

Whangarei District Council District Living Committee meeting

– 12th June 2013.

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

There was an apology for Cr Jeroen Jongejans

Moved Cr Phil Halse, seconded by Cr Aaron Edwards.

Cr Shelley Deeming asked that item No 11 could be addressed after Items No. 1 & 2 as there were people present for that item they were on time restraints and this was agreed to.

This next item, below, was showing in the agenda but was not mentioned in the meeting.
Perhaps 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 1001hrs and Item No.1. Minutes of a Meeting of the District Living Committee held 8 May 2013 (Page 1)

Moved Cr Greg Martin, seconded by Cr Sue Glen.

These were duly passed and no discussion was necessary.

With the time still at 1001hrs it was on to Item No.2. Minutes of a Meeting of the Community Funding Subcommittee held 8 May 2013 (Page 5)

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

These were duly passed and no discussion was necessary.

It was now 1002hrs and as arranged it was onto Item No.11. New Road Name – Riverside Drive to Port Road via the new Lower Harbour Bridge (Page 177)

Mayor Morris Cutforth, to his feet, claims he wishes to have the name 'Dave Culham Drive' as the preferred recommendation for the road name over the one in the recommendation 'William Fraser Drive' and moves this as a motion.

Cr Crichton Christie seconds the proposal.

Cr Brian McLachlan advises that he has a different point of view; William Fraser Drive is a geographical reflection of the road over William Fraser Memorial Park to Pohe Bridge and Port Road and wants to move an amendment that the road be named 'William Fraser Drive'. Cr Merv Williams second the amendment; therefore the amendment is open for discussion. Cr Merv Williams wanted to go with what the committee had suggested in the recommendation being William Fraser Drive and as reported in the agenda on pages 185-188 William Fraser had played a significant part of the history of Whangarei. It also was a continuance of council's present naming system.

Cr Aaron Edwards advises that he doesn't have a problem with either name; but this is the first he had heard of this other choice. The agenda had been out for some time and no mention or discussion on this until today; now we have a difference of opinion and he would be supporting the original recommendation of William Fraser Drive.

Cr Crichton Christie claims it is not often council has a chance to name roads; normally names are submitted by developers. We have 2 good names before us that both paint a picture in history. He would be supporting Dave Culham Drive as it reminds everyone of a big business that is still locally owned.

Council is locally owned and this new road could give councils CEO a quick route to the airport for his exploits.

Cr Warwick Syers advises this is an opportunity to recognize some people one who had built up a huge business. People might think that William Fraser Drive is just the entrance to the William Fraser Memorial Park and he was unable to support the amendment; he would be voting for Dave Culham Drive. *Don't you just love Warwick Syers logic; would people on his wave length think then that, Dave Culham Drive was an entrance to Culham Engineering? If you put an argument forward surely you cover the options that could be used against it.*

Cr John Williamson believes it is sad they are debating these 2 names. He gave details about things he had heard about Dave Culham and John was happy to support the road being named after him.

Cr Sharon Morgan felt it was another opportunity to have Dave Culham Drive or name another person as we have William Fraser Park.

Cr Sue Glen thinks we have two equally deserving men at this point and finds it difficult but as she had a relation that did an apprenticeship there and now from those skills supported a family so she would be supporting Dave Culham Drive and they already have William Fraser Park there.

Cr Kahu Sutherland claimed they were debating two icons of our district and that is sad. He says his support is for Dave Culham Drive as Dave was a quiet contributor and had shaped the lives of many that knew him and or worked for him; he would be supporting Dave Culham Drive.

Cr Shelley Deeming claimed there could be another opportunity to honour the work Dave Culham did in our district. William Fraser was the father of our district and she would be voting for the amendment.

They were to vote on the amendment and a division was called for on William Fraser Drive being the name of the road in the item.

Cr Aaron Edwards, Cr Merv Williams, Cr Brian McLachlan and Cr Shelley Deeming voted for the amendment.

Cr Phil Halse, Mayor Morris Cutforth, Cr John Williamson, Cr Greg Martin, Cr Sue Glen, Cr Crichton Christie, Cr Kahu Sutherland, Cr Sharon Morgan and Cr Warwick Syers voted against the amendment. The amendment was hereby lost.

It reverted to the name being Dave Culham Drive.

Morris Cutforth wanted to congratulate the council for some robust debate, adding 'he was delighted the amendment was lost'.

It went to the vote and it appeared that it was unanimous for the name being Dave Culham Drive. *Some had obviously done flip flops rather than abstaining.*

Cr Warwick Syers suggested that they tidy up the sign at the entrance to William Fraser Park. *Is that so they can find their way in, Warwick?*

With the time now at 1030hrs and Item No.3. District Living Group Monthly Report May 2013 (Page 6)

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 Merv Williams, seconded by Cr John Williamson.

Group Manager District Living Paul Dell made brief comments advising that WDC and the NRC were working together on the Kotuku Dam project. Paul advised that Plan Change 65, Longview Estate that the Environment Court had ruled not to award costs. (See Page 14)

Cr Aaron Edwards made comment in reference to page 19 on Genetic Engineering that FNDC had aligned itself with WDC recommendation.

Cr Sharon Morgan had a query on funding of the D'Tag program (Page 31)

Owen Thomas, Senior Community Services Advisor gave details of the funding being made available.

With the time at 1034hrs and Item No.4. Plan Change 93 – Urban Transition Environment Final Consideration (Page 34)

It was advised that the maps in the agenda were the same for item No 4 and Item No 5 and this was to save another tree in the printing of them.

