

Whangarei District Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, 16 May, 2018
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Location: Committee Room 1
Forum North, Rust Avenue
Whangarei

In Attendance

Her Worship the Mayor Sheryl Mai
(Chairperson)
Cr Stu Bell
Cr Gavin Benney
Cr Crichton Christie
Cr Vince Cocurullo
Cr Tricia Cutforth
Cr Shelley Deeming
Cr Sue Glen
Cr Phil Halse
Cr Cherry Hermon
Cr Greg Innes
Cr Greg Martin
Cr Sharon Morgan
Cr Anna Murphy

Scribe C Brindle (Senior Democracy Adviser)

1. Karakia/Prayer

2. Declarations of Interest

Item 4.3 – 2(a) IX – Northland Rugby Union recommendation

3. Apologies

There were no apologies.

4. Decision Reports

4.1 Fees and Charges 2018- 2019

Moved By Cr Shelley Deeming

Seconded By Cr Greg Innes

That Council

1. Note the information and submission comments;
2. Exempt schools and after-school care in Whangarei District from paying annual fees for registration and verification of Food Control Plans under the Food Act 2014;
3. Incorporate any amendments into the 2018-2019 Fees and Charges schedule and present to the June meeting of Council, for adoption; and
4. Note that individual submitters will be informed of the outcome of their submissions.

Carried

4.2 Long Term Plan 2018 2028 Deliberations - Rates Review

Moved By Cr Shelley Deeming

Seconded By Cr Anna Murphy

That Council notes;

- a. The submissions received and confirms the rates option of modified status quo, ensuring that moteliers remain in the multi-unit category.

Carried

Crs Bell and Hermon requested their votes against be recorded.

4.3 Long Term Plan Deliberations

Recommendation 2(a)

Moved By Cr Stu Bell

Seconded By Her Worship the Mayor

That the Council

- a. Notes the 687 submissions received on the LTP Consultation Document.
- b. Confirms the non-financial responses as recommended in the attached report, including changes in the timing of some projects.
- c. Confirm the Financial Strategy that includes:
 - i. Maintaining a balanced budget each year
 - ii. Setting the debt limit indexed to growth and inflation.
- d. Notes the unallocated budget available and determines option:
 - a) a small rates reduction.

Amendment

Moved By Cr Shelley Deeming

Seconded By Cr Anna Murphy

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- b. Confirms the non-financial responses as recommended in the attached report, including changes in the timing of some projects.
- c. Confirm the Financial Strategy that includes:
 - i. Maintaining a balanced budget each year
 - ii. Setting the debt limit indexed to growth and inflation.
- d. Notes the unallocated budget available and determines option:
 - c) increases in some works and services.

On the amendment being put Cr Bell called for a division:

Recorded	For	Against	Abstain
Her Worship the Mayor	X		
Cr Stu Bell		X	
Cr Gavin Benney	X		

Cr Crichton Christie		X
Cr Vince Cocurullo		X
Cr Tricia Cutforth	X	
Cr Shelley Deeming	X	
Cr Sue Glen	X	
Cr Phil Halse	X	
Cr Cherry Hermon	X	
Cr Greg Innes	X	
Cr Greg Martin	X	
Cr Sharon Morgan	X	
Cr Anna Murphy	X	
Results	11	3

**The amendment was Carried
and subsequently carried
as the substantive motion**

Cr Bell requested his vote against the motion be recorded.

Recommendation 2(b)

The motion was taken in parts.

Prior to discussion commencing three further recommendations were accepted from Councillors Christie (VII Okara Marina), Cr Martin (VIII Springs Flat round-a-bout) and Cr Halse (IX NRU building funding)).

Moved By Cr Greg Innes

Seconded By Cr Sue Glen

That the Council

- a) Determine that the available budget is used for more works and services **(option (c))**, and make the following changes to the proposed Long Term Plan in response to submissions:

Seal extensions

- I. Raise the budget for seal extensions to \$1 million each year of the ten years of the Plan, noting it will be allocated through a prioritisation process.

Carried**Road safety budget**

- II. Include an additional \$100,000 per annum in the road safety budget, noting that it will be allocated through a prioritisation process with year 1 allocated to Whangarei Heads Road.

Amendment**Moved By** Cr Stu Bell**Seconded By** Cr Tricia Cutforth

- II. Include an additional \$100,000 in the road safety budget, noting that it will be allocated through a prioritisation process that best attract subsidies from NZTA.

