

Whangarei District Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, 23 May, 2024

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Civic Centre, Te Iwitahi, 9 Rust Avenue

In Attendance

His Worship the Mayor Vince Cocurullo

Cr Gavin Benney (Teams)

Cr Nicholas Connop

Cr Ken Couper

Cr Jayne Golightly

Cr Phil Halse

Cr Deborah Harding

Cr Patrick Holmes

Cr Scott McKenzie

Cr Marie Olsen (Teams)

Cr Carol Peters

Cr Simon Reid

Cr Phoenix Ruka

Cr Paul Yovich (Teams)

Scribe

C Brindle (Senior Democracy Adviser)

Administrative matters

- Meeting livestreamed
- Item 7.1 Delegations Review – withdrawn
- Supplementary reports:
 - Item 4.1.1 Public Forum – additional speaker
 - Item 1.5 & 1.6 Road maintenance and renewals contract extension
 - Item 7.4 Project Advisory Board – Terms of Reference
 - Confidential Item 1.7 Litigation update

1. Karakia/Prayer

His Worship the Mayor opened the meeting with a karakia/prayer.

2. Declarations of Interest / Take Whaipānga

Item 7.2 – 2024 LGNZ Membership Renewal

3. Apologies / Kore Tae Mai

Cr Phoenix Ruka (late arrival) and Cr Paul Yovich (early departure)

Moved By His Worship the Mayor

Seconded By Cr Carol Peters

That the apologies be sustained.

Carried

Cr Ruka joined the meeting at 9.03am following the apologies.

4. Public Forum / Huihuinga-a-tangata

Mayor Moko Tepania – 2024 LGNZ Membership Renewal.

5. Police Report

Moved By His Worship the Mayor

Seconded By Cr Patrick Holmes

That Council note the Police report.

Carried

Procedural Motion

Moved By His Worship the Mayor

Seconded By Cr Paul Yovich

That the meeting be adjourned until 10.15am today.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 9.33am and reconvened at 10.16am in the Council Chambers.

Crs Olsen and Yovich did not re-join the meeting immediately following the adjournment.

6. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meetings of the Whangarei District Council / Whakatau Meneti

6.1 Minutes Whangarei District Council Meeting held 24 April 2024

Moved By Cr Carol Peters

Seconded By Cr Nicholas Connop

That the minutes of the Whangarei District Council meeting held on Wednesday 24 April 2024, 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 Meeting held 2 May 2024

Moved By Cr Carol Peters

Seconded By Cr Nicholas Connop

That the minutes of the Whangarei District Council meeting held on Thursday 2 May 2024, 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 / Whakatau Rīpoata

7.1 Delegations Policy and Register Review May 2024

Item 7.1 was withdrawn from the agenda.

7.2 2024 LGNZ Membership Renewal

Moved By Cr Nicholas Connop

Seconded By Cr Carol Peters

That the Council;

1. Approves the renewal of the LGNZ membership for 2024- 2025.
2. Confirms the ongoing relationship with LGNZ.

Carried

Declarations of Interest:

His Worship declared an interest as Chair of Zone 1 LGNZ.

Cr Connop declared an interest as the Zone 1 Representative on LGNZ Young Elected Members Committee.

Cr Olsen re-joined the meeting at 10.19am during discussions on Item 7.2.

Cr Yovich re-joined the meeting via Teams at 10.22am during discussions on Item 7.2.

7.3 Variation to Procurement Policy – Book Supply Contract

Moved By Cr Carol Peters

Seconded By Cr Phoenix Ruka

That the Council:

1. Approves in principle the direct appointment of Wheelers Books to supply books for a period of 5 years, subject to successful negotiation of contract details acceptable to Council.
2. Notes that this appointment is outside the standard Procurement Policy rules of open tender process for a contract valued over \$250,000.00.

Carried

Extra ordinary business

Subsequent to the agenda being circulated Item 7.4 - Knowledge Hub Precinct Plan Advisory Board Terms of Reference and Confidential Item 1.7 - Litigation

Update, were distributed separately but not within the time frame specified in LGOIMA.

Moved By Cr Ken Couper

Seconded By Cr Carol Peters

That council consider Item 8.1 Knowledge Hub Precinct Plan Advisory Board Terms of Reference and Item 1.7 Litigation Update, at today's meeting.

Carried

7.4 Knowledge Hub Precinct Plan Project Advisory Board Terms of Reference

Moved By Cr Ken Couper

Seconded By Cr Carol Peters

That the Council approves the Terms of Reference for the establishment of a Project Advisory Board for the Knowledge Hub Precinct Project, subject to the wording on page 10 of the Supplementary Agenda under the heading 'Hapu/Maori representation', being deleted:

' if hapu members are required, then'

Amendment

Moved By Cr Scott McKenzie

Seconded By Cr Simon Reid

That Councillor Couper be appointed Deputy Chair of the Project Advisory Board and that the Terms of Reference be updated accordingly.

**The Amendment was Carried
and subsequently Carried
as the substantive Motion**

8. Information Reports / Ngā Pūrongo Kōrero

There were no Information Reports for consideration.

9. Public Excluded Business / Rāhui Tangata

Moved By His Worship the Mayor

Seconded By Cr Carol Peters

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:

General subject of each matter to be considered		Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for passing this resolution
1.1	Confidential Minutes Whangarei District Council 24 April 2024	Good reason to withhold information exists under Section 7 Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987	Section 48(1)(a)
1.2	Confidential Minutes Extra ordinary Whangarei District Council 2 May 2024		
1.3	Poroti Springs Working Group Proposal		
1.4	Transportation Review		
1.5	Whangarei North Road Maintenance and renewals Contract extension		
1.6	Whangarei South Road Maintenance and renewals Contract extension		
1.7	Litigation Update		

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:

Item	Grounds	Section
1.1	For the reasons as stated in the open minutes	
1.2	To enable the Council to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage commercial activities To enable Council to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)	Section 7(2)(h) Section 7(2)(i)
1.3	To enable Council to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)	Section 7(2)(i)
1.4	The making available of the information would be likely to endanger the safety of a person To maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the protection of such members, officers, employees and persons from improper pressure or harassment	Section 6(b) Section 7(2)(f)(i)
1.5	To enable the Council to carry on without prejudice or	Section 7(2)(h)

	disadvantage commercial activities. To enable the Council to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations	Section 7(2)(i)
1.6	To enable the Council to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage commercial activities. To enable the Council to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations	Section 7(2)(h) Section 7(2)(i)
1.7	To maintain legal professional privilege.	Section 7(2)(g)

Carried

10. Closure of Meeting / Te katinga o te Hui

His Worship the Mayor closed the meeting at 12.04pm with a karakia/prayer.

Confirmed this 27th day of June 2024

His Worship the Mayor Vince Cocurullo (Chairperson)