Cr John Williamson withdrew from the table as he had a conflict of interest.

Paul Dell gave details of this item

Moved by Cr Merv Williams, seconded by Cr Brian McLachlan.

These were duly passed and no added discussion was necessary.

It was now 1035hrs and Item No.5. Private Plan Change 117 – Northpower Limited Critical Electricity Lines Final Consideration (Page 52)

Moved Cr Kahu Sutherland, seconded by Cr Sue Glen.

These were duly passed and no discussion was necessary.

With the time now at 1036hrs and Item No.6. Whangarei Harbour Water Quality Action Plan - Update (Page 105)

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

Cr Crichton Christie wanted it known that the problem with water quality was not just sewerage.

I see there was another discharge from the Waste Water Treatment plant being a Storm event leading to contamination of the Whangarei upper harbour from extreme sewage treatment plant bypass and runoff from surrounding agricultural and urban land.

It was because of - High rainfall event 04 June 2013 and 05 June 2013.

There was - Extreme bypass at WWTP – 3 hours on 04 June 2013.

Discharge was -Ongoing due to continuing rain (5 June 2013)

Quantity - 61 cubic metres (4 June 2013); event on 5/6/13 ongoing.

Recommendation - Do not collect shellfish likely to be contaminated with human sewage for at least 28 days from the time of contamination.

Cr Brian McLachlan claimed they must act on it not just about talking.

Cr Phil Halse felt it would be good to have someone from Portland in this group.

Paul Dell advised there was provision for 'industry representation'.

These were duly passed and no added discussion was necessary.

It was now 1038hrs and Item No.7. Toward Better Local Regulation (Page 114)

Moved Cr Sharon Morgan, seconded by Cr Sue Glen.

Paul Dell gave a short brief to this item.

Cr Brian McLachlan hoped there was a good outcome from this.

Cr Phil Halse commented that it was a great report but he had some concerns; fast is not always best.

Paul Dell added that when there was an issue in Auckland, Government runs to attend to it but normally those decisions affect everyone.

The report was received with no extra discussion.

With the time now at 1044hrs and Item No.8. Disability Advisory Group – Terms of Reference (Page 160)

Moved by Cr Sue Glen, seconded by Cr Sharon Morgan.

Cr Sue Glen advised that this group was working well and it was pleasing to see plain and simple Terms of Reference.

The Terms of reference were duly received.

It was now 1047hrs and Item No.9. Ngunguru Sports and Recreation Society Inc – Loan Application (Page 164)

Moved Cr Greg Martin, seconded by Cr Crichton Christie.

Cr Greg Martin claims he was impressed with what they were going to do with a small amount of money. What he thought was interesting was that the cost of water tanks was a big part of the spend.

Cr John Williamson, in reference to Recommendation 2d, asked what sort of security.

Owen Thomas advised it was just the standard things that they do with loans.

Cr Sharon Morgan advised she would support this.

The loan was duly approved as per the recommendations.

With the time now at 1049hrs and Item No.10. New Road Names – Resource Consents (Page 172)

Moved by Cr Phil Halse, seconded by Cr Crichton Christie.

These were duly passed and no discussion was entered into.

Item No.11. New Road Name – Riverside Drive to Port Road via the new Lower Harbour Bridge (Page 177)

This item had been addressed earlier in the meeting.

With the time now at 1050hrs and Item No.12. Weekend and Night time Economy Discussion Document (Page 191)

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

Paul Dell gave some details in regards this item.

Cr Merv Williams claimed 'the direction we are going in is not where we should be going'. *I take that as not approved of by Merv.* He claimed it will not enhance excitement in the city or encourage people to put their money into it. He wanted the motion to be in two parts.

Cr Aaron Edwards was taking a different attitude to it than Cr Williams. We need to collate the information and do that with the stakeholders to create the environment we want. *Dead right Aaron; 'Nothing about us, without us'.*

Cr Shelley Deeming advised that they are elected to take a leadership role for good public use. She proposed that retailers have input into it as well.

Cr Sue Glen said it sets a starting point as she saw it from the presentation given earlier to them by Sonya Seutter, Environmental Trends Analyst.

Cr Sharon Morgan advised that they are looking at upgrading the CBD when they have the dollars available and this can go hand in hand; we need this.

Cr Phil Halse commented that they can leave a lot to dialogue. *Yes that's good, if they are prepared to listen to stakeholder's ideas.*

Cr Brian McLachlan claims council is responsible for infrastructure; he will support it but will be keeping an eye on it. *Good call Brian.*

Cr Kahu Sutherland asked if in the future they are going to look at 'week days and day time reports' as this is about 'weekend and night time'.

Paul Dell gave a reply. *Don't think Kahu's comment had gone that well.*

It was taken in two parts as suggested by Cr Williams.

Cr Kahu Sutherland voted against Recommendation 1.

A division was called for Recommendation 2; Cr Merv Williams and Cr Kahu Sutherland voted against this.

These recommendations were duly passed.

As time was nearing the next meetings start time Cr Shelley Deeming temporarily adjourned the meeting.

Cr Merv Williams convened his next meeting and moved a motion adjourning it for 10-15 minutes while the District Living meeting completed.

Cr Shelley Deeming was back into the DLC meeting at 1101hrs and it was onto Supplementary Item No 1: Application for road naming of a subdivision at Totara Parklands, Tikipunga

Moved by Cr Kahu Sutherland, seconded by Cr John Williamson.

These new names were duly passed with the recommendations being accepted.

So, that's it, all over till the next episode, with Cr Shelley Deeming calling the meeting to a close at 1103hours and thanking all for attending.

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