

Whangarei District Council District Living Committee meeting - 9th October 2013.

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

Shelley wished to advise that today's meeting was to be recorded with both audio and video.

There was an apology for His Worship the Mayor Morris Cutforth.

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

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.

Shelley wished to advise that the order of meeting was to be changed; it will be Items No.1, 2, 3, 4, 7, Supplementary Agenda No1 – Summary of Assessment of Decisions on the Proposed Northland Regional Policy Statement and then back to 5 etc onwards.

It was now 1002hrs and Item No.1. Minutes of a Meeting of the District Living Committee held 11 September 2013. (Page 1)

Moved Cr Sharon Morgan, seconded by Cr Sue Glen.

These were duly passed and no discussion was necessary.

With the time still at 1002hrs it was on to Item No.2. Minutes of a Meeting of the Creative Communities Committee held 24 September 2013. (Page 3)

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

These were duly passed and no discussion was necessary.

With the time still at 1002hrs and Item No.3. Minutes of a Meeting of the Community Funding Subcommittee held 24 September 2013. (Page 5)

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

These were duly passed and no discussion was necessary

With the time still at 1002hrs and Item No.4. District Living Group Monthly Report September 2013. (Page 8)

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? seconded by?.

Group Manager District Living Paul Dell made brief comments advising that the issue of psychoactive substances was discussed (page 9) and it appeared the community wants it addressed.

Cr Shelley Deeming explained it was about when and where for council, not banning the substances. *That needs to be addressed by central government.*

Cr Merv Williams explained there were comments from the community as they were not happy with the situation and this was a good opportunity to do something with other agencies. *Oh have some been listening to what I have campaigned about?*

Paul Dell advised there was a lot of pressure around our resourcing.

Cr Sharon Morgan commented on the four stores that have operating licenses for these substances; have we had input to those licenses?

Paul Dell replied "No".

Paul Dell advised that they were working well on Plan Change 123A (Page 16).

Cr Phil Halse commenting on Page 18 c), Landscape claiming this includes other criteria.

Cr Aaron Edwards wished to comment on Community Development, as it was his last chance to explain how the successive program. Some had already reached that age and succession had occurred. He had enjoyed working with the young people in this.

It was now 1012hrs and Item No.7. Proposed Plan Change 131: Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) (Page 46)

Moved Cr Crichton Christie, seconded by Cr Aaron Edwards.

Cr Crichton Christie advised it had taken some time for it to come to council. It was the biggest submission ever received by council. He thanked Dr Kerry Grundy – Team Leader - Futures Planning and his staff for all their effort on it.

Cr John Williamson wanted to amend the recommendation No 2 to read that Plan Change 131 was completed by 31st December 2013 and delete the rest.

There was no seconder for this amendment so the returned to the original recommendations.

Cr John Williamson spoke to the recommendations claiming there was a lot of shadow boxing here and he hoped the next council needs to ensure this is addressed.

Cr Aaron Edwards claimed it was not feasible to get the job done by the timeline recommended by Cr Williamson. It has progressed so far to date and they need to get the last stages right.

Cr Phil Halse advised "If you are going into battle make sure you battle to win, we have the support for this".

Cr Crichton Christie, in his right of reply, claimed they have a huge amount of support. It's about the risks of this council; we have had other Acts that have failed and he was disappointed with the Northland Regional Council and their stance on it.

A division was called for and it was unanimously agreed on.

It was interesting to note there were a number of the GE free members present and I know how much work many of those had contributed but not one councillor acknowledged that; it was just all about them the councillors. Sad really as I believe the community counts.

With the time at 1026hrs it was Supplementary Agenda Item No11. - Summary of Assessment of Decisions on the Proposed Northland Regional Policy Statement. The recommendation was moved by Cr Sharon Morgan, seconded by Cr Sue Glen. Paul Dell explained that he had worked closely with them in preparation of this. Cr Merv Williams advised it was extremely important that we made an appeal as this ranks above our District Plan. In regards to Section 5.1.2 (Page 10) he advised it was about 'avoid increasing the risk'. They should be making sure of it and congratulated the staff on the work they had done. Cr Phil Halse asked how will they report the issues back to council. They had given the image we are lagging behind the rest of the country. Cr Crichton Christie advised that this required a bit more political input into it. This was duly passed and no further discussion occurred.

It was now 1034hrs and Item No.5. Kaipara Harbour Joint Political Committee – Terms of Reference. (Page 36)

Moved Cr Phil Halse, seconded by Cr John Williamson?

Cr Phil Halse gave a brief as the representative on this.

Cr John Williamson explained this was the terms of reference about handling the management of the harbour.

There was no further discussion on this item.

With the time now at 1037hrs and Item No.6. Whangarei Harbour Catchment Group – Membership Update. (Page 39)

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

It was advised that Cr Brian McLachlan was their political representative.

Cr Brian McLachlan explained it was great to see a number of applicants.

Cr Aaron Edwards claimed that a lot of the names on the list will be known to many.

Cr Sharon Morgan asked if there was room for lifestyle block owners in the group.

Paul Dell advised there were a couple there already.

These were duly passed with no further discussion.

It was now 10hrs and Item No.7. Proposed Plan Change 131: Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) (Page 46)

This Item had been addressed earlier in the meeting as arranged.

With the time now at 1041hrs and Item No.8. Community Funding – Surf Life Saving Northern Region additional funding for 2013-2014. (Page 183)

Moved by Cr Warwick Syers, seconded by Cr Jeroen Jongejans.

Cr Warwick Syers advised that Surf Life Saving Northern Region needed extra funding to carry out their operation.

Cr Aaron Edwards explained he was happy with this.

Cr Greg Martin advised it was not an additional amount it was budgeted for.

This item was duly passed and no there was no further discussion.

It was now 1043hrs and Item No.9. Council Facilitated New Road Name – Resource Consents. (Page 185)

Moved Cr Phil Halse, seconded by Cr Aaron Edwards.

It was advised that the name was brought forward by the Ruakaka Ratepayers Association. Cr Phil Halse claimed they need to be careful as it's on private land and they need to define where the road ends and enters the development; but for emergency services a name was deemed necessary.

These were duly passed with no further discussion.

With the time now at 1044hrs and Item No.10. Notice of Motion Councillor Sutherland. (Page 188)

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

Cr Kahu Sutherland advised this had been on the boiler for a number of years. All it allows is for halls or maraes in our district access to funding processes. This is a whole equality thing; we fall down on help to maraes, we really fall short. This is about addressing that, they still have to apply, this opens up an element of community for equal opportunity. It's about taking the next step.

Cr Merv Williams claims it was discussed years ago and put in the too hard basket by previous mayors Pamela Peters and Stan Semonoff. We have asked staff to do a review and he wanted to move that it lay on the table

Moved by Cr Merv Williams, seconded by Cr John Williamson

A division was called for; against the motion ; Cr Crichton Christie Cr Kahu Sutherland.

The motion was carried and it lay on the table.

Supplementary Agenda No11. Summary of Assessment of Decisions on the Proposed Northland Regional Policy Statement.

This Item had been addressed earlier in the meeting as arranged.

So, that's it, all over till the next term with Cr Shelley Deeming signing off and calling the meeting to a close at 1052hours and thanking all for attending.

Paul Dell thanked the councillors for having kept the staff honest and wished everyone well.

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