McLean – The Forum North Trust – Key issue – spaces for gathering – support WDC owned theatre on Forum North site (Lyric theatre standard)

Phil Conroy (for Andrea Ross) – Individual – Key issue – spaces for gathering – support WDC owned theatre on Forum North site (Lyric theatre) (tabled document)

Ian Pritchard (for Rishi Iyer) & Rick Kennaway – Key issues and spaces for gathering support WDC owned theatre on Forum North site

Ian Reeves – Individual – Key issues and spaces for gathering – support WDC owned theatre on Forum North site (850 seat Lyric) (tabled document)

Grant Stevens – Individual – Key issues (tabled document)

John Foreman – Foreman & Company Ltd – Key issues (tabled document)

Matt Keene – OneOneSix Trust – Key issues

Sophia Xiao-Colley – Individual – Key issues and Transportation - train service Whangarei to Auckland, ferry between Whangarei Heads & One Tree Point

Ben Tomason – Northland Development Corporation – Key issues – in particular Oruku Landing (tabled document)

Ron Esveld – Individual – Key issues and Traffic calming King Street and Mains Ave, Feral cat management, support mandatory de-sexing of cats (tabled document)

Huhana Lyndon – Individual – Key issues and Resource for consenting responses, support WDC funding Hihiaua Cultural Centre, Policy and processes, Te Tiriti o Waitangi Audit, Hapu specific pathways – policy and planning, HR & Recruitment, return of reserve lands, Hapu Hub, Place names, coastal cultural heritage trail and Hikurangi swamp

Jereon Jongejans – Individual – Key issues in particular rates (commercial / residential ratio), Climate change

Amy Macdonald and Jack Craw – Northland Regional Council – various as per submission

Ben Woodgates – Youth Advisory Group – Key issues and outdoor gym equipment and improved youth engagement

Kelly Maxwell – Weed Action Native Habitat Restoration Fund – Key issue Climate Change include funding \$7.4m, pest and weed control initiatives – request support, funding & resources

Melissa Arsenault – Whangarei Heads Community Resource Recovery Charitable Trust – ongoing support for proposed Whangarei Heads Community Resource Recovery Centre

Jan Boyes – Whangarei Heads Citizens Association – Key issues – various as per submission & concerns that population growth in Whangarei Heads area is not being catered for.

A tea break was taken from 10.30am to 10.45am following the submission from Andrew Garratt.

Cr Halse did not rejoin the meeting immediately following the tea break.

Cr Halse rejoined the meeting at 10.56am during the submission from Francis Pou Maroroa.

A lunch break was taken from 1.13pm to 1.45pm following the submission from Hinurewa Te Hau.

Cr Reid did not re-join the meeting following the lunch break.

Procedural motion

Moved By Cr Greg Innes

Seconded By Cr Nicholas Connop

That the meeting adjourn and reconvene at 9am on Wednesday 14 April in the Council Chambers.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 4.18pm and reconvened at 9am on Wednesday 14 April in the Council Chambers, Forum North, Rust Avenue, Whangarei

Reconvened Whangarei District Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, 14 April, 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
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 Cr Anna Murphy
 Cr Carol Peters
 Cr Simon Reid

Not in Attendance
 Cr Ken Couper

Scribe
 C Brindle (Senior Democracy Adviser)

Administrative matters

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1. Karakia

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no interests declared.

3. Apologies

Cr Ken Couper (absent) Cr Jayne Golightly (late arrival)

Moved By Cr Vince Cocurullo

Seconded By Cr Carol Peters

That the apologies be sustained.

Carried

Cr Cutforth joined the meeting at 9.01am.

Submitters continued to address council with regard to their written submissions and answer questions from Councillors:

Richard Morris & Jules Flight – Ruakaka Residents and Ratepayers Association – Key issues & request funding for the Ruakaka Sports Complex and Multi-Purpose Facility be reinstated.

