

Whangarei District Council District Living Committee meeting
-11th September 2013.

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

There was one apology for Cr Brian McLachlan.
Mayor Cutforth was absent as he had been granted a leave of absence and no apology for him was required.

Moved Cr Greg Martin, seconded by Cr Aaron Edwards.

This next item, below, was showing in the agenda index, 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 1001hrs and Item No. 1. Minutes of a Meeting of the District Living Committee held 14 August 2013. (Page 1)

Moved Cr Sharon Morgan, seconded by Cr Warwick Syers.

These were duly passed and no discussion was necessary.

With the time still at 1001hrs and Item No. 2. District Living Group Monthly Report August 2013. (Page 3)

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 was a report of government amendments. He explained about 10 day consents. The Electricity Transmission Plan was now mentioned in the Policy and Monitoring Manager section (Page 3)

Cr John Williamson asked how they were responding to the raft of changes to the Resource Management Act (RMA).

Paul Dell gave details to this.

Cr Sharon Morgan asked if there was a timeframe around this and how they were to be implemented.

Paul Dell advised they would be waiting until the legislation is on the table.

Policy and Monitoring Manager Paul Waanders gave details of the Acts that were under discussion.

Cr Shelley Deeming gave an update to those that arrived late to the meeting where they were up to and what was being discussed. *That's was certainly out of the 'norm'; but then*

again it's the magic 'Election Time' and some are just bending over backwards to impress. Will it be 'now you see it, now you don't' after 12 October, like normally has happened?

Paul Dell advised of the Plan Change 130- Okara Park Plan Change and Precinct (Page 11)

It is most interesting to note the large number of A+ Food Premises gradings. (Page 18-19). For years in was only McDonalds Bank Street that had this top rating, now it is nearly everyone. Wonder why?

Paul Dell explained the smart tracking on the CCTV which was addressing tagging and graffiti.

Cr Jeroen Jongejans asked what sort of technology was being used.

Paul Dell gave brief details explaining that all reported tags were photographed and entered into a database. *All other information is operationally sensitive. No point in giving the details away.*

Cr Greg Martin claimed there was nothing about graffiti removal in Hikurangi in the agenda, as he had previously asked for.

Owen Thomas, Senior Community Services Advisor apologized and said he would get the information for the next one.

Cr Sue Glen wanted to relay her thanks to D'Tag for keeping the Onerahi area clean.

Cr Shelley Deeming read out the Recommendation No 2 (Page 30) asking for any discussion on that. There was no discussion.

The item was moved by Cr Shelley Deeming, seconded by Cr Sue Glen.

With the time at 1014hrs and Item No. 3. Hikurangi's 150 year celebration. (Page 31)

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

The spokesperson was invited forward to speak on behalf of Friendship House.

Des Coutts claimed they would not get bored with his speech. He advised this had all been started by Yvonne Stewart who had since passed away since getting it off the ground. He wanted to donate a book and DVD to council that had a history of Hikurangi, which Pauline had done.

Cr Shelley Deeming thanked Des for his kind words.

Des Coutts presented to Deputy Mayor Cr Phil Halse the book and DVD.

Cr Phil Halse claimed it was all about our sense of place and the great work a small town can do. He advised it was well done and added it was always pleasing to get thanks from someone.

Cr Crichton Christie commented that his family came from Hikurangi.

Cr Greg Martin introduced those from Hikurangi friendship House to the meeting.

They were Des Coutts, Pauline Crowther, Ani Hemara, Linda Vanstone and Gordon Campbell.

These were duly passed and no discussion was necessary.

So, that's it, all over till the next episode, with Cr Shelley Deeming calling the meeting to a close at 1020hours and thanking all for attending.

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