

Whangarei District Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, 26 July, 2018
Time: 10:30 a.m.
Location: Council Chamber
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

Not in Attendance

Cr Anna Murphy

Scribe C Brindle (Senior Democracy Adviser)

1. Karakia/Prayer

Her Worship the Mayor opened the meeting with a karakia.

2. Declarations of Interest

3. Apology

Cr Anna Murphy

Moved By Cr Tricia Cutforth

Seconded By Cr Sharon Morgan

That the apology be sustained.

Carried

4. **Public Forum**

There were no speakers at today's public forum.

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

5.1 **Minutes Whangarei District Council 28 June 2018**

Moved By Cr Greg Innes

Seconded By Cr Sharon Morgan

That the minutes of the Whangarei District Council meeting held Thursday 28 June 2018, 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. **Decision Reports**

6.1 **Fires in the Open Air Bylaw revocation**

Moved By Her Worship the Mayor

Seconded By Cr Cherry Hermon

That Council revokes the Fires in the Open Air Bylaw 2015 and publicly notifies its decision.

Carried

Cr Cocurullo requested his vote against be recorded.

6.2 **Community loan change request - Ngunguru Sports and Recreation Society**

Moved By Cr Crichton Christie

Seconded By Cr Greg Martin

That Council approve an increase of the interest-free community loan from \$30,000 to \$40,000 for Ngunguru Sports and Recreation Society for carpark sealing, subject to the outcome of any community grant allocation made before loan drawdown.

Carried

6.3 **Review of Grants, Concessions and Loans Policy 0031**

Moved By Cr Cherry Hermon

Seconded By Cr Sue Glen

That Council approves the revised Grants, Concessions and Loans Policy (Policy 0031).

Carried

6.4 Representation Review - Initial Proposal

Moved By Cr Greg Innes

Seconded By Cr Phil Halse

That Council:

1. Receives the Senior Legal Advisor's Report 'Representation Review – Initial Proposal'.
2. Resolves, pursuant to sections 19H and 19J of the Local Electoral Act 2001, to adopt, as its initial proposal for the review of representation arrangements for the 2019 and 2022 triennial elections, the following:
 - (i) Whangarei District Council to comprise 13 councillors elected under the ward system, plus the mayor elected at large;
 - (ii) Whangarei District Council be divided into six wards, these being:

Bream Bay Ward (two councillors) being the existing ward comprising the area delineated on Plan LG-002-2012-W-4 deposited with Land Information New Zealand with the exclusion of a small northern area (Smeaton Drive, Acacia Drive, Wattle Lane area). The proposed new ward boundary is shown on Attachment 1;

Denby Ward (three councillors) being the existing ward comprising the area delineated on Plan LG-002-2012-W-5 deposited with Land Information New Zealand, with the inclusion of a small northern area from the current Hikurangi-Coastal Ward (Dip Road, Georgia Lane, Waipanga Road, Springs Flat Road). The proposed new ward boundary is shown on Attachment 2;

Hikurangi-Coastal Ward (two councillors), being the existing ward comprising the area delineated on Plan LG-002-2012-W-3 deposited with Land Information New Zealand, with the exclusion a small southern area (Dip Road, Georgia Lane, Waipanga Road, Springs Flat Road).

The proposed new ward boundary is shown on Attachment 2;

Mangakahia-Maungatapere Ward (one councillor) being the existing ward comprising the area delineated on Plan LG-002-2012-W-2 deposited with Land Information New Zealand;

Okara Ward (four councillors) being the existing ward comprising the area delineated on Plan LG-002-2012-W-6 deposited with Land Information New Zealand, with the inclusion of a small southern portion (Smeaton Drive, Acacia Drive, Wattle Lane area). The proposed new ward boundary is shown on Attachment 1;

Whangarei Heads Ward (one councillor) being the existing ward comprising the area delineated on Plan LG-002-2012-W-7 deposited with Land Information New Zealand;

- (iii) no community boards be established;
 - (iv) the reason the total number of councillors is proposed to remain at 13 (plus the mayor) is to provide effective representation to Whangarei District residents and ratepayers (ensuring accessibility to a large and diverse area made up of populated towns and villages and sparsely populated rural areas);
 - (v) the reason for the minor ward boundary alterations are to better reflect communities of interest.
3. Issues a public notice on 1 August 2018 that informs the public of the initial proposal and the opportunity to make a submission in the period 1 to 31 August 2018.

Carried

8. Public Excluded Business

Moved By Cr Sue Glen

Seconded By Cr Shelley Deeming

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	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for passing this

		each matter	resolution
1.2	Civic Centre – Project Initiation	Good reason to withhold information exists under Section 7 Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987	Section 48(1)(a)

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	To enable Council to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	Section 7(2)(i)

Carried

9. Closure of Meeting

The meeting closed at 11.28am

Confirmed this 30th day of August 2018

Her Worship the Mayor Sheryl Mai (Chairperson)