

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

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

There were apologies received for Cr Jeroen Jongejans, Cr John Williamson and Cr Kahu Sutherland. Also an apology for Cr Sue Glen for being late.

Happen to just notice Kahu Sutherland and Mark Simpson are not around; don't tell me Vienna was calling? [Link to song](#) for the two of them.

Time still at 0900hrs and it was Item No.1. Minutes of a Meeting of the Infrastructure and Services Committee held 13 June 2012 (Page 1)

Moved by Cr Aaron Edwards, seconded by Cr Brian McLachlan and these were duly passed, with no discussion necessary.

Time now at 0901hrs. Item No. 2. No Stopping Lines – Commerce Street. (Page 3)

Moved by Cr Phil Halse, seconded by Cr Aaron Edwards.

These were also accepted with no discussion taking place.

Time still at 0901hrs. Item No. 3. Speed Limit Amendments– Matarau Road.(Page 7)
Moved by Cr Greg Martin, seconded by Mayor Morris Cutforth. *Oh he is talking, but does he know what about? Or is another example of predetermination?*

Cr Greg Martin claimed that locals had tried for the last 30 years to get this fixed and with 200 plus children going to school out there it was good to see the speed restriction happening. He wanted to thank the staff for this. *Gee I thought you may have gone crook Greg; it's only taken 30 years for action. Will it take that long for the pedestrian crossing outside Maungakaramea School to be addressed with no parking installed on the approaches, or do they have to wait till a child is bowled? So sorry, or does Cr Williamson's wife park there? Hate him to have to get more tickets quashed.*

There was no other discussion on this item.

Time now at 0920hrs. Item No. 4. Renewal of Contract (CON07042) for Sportspark Management and Maintenance. (Page 12)

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

Cr Brian McLachlan advised it was good to see some keen prices coming in.

Cr Aaron Edwards had a query in regards to No 4 bullet point.

Cr Crichton Christie claimed he would not be supporting this. This contract has very loose clauses regarding the extension. In view of not a lot of work around prices may be sharper. Yes, they do a great job; sometimes they do the job well. We bought the contract; they had nothing when they started. It should be a public tender; look at the next item on the agenda. Prices are very sharp at the moment so let other Whangarei contractors have a crack at it.

Cr Warwick Syers wanted clarification on the total for the contract; was it \$9.08million?

This was duly confirmed as correct.

Cr Shelley Deeming wanted to support this contract being awarded as it gives assurance for continuance of contracts.

Cr Crichton Christie was the only one to vote against the recommendation and wanted it recorded.

Time at 0908hrs. Item No. 5. Contract 12006 – Chipseal and Asphaltic Resurfacing 2012-2015 (Page 14)

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

Cr Phil Halse advised that they had to be careful of preparation of the roads before resealing. These contractors have to be held to account; we have patchwork networks, not roading networks and we need to be better. *I have a question for Mr Halse – in the last 22 years how many of those years have you been in Council and chair of infrastructure, in control of roading???? I rest my case. Roading has been an issue for years. In 2007 I campaigned for mayoralty stating roading should have a five year guarantee built into the contracts and from memory, Pamela Peters, Stan Semenov and Phil Halse said I was nuts and it couldn't be done. Now you are bleating about the quality of roads. Where is the accountability? It should be done with guarantees and taxpayers and ratepayers in NZ should have their investments in roading protected and stop being milked by ever increasing costs for new roading, repairs and maintenance. They should "Do it once - and do it right"*

Group Manager Infrastructure and Services Simon Weston gave some details on this issue.

Cr Greg Martin advised that he was having a meeting with Downer to discuss the contracts; he was going to let them know what council's expectations are. *Love to be a fly on the wall; like who will be telling who?*

Time now at 0910hrs. Item No. 6. Review of Kensington Park Management Plan. (Page 16)

Moved by Cr Greg Martin, seconded by Cr Sharon Morgan.

Cr Brian McLachlan wanted to know who was chairing this review.

Cr Sue Glen arrived at 0911hrs.as previously excused. *It's ok Sue, when the bridge is done, you won't get held up with traffic?*

Cr Greg Martin advised that they were adding Cr Shelley Deeming to No 3 in the recommendation.

Cr Phil Halse advised that he was currently a member of the gymnastics trust but would be standing down from that position shortly. *What Phil, can't get over the gymnastics vault anymore and sick of all the hoops they want you to go through?*
There was no further discussion on this item.

Chair Cr Greg Martin thanked all for attending and concluded the meeting with the time at 0912hours.

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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