

Northland Regional Council meeting – 18th September 2012

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It was 1300hrs and Chairman Craig Brown welcomed all to the meeting explaining the emergency exits and position of rest room facilities.

1.0. APOLOGIES

Item No.1.0 and there was an apology for Cr Ian Walker.

Moved by Cr Bill Rossiter, seconded by Cr John Bain.

2.0. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Craig Brown reminds them that any '**Declarations of Conflicts of Interest**' were to be advised item by item as they progressed through the agenda and they would be dealt with accordingly and then decided what, if any action is to be taken case by case.

Item No. 3.0. PRESENTATIONS

There are no presentations scheduled for this meeting.

OPERATIONAL REPORTS

4.0 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO COUNCIL (Pages 1-2) (1302hrs)

Moved by Chairman Craig Brown, seconded by Cr Bill Rossiter.

No discussion was entered into on this item.

5.0 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT TO COUNCIL (Pages 3-50)

These reports were moved by Craig Brown, seconded by Cr John Bain with the time still at 1302hrs

Item No. 5.1. Community Representation and Engagement (Page 3)

Item No. 5.2. Economic Development (Page 4)

Item No. 5.3. Resource Management (Page 6)

Item No. 5.4. River Management (Page 14)

Item No. 5.5. Hazard Management (Page 16)

Item No. 5.6. Transport (Page 17)

Item No. 5.7. Support Services (Page 21)

Discussion in relation to the reports above commenced.
Cr Tony Davies-Colley declared a Conflict of Interest.
Cr Bill Rossiter had a query (Para 3 Page 3) about the select committee being divided in supporting a national roll out of the Auckland model. (See this item for more info)
Cr Bill Rossiter also queried (Page 11) about Koi Carp as a pest fish.
It was suggested the Cr Bain was the 'fisho' and he would possibly be the best to explain.
John wasn't sure whether there was a compliment or insult attached to this qualification.
Craig Brown replied 'don't be Koi with me'. *A bit of humour to make the day a bit more fun.*
Cr John Bain advised that the Amendments to the Land Transport Management Act (Page 5) that there may be some rationalization to the RTC (Regional Transport Committee) membership and wanted all to be aware of this.
Cr Joe Carr arrived at the meeting at 1306hrs.
Cr Joe Carr wanted to know more about the advising of him and others who were appointed as Commissioners and the informing to other councilors of this.
The meeting was interrupted by Cr Joe Carr's cell phone going at 1308hrs. *No he didn't answer it 'New Zealand Rural Party..... Joe speaking' [Link to NZRural Party](#)*
Cr Joe Carr continued, after wresting with the mute on his phone, with concerns about Water quality and discharge monitoring, where the article on page 9 states - 'There were four consents which were significantly non-compliant with consent conditions. These were all FNDC consents for sewage discharges (Ahipara, Kaitāia, Whatuwhiwhi wastewater treatment plants and the Kerikeri Sports Complex sewage discharge).' His concern was "there appeared to be double standards where District Councils were treated softly while dairy effluent issues and farmers were treated harsher, like bang and out comes the gun".

GOVERNANCE MATTERS

6.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Time now at 1312hrs. Item No. 6.1. Minutes of the Council Meeting – 21 August 2012 (Pages 51-66)

Moved by Craig Brown, seconded by Cr Bill Rossiter.

No discussion was entered into on this item.

Time at 1313hrs. Item No. 6.2 Minutes of the Environmental Management Committee – 28 August 2012 (Pages 67-76)

Moved by Cr Joe Carr, seconded by Cr Graeme Ramsey.

Cr Joe Carr advised that they had had a full day workshop on Northland Water. (Page 71)

No further discussion was had on this item.

Time at 1314hrs. Item No. 6.3. Minutes of the Audit and Finance Committee – 28 August 2012 (Pages 77-82)

Moved by Cr Bill Rossiter, seconded Cr Graeme Ramsey.

No discussion was entered into on this item.

Time at 1315hrs. Item No.6.4. Minutes of the Northland Civil Defence Emergency Management Group – 4 September 2012 (Pages 83-88)

Moved by Cr Joe Carr, seconded Cr Bill Rossiter.

Cr Joe Carr reminded all that on Wednesday 26th September more than one million people will participate in the New Zealand ShakeOut earthquake drill, the first ShakeOut drill held nationwide in any country!

[Link to New Zealand ShakeOut](#)

There was no added discussion to this item.

7.0 FINANCIAL REPORTS

Time at 1316hrs. Item No.7.1. Financial Report – 31 August 2012 (Pages 89-98)

Moved by Cr Bill Rossiter, seconded by Cr Bronwyn Hunt.

Cr Graeme Ramsey had a query on Community Representation and the budget blowout, on page 93, in regards to this.

Lisa Aubrey, General Manager Finance and IT, explained that this was due to the way it had been allocated.

Cr Tony Davies-Colley also had a query about going over the budget.

8.0 DECISION MAKING MATTERS

Time now at 1323hrs. Item No. 8.1. Update to Delegations Register (Pages 99-102)

Moved by Cr Bronwyn Hunt, seconded by Cr John Bain.

No discussion was entered into on this item.

Time now at 1324hrs. Item No 8.2. Environment Fund – Carry Forwards and Conflicts of Interest (Pages 103-106)

Moved by Cr Bill Rossiter, seconded by Cr Joe Carr.

No discussion was entered into on this item.

Time still at 1324hrs. Item No. 8.3. Warrants of Appointment (Pages 107-108)

Moved by Cr Bronwyn Hunt, seconded by Cr Bill Rossiter.

No discussion was entered into on this item.

The meeting duly finished at 1324hrs, Chairman Craig Brown thanking those of us who attended and then the Councilors went into business with the public excluded.

9.0 BUSINESS WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED (Pages 109-110)

9.1. Confidential Chief Executive Officer's Report to Council (Pages 111-112)

9.2. Confirmation of Confidential Minutes

9.2.1 Confidential Minutes of the Council Meeting – 21 August 2012 (Pages 113-116)

9.2.2 Confidential Minutes of the Audit and Finance Committee – 28 August 2012
(Pages 117-122)

9.3. Kaeo Flood Scheme – Acquiring Land Use Rights to Construct Works
(Pages 123-126)

9.4. Northland Inc Appointment of Directors (Pages 127-155)

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