

Whangarei District Council Infrastructure and Services meeting - 10th August 2011

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Chair Cr Greg Martin called the meeting to order at 0900hrs and welcomed all.

Apologies were received for Cr Warwick Syers and also Cr John Williamson, whose father had passed away. We were all asked to stand for a moment's silence.

Items No 7 Proposed Time Restricted Parking on Bank Street and also Item No14 Temporary Road Closure - Targa Rally were withdrawn from the agenda.
Cr Jeroen Jongejans asked what the situation with the Targa Rally was
Cr Greg Martin claimed there will be further discussion later after a Targa presentation.
Cr Aaron Edwards wanted to know more about the Proposed Time Restricted Parking on Bank Street.
Cr Greg Martin confirmed this was not on the agenda.

Time at 0902hrs and it was Item No.1. Minutes: Infrastructure and Services Committee Wednesday, 13 July 2011 and these were passed with no discussion necessary.
Cr John Williamson arrived during this item, Greg Martin informing his late apology was received and his late father acknowledged. John Williamson's replied "that's not the reason he was late". *We knew he would be late, as we saw him on his quad bike on the way in and we thought we were running a tad late, but he must have been held up with 'feeding out' his stock.*

Time at 0903hrs. Item No. 2. Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP) Performance Report –July 2010 to June2011 (page 4)
Cr Aaron Edwards had queries about the State Highway 1 situation. He also queried what conservation measures were in place regarding Item 5.3.2 (page14)
Group Manager Infrastructure and Services Simon Weston explained that the survey results were within the 'margins of error'. He added 'there were a lot of don't know answers in the survey'.
Cr Merv Williams queried whether they were going to look into the surveys; what are the questions that are being asked. He added that he 'had his doubts'.
Simon Weston informed that the questions are set up in regards to the last LTCCP. (Long Term Council Community Plan)

Cr Sharon Morgan queried 'enforcement options' page 1 Item 1.1.2. Sharon also queried the 'Not achieved' page 14 Item 5.2.3.

Simon Weston was to check this for her.

Cr Jeroen Jongejans queried if they were only meaning "green space" and not "blue space".

Simon Weston confirmed that blue space was not in it at this stage.

Cr Jeroen Jongejans complimented Simon Weston and staff on the progress of the Matapouri Coastal Walkway (page 20)

Cr Sue Glen suggested that they just receive this as the recommendation said and 'trash it out.' *That's just killed it all Sue.*

Item No.3. (0914hrs.) Wastewater and Storm water Quality Management System (page 21)

Group Manager Infrastructure and Services Simon Weston gave a brief on the item.

Item No. 4. 0915hrs. Whangarei Wastewater Treatment Plant: Extreme Wet Weather Flows (page28)

Cr Brian McLachlan wished to compliment the staff as they had updating of the models and had been working on it.

Cr Crichton Christie believed this was a logical step; but it was only part of the solution.

It was not the panacea to fix the harbour. *Can I suggest then Crichton that they find the 'universal remedy' and work hard on attempting to fix the problems polluting our harbour instead of spending money on projects less detrimental to our environment?*

Cr Aaron Edwards had queries on the health risks associated with this.

Waste and Drainage Manager Andrew Carvell gave a brief explanation.

CEO Mark Simpson also gave some details. *Might forgive you; but can I trust you?*

It's now 0919hrs and Item No. 5. 5. Electronic Equipment Recycling (page35)

Cr Phil Halse moved this item.

Mark Simpson gave a brief introduction to this item informing that they had been collecting E waste and this was costing approximately \$10,000-00 per month. A charge of \$15-00 to collect a TV or monitor screens was to be introduced. *Gee Mark, you all obviously knew this was happening some time ago..... and the way Ms Vivienne Shepherd was treated by the councillors and staff at the last public forum 27th July Council meeting was nothing short of unsavory. Shame on the lot of you; treating any citizen in such a fashion and just to suit your own ends.....a disgusting set up if you ask me. How can you lot be trusted?*

Simon Weston gave a presentation on the recycling program.

There is a lot of hype about television going digital and many people think they have to upgrade their TV's. This is not correct; you can receive 'digital' on an old television with a box that uses Terrestrial UHF or Satellite signal and converts it.

[Link for information on Digital Television.](#) You don't have to buy a new TV. There is digital UHF and Satellite digital available, so check before you buy TV's that advertise 'Freeview' inside as by the information I have been given they only receive UHF signal at this time. A greater part of Whangarei will not receive UHF initially until other repeaters are commissioned. Mt Parahaki is the first to provide UHF HD Digital reception. Horokaka may go digital at a later date but there are no plans at this stage.

The results show that commercial recycling is not warranted. *Really?*

Cr Merv Williams cell phone nearly vibrating off the desk at 0925hrs was obviously going out in sympathy for all the E waste. Yummy we like Chocolate fish Merv.

Cr John Williamson commended them for bringing this item forward. Don't get too excited, hold on to your pants John, they don't recycle cancelled parking tickets.....or do they?

Cr Aaron Edwards claimed this is a step in the right direction for E waste.

