

Whangarei District Council meeting - 28th September 2011.

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Morris 180° Cutforth is back after his 'vacation' on sick leave and now back to charade again as a mayor.

We are asked to all stand for 'His Worship, the Mayor', but some didn't. What a joke, this guy is a fake. Read his Christmas email available on my 'Mole page' on my website. He wrote it not me; so don't shoot the messenger.

He "thanks everyone" and asks "would you please remain standing and uh, what I would like you to do is spend a moments silence just reflecting **on our position in society** and how the decisions we make today will affect the rest of the population".

*Does he think he is some kind of Prophet; could he get done for impersonating Brian Tamaki if he keeps this up? Next month's surprise he may read an extract from a fairy tale. This is one of those circumstances where **you** just had to be there to see a show pony in action. Sorry Morris but it was condescending to say the least; at least you left the 'wood pile' out of this one.*

No apologies are received for this meeting. *Maybe there should have been an apology for the one in the chair. Was this the best his **'not less than 4 advisors'** could conjure him up to do for us all? His advisors are revealed on my 'Mole' page; check it out. Was this a fairly pitiful performance of one who suffers from a 'one, d, 10, T' problem, or what?*

It was advised that Item No 5, Hikurangi Swamp Flood Protection Scheme Delegated Responsibilities had been withdrawn from today's meeting.

Item No.1.the 'Public Forum' .Council had not received any applications to speak at Public Forum at the time the agenda closed.

It was now 1002hrs. Item No. 2, Minutes of a Meeting of the Whangarei District Council held 24 August 2011. No discussion was required for this item.

With time 1002hrs it was Item No. 3. Police Report (page 8)

Read the report, some very interesting statistics there to make one ponder.

Inspector Clifford Paxton was taking the place of Inspector Paul Dimery who was away. He advised that unlawful taking was up and there was organised crime in Ruakaka and Raumanga (see page 10)

Cr Greg Martin asked if there was a reason infringement notices had doubled.

Clifford Paxton advised it depended on the area of focus at the time.

Cr Sue Glen commented that every area has something negative; but they needed to tell the media the nice things that happen, like the Haka (that she even participated in) and give your selves a pat on the back.

Cr Jeroen Jongejans claimed he would like to see a repeat performance by Cr Glen.

Cr Phil Halse asked about cars in drains on State Highway one and how it created danger. *Gee Phil, we saw it too, it was nearly in your property and isn't possession, nine-tenths of the law? Thought you would have dragged it out with the tractor.*

Clifford Paxton explained if it's not a danger to people then NITA look after the highway.

If it is a road safety issue it will be removed but there are processes we must abide to.

Cr Warwick Sayers asked it was a hazard if there was no tape on it to say it had been checked; it would need to be flagged. *Watching too much footy Warwick; what with flags here and flags there.*

Cr Phil Halse added that the police did a good job on State Highway One over the Rugby World Cup.

Cr John Williamson asked how big a problem was there with modified vehicles. *Thought you were going to try and get another ticket quashed John, or has the wife's driving improved?*

Clifford Paxton advised they regularly run modified vehicle campaigns; it is an issue of safety as some modifications render the vehicles unsafe, but they were not featuring in road fatalities.

Cr Greg Martin was aware of road stoppages around town but asked if police walk around town car parks doing Warrant of Fitness and registration checks.

Clifford Paxton advised that road stopping identified other issues and their focus is on the roads.

Cr John Williamson asked if he (Clifford) thought that council could have a role on that. *Gosh John, do you think if council controlled it you may have the contacts to then have your vehicle unregistered and unwarranted as you have people in the system that could cancel your tickets?*

Morris Cutforth closed by making a personal appreciation to the police for looking after the crowds at the rugby world cup games. *Did they look after your French friend you gave a personal conducted tour of Whangarei and Northlands including Waipoua forest?*

The time now at 1015hrs. Item No. 4. Mayoral Remuneration (page 11) this was just a procedural matter and had been adjusted back, *after Morrie's overseas jaunt*. There was also an alteration in the recommendation to read 2011 not September 2001 (page 11)

The time now at 1016hrs. Item No. 5. Hikurangi Swamp Flood Protection Scheme Delegated Responsibilities (page 12)
As earlier advised this item had been withdrawn from today's meeting.

The time now at 1017hrs. And there is a new Item C.6 Property Transaction that they wished to add to the confidential section of today's meeting.

Senior Meeting Co-ordinator Carolyn Brindle read information relating to this out.

Cr Crichton Christie said he can't support this and knows nothing about it. It was some property deal we have to react urgently to and he has no indication so asked Carolyn to read the details again which she did.

Cr Phil Halse claims the rest of the councilors understood it. *Is that a put down on Crichton? Surely not, Phil?*

Cr Warwick Syers explained it was to allow a matter to be considered and then it is their chance to proceed or reject it.

Cr Aaron Edwards understood that Crichton had not had the agenda item and wasn't prepared to make a decision in this meeting.

Cr Shelley Deeming advised that some areas are in extreme confidentiality and they could consider the item first and then decide against it. *Do you think Shellsie was in the 'know' here Crichton?*

Cr Jeroen Jongejans makes a statement "Sometimes in business you need to make instant decisions" *But does he have reservations?* He continued "We can deal with it as a council, I think".

Cr Sue Glen claims "We can all read so we need to move on." *Plenty of time or do you have a hair appointment?*

A vote is cast but decision is called for.

Cr Aaron Edwards, Cr Merv Williams, Cr Crichton Christie and Cr Kahu Sutherland voted against this item being added to the confidential section of the meeting.

Cr Brian McLachlan abstained from voting on this issue.

The motion was carried and it was to be heard in Confidential.

The meeting concluded at 1024hrs, the public excluded before going to a **confidential** section of the meeting.

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*Didn't Morris campaign that he wanted open and transparent council? Yeah right.
(Why do they always want a confidential section then?)*

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