

Whangarei District Council Infrastructure and Services meeting
- 13th February 2013

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LINK to Infrastructure and Services Committee Supplementary item No 1:

Temporary road closure of a portion of State Highway 1 for the BDO Tour of Northland Cycle Challenge

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

There were no apologies but he noticed that Cr Warwick Syers had ducked out.

Time was now at 0900hrs and it was Item No.1. Minutes of a Meeting of the Infrastructure and Services Committee held 12 December 2012. (Page 1)
Greg advised that this also included the 'Confidential minutes'

Moved by Cr Shelley Deeming, seconded by Cr Aaron Edwards.

These were duly passed, with no discussion necessary.

With the time still at 0901hrs it was on to Item No.2. Local Government Infrastructure Performance Measures. (Page 3)

Moved by Cr Aaron Edwards, seconded by Cr Shelley Deeming.

Group Manager Infrastructure and Services Simon Weston gave some details re feedback received on this.

Cr Phil Halse claimed there was more democracy but more red tape and that LGNZ was opposing much of this.

Cr Jeroen Jongejans asked what were they going to do with the information.

Cr Greg Martin advised that when the 'powers to be' collated the information they will see discrepancies in funding.

Cr Merv Williams believed it was "being in a better position than after years of going on 4/5's of"

Cr John Williamson advised that they must make a submission, but had concerns about what conclusions can be drawn from it.

Cr Brian McLachlan claimed he was comfortable with it. *But wait he may have second thoughts and burst into print later as it is election year.*

Cr Warwick Syers joined the meeting at 0908hrs.

These were duly passed.

Cr Greg Martin wanted to advise that he had regretted to say that Cr Deeming was going to record the meeting with both audio and video. After some laughter he re-phrased that Mr Deeming was doing the recording.

With the time now at 0910hrs and Item No.3. Transfer Station Fees. (Page 10)

Moved by Cr Sue Glen seconded by Cr Sharon Morgan.

Cr Shelley Deeming moved from the table. *That's interesting, would it have been good if it was explained why and what was the conflict?*

Cr Aaron Edwards informed that no one likes to see fees go up but its 'user pays' and there were added costs for eftpos and e-waste collection.

Cr Sue Glen asked if the costs were just to cover eftpos.

Group Manager Infrastructure and Services Simon Weston explained "No, it was associated with ETS (Emission Trading Scheme) and gave brief details of this.

Cr Greg Martin, *not appearing keen on listening to Cr Glenn's queries*, claimed it was fairly well covered in the agenda item.

These were duly passed.

With the time at 0915hrs and Item No.4. No Stopping Lines – Te Hape Road. (Page 14)

Moved by Mayor Morris Cutforth, seconded by Cr Sharon Morgan.

This was duly passed and no discussion was necessary.

It was still 0915hrs and Item No.5. No Stopping Lines – Dent Street Service Lane. (Page 20)

Moved Cr Phil Halse, seconded by Cr Sue Glen.

This was duly passed and no discussion was necessary.

With the still again at 0915hrs and Item No.6. Loading Zone – Robert Street. (Page 24)

Moved by Cr Jeroen Jongejans, seconded by Cr Aaron Edwards.

Cr Merv Williams believed James Street would have been a better location.

Cr Jeroen Jongejans claimed he had checked it out and thought the recommendation was best as it was.

Cr Sue Glen asked if it was a commercial or private loading zone.

Greg Monteith, Senior Roding Engineer gave some clarification that it was intended to be a loading zone for everyone.

Cr Brian McLachlan wanted to move that it lay on the table until the legalities were clarified.

Cr Crichton Christie advised that it needed to be a P10 otherwise it breaks the rules for private vehicles to off load there.

There was more debate about the legal issues of loading zones.

Greg was looking uncomfortable; *oh where are my right hand girls when you need them?*

Cr Warwick Syers moved that it lay on the table and Cr John Williamson seconded it so there it is.....under development.