On the amendment being put Cr Innes called for a division:

Recorded	For	Against	Abstain
Her Worship the Mayor	X		
Cr Stu Bell	X		
Cr Gavin Benney	X		
Cr Crichton Christie		X	
Cr Vince Cocurullo	X		
Cr Tricia Cutforth	X		
Cr Shelley Deeming	X		
Cr Sue Glen		X	
Cr Phil Halse		X	
Cr Cherry Hermon	X		
Cr Greg Innes		X	
Cr Greg Martin	X		
Cr Sharon Morgan		X	
Cr Anna Murphy		X	
Results	8	6	

**The amendment was carried
and subsequently carried
as the substantive motion**

Major events

- III. Include \$100,000 in Year 2 and \$200,000 each year for major events beginning in Year 3.

Discussion on recommendation III was deferred until after discussion on recommendation X.

Discussion on recommendation III resumed at the reconvened meeting on 17 May.

With the consensus of the meeting, to achieve a balanced budget, recommendation III was amended to:

- III Include \$100,000 in Year 2 and \$200,000 every second year (years 4, 6, 8 and 10), for major events.

Carried

Cr Bell gave notice that he would move an alternative recommendation if the motion was lost.

Community property maintenance

- IV. Include an additional \$50,000 each year of the ten years for community property maintenance.

Carried

Mowing Grants

- V. Increase the Mowing Grants budget by \$20,000 each of the ten years, noting it will be allocated through a contestable process.

Carried

Facilities partnership

- VI. Increase the facilities partnership budget by \$300,000 in year 1 and by \$400,000 in year 2 and by \$200,000 each year of the Plan from year 2, noting it will be allocated through a contestable process.

Carried

A tea break was taken from 3.23pm to 3.40pm following recommendation VI.

Okara Marina

- VII. That Council support the Whangarei Marina Trust establishing a new Okara Marina, and consider making available a \$5m loan facility; subject to agreement on all terms and conditions, including security and an independent assessment of credit quality.

Carried

Springs Flat round-a-bout

- VIII. Include \$4m (\$380,000 net council funding) in year 2 for Springs Flat round-a-bout, conditional upon receiving a \$1.5m capital contribution from a developer and NZTA 53% subsidy; noting this will not be known until October 2018.

Carried

Northland Rugby Union Building

- IX. Include \$600,000 for the Northland Rugby Union building on Pohe Island.

On the recommendation being put Cr Martin called for a division:

Recorded	For	Against	Abstain
Her Worship the Mayor	X		
Cr Stu Bell		X	
Cr Gavin Benney	X		
Cr Crichton Christie	X		
Cr Vince Cocurullo			X
Cr Tricia Cutforth		X	
Cr Shelley Deeming	X		
Cr Sue Glen	X		
Cr Phil Halse	X		
Cr Cherry Hermon		X	
Cr Greg Innes	X		
Cr Greg Martin	X		
Cr Anna Murphy		X	

Results**8****4****1****Carried***Declarations of interest:*

Cr Morgan declared a conflict of interest as president of the Northland Rugby Union and withdrew from the table taking no part in discussion or voting on this recommendation.

Cr Halse declared an interest as patron of the Northland Rugby Union.

Procedural motion

Moved By Her Worship the Mayor

Seconded By Cr Sue Glen

That the meeting be adjourned and be reconvened at 11.30am on Thursday 17 May in the Council Chambers.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 4.42pm to be reconvened at 11.30am on Thursday 17 May in the Council Chambers, Forum North, Rust Avenue, Whangarei.

Minutes Reconvened Whangarei District Council Meeting

Date: Thursday, 17 May, 2018
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In Attendance

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 Cr Cherry Hermon
 Cr Greg Innes
 Cr Greg Martin
 Cr Sharon Morgan
 Cr Anna Murphy

Scribe C Brindle (Senior Democracy Adviser)

1. Karakia/Prayer

2. Declarations of Interest

Item 4.3 – Northland Rugby Union (Funding)

3. Apologies

There were no apologies.

4.3 Long Term Plan 2018-2028i Deliberations

2(b) Recommendations (continued)

Northland Rugby Union (funding)

That the \$600,000 Northland Rugby Union funding be funded in part as a priority from the facilities partnership fund to the value of \$200,000 in year 2.

On the recommendation being put Cr Martin called for a division:

Recorded	For	Against	Abstain
Her Worship the Mayor	X		
Cr Stu Bell		X	
Cr Gavin Benney	X		
Cr Crichton Christie		X	
Cr Vince Cocurullo		X	
Cr Tricia Cutforth		X	
Cr Shelley Deeming	X		
Cr Sue Glen	X		
Cr Phil Halse	X		
Cr Cherry Hermon		X	
Cr Greg Innes	X		
Cr Greg Martin	X		
Cr Anna Murphy		X	
Results	7	6	

Carried

Declaration of interest:

Cr Morgan declared a conflict of interest as president of the Northland Rugby Union and withdrew from the table taking no part in discussion or voting on this recommendation.

