

Northland Regional Council meeting - 26th October 2010

An interesting start to the new term of Northland Regional Council. The election for Chair was finalised after some fairly harsh comments by new Councillor Tony Davies-Colley, (who seconded the nomination for newcomer, Graeme Ramsey, as Chair) towards nominated and voted chairman, Craig Brown. Craig upon taking the role of chairman went on to nominate as deputy Chair, John Bain. This nomination was unopposed and John now takes up this position. I must say Graeme Ramsey's address to his nomination for chair was polite, positive and very professional. I feel his contribution to the NRC will be most valuable from what was seen on Tuesday. Congratulations to all who were elected and best wishes in the next three years on protecting Northland for our future. The explanation of Statutes and Standing orders were explained so let's keep our fingers crossed that all elected declare any 'Conflicts of Interest' (e.g. helicopter and earnings from same) and that these are publicly available (on website) for scrutiny. I am confident that Chairman Craig Brown will guide this council forward for Northland in his capable manner we have all experienced in the past. In attempting to fill the shoes of his predecessor Mark Farnsworth he will no doubt be kept busy. We wish him well.

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