Rod Gates – Key issues as per submission

Lisa Clunie – Key issues – Climate change and sustainability – Hikurangi swamp, supporting heritage and culture, better communication WDC

Grant Faber – Key issues as per submission,

Jude Thompson (Peter Gubb & Hamish Haika) – Whangaruru North Residents and Ratepayers Association Inc – Community Centre – retain funding in Plan be brought forward, Roding (Punaruku remedial work, safety initiatives Old Russell Road), weed control, Tsunami sirens upgrade, Stock on road, Speed limits

Jude Thompson – Whangaruru Community Sports Association Inc (Whangaruru Coastal Community Group) – request budget for the development of the Oakura field and hard court be brought forward, lighting Oakura fields

Marilyn Cox – Waipu Residents and Ratepayers Association – various as per submission & completion Waipu to Waipu cove cycleway,

Marilyn Cox – Waipu Cycle and Walkway Trust – prioritise completion cycle/walkway community project

Tricia Culina – Hihiaua Cultural Centre Trust – Key issues as per submission, in particular Hihiaua Cultural Centre

Victor Binkowski – Key issues as per submission

Alice Cove-Smith & Will Trusewich – Disability Advisory Group – Housing for disabled, public access, Civil Defence – understanding and impact on disabled community

David Lourie – Water management support status quo, GMO's - support retaining precautionary approach in LTP, Vehicles on Beaches bylaw – legislative requirements, environmental and biodiversity protection, climate change and natural hazards, Poroti Springs water supply upgrade

Karen Gilbert-Smith – Key issues – as per submission, Whangarei Boys High School & stormwater

Nora Shayeb – Various as per submission – Enhancing local democracy, Town & Urban planning, Environmental Engineering standards, Roadside spraying & toxic chemical pesticides, GE/GMO's, Pine forests, Public art

Juanita Hool – Takahiwai Rugby League Club – approve lights for the Takahiwai Sports Park

Gloria Bruni – Key Issues as per submission

Nora Shayeb – Northland Toxin Awareness Group – as per submission

Nick Chave, Dave Ermen & – Kauri Mountain Restoration Society – support for community led project

Janet Heteraka – Key Issues – as per submission in particular support for Hihiaua Cultural Centre

Bob Smith – Key issues as per submission, improvements/infrastructure Beach Road

Richard Gardner & Colin Hannah – Federated Farmers of New Zealand – various as per submissions, including Climate change – Local Government appropriate role, Rating Policy – support proposed Remission on Rates on Voluntarily Protected Land policy

Fred Tito – Key issue – support Option 2 Hihiaua Cultural Centre, support for more Art specifically Te Matua a Pohe Bridge, footpaths & city/urban walls

Brent Eastwood – Sport Northland – as per submission - Active Recreation and Sport Strategy implementation, funding and maintenance of facilities, future use public spaces, walkway/cycleway connectivity, purchase land for future sports hub site earlier than 2028

Annemarie Florian – Key issue – Spaces for gathering, support investment in Hihiaua Cultural Centre & redevelopment of Forum North

Arana Horncy & Hayley Clark – Key issues – as per submission, specifically support investment in Hihiaua Cultural Centre

Chris Leitch & Jan Kini – Grey Power Whangarei – Key issues, Rates options – rates increases should be reduced, Spaces for gathering – do not support conference centre

Lesley Adcock – Key issues – as per submission, specifically – climate change & sustainability, proposed Oruku development and housing

John Zohrab – Key issues – as per submission, climate change & sustainability, financial strategy

Nick Keene – Local Alcohol Policies, Rates, Oruku landing, Waste management & recycling, responsible camping, infrastructure funding, Tutukaka – car parking & refuse station opening hours

Chris Leitch – Social Credit – Key issues - as per submission, specifically rate increases, alternative funding mechanisms for infrastructure

Dr Christine Sumner – SPCA – funding for desexing & micro chipping of cats

Tony Davies-Colley – Port Nikau JV – Key issues – as per submission, specifically request that council do not alter the definition of Category 5 for commercial/industrial land

Paul McDonald and – Ruakaka Recreation Centre – Key issues – as per submission – support for new Multi Use Recreation Centre and Regional Volleyball Arena & public car park, support Northland Sports Coalition requests
 Justin Evert & Neil Martin – Ruakaka Recreation Centre – as per submission above

Shane Knowler & Linda Donaldson - Te Araroa Northland Trust – support & continued collaboraton towards development and enhancement of Te Araroa trail

Robin Lieferring – Key issues – as per submission, support for more pensioner housing, exempt minor dwellings/sleep outs from HUE's (tabled document)

Robin Lieferring - Positive Ageing Advisory Group – additional \$2m towards public private partnership housing for older people, invest in provision of activities and spaces for older people

Connor Pullman & Tia Lord -Key issues – as per submission, oppose Sandy Bay seawall

