

## Whangarei District Council Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Thursday, 27 May, 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 Anna Murphy  
Cr Carol Peters  
Cr Simon Reid

**Not in Attendance**

Cr Jayne Golightly  
Cr Greg Martin

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

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**1. Karakia/Prayer**

*Cr Connop opened the meeting with a karakia.*

**3. Apologies**

Crs Jayne Golightly and Greg Martin

**Moved By** Cr Vince Cocurullo

**Seconded By** Cr Simon Reid

That the apologies be sustained.

**Carried**

**4. Public Forum**

Felicity Christian – Almond Court Flats

Athol Lindsay Christensen – Flooding in July storm

Justine Rowe – Hikurangi Swamp Scheme

Brian May – Various

**5. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meetings of the Whangarei District Council**

**5.1 Minutes Whangarei District Council Meeting held 22 April 2021**

**Moved By** Cr Shelley Deeming

**Seconded By** Cr Vince Cocurullo

That the minutes of the Whangarei District Council meeting held on Thursday 22 April 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**

**5.2 Minutes Whangarei District Council Meeting held 13 April 2021**

**Moved By** Cr Nicholas Connop

**Seconded By** Cr Carol Peters

That the minutes of the Whangarei District Council meeting held on Tuesday 13 April 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**

**5.3 Minutes Whangarei District Council Meeting held 12 May 2021**

**Moved By** Cr Phil Halse

**Seconded By** Cr Anna Murphy

That the minutes of the Whangarei District Council meeting held on Wednesday 12 May 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**

**6. Decision Reports**

**6.1 Notice of motion - Councillor Couper**

**Moved By** Cr Ken Couper

**Seconded By** Cr Phil Halse

That Council

1. Confirm it is the desire of Council to have the independent Chair operate the Risk and Audit Committee using all powers necessary as delegated in the Risk and Audit Committee Terms of Reference adopted by Council on the 27 November 2019, in particular to review and monitor Council critical risks.

2. Recognise that Councillors have the right to discuss confidential matters with the Chair of the Risk and Audit Committee as outlined in the opinion by Michael Heron QC.

Procedural Motion

**Moved By** Cr Greg Innes

**Seconded By** Cr Shelley Deeming

That the item being discussed lie on the table and not be discussed further at this meeting.

*On the procedural motion being put Her Worship 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 Anna Murphy	X		
Cr Carol Peters		X	
Cr Simon Reid	X		
<b>Results</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>

**The procedural Motion was Carried (7 to 5)**

**6.2 Temporary Road Closure for Events Policy Review**

**Moved By** Cr Vince Cocurullo

**Seconded By** Cr Shelley Deeming

That Council approves and adopts the Temporary Road Closure for Events Policy.

**Carried**

**6.3 Northland Events Centre**

**Moved By** Cr Greg Innes

**Seconded By** Cr Simon Reid

That Council endorses a 31 October 2021 (or sooner if possible) timeline for establishment of a new Trust.

**Carried**

*Declarations of Interest:*

*Interests in regard to Item 6.3 were declared by Cr Halse as Chair of the NECT and Cr Benney as a trustee of the NECT.*

*Both Cr Halse and Cr Benney withdrew from the table and took no part in discussions or voting on Item 6.3.*

#### **6.4 Development 8 -10 Dent Street**

**Moved By** Cr Innes

**Seconded By** Cr Cocurullo

That Council;

1. Authorise Staff to continue to prepare the sites at 8-10 Dent Street for a potential hotel development and/or high density residential development.
2. Authorise Staff to complete the procurement of demolition services and demolish Almond Court flats.
3. Authorise Staff to complete the Land Transfer Survey of the approved subdivision.
4. Authorise funds from the property reinvestment reserve to cover additional development ready costs.
5. Approves the marketing of the property at 8-10 Dent Street and calls for expressions of interest for a hotel development and/or high level residential development.

Procedural motion

**Moved By** Her Worship

**Seconded By** Cr Gavin Benney

That the item be adjourned until such time as the Commercial Property Manager is present in the room.

**Carried**

*Discussion on Item 6.4 resumed after Item 7.1.*

Amendment

**Moved By** Cr Tricia Cutforth

**Seconded By** Cr Anna Murphy

That Council;

1. Approve the sale of 8 Dent Street (Almond Court Flats) to a suitable developer, conditional upon the purchaser retaining the building for inner city housing.
2. Agree that the proceeds from the sale of 8 Dent Street be used towards the development of senior housing on 10 Dent Street, to be retained in Council's Senior Housing portfolio.

Procedural motion**Moved By** Cr Shelley Deeming**Seconded By** Her Worship the Mayor

That this item does lie on the table and not be discussed further at this meeting.

*On the motion being put Her Worship 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 Anna Murphy	X		
Cr Carol Peters		X	
Cr Simon Reid	X		
<b>Results</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>

**The procedural Motion was Carried (8 to 4)**

*Item 7.2 was taken after Item 6.4.*

**7. Information Reports****7.1 Financial Report for the 10 months ending 30 April 2021****Moved By** Cr Simon Reid**Seconded By** Cr Nicholas Connop

That the Council notes the operating results for the ten months ending 30 April 2021.

**Carried**

*Cr Murphy was absent from the meeting from 10.19am to 10.22am during discussion on Item 7.1.*

*Discussion on Item 6.4 resumed after Item 7.1.*

**7.2 Capital Projects Report - April 2021****Moved By** Cr Phil Halse**Seconded By** Cr Vince Cocurullo

That the Council notes the Capital Projects Report for the ten months ending 30 April 2021.

**Carried**

### **7.3 Building Consent - Additional Fee**

**Moved By** Cr Shelley Deeming

**Seconded By** Cr Greg Innes

That the Council notes the addition of a new fee to the 2021-22 Fees and Charges Schedule following the introduction of the Building Consent management system.

**Carried**

*Cr Cocurullo requested his vote against be recorded.*

## **8. Public Excluded Business**

**Moved By** Cr Vince Cocurullo

**Seconded By** Cr Simon Reid

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:

<b>General subject of each matter to be considered</b>		<b>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</b>	<b>Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for passing this resolution</b>
1.1	Confidential Minutes Whangarei District Council 22 April 2021	Good reason to withhold information exists under Section 7 Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987	Section 48(1)(a)
1.2	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:

<b>Item</b>	<b>Grounds</b>	<b>Section</b>
1.1	For the reasons as stated in the open minutes	
1.2	To enable Council to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage commercial activities	Section 7(2)(h)
	To enable Council to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations (including commercial and	Section 7(2)(i)

	industrial negotiations	
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**Carried**

## **9. Closure of Meeting**

The meeting concluded at 11.17am.

Confirmed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June 2021

Her Worship the Mayor Sheryl Mai (Chairperson)