It was now 0926hrs and Item No.7. Proposed Clearway – Maunu Road/Central Avenue Traffic Signals. (Page 27)

Moved Cr Brian McLachlan, seconded by Cr Jeroen Jongejans.

Mayor Morris Cutforth advised that there had been conversation between council and Palmers Garden Centre about access issues to their site when traffic had built up at the lights. *(Doesn't that happen to all businesses at controlled intersections?)*

Cr Phil Halse voted against this and wished that his vote be recorded.

This was duly passed.

With the time now at 0928hrs and Item No.8. Temporary Road Closure – Chilltech Beach 2 Basin. (Page 30)

Moved by Cr John Williamson, seconded by Cr Sue Glen.

This was duly passed and no discussion was necessary

With the time at 0929hrs it was Item No.9. Temporary Road Closure – Ray White Allen's Kids Triathlon. (Page 34)

Moved by Cr John Williamson, seconded by Cr Sue Glen.

This was duly passed and no discussion was necessary.

With the time still at 0929hrs and Item No.10. Temporary Road Closure – BDO Tour of Northland Cycle Challenge. (Page 38)

This was superseded by Infrastructure and Services Committee Supplementary Item No 1: Temporary road closure of a portion of State Highway 1 for the BDO Tour of Northland Cycle Challenge.

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

This was duly passed and no further discussion necessary.

It was now 0930hrs and Item No.11. Waste Water Master Plan. (Page 43)

Moved Cr Shelley Deeming, seconded by Cr Sharon Morgan.

Cr Shelley Deeming gave information that the Ruakaka Waste meeting had recently been held and most were happy with the result.

Group Manager Infrastructure and Services Simon Weston advised that this item was to confirm the direction of the projects set off 2 years ago. He advised that they were within budgets in the LTP (Long Term Plan) by matching the agreed amounts required. It outlined projects to date and future projects.

Cr Merv Williams wanted to congratulate the staff on what they had achieved over the years. "Before the last election, a number of NRC candidates had slung off about our water quality, to try to bring us down". The latest water quality results are looking good. "It was now time to put pressure on them to get their acts in order". He

continued that 'mains' were of considerable age and do they have plans to replace them.

Simon Weston advised that they had budgeted for mains replacement and this should all be in the 'Asset Management Plans'.

Cr Crichton Christie advised that a recent NRC public meeting they had admitted that the WDC had made improvements to water quality.

Cr Phil Halse advised, after checking with Waste and Drainage Manager Andrew Carvell, that we have a water supply line that is over 100 years old and hoped that replacements lasted that long.

The report was received.

With the time now at 0938hrs and Item No.12. Green Flag Award. (Page 49)

Moved by Cr John Williamson, seconded by Cr Sharon Morgan.

Simon Weston gave some details of the award and complimented Paul McDonald, Parks and Recreation Manager on their work in attaining this award. *I too would like to comment; our parks, roadside gardens, green areas and garden areas look superb and are a credit to those that make it happen, and those that physically do the work. It is noticed, and makes Whangarei a place to admire and appreciate. This is what people like, our natural surroundings.*

Mayor Morris Cutforth wanted to quote someone who passed away last Sunday; Michael Springford had said to Morris at a meeting last year that he thought they should change the name of Whangarei to 'The City of Walks'. Michael had enjoyed our many walks when out training and had enjoyed them so much.

Cr Sharon Morgan also wished to congratulate the Parks and Recreational staff for their work, plus the work of the volunteers in the Pukenui Forest.

Cr Jeroen Jongejans claimed this was an opportunity to 'market' Whangarei and what it has to offer. They need to maximize the opportunity of this award and not just hang it on a wall in a corridor.

This information was duly received.

Chair Cr Greg Martin thanked all for attending and hoped it was a start to a good year, concluding the meeting with the time at 0944hours

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Those present left the chamber, off with no time to have a coffee before the next meeting at 1000hrs.

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