

## Whangarei District Council District Living Committee meeting

– 13<sup>th</sup> February 2013.

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

Shelley advises that as there is a hearing scheduled for 1100hrs, they need to proceed as quickly as possible. They will go till Item No 4. They will then take Item No 9 & 10 and the remaining items will be heard tomorrow.

There were no apologies.

### CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

WOW.....this appeared on the agenda notes, but nothing was said by the chair in regards to this. Did a visit to a NRC meeting kindle this initiative?

It was now 1001hrs and Item No.1. Minutes of a Meeting of the District Living Committee held 12 December 2012. (Page 1)

Moved Cr Aaron Edwards, seconded by Cr Brian McLachlan.

These were duly passed and no discussion was necessary.

With the time still at 1001hrs it was on to Item No.2. District Living Group Monthly Report December 2012. (Page 3)

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

Moved by Cr Sharon Morgan, seconded by Cr Kahu Sutherland.

After skipping quickly through the pages these were duly passed and no discussion was necessary.

With the time now at 1003hrs and Item No.3. District Living Group Monthly Report January 2013. (Page 22)

Group Manager District Living Paul Dell commented that there was a separate report dealing with alcohol.

Paul Dell advised that NRC had progressed through to the next round of submissions on the RPS. (Regional Policy Statement)

Cr Phil Halse recognized the amount of building consents that had gone through.

Paul Dell advised that WDC sat at about No 10 in New Zealand with resource consent applications in 2012.

Cr Sharon Morgan and Cr Crichton Christie both wanted more information in regards to resource consent applications by home owners.

Cr Merv Williams claimed he had concerns about some resource consent applications that council had in the system; like premises that were an Indian takeaway having to re apply for resource consent to be an Indian take away.

This item was moved by Cr Sue Glen, seconded by Cr Sharon Morgan. This was duly passed.

With the time at 1008hrs and Item No.4. Notice of Motion. (Page 46)

Moved by Cr Aaron Edwards, seconded by Cr Greg Martin.

Cr John Williamson gave details of how government had changed regulations for WOF and how this makes his motion more important for our council/contractors to monitor vehicles without WOF and Registration and infringements issued if they are overdue by 1 month. People if they comply within 14 days then the tickets will be quashed. *Will that apply with parking tickets? If you move your car ??????*

Cr Aaron Edwards supported what Cr Williamson has moved and claims as it a requirement of law they have an opportunity to improve the safety of our vehicles; it is a duty to take.

Cr Sue Glen asked if it only applied to council car parks.

Cr Halse claimed it was roads also.

Cr Brian McLachlan asked if police have the ability to go on private car parks etc.

Paul Dell replied that yes they do. *There is not much that police can't do with the necessary warrants.*

Cr Warwick Syers wished to congratulate Cr Williamson on this issue with a "well done John".

Cr Phil Halse supported the intent but asked 'is it our job?' Is this our core duty or service? *No it is probably not, neither is funding gambling businesses with funds approved in confidential meetings, Phil.* Phil continued 'are we going to enforce that they pay their fines and at whose cost.'

Cr Crichton Christie claims he was keen on safety and as a bike rider conscious of safety. He also spends a lot of time at testing stations with his business. He advised he will be voting against this.

Cr Kahu Sutherland advised that Cr Christie has summed up where he was coming from on this. If it was a priority police would be doing more on this checking for Warrants of Fitness, but it was proven that vehicle safety was a small factor in accidents.

Mayor Morris Cutforth stated that he agreed with Cr Christie and Cr Sutherland. We are self righteous; we may be picking on a section of society who can't afford it. I may change my mind if one of those vehicles ran into one of my grandchildren.

Cr Greg Martin claimed that Whangarei should be the same as other councils and support it.

Cr John Williamson, in his right of reply, "I am appalled at the attitude of 'your worship, if it doesn't affect me'. Some ask if it is our role; it has been our role since 1962.

