

Extraordinary Whangarei District Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, 13 July, 2021
Time: 1:00 p.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)

1. Karakia/Prayer

Chief Executive Rob Forlong opened the meeting with a karakia/prayer.

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

3. Apologies

There were no apologies.

4. Decision Reports

4.1 Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre Project

Tabled: Item 4.1.1 - Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre Project - additional information, providing the Chair of the Risk and

Audit Committee's Comments and Recommendations on the Oruku Project.

Moved By Cr Gavin Benney

Seconded By Cr Greg Innes

That the Whangarei District Council:

1. Agrees to progress to the next stage of the project by procuring professional services (including a lead designer) for the project to undertake investigations and design work to move to the preliminary/developed design stage to better understand potential costs.
2. Approves a budget of up to \$1 million dollars of unbudgeted operational expenditure in the 2021-2022 financial year to progress the project.
3. Undertakes a Special Consultative Process and/or a Council Long Term Plan 2021-2031 amendment for the project.
4. Notes the potential increase in Whangarei District Council project funding requirement from \$23 million to \$57.2 million.
5. Notes that funding the ongoing costs to Council of the project (based on current project scope, cost estimates and available funding) solely via rates could result in a district wide general rates increase of 5.5% or general rates rises of an average of approximately 22.3% if sourced solely from Commercial ratepayers (should they be identified as the major beneficiaries of the project), unless alternative funding sources are identified and/or costs allocated to other activities in the 2021-31 Long Term Plan are reduced.
6. Confirms the process and timeframes for the Special Consultative Process and/or a Council Long Term Plan 2021-2031 amendment before the end of August 2021.

On the motion being put Cr Benney called for a division:

	For	Against	Abstain
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 Jayne Golightly	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	
Results	7	5	2

The motion was Carried (7 to 5)

5. Public Excluded Business

There was no business conducted in public excluded.

6. Closure of Meeting

The meeting concluded at 2.38pm.

Confirmed this 26th day of August 2021

Her Worship the Mayor Sheryl Mai (Chairperson)