Mark Rasmussem – Key issues – as per submission

Justine Rowe & Phillip Bayley – Hikurangi Swamp Scheme

Alan Agnew – various as per submission

Alan Agnew – Revenue & Financing Policy, Rates, Development Contributions Policy

Jan Boyes – Key issues – as per submission, protect amenity values Whangarei Heads area, fix roundabout Pohe bridge, T3/Bus Lane & trial ParknRide, fund & delivery waste minimisation programme, clarity on proposed wastewater upgrade Whangarei Heads

Claire Drake – Key issues – as per submission & roading infrastructure

Ryan Welsh – Key issue – Spaces for gathering – support Hihiaua

Auriole Ruka & Jeremy Tauri – Key issues as per submission – Spaces for gathering – support Hihiaua

Margaret Hicks – various as per submission, including rates, fiscal restraint, infrastructure improvement, revised planning regulations, building/engineering regulations, protection of the environment, targeted rate for restoration vegetation, improved implementation bylaws, community funding

Calvin Green – Key issues – as per submission

Don McDonaldspice – Tikipunga Football Club – funding for works brought forward in Plan

Tim Howard – Northland Urban Rural Mission – Key issues - as per submission & prioritise housing (tabled document)

Arvay Armstrong-Read – Key issues – as per submission & greater equity and representation for Maori.

Cr Jane Golightly joined the meeting at 9.05am during Richard Morris' submission.

A tea break was taken from 10.39am to 10.50am following Karen Gilbert-Smith's submission.

A lunch break was taken from 1.06pm – 1.35pm following the submission by Dr Christine Sumner.

Crs Benney & Martin left the meeting at 3.27pm following Auriole Ruka's submission.

Procedural motion

Moved By Cr Carol Peters

Seconded By Cr Vince Cocurullo

That the meeting adjourn and reconvene at 1pm on Thursday 15 April in the Council Chambers.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 4.04pm on Wednesday 14 April 2021 to be reconvened at 1pm on Thursday 15 April 2021.

Reconvened Whangarei District Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday 15 April, 2021
Time: 1.00p.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 Tricia Cutforth Cr Shelley Deeming Cr Jayne Golightly Cr Phil Halse Cr Greg Innes Cr Greg Martin Cr Anna Murphy Cr Simon Reid
Not in Attendance	Cr Ken Couper Cr Carol Peters
Scribe	C Brindle (Senior Democracy Adviser)

Administrative matters

- Copies of all submissions have been provided to Councillors
- Supplementary report containing further late/unaccounted for submissions from Michelle Eyre and Peter Cole were tabled
- Meeting being recorded
- Hearing procedure outlined

4. Karakia

5. Declarations of Interest

There were no interests declared.

6. Apology

Cr Ken Couper's apology for duration of meeting was noted.

Submitters continued to address council with regard to their written submissions and answer questions from Councillors:

Violet Nathan – Mahurangi Whangarei Delegate – Key issues – as per submission

Murray Read & Vaughan Cooper – Northland Inc – Key issues – as per submission & Economic/District development, destination & development

Michelle Eyre – Mill Road Vet Clinic – introduce bylaw for mandatory de-sexing, microchipping, registration of cats, funding for same

Jane Nichols – Mill Road Vet Clinic – introduce bylaw mandatory de-sexing & microchipping of cats

Kathleen Drumm – Hundertwasser – as per submission & request council sponsor local entry fees for first 3 years

Thomas Biss – Whangarei Art Museum - as per submission & request council fund replacement air conditioning, \$100k increase in annual grant

Kristi Henare – Puhipuhi Waiotu Maori Committee – as per submission – water, Puhipuhi Mercury mine, air waves & air pollution, community civil defence plan, flooding Puhipuhi Road

Isabel Karatina – NZMC Ngararatunua Kamo Maori Committee – Key issues – as per submission & representation

Alex Smits – Friendship House Community Organisation

Claire Bleakley – GE Free New Zealand in Food and Environment

David Brown – Key issues – as per submission

Colin Twyman – as per submission, Kamo Road, Grant Street, Clark Road, playground upgrade

Dai Morgan – Key issue – rates, as per submission, increase funding to protect biodiversity

Hayden Tee - Key issues – as per submission, prioritise new theatre at Forum North.

Conclusion of the meeting

The meeting concluded at 2.57pm

Confirmed this 27th day of May 2021

Her Worship the Mayor Sheryl Mai (Chairperson)