

Whangarei District Council meeting – 24th July 2013.

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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.
He releases them from standing and allows them to sit down.

At 1000hrs Morris also sits and says 'I am not going to stand, but want to give you a couple of quotes'.

'We are made wise not by the recollection of our past, but by the responsibility for our future'. George Bernard Shaw

'I want to be thoroughly used up when I die, for the harder I work the more I live. I rejoice in life for its own sake'. George Bernard Shaw

'A life spent making mistakes is not only more honourable, but more useful than a life spent doing nothing'. George Bernard Shaw '

Morris declares the meeting open advising there were no apologies for today's meeting.

Morris advises that Item No.8. Future of the Whangarei Railway Station has been withdrawn from the meeting.

He also wished to advise that today's meeting was to be recorded with both audio and video.

This next item, below, was showing in the agenda but was not mentioned in the meeting.
Perhaps at times, it's a little alien to this lot?

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Members are reminded to indicate any items in which they might have a conflict of interest.

Time now at 1002hrs and Supplementary Item No.1, the 'Public Forum' (Page 1)
It was advised that there had been no applications **approved** to speak at today's meeting.

There had been applications and these had been held back depending investigation by councils Legal Counsel.

It was now 1002hrs. Item No. 2. Minutes of a Meeting of the Whangarei District Council held 26 June 2013. (Page 2)

Morris advised this also included the confidential minutes.

Moved: Cr Greg Martin, Seconded: Cr Sue Glen.

There was no discussion on this item.

With time now at 1003hrs it was Item No.3. Minutes of an Extra ordinary Whangarei District Council Meeting held 10 July 2013. (Page 11)

Moved: Cr Jeroen Jongejans, Seconded: Cr Kahu Sutherland.

Again Morris advised this also included the confidential minutes after it was moved and seconded.

There was no discussion on this item.

With time still at 1003hrs it was Item No.4 Amendment to Minutes. (Page 12)

Moved: Morris Cutforth, Seconded: Cr Jeroen Jongejans.

With time still at 1004hrs it was Item No.5. Police Report. (Page 13)

The report can be found in the on line agenda.

Morris Cutforth welcomes Area Commander for Whangarei/Kaipara, Tracy Phillips (Inspector Tracy Phillips) to the meeting and invites her to speak.

Tracy explained the recent truancy project undertaken in Whangarei. Tracy claims she is looking forward to the new process council has put in regards graffiti and police were setting up an area protection team. Tracy finishes with a "that's it from me".

Morris Cutforth wanted to ask Tracy a question about synthetic cannabis stories.

Tracy Phillips gave some details of a lady whose son had committed a crime of burglary and claimed that was a result of him using synthetic substances.

Cr Crichton Christie agreed that truancy was a real problem but he had a query about 'speed advisor signs' on the side of the road and questioned who owned them as he felt they were not accurate and people may be going faster than those signs indicated.

Tracy Phillips advised that they don't belong to the police and she will check it out.

Cr Kahu Sutherland suggested Crichton check his speed out with a speed camera, to a number of chuckles.

Tracy Phillips explained the police were having a real focus on traffic; red light offences, seat belts etc.

Cr Merv Williams had a question on alcohol legislation.

In response Tracy Phillips explained that as the legislation states 'dairies cannot sell alcohol; but supermarkets can'.

Cr Merv Williams continued with a series of questions about license holders who could be outside of the law could be forewarned they are not complying before their licenses are in jeopardy. He wanted to know who the ones that were going to be challenged were.

This discussion had a bit of to and fro from Tracy to Merv. *Hey Merv it's the police that do the cross examining.*

Tracy Phillips advised the law had been in place about dairies for some time and there was case law to support it.

Morris Cutforth after conversation with CEO Mark Simpson (who appears to run the show) thanked her for the report, quashing the interaction with Cr Williams.

This report was received and moved: Morris Cutforth, Seconded: Cr Aaron Edwards.

With time at 1017hrs it was Item No.6. Whangarei Art Museum – Memorandum of Understanding. (Page 16)

Moved: Cr Sharon Morgan, Seconded: Cr Crichton Christie.

Morris Cutforth asks if there is any discussion.

Cr Sharon Morgan thanked the team that this is about. It sets out the situation. Sharon claims it is great to have an accountable staff member on the committee.

Cr Brian McLachlan claims there is a point of clarification needed on point 3 (Page 19) about Liaison. He was bothered that the Hundertwasser Art Centre will come under this in the future.

Cr Crichton Christie claims this is an important document.

Cr Aaron Edwards advises that he is in favour that liaison is part of the relationship but wanted to know if the liaison attended all meetings, or can they be excluded.

CEO Mark Simpson confirmed it was the later; they can be excluded.

Cr Merv Williams made some comments.

Cr Jeroen Jongejans thanked Sharon for the work she had done on this and confirmed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will clarify a few things.

There was no further discussion on this item.

With time at 1023hrs it was Item No.7. Lake Waro Land Swap. (Page 20)

Moved: Cr Greg Martin, Seconded: Cr Sue Glen.

Cr Greg Martin advised the meeting that he had been working on this and it was one of his pet projects. Yvonne Stewart had passed away and he was sure she would have been delighted with this item. We have been walking over Mr Stuart Clark's land for a long time and he hoped councilors would support this.

Cr Aaron Edwards insisted that they can't turn this down and council should thank Mr Clark.

Cr Jeroen Jongejans wanted to thank Greg for the work he had done.

Cr Shelley Deeming commented that it was a practical solution.

Cr Crichton Christie suggested that a letter thanking Mr Clark should go out to him.

Cr Phil Halse advised this was a chance for Mr Dell and his staff to put up some signage about this; *like a story time of the project etc.*

Cr Sue Glen asked if Mr Clark will have any costs for this land swap.

CEO Mark Simpson advised council was picking up all the costs. (*See told you he runs the show*)

There was no extra discussion on this item.

Item No.8. Future of the Whangarei Railway Station. (Page 23)

This item had earlier been removed from today's agenda.

At 1026hrs there was a vote for the public to be excluded before going into the **confidential** section of the meeting and this was moved by Mayor Morris Cutforth, Seconded: Cr Shelley Deeming.

Not bad for open and transparent meetings?

Just a reminder, didn't Morris campaign that he wanted open and transparent council? And he always also tends to vote for it to go into confidential. Just another thing he did an 'about turn on'.

The meeting finished at 1027hrs.

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