

Whangarei District Council Finance and Support Committee meeting - 24th November 2010

The first Finance meeting for the term launched off at 0900hrs and went through the agenda in a fairly orderly fashion.

The item, No 4 on Council Controlled Organizations Annual Reports provided some discussion regarding the costs of audit fees and how Audit New Zealand fees were well above private sector charges. The Council Controlled Organisations covered in this item include Whangarei Tourism Trust, Whangarei District Airport, Northland Regional Landfill Limited, plus the exempted organisations, Whangarei Art Museum Management Group, Springs Flat Contractors and Mayoral Disaster Relief Fund. The Northland Regional Landfill Limited partnership accounts weren't available and we were advised in the future they will not be available because of 'commercial sensitivity' as this industry is very sensitive. Is that a fair reason for not keeping stakeholders informed?

Item No 5 Northland Events Centre Trust gave an opportunity for bouquets to be made to trustees in regards to the presentation of their 'Statement of Intent' making it available to the public. Of course it should be available as these are the people who provide the funding for the trust.

The Whangarei Museum and Heritage Park, Annual Report provides some interesting reading. There are some major developments underway at this complex and will in the future be an even better asset to Whangarei. Personally we have been to a number of days at the park and to those that haven't been there take the time to take the children or grandchildren along for an experience they won't forget.

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The meeting finished at 0940hrs and councillors departed for refreshments.

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