***If I was asked about this; I don't believe it is council core business. I believe in one rule for all, no exceptions, all vehicles should comply to be legally on our roads. If it***

*is a serious issue then the police are the ones who should have these issues in their sights. As a council, we could promote road safety by allowing parking wardens to leave 'friendly reminders' on cars that don't comply, having expired compliance certification. With technology today, authorities have access to records of motor vehicles and those proven to be on our roads by way of tolled areas, CCTV monitoring on our highways, speed cameras etc could impose infringements on those failing to comply. Let them then be responsible to collect unpaid fines from those that fail to abide by the rules.*

*A division was called for;*

**Voted for;** Cr Aaron Edwards, Mayor Morris Cutforth, Cr Merv Williams, Cr John Williamson, Cr Greg Martin, Cr Sue Glen, Cr Sharon Morgan Cr Warwick Syers and Cr Shelley Deeming.

**Against;** Cr Phil Halse, Cr Brian McLachlan, Cr Jeroen Jongejans, Cr Crichton Christie and Cr Kahu Sutherland.

This item was carried and duly passed.

The next 4 items (4, 5, 6 & 7) are adjourned until tomorrow, so on to No 9.

It was now 10hrs and Item No.5. Creative Communities Assessment Committee – Resignation of Committee Member. (Page 51 )

Moved, seconded by.

These were duly passed and no discussion was necessary.

With the time now at 10hrs and Item No.6. Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2013. (Page 52)

Moved by, seconded by.

These were duly passed and no discussion was necessary

It was now 10hrs and Item No.7. . Building Seismic Performance (Earthquake) Submission. (Page 61) *(attachment under separate cover)*

Moved, seconded by.

These were duly passed and no discussion was necessary

With the time now at 10hrs and Item No.8. 2012 Aquaculture Strategy and Five-Year Action Plan. (Page 64)

Moved by, seconded by.

These were duly passed and no discussion was necessary

With the time now at 1035hrs and Item No.9. Alfresco Dining Policy. (Page 97)

Moved by Cr Shelley Deeming, seconded by Cr Aaron Edwards.

Cr Shelley Deeming claimed 'that major people in the industry that she had contacted were happy with the policy'.

Cr Jeroen Jongejans advised that alfresco dining is most important to be a vibrant city. He was most happy with the requirements as detailed on page 120.

Cr Aaron Edwards claims he will be supporting it. The 1<sup>st</sup> cut at it received significant opposition. Like Shelley Deeming he had contacted business owners and they appear happy with it. You can have a solid policy, but it is about how it is interpreted; they needed to work with the business owners and apply it sensibly.

Cr Sue Glen claims she sees it as a success.

Cr Merv Williams advises he is 'happyish' with it as well. He advises that he has been pushing for this for 8 years.

Cr Warwick Syers commented that it was good that they now had a standard policy. Thanks for the substantial changes that have been made to the policy after submissions. He added that he hoped it wasn't a money grab.

*If I was asked about this; from talking to restaurant and cafe owners many are waiting for a follow up since the initial meeting and have heard nothing more from council. I believe that by having tables away from the eatery premises there may well be an OSH (Occupational Safety & Health) issue with waiters/ waitresses carrying hot beverages (Tea/coffee) and/or hot meals through a pedestrian walkway which has been designated in some areas is looking for accidents. Also having tables close to the kerb is placing patrons at risk of being hit by motor vehicles parking nose first in or parallel as these accidents can easily happen. Trust me I have seen some bad examples of bad driving in parking situations. Council should tread with caution; tables & patrons should be as close as possible to the business serving the product.*

This was duly passed unanimously.

With the time now at 1044hrs and Item No.10. Plan Change 123A Network Utilities – Electricity Transmission, Commissioners Recommendation. (Page 121)

*(attachments 1 – 3 under separate cover)*

Moved by, seconded by Cr Jeroen Jongejans .

Cr Phil Halse asked when the official appeal period commenced. *Does this mean Phil is not happy with this Plan change and how it affects him?*

Policy and Monitoring Manager, Paul Waanders gave some details about this and how people will be advised.

Cr John Williamson wanted to congratulate the planning team and how they had listened to submitters.

Cr Shelley Deeming also wanted to thank the staff who had cooperated well with this.

This was duly received.

So, that's it, all over till the next episode, with Cr Shelley Deeming calling the meeting to a close at 1050hours and thanking all for attending.  
It was advised that the uncompleted items (5, 6, 7, & 8) from today's meeting will be heard tomorrow at 1300hrs.

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