

Whangarei District Council meeting – 22nd August 2012.

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[LINK to Supplementary Agenda No 2](#) - Whangarei District Council *Proposal to establish the Te Karearea Strategic Partnership Forum.*

We are asked to all stand for 'His Worship, the Mayor'. A large proportion attending in the public gallery, remain seated for his entry to the chamber.

At 1000hrs Morris remains standing and gives his speech wearing his new mayoral chains.

[Link to his speech.](#) *Take note, it is all about Morris. Gee has he got an ego or what?*

NOTE - He made comments in his speech about those that remained seated but didn't offer them the opportunity to explain why. (No speaking rights - love to give reasons in a public forum but they would drag out an eviction notice for me and others)

If you want the other side..... read on. Let us remind you Morris; you are the one that has in this term of council brought the Mayoral Office into disrepute. Your 'campaign promises' were nothing but lip service of what you wanted to say to be elected and collect the money, as outlined in your Xmas message and have since failed to deliver on these promises, but done an 'about turn' (180 degrees) on the majority of those promises. You were insincere in your promises and then have treated many of the people of Whangarei with total disregard. That is why we don't stand. Think about it and if you can make the job about 'the people' and not just about yourself things may change, but there would have to be marked improvement from the many comments I have heard. You have no integrity, you are a fake. Don't try to con us it's about 'the office'. You never stood for Mayor Pamela Peters; she never asked for people to stand. That's right Morris you never came to council meetings. You just let the puppeteers lead you into a cold dark room like a 6 week old kitten with its eyes still closed.

[Link to Morris Cutforth Christmas email.](#) - 21st December 2010 - *Just to remind you all why he stood for mayor*

He advises there are no apologies today and welcomed Cr Aaron Edwards back from his overseas trip inviting him to speak about his visit to our sister town of Redmond.

In the background a PowerPoint presentation displayed some photos of Morgan and his trip. *(Didn't show them smoking cigars in Cuba)*

Aaron presented the 'office of the mayor' with the key to Redmond and presented 'Centennial Coins' to councilors that had been sent back from the Mayor of Redmond. Aaron informed the meeting of some of the opportunities he had in Redmond with their mayor etc.

Carolyne Brindle, Senior Meeting Co-ordinator advised of two supplementary items; one being for confidential and the other Supplementary Item No 2 - *Proposal to establish the Te Karearea Strategic Partnership Forum.*

Cr Kahu Sutherland claimed these supplementary items had not been advertised appropriately.

CEO Mark Simpson said that they were on the website. *Can he be trusted to tell the truth, or is he just bullying?*

Time now at 1011hrs and Item No.1, the 'Public Forum' (Page 1)

Peter Gubb and Claire Hurst (on behalf of the Whangaruru North Residents & Ratepayers Association) spoke about Tar-sealing of Whangaruru North Rd and the implications for Tourism to Whangaruru North Head Peninsula – specifically the DOC camp at Puriri Bay and Camp Kiwi Project at Admirals Bay. They advised there was 2 kilometers of unsealed roads and this was an issue as people with 'rental cars or campers' were prohibited to go on unsealed roads according to Rental Insurance documentation offered by many rental companies. This was having an effect on the DOC camp from getting some visitors and needed to be addressed.

Morris Cutforth advised them they had one more minute to speak and they promptly finished.

Morris thanked them for their comments and said council would look into it. *Let's hope they do or is this another of his promises he will fail to keep. Sadly his statistics don't look promising for something to happen on his word.*

It was now 1015hrs. Item No. 2, Minutes of a Meeting of the Whangarei District Council held 25 July 2012. (Page 2)

Moved: Cr Shelley Deeming, Seconded: Cr Sharon Morgan.

There was no discussion on this item.

With time still at 1016hrs it was Item No.3, Minutes of the 20/20 Inner City Development (City Centre/Urban Design) Subcommittee 1 August 2012. (Page 5)

Moved: Cr Phil Halse, Seconded: Cr Merv Williams.

There was no discussion on this item.

With time still at 1016hrs it was Item No.4, Police Report (Page 7)

The report can be found at the end of the online agenda.

Morris Cutforth invited "Superintendent" Tracy Phillips to speak to the meeting. You know the police report is in the agenda and the mayor just can't get the 'titles of rank' correct. It is Inspector Tracy Phillips, Relieving Area Commander. In the military this could well be a court martial offence.....ask your military specialist, 'Sergeant Syers'.

