

## Whangarei District Council District Living Committee meeting - 11th July 2012.

### [LINK to appropriate Agenda](#)

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

Apologies were received Cr Jeroen Jongejans, Cr John Williamson and Cr Kahu Sutherland.

Moved by, Cr Crichton Christie, seconded by Cr Greg Martin.

It was 1000hrs and Item No.1. Minutes of a Meeting of the District Living Committee held 13 June 2012 (Page 1)

Moved by, Cr Brian McLachlan, seconded by Cr Phil Halse.

These were duly passed and no discussion was necessary.

With the time still at 1000hrs it was on to Item No.2. District Living Group Monthly Report June 2012 (Page 3)

Moved by Cr Sue Glen, seconded by Cr Greg Martin.

Cr Deeming advised councillors to 'feel free to ask pertinent questions as they go through the item, page by page'.

Group Manager District Living Paul Dell advised that there had been a meeting with the Whangarei Alcohol Accord and they were getting a lot more engagement.

Cr Sharon Morgan claimed it was good to see sports clubs joining the Accord.

Paul Dell advised that with the school holidays it had been seen that the CBD was now safer City Safe was patrolling well for skateboards etc.

Cr Merv Williams claimed it was a lot to do with the personalities of the officers; they weren't taking any nonsense and were seen to stamp their authority.

Cr Aaron Edwards commented in regards to 'the car park'. It was now a better place to park and were they promoting it a being better.

Cr Phil Halse had a query in regards to Transpower (Page 11) viii Plan Change 123A; was public consultation necessary?

Paul Dell explained that they had to do a legal plan change; our District Council didn't go as far as some other councils.

Cr Shelley Deeming advised that a collection of local landowners had a meeting with Federated Farmers etc to discuss this issue. There wasn't a great deal of time to tell everyone. Approximately 20-25 people had turned up to council to discuss the plan change and wanted to thank the staff for their assistance and input.

Cr Merv Williams had a query in regards to (Page 11) iii Plan Change 100 - Sites of Significance to Maori. He wanted to know if they had 'buy in' from all Iwi.

Paul Dell confirmed that they do, 'but sometimes treaty claims can get in the way of conversation'.

Cr Merv Williams insisted that it must be totally inclusive or it will be a waste of time. The current controversy over water raises awareness of a claim at Poriti Springs and were there any others?

Paul Dell explained that the RMA (Resource Management Act) had always been clear; No one has ownership rights, everyone needs consent for water.

Cr Sharon Morgan had questions over the time being taken for Plan Change 65 – Longview Estuary Estate and Plan Change 112 – Te Hape Village

Paul Dell explained that Plan Change 112 had been taken up by the CEO and Plan Change 65 the legal department was doing a letter.

Paul Dell discussed Strategic Planning c/ (Page 11) in regards to Alfresco Dining Policy that they were working on it. He explained how he was talking to a 'Sue' in Australia in regards to their model on 'Nighttime Dining'. *Hum me thinks this sounds like a trip away for some to go and investigate this in Aussie. Are they are not up with the play about using Mr or Mrs GOOGLE or using Skype or a conference call? No, does a trip away on ratepayer's money sound like a better perk?* [Link to Item](#)

Cr Greg Martin (stock complaints Page 22) claims there are still stock problems at Oakura. *Oh no; Really? I distinctly remember that a Mr Semenoff when he was mayor boasted about how he knew all the culprits out there and supplied fencing wire to them and 'HE' was going to sort it out. Looks like nothing happened as it has been a problem for ages.*

Paul Dell advised that the stock issue was being addressed and there had been some stock that had been shot.

Cr Greg Martin commented about everything being 'City Safe this and City Safe that.' There were issues in the coastal areas that needed attention.

Paul Dell explained that with City Safe covering more areas there may be some 'rebranding'. *Maybe they could call it 'NZ Police'? Don't they cover all areas?*

Cr Merv Williams hoped that they were sure they were going to get value on the City Safe branding as they had been working on it for years.

Paul Dell interrupted but got shut down by Cr Merv Williams claiming "Before your Time". *So right Merv; there was time before you Paul.*

Paul Dell had the last say by informing that 'City Safe is about a whole lot of players'. *Watch out they are about to launch an in-house team to take on the All Blacks?*

With the time still at 1017hrs and Item No.3. Changes to Building Warrant of Fitness for Commercial Buildings. (Page 28)

Moved by Cr Sharon Morgan, seconded by Cr Aaron Edwards.

Paul Dell gave some details of the time frame for this projects introduction.

Cr Crichton Christie explained that he "Just can't believe this report".

Paul Dell gave some details about the building WOF; it's about the operation of the building, not just the building.

Cr Sharon Morgan had some queries about existing compliance schedules which were duly explained to the meeting.

With the time now at 1023hrs it was on to Item No.4. Proposed Plan Change 123B Referencing of Environmental Engineering Standards 2010 Consequential Changes. (Page 31)

Moved by Cr Aaron Edwards, seconded by Cr Sharon Morgan.

Paul Dell gave a brief; he explained how there was a conflict and he was endeavoring to minimise the issue.

Cr Phil Halse wanted to know more about what he is hearing about 'slip lanes' into farm properties.

Paul Dell advised that the CEO was going to talk to the Roding Manager about that.

It was now 1025hrs and Item No.5. District Plan Efficiency and Effectiveness Report. (Page 47)

Moved by Cr Brian McLachlan, seconded by Cr Aaron Edwards.

Paul Dell advised that it was a statutory requirement under the RMA. Council makes rules and policy. This is about whether this policy or rules are addressing what we originally required of them. It's about why we have the role and are we achieving it. Cr Brian McLachlan claimed it was good work from staff. The report is interesting to read, mainly about its effectiveness.

Cr Merv Williams advised that he hadn't read it word for word. *Why not?* Merv wanted to know if there were any activities in it required other than the previously being taken.

Paul Dell replied with a 'No'; continuing that we are comfortable as it is inside our work program, with no new action required.

Cr Phil Halse queried if staff were looking at all NRC (Northland Regional Council) landscape maps. (Page 64) *There are some changes in 'significant landscapes' currently being undertaken by the NRC which is raising some concern with some residents as to why? This submission process is currently underway.* Phil believed this current Landscape Review should be noted in the minutes.

Nick Williamson, Team Leader District Plan gave some details to clarify.

It was now 1032hrs and Item No. 6. New Road Names- (Page 90)

Moved by Cr Greg Martin, seconded by Cr Sue Glen.

No discussion was entered into in this item.

There was a supplementary Item No. 1. This was in relation to a previous name given to a road being spelt incorrectly last month.

The incorrect name was 'Mapoe Lane' and they wished to amend it to 'Mapou Lane'.

Cr Merv Williams asked if this process complied with standing orders.

Cr Shelley Deeming confirmed 'Yes, it did'.

Cr Merv Williams replied that 'he would let it go this time'. *One thing about Merv he keeps a watchful eye on some processes and standing orders.*

This change to the name was moved by Cr Greg Martin and seconded by Cr Aaron Edwards.

So, that's it, all over till the next episode, with Cr Shelley Deeming calling the meeting to a close at 1034hours and thanking all for attending.

Cr Warwick Syers asked that 'all councilors remain behind for a meeting'.  
*What secret squirrel stuff were they about to discuss now?*

**All information in regards to this meeting's agenda and others are available on the Whangarei District Council website by clicking on this [link](#).**