

Whangarei District Council Infrastructure and Services meeting - 11th April 2012

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

There were no apologies received, however it was noted that Cr Kahu Sutherland was not present.

Time at 0900hrs and it was Item No.1. Minutes of a Meeting of the Infrastructure and Services Committee held 14 March 2012 (Page 1) and these were duly passed with no discussion necessary.

Time still at 0900hrs. Item No. 2. Minutes: of an Extra-ordinary Infrastructure and Services Committee held 8 March 2012 (Page 5)
No discussion was entered into for this item. *Oh Greg is on a roll!*

Item No.3. (0901hrs.) Demand Management Update 2012 (Page 6)
Group Manager Infrastructure and Services Simon Weston explained that it was a demand strategy policy; to check water pressure in certain zones. Springs Flat was to be the first monitored followed by Onerahi. (See page 9) This item is for information about pressure reduction and people will be notified in the areas the project is occurring. *This is interesting reading as it appears they will reduce pressure to reduce leaks or pressure on a failing water supply system; why not find and fix the leaks or weaknesses?*

Cr Crichton Christie asked 'what was the % of leakage from the water supply system'. Simon Weston advised that presently it was 24%.

Cr Crichton Christie was pleased these checks were ongoing but advised that pressure can't be cut too low because of fire fighting requirements.

Cr Brian McLachlan also had concerns regarding fire fighting.

Simon Weston confirmed they will be doing hydrant pressure/flow checks and also ensure that sprinkler systems were not affected.

Cr Sharon Morgan had noted that the time frame for Springs Flat and Onerahi was about 6 months, but what was the total time frame for all zones.

Simon Weston informed that they would be reducing pressures and be making sure there were no problems.

Item No. 4. (0907hrs.) Extension to Marist Sports Club Building – Kensington Park (Page 10)

Cr Phil Halse moved and spoke to the item. It was important and could be summed up by what was in paragraph 2 on page 11; “The area concerned is currently mostly a rising mound in front of the Marist club building, and is not used by any codes for any sporting use, and it is not likely to be in future, as it is between the existing car park and athletics track fence’, hence it will have no effect.

Cr Shelley Deeming had concerns that she should support it but also was concerned that it goes into ‘green space’.

There was no further discussion and the recommendation was duly accepted.

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

There was an item in the agenda for confidential and we left the chamber to have a coffee before the next meeting at 1030hrs.

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C.1 New Subcommittee (Page 1)

Was this about setting up a sub- committee for sporting activities?

Didn't Morris campaign that he wanted open and transparent council? (Why do they need a confidential section then?)