

## Whangarei District Council Finance and Support Committee meeting – 27<sup>th</sup> June 2012

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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; members of the public, members and staff.

There was an apology for His Worship the Mayor Morris Cutforth. *Will we really miss him?*

Item No. 1. Minutes of a Meeting of the Finance and Support Committee held 30 May 2012. (Page 1) Plus also the Confidential Minutes of a Meeting of the Finance and Support Committee held 30 May 2012. (0901hrs)

Moved: Cr Aaron Edwards Seconded: Cr John Williamson

These were both received with no discussion required.

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

Group Manager Support Services Alan Adcock was asked by the chair to run us through the report. Alan said it was similar to previous months; the reserves were slightly below target. This was mainly because of timing issues with subsidies from NZTA not being received. It was estimated debt at the end of year would be between \$155 million to \$157million. May was as normal a good cash flow month.

Moved: Cr Brian McLachlan Seconded: Cr Sharon Morgan

Cr Sharon Morgan had a query in regards to Capital Expenditure (Page 5) the 'regional development amount of \$878,000-00.

It was explained this was a result of cancelled funding.

There was no further discussion on this item.

Item No. 3, Proposed Fees and Charges. (Page 26) (0907hrs)

Moved: Cr Aaron Edwards Seconded: Cr Shelley Deeming

Cr Sharon Morgan had a query (Page 27) on power charges which was answered to.

Time still at 0907hrs Item No. 4, Delegated Authority. (Page 28)

Moved: Cr John Williamson Seconded: Cr Shelley Deeming

Cr Merv Williams asked who was the 'District Promotions and Tourism Manager' *Didn't we all think that was Jeroen Jongejans or Kahu Sutherland?*

Alan Adcock explained it was a new role with the restructuring.

Cr Merv Williams asked if there had been a report on the restructuring.

Jude Thompson, WDC Chief Operating Officer replied with a yes, claiming it was coming next month. *See ask and you will receive; don't ask and you won't get.*

Cr Greg Martin commented that he always had concerns about delegated authority; he didn't like other people having his cheque book.

Alan Adcock advised that these things were monitored on a daily basis and managers had to work within their budgets. *Imagine Alan, if you didn't have to monitor all these things that people like Greg don't necessarily agree with, how much time you would have to do more important things; like OIA's etc.*

Item No. 5, Whangarei District Airport Statement of Intent. (Page 29) (0909hrs)

Moved: Cr Sue Glen Seconded: Cr Sharon Morgan

Cr Warwick Syers advised this item was just a formality.

Cr John Williamson queried the 'Long Term Liability' 'Future Income Tax Liability' on page 40.

Cr Warwick Syers explained that this was a trading organization but was not exempt from tax. He quipped to John Williamson 'look at the notes for accountants regarding Income Tax'. *As he appeared to suggest if you had read the agenda; these notes can be found on page 35 of the agenda.*

Jude Thompson, WDC Chief Operating Officer advised that there had been meetings with the tenants, who are there and are there on a day by day basis. They wanted a comprehensive plan for this gateway to the region. *Yes you are so right Jude, how are they going to get all the jumbo jets onto the short runway, passengers through that little terminal, catering for the tens of thousands flocking here to visit the Hundertwasser Art Centre that the 'consultants' crystal ball has predicted will especially visit Whangarei for. Sorry I must have dozed off for a moment and lost my focus and concentration.*

Cr Warwick Syers advises at 0915hrs that the meeting ends and, thanks all for attending, before the meeting with the public excluded goes into the **confidential** section of the meeting.

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C.1 Confidential Minutes of a Meeting of the Finance and Support Committee held 30 May 2012. (Page 1)

This item was address during the receiving of minutes in Item No. 1.

Off for a coffee and chat before the Council meeting at 1000hrs.

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