

Whangarei District Council Infrastructure and Services meeting –10th April 2013

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Additional to Item 2. Poroti Water Supply](#)

Chair Cr Greg Martin called the meeting to order at 0900hrs and welcomed all to this month's Infrastructure and Services meeting.

There was an apology for Cr Kahu Sutherland.

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

Cr John Williamson, rising to his feet, wanted to acknowledge the passing of Robbie Stevenson. Robbie had been instrumental in setting up the 'Fatigue Stop' at Uretiti and his work for Northland Road Safety Association had been great. Robbie was presented with a [Civic Honour](#) by Whangarei District Council last year for his work in the community. RIP Robbie.

Time was now at 0901hrs and it was Item No.1. Minutes of a Meeting of the Infrastructure and Services Committee held 13 March 2013. (Page 1)

Moved by Cr Phil Halse, seconded by Cr Sharon Morgan.

These were duly passed, with no discussion necessary.

With the time now at 0902hrs it was on to Item No.2. Poroti Water Supply (Page 4)

Moved by Cr Jeroen Jongejans, seconded by Cr Sharon Morgan.

These were duly passed and no discussion was necessary.

Cr Merv Williams attempted to say something, but missed the bus, with Cr Martin claiming we have already passed the motion when Cr Williams raised his hand to speak.

No one appeared to notice the spelling error on the Supplementary Agenda No1. Additional to Item 2. Poroti Water Supply document. *On the attachment it should perhaps read 'Cutforths' not 'Cutofrths' Stream Intake. See, I do read them!*

With the time now at 0903hrs and Item No.3. Coastal Structures Programme Update (Page 6)

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

Cr Phil Halse felt the recommendation should state also 'gain consents'.

CEO Mark Simpson advises that it was clear we have to gain consents but if you really want it in the recommendation that can be done. *It wasn't pushed for.*

Cr Sue Glen asked if they were not prioritizing any of these projects.

Cr Phil Halse insisted that they need to get the consent process under way.

Cr Shelley Deeming confirmed that all projects progress at different rates, because of the consent process where some may get held up.

Cr Sue Glen commented that she thought 'money was a priority'. "Right now we have no money so let's get real" she claimed.

Cr Brian McLachlan advised he would like to see some of these projects get started. He had concerns about the costs incurred even without turning a spade full of dirt. *See Page 9:- Look at consultants fees \$17,259; Trust fees, \$11,600. But NRC consent fees are only \$183 and refreshments \$373. Seems a tad out of balance to me so Brian has good reason for concern, so should the ratepayers as it is their money.*

Cr Crichton Christie advises that he has concerns over the One Tree Point boat ramp and is the location good or bad or will good money be spent after bad again and again.

CEO Mark Simpson advised that council needs to look at the engineering of the groyne report.

Cr Crichton Christie claimed also that the 'protection' projects were for residential properties and of no benefit to council. He suggested that 'their' money for those 'protection' projects should be in place before projects start. *What I believe Crichton was saying that those whose properties were to be protected by these projects need to pay up front or no work should be done by council until those payments happen.*

CEO Mark Simpson advised there was a process for that.

This item was duly passed.

There was a vote for the public to be excluded before going into the **confidential** section of the meeting and this was moved by Cr Shelley Deeming, Seconded: Mayor Morris Cutforth.

Not bad for an open and transparent meeting? 3 items in the public section and 1 item in confidential.

Just a reminder, didn't Morris campaign that he wanted open and transparent council? And he always also tends to vote for it to go into confidential. Just another thing he did an 'about turn on'.

Chair Cr Greg Martin thanked all for attending and concluded the meeting with the time at 0910hours

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Item No. C.1 Lease proposal. (Page 1)

Those present left the chamber, off to the library (or to the NRC) to have a coffee before the next meeting at 1000hrs.

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