

Whangarei District Council District Living Committee meeting

– 10th July 2013.

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Chair Cr Shelley Deeming welcomes all with a good morning, to all those present, gallery, staff and no media present, at 1000hrs.

There was an apology for Mayor Morris Cutforth being away for today's meeting.

Moved Cr Greg Martin, seconded by Cr Sue Glen.

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.

It was now 1000hrs and Item No.1. Minutes of a Meeting of the District Living Committee held 12 June 2013. (Page 1)

Moved Cr Aaron Edwards? seconded by Cr Sharon Morgan.

These were duly passed and no discussion was necessary.

With the time now at 1001hrs it was on to Item No.2. Minutes of a Meeting of the Creative Communities Assessment Committee held 11 June 2013. (Page 6)

Moved Cr Sharon Morgan, seconded by Cr Aaron Edwards.

These were duly passed and no discussion was necessary.

With the time still at 1001hrs it was Item No.3. District Living Group Monthly Report June 2013. (Page 8)

Cr Deeming advised councillors that they would go through this item, page by page and pertinent questions would be accepted.

This item was moved by Cr Brian McLachlan, seconded by Cr Jeroen Jongejans.

Group Manager District Living Paul Dell made brief comments advising that the Ministry for the Environment has released a document entitled 'A National Monitoring System for the Resource Management Act 1991 – A Proposal for Discussion'. (Page 8 Para 3)

Cr Merv Williams had a query (Page 8 Para 1) about lapsing resource consents.

Paul Dell gave some details about how they would lapse.

Cr Merv Williams asked if they had checked that all applications are up to date. *Some leading questions here what is Merv up to?*

Paul Dell informed that after what had happened in Christchurch recently, *'the Marryatt affair'*, *oh where is Mark? Is he on leave?* they had started seeing strain on their system with a 22% increase in applications. Paul added that they would have to look carefully at Resource consent processes. *I have a couple of swords you can borrow.*

Cr Brian McLachlan claims he believed they were competency issues in Christchurch.

Paul Dell added that there had been an increase in applications in Pims and Lims
Cr Merv Williams queried Mr Dell about Auckland Councils issues with sun beds and acupuncture bylaws.

Paul Dell gave some explanation on these issues.

Cr John Williamson questioned why had 'GM' disappeared off the agenda but media nationwide was active with it.

Cr Greg Martin asked if it could be placed back on the agenda. *Oh is it his time to electioneer now?*

Paul Dell advised it would be placed on the agenda.

Cr Brian McLachlan had a query on Landscape (Page 19, d)

Paul Dell advised they were working through this watching carefully.

Cr Crichton Christie made comment about the new regime of revenue which was not about money, but about more money. *He was referring to the collection of fines from un-registered and unwarranted vehicles.*

Cr Brian McLachlan asked who gets this money.

Paul Dell responded; 50% is retained by council and 50% goes to the crown. *Do they pay tax on it as unearned income?*

The report was received.

With the time at 1016hrs it was Item No.4. Creative Communities Scheme – Renewal of Agreement. (Page 35)

Moved by Cr Sharon Morgan, seconded by Cr Crichton Christie.

Cr Sharon Morgan gave an update on the new format for this after the elections where there will be two councilors on the committee and nominated community representatives.

Cr Aaron Edwards commented that Jenny Teeuwen (Community Funding Officer) had done an amazing job.

The report was received.

It was now 1018hrs and Item No.5. Community Funding – 2012-2013 Annual Report. (Page 37)

Moved Cr Warwick Syers, seconded by Cr Merv Williams.

Cr Warwick Syers advised that this report demonstrated the quantum what council puts into its community. This was a software issue rather than a hardware issue by volunteers getting together.

Cr Aaron Edwards, Cr Sharon Morgan, Cr Crichton Christie, Cr Merv Williams and Cr Phil Halse all fielded questions and comments.

The recommendations were duly passed and no further discussion was necessary.

With the time now at 1026hrs. Item No.6. Coastal Peak Population Survey 2012/2013. (Page 41)

Moved by Cr Greg Martin, seconded by Cr Jeroen Jongejans.

Paul Dell gave some details; it was a great summary but many at the beaches had not got their forms back. He claims he will update it when the census figures come through.

Cr Sharon Morgan queried the response to the survey asking, did the questionnaires go to their home address and they were at the beach and missed out getting them until after their holiday and survey had closed.

Paul Dell asked Sonya Seutter, Environmental Trends Analyst, when they went out. He advised that it was still good valuable information.

Cr Greg Martin (*in election mode*) advised that he attended AGM's at the bays and normally 60 people turned up to those hence it was another avenue to get the survey forms out there.

Paul Dell thanked him for that feedback and claimed they will work with those groups.

Cr John Williamson commented that he thought 28% is a pretty good response.

Cr Phil Halse gave details how for example the Ruakaka Motor Camp has about 2200 people there in the peak times.

Paul Dell claimed that was another good point for Sonya to investigate on.

The report was received.

It was now 1037hrs and Item No.7. New Road Name – Resource Consents. (Page 60)

Moved Cr Greg Martin, seconded by Cr Brian McLachlan.

This was duly accepted and the road was to be known as Rolling Stone Rise. *Great, no need for WetN'Forget there.*

So, that's it, all over till the next episode, with Cr Shelley Deeming calling the meeting to a close at 1033hours and thanking all for attending.

Cr Shelley Deeming wished to announce that she was putting her nomination forward for the upcoming elections for Mayor, as she liked being a leader. She added she would also stand for the Bream Bay Ward.

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