Cr Halse declared an interest as patron of the Northland Rugby Union.

Major events

Recommendation a) III – Major Events was taken next on the agenda – refer to the 16 May section of the minutes.

- (b) That the Chief Executive be delegated to make minor changes should this be necessary to meet the budget parameters as agreed in the financial strategy.

Carried

Recommendation 2(c)

Civic Centre

Moved By Cr Crichton Christie

Seconded By Cr Greg Martin

That the Council;

- a. Agree that the RSA site is the preferred site for development of a new Civic Centre:
 - i. That Expressions of Interest are called for by the private sector, with a clearly defined specification and budget.
 - ii. That staff investigate options of the re-purposing of Council's current administration facilities at Forum North.

Amendment

Moved By Cr Stu Bell

Seconded By Cr Sharon Morgan

That the Council;

- a) Agree that the central business district is the preferred site for development of a new Civic Centre:
 - I That Expressions of Interest are called for by the private sector, with a clearly defined specification and budget.
 - li That the RSA site is retained as an alternative location for Council's administration functions should a central business district site be unavailable.
 - iii. That staff investigate options of the re-purposing of Council's current administration facilities at Forum North.

Cr Herman gave notice of an alternative amendment should the amendment be lost.

On the amendment being put Cr Deeming called for a division:

Recorded	For	Against	Abstain
Her Worship the Mayor	X		
Cr Stu Bell	X		
Cr Gavin Benney	X		
Cr Crichton Christie		X	
Cr Vince Cocurullo		X	
Cr Tricia Cutforth		X	
Cr Shelley Deeming		X	
Cr Sue Glen		X	
Cr Phil Halse	X		
Cr Cherry Hermon		X	
Cr Greg Innes	X		
Cr Greg Martin		X	
Cr Sharon Morgan	X		
Cr Anna Murphy		X	
Results	6	8	

The amendment was Lost

Further Amendment

Moved By Cr Cherry Hermon

Seconded By Her Worship the Mayor

- i That Council call for Expressions of Interest by the private sector, with a clearly defined specification and budget, for the development of a new Civic Centre in the central city and the RSA/Forum North combined site.
- ii That staff investigate options of the re-purposing of Council's current administration facilities at Forum North.

On the amendment being put Cr Martin called for a division:

Recorded	For	Against	Abstain
Her Worship the Mayor	X		
Cr Stu Bell	X		
Cr Gavin Benney	X		
Cr Crichton Christie		X	
Cr Vince Cocurullo		X	
Cr Tricia Cutforth		X	
Cr Shelley Deeming		X	
Cr Sue Glen		X	
Cr Phil Halse	X		
Cr Cherry Hermon	X		
Cr Greg Innes	X		
Cr Greg Martin		X	
Cr Sharon Morgan	X		
Cr Anna Murphy		X	
Results	7	7	

**The further amendment was carried
on the casting vote of Mayor
and subsequently carried
as the substantive motion**

Cr Martin requested his intention to bring a notice of motion to the 31 May 2018 Council meeting, be recorded.

4.4 Concurrent Consultation - deliberations 2018

Moved By Her Worship the Mayor
Seconded By Cr Shelley Deeming

That the Council

- a. Note the submissions received and confirms the **Revenue and Financing Policy** amended to reflect the outcomes of Long Term Plan deliberations if necessary.

- b. Note the submissions received, together with the non-material error identified by the Auditors, and confirms the **Development Contributions Policy amended for:**
 - a) Policy to be updated to reflect the outcomes of both Long Term Plan deliberations, and negotiations on the Bream Bay Landowners Association Developer agreement.
 - b) Papakāinga to be defined within the Policy to clarify that where there is demonstrably lower impact, this will be recognized in any assessment.
 - c) Corrections to the Growth Model.
- 3. Correct the Growth Model for the error identified in the Tikipunga West mesh block, noting it does not materially impact the development contributions schedule and revenue predictions, as in attached table.
- 4. Note the submissions received and confirms the **Rates Remission and Postponement Policy** with no change.

Carried

5. Public Excluded Business

There was no business conducted in public excluded.

6. Closure of Meeting

The meeting concluded at 2.07pm.

Confirmed this 31st day of May 2018

Her Worship the Mayor Sheryl Mai (Chairperson)