

**Whangarei District Council Finance and Support Committee meeting**  
**– 27<sup>th</sup> February 2013.**

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This month's Finance meeting started at 0900hrs with Cr Warwick Syers in the chair wishing all a good morning and welcoming everyone to the meeting.

Warwick advised that today's meeting was to be recorded with both audio and video.

Warwick advised there was an apology for Cr Phil Halse.

Moved: Cr Aaron Edwards, Seconded Cr Shelley Deeming.

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.

Time at 0901hrs, Item No.1. Minutes of a Meeting of the Finance and Support Committee held 19 December 2012. (Page 1)

Moved: Cr Shelley Deeming, Seconded: Cr Brian McLachlan.

These were received with no discussion required.

With the time still at 0901hrs, Item No.2. Financial Report for the Six Months Ending 31 December 2012 (Page 3)

Warwick advised that they would bypass the 31/December report.

Time was now at 0901hrs and on to Item No. 3. Financial Report for the Seven Months Ending 31 January 2013(Page 23)

Warwick asked Group Manager Support Services Alan Adcock to go through the 31<sup>st</sup> January report in the normal fashion and give a brief overview.

Alan Adcock claimed overall it was showing \$1.6 million favour. Page 24 showed a \$291,000-00 variance.

Page 41 was a new report, a Monthly Cash Flow Statement. Alan claimed 'Cash was King'. He advised the debt had come down \$4mill since the last rate run which didn't show in these figures. Things are on track and in line with the long Term Plan.

Note- the borrowing level (page 43) is greater than 110%, it being 121%.

Reports moved: Cr Merv Williams, Seconded: Cr Sharon Morgan.

Cr Brian McLachlan thanked Alan for a good report but had a question on forestry on Page 25.

Jude Thompson, WDC Chief Operating Officer under Alan's instruction gave assurance they were looking into this answering the forestry question.

Cr John Williamson had a couple of queries in regards to Page 25 as some of the numbers didn't gel with him. For example the \$121,000 under budget for the 'I site' was not a small amount.

Cr Sharon Morgan asked if the number of debts presently with debt Agencies were incurring a fee if they weren't collected.

Alan Adcock replied with a "No".

Here ends the discussion on this item.

With the time now at 0914hrs, Item No. 4. Support Services Group – Report on Recent Activity (Page 45)

Moved: Cr Brian McLachlan, Seconded: Cr Shelley Deeming.

This item was taken as read and no discussion was required.

Time was now at 0914hrs and on to Item No. 5. Positive Growth – Report on Recent Activity (Page 54)

This item was taken as read.

Moved: Cr Sue Glen, Seconded: Cr Sharon Morgan.

Cr Greg Martin commented that he hoped people look at the pie chart on Page 57 in relation to the Toll Stadium and Forum North.

*Yes Greg we did. Don't know what you made out of it but there were no figures to show any financial benefits or to who for any of the events. So maybe we missed something that was showing on your agenda but not ours.*

Cr Warwick Syers advised councilors that there was a meeting in the Mayor's office between meetings as there were a couple of issues he wants to discuss.

Cr Warwick Syers advises at 0918hrs that the meeting ends and, thanks all for attending.

Off for a stretch of the legs before the Council meeting at 1000hrs.

And this break was more than a stretch of the legs for two of us who witnessed the attempted unlawful towing of a member of the public's vehicle. Lots more to come on this in a separate issue. WATCH THIS SPACE.

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