Cr Sharon Morgan commented that she had visited Resort and they were looking at demolition products in the future.

Item No. 6. 0936hrs. Seawalls Construction Programme for 2011/2012 (page37)

Cr Brian McLachlan was pleased of the many submissions that came through with the Annual Plan.

Cr Sue Glen agreed with Cr McLachlan's comments and she too was pleased the Ngunguru sea wall was being repaired. She complimented the staff on this project.

Cr Jeroen Jongejans supported by stating 'it was great to see it happening particularly the Ngunguru sea wall.

Cr Aaron Edwards was pleased to see it and in the future projects should be proactive rather than reactive.

Cr Merv Williams believed it 'was mainly about looking after our assets'. He commended staff for bringing this forward.

Cr Shelley Deeming claimed 'it was good to see this, the submissions were appreciated and it was pertinent to the issue'.

Cr John Williamson asked if they were expecting any resource consent issues with this.

Item No. 7. (WITHDRAWN) Proposed Time Restricted Parking on Bank Street (page44)

It's now 0941hrs and Item No. 8. Proposed No-Stopping Lines: Reyburn House (page47)

No discussion was entered into and the recommendation all received and approved.

Item No. 9. 0936hrs. Proposed No Stopping Lines: Victoria Bridge (page50)

No discussion was entered into and the recommendation all received and approved.

Look at the items in the agenda and check out the sections "F" on each of the items on pages; 45, 48, 51, 54 & 57. These sections are 'Consultation taken'. You can see that they really don't like to consult with stakeholders and affected parties at all.

I also have concerns that a councillor who doesn't appear to understand what 'no stopping lines' are; We witnessed him agree to each of the decisions on this subject. Is that correct Cr John Williamson, or has your knowledge of the subject now been increased, after the parking infringement was quashed by Mr Dell?

It's now 0942hrs and Item No. 10. New Bus Stop on Riverside Drive (page53)

Cr Aaron Edwards asked if there was to be any aids to assist people crossing the road.

Cr Crichton Christie replied 'that a fit young man like you should be able to walk up to the lights to cross'.

Cr Aaron Edwards gave clarification that he was concerned about the elderly, the young or those with disabilities and their safety crossing the road. *Good on you Aaron, some of this lot don't look outside the square; if it doesn't affect them so what.*

Cr Sue Glen believed that those people going for a swim, *at the local pool*, will be happy.

Item No. 11. 0944hrs. New Bus Stop on Dent Street (page56)

Cr Kahu Sutherland queried which bus companies will use them.

Kahu must have also heard that some of the bus companies carrying people to the north were un-happy about the plans of this new stop. By some accounts they weren't involved in the decision of moving from their present site in Lower Bank Street. Is this another example of 'Council Bully Tactics'? You will go where we say, not what your needs are. Just a cover up? No not one of them either, as there is NO cover from the weather for the passengers to load or alight from the buses. Another fine example of taking SHORT approaches to projects?

Simon Weston in answer to Kahu's question confirmed it's mainly tourist buses. *Yes maybe the normal buses will boycott Whangarei by having toilets on board and no stops necessary en-route to their destinations further a field?*

Cr Shelley Deeming asked if it was to be part of a new bus route? *I think Shelley means does it tie in with the local buses. I understand that is a big fat No to that question.*

Item No. 12. 0946hrs. Temporary Road Closures – Rugby World Cup 2011 (page59)
Cr Sharon Morgan asked where the buses were parking for the Rugby World Cup.
Council Roothing Manager, Jeff Divine explained that after off loading passengers they would be parked on an area at the back of the old United Carriers land in Port Road which council had purchased for the harbour crossing bridge.

Item No. 13. 0947hrs. Temporary Road Closure – Whangarei Sunrise Rotary Trolley Derby (page61)
Cr Brian McLachlan queried if there was an age restriction for this event.
Someone quipped; think it was Crichton or Kahu that 'it was just a weight restriction'.
That certainly rules some out and some are off their trolleys anyway.

It's still now 0947hrs and Item No. 14. (WITHDRAWN) Temporary Road Closure - Targa Rally (page63)

Item No. 15. 0948hrs. Temporary Road Closure – Northland Car Club (page78)
Cr Sharon Morgan asked how the roads were chosen.
Cr Shelley Deeming explained that it was roads that were suitable for Hill Climbing.
It wouldn't be roads that could possibly inconvenience Cr Martin that's for sure as we witnessed.

Chair Cr Greg Martin thanked all for attending and concluded the meeting at 0949hours.

To the library for a quick coffee and back before the next meeting at 1030hrs. to watch the end of a presentation about the 'Targa Rally'.

This was interesting as Cr Greg Martin had concerns about roads closed near his home; children going to school or getting home etc. *Is this the same Greg Martin that planned a Motor Sport Park in his ward and didn't talk to any residents in the street but discussed it with many sports groups first? Oh yeah that doesn't affect you Greg; can't see it from your house eh? This rally closes the road I live off and guess what, I will work around it just like many are going to HAVE to work around the rugby road closures. Remember all events are deserving, I ask how much is the Targa Rally costing the ratepayers?*