Inspector Tracy Phillips gave details to her report. Tracy is claiming that she also 'Loves it here' And *we love having her here also*. Tracy advises that Whangarei is tracking well on dealing with crime and she monitors this daily keeping an eye on it. She is feeling part of Whangarei recognizing people in the street and shops. Tracy has even met Vivienne in the street on a number of occasions. The CTV cameras are working well assisting in operational efficiencies and arrests. Police were involved in a much publicized eviction in William Jones Drive where 40 officers had the best possible outcome. Unfortunately there had overnight been a number of shots fired into the Otangarei Community Police station.

Inspector Phillips advised that the vacancy for the Area Commanders position was being undertaken at present. It's great news that Tracy has applied for this position; *let us hope she is successful.*

Cr Merv Williams asked if Tracy wanted a reference for the job.

It appears Inspector Tracy Phillips has made a noticeable impression in the short time she has been in our town.

Morris Cutforth thanked her for the report, commenting that she had brought a breath of fresh air to Whangarei and acknowledged the positivity she had given to the police report.

Moved: Cr Sue Glen, Seconded: Cr Sharon Morgan.

With time at 1026hrs it was Item No.5, Proposal to establish the Te Karearea Strategic Partnership Forum.

Moved: Cr Warwick Syers, Seconded: Cr Shelley Deeming.

Cr Warwick Syers advised that it is a multi cultural society and we can't forget our roots. Our Treaty obligations are well known to people and we have come up with a new model. It's all about strategic partnerships.

Morris Cutforth claimed that he had stood for mayor on the hope to work together and it won't be without its challenges. *Just like the comments that you made Morris which were reported in Northern Advocate 10th September 2011. [Link to item](#)*

Cr Kahu Sutherland, to his feet, stated 'words are cheap'.

There was much robust debate and those comments previously mentioned being slung into this arena. Kahu claimed he had been insulted by comments earlier made. Kahu continued by making some very valid comments and accusations. He said it was crucial that Maori had a vote and this committee was not allowing that. *Kahu you are a great orator, but where have you been working for your people in the last couple of terms of council. We have heard they have been neglected. You have much to offer them, don't leave it until election year coming...they deserve better.*

Cr Sutherlands 5 minute time was up, so it was agreed that standing orders be suspended for the duration of this item allowing him to continue speaking to the item. He insisted that it was crucial that Maori have a voice; there is an ulterior motive that we are not aware of. This compromises my principles and anything I stand for as a district councilor and as a Maori Cr Merv Williams in retaliation rose to his feet and verbally attacked Cr Sutherland claiming "Cr Sutherland was the 'n_g_er in the woodpile"

Cr Kahu Sutherland claimed that was offensive and sort for an apology.

Cr Merv Williams, Cr Greg Martin, Cr Jeroen Jongejans, Cr Sue Glen and Cr Phil Halse all had comments to make mainly in support of the recommendation.

Cr Greg Martin claimed he had offered to relinquish the chairmanship of this committee for Cr Sutherland but it had been declined by Cr Sutherland

Cr Kahu Sutherland in answer to Cr Martins claim wanted to elaborate and give clarification. He advised that he couldn't stand for something he didn't believe in. This process is flawed it has no strategic partnership.

Cr Warwick Syers wished to sum up claiming Kahu Sutherland is playing with words; I find ulterior motive is mischievous.

Cr Phil Halse commented that he has witnessed in the past when standing orders are suspended some people find things are said and done that may be later regretted. *Have we all experienced an example of this today? Not really a good display of leadership.*

A division was called for by Morris Cutforth.

Cr Kahu Sutherland was the only councilor that voted against the recommendation.

Cr Greg Martin asked that there be an adjournment for 10 minutes before going into the confidential section of the meeting to spend some time with the guests from the Te Huinga Rangatira Representation.

The meeting adjourned at 1103hrs, the guests greeted and then the public excluded before going into the **confidential** section of the meeting with the added confidential supplementary item.

Gosh oh gosh, didn't Morris campaign that he wanted open and transparent council? And he always tends to vote for it to go into confidential.

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Plus another added supplementary item.

Another fine example of an open and transparent council meeting. 5 Items on the public agenda (1 being Public Forum and 1 being Police Report., plus '3 items of business') BUT the Confidential is 5 items of Business. That about sums it up, about this lot.

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