

Whangarei District Council District Living Committee meeting – 10th October 2012.

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Chair Cr Shelley Deeming welcomes all with a good morning, to all those present at 1000hrs.

Apologies were received for Mayor Morris Cutforth. *Will we really miss him?*
Moved by Cr Sue Glen, seconded by Cr Kahu Sutherland.

It was still 1000hrs and Item No.1. Minutes of a Meeting of the District Living Committee held 12 September 2012. (Page 1)

Moved by Cr Brian McLachlan, seconded by Cr Sharon Morgan.

These were duly passed and no discussion was necessary.

With the time still at 1000hrs it was on to Item No.2. Minutes of a Meeting of the Community Funding Subcommittee held 12 September 2012. (Page 3)

Moved by Cr Greg Martin, seconded by Cr Warwick Syers .

Cr Greg Martin thanked the staff for all their work on this, making it easier for them to make the decisions.

These were duly passed and no discussion was necessary.

With the time at 1001hrs and Item No.3. District Living Group Monthly Report September 2012. (Page 5)

Moved by Cr Sharon Morgan, seconded by Cr Warwick Syers.

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

Group Manager District Living Paul Dell made brief comments advising that there had been fluctuations in resource consents and building permit applications. He gave brief details on Plan Changes 93 & 117 as presented on page 5 of the report.

Cr Crichton Christie asked how is the process on “qualified building practitioners” going.

This was briefly explained and that some work could be undertaken under a ‘home owner exemption’.

[Link to ‘Home Owner Exemption’ explained.](#)

Cr John Williamson had a query about Genetic Modification (page 16) and the use of Section 32.

He also asked where the building was going on. *Gosh John, there has recently been a new two storied house built on State Highway 14, or had you forgotten about that.* Paul Dell explained that it had mainly been in the southern areas; Langs Beach & Ruakaka; with some commercial developments.

Paul Dell advised of the government legislation around alcohol and work being done on dog safety (Page 6).

Cr Merv Williams queried the liquor law changes.

Paul Dell advised that there was to be changes to RTD sales/product and we all knew of the age for liquor sales debate recently that was had.

In my opinion if a law was introduced to 'make it illegal to be found drunk in a public place'; that would solve a lot of the issues.....but the alcohol industry pulls a lot of power and that law, or one similar was removed from legislation some time back. They have screwed around with alcohol laws and the problem has not got any better; so 'make it illegal to be found drunk in a public place' and I believe it would assist in this problem communities are experiencing. Just penalise the ones that are the problem, don't penalise the 99% that aren't.

Cr Merv Williams queried Plan Change 126 (Page 13, xi).

Paul Dell explained they were re looking at this.

Cr Sharon Morgan had a query on Plan Change 124- Built Heritage (Page 13) and asked if this included stone walls.

Paul Dell advised it did and there were 113km of stone walls in Whangarei under this.

There were also questions raised on Plan Change 65 Longview Estate (Page 12) as this had been a long time issue, but it appeared this has been thrashed to death and there was little comment forthcoming on it.

Paul Dell explained about meetings staff had held at Otangarei and Parua Bay and how pleased they were that communities were working well on local issues.

Cr Kahu Sutherland asked who in Otangarei they were working with. *Obviously not you Kahu, as it appears this is the first you knew of it.*

Paul Dell could not name the contact at present but assured Kahu he would inform him, adding they had been working with police in the area.

Cr Sharon Morgan asked about why there was an increase in funding applications (Page 26 – Community Funding). *You might not realise Sharon, but it is quiet tough out there for many in the community, hence more applications.*

Cr Sharon Morgan also queried the program with D'tag and were they seeing any repeat offenders after they had taken part in this program.

Paul Dell advised there had been success stories but there were some re-offenders.

Cr Greg Martin advised that tags could be identified by colours (*No sh_t Sherlock?*); Hikurangi colour is red and Otangarei is blue he advised. *Maybe the police need you Greg!*

Cr Merv Williams informed that the new cameras in Vine Street were working well with a number of successful arrests resulting from them being used and the good work from the volunteers.

Cr Sue Glen commented that the Seniors Expo (Page 29) had been well attended.

Cr Aaron Edwards gave details of the recent survey undertaken on 6th October in the mall by the 'Youth Advisory Group'.

With the time at 1024hrs and Item No.4. Road Naming Issue – Clive's Valley Road. (Page 31)

Moved by Cr Greg Martin, seconded by Cr Brian McLachlan.

Paul Dell gave a brief run down on the history of this name and how it had been before council in 2000. (Read the item to understand what the situation is. Page 31-33)

Cr Crichton Christie claimed "you should have listened to two wise councilors in the first place". *You will realise of those 'wise men' was Crichton as he has been around as long as.....*

Cr Greg Martin, quick to reply, "Where do you find them?" *You are correct Greg; they certainly seem to be a tad EXTINCT presently.*

Cr John Williamson was insistent he will vote against it to protect private property rights. "It is private property and the owner should have the right to name it".

It was agreed that the owner had the right to name it.

This is like a little road off Cemetery Road, about 120 metres from State Highway 14 end. We had name suggestions for that in the view of who lived there. [LINK](#) to names that could have been appropriately used for this road?

Cr Shelley Deeming claimed this was about "what is fair and reasonable in this issue".

Cr Brian McLachlan believed that council should not be naming roads on private land.

Paul Dell informed that time had overtaken on this one. Properties have been seen as Mulberry Lane now for a long time; it is no longer an issue for this council. The motion was carried unanimously.

So, that's it, all over till the next episode, with Cr Shelley Deeming calling the meeting to a close at 1030hours and thanking all for attending.

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