

Whangarei District Council Infrastructure and Services meeting - 14th March 2012

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Chair Cr Greg Martin called the meeting to order at 1030hrs and welcomed all.

There were no apologies.

Time at 1031hrs and it was Item No.1. Minutes of a Meeting of the Infrastructure and Services Committee held 8 February 2012 (Page 1) and these were duly passed with no discussion necessary.

Time at 1032hrs. Item No. 2. Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP) (Page 6)
Cr Shelley Deeming commented that "this report looked pretty straight forward to me". No further discussion was entered into.

Item No.3. (1032hrs.) Scholarship Students, Staff Study and Cadets Progress Report (Page 23)
Cr Phil Halse was concerned at the number of applications being received and indicated that they need to get a balance.

Item No. 4. (1034hrs.) Parking Management Strategy 2012 – Implementation and Recommendations
(Page 26)

Group Manager Infrastructure and Services Simon Weston gave details of the changes to the updated Supplementary document.

Cr Phil Halse advised that they should listen to the public first; this is an example where they have the cart before the horse and he will be voting against it.

Cr Brian McLachlan thought there was a lack of satisfaction with parking in the CBD and he would be supporting it.

Cr John Williamson mentioned it was all about time limits; it was not set in concrete and council needed to implement it.

Item No. 5. (1040hrs.) Walking and Cycling Strategy Review 2011/2012 (Page 35)

Cr Aaron Edwards believed that provision of the cycling and walking strategy had created a lot of interest from the community. He wanted to thank the staff, particularly Helen Duncan and members of the Walking and Cycling Reference Group for their input. *Yes you are right; Aaron is passionate about walking and cycling.* He continued that the challenge that lay ahead was if we adopt this item, will they continue to implement it?

Cr Shelley Deeming was sorry to be difficult (*Shelley hasn't apologised before for being difficult*) but she couldn't support it as it had reference to the District Plan in it. This was telling people coming into the district that there was likely to be further dependence on them. She wanted the reference to the District Plan to be deleted from the document on page 39.

Cr Crichton Christie supported what Cr Deeming had said but also wanted to support the Walking and Cycling Strategy Review and made comment to the condition of footpaths and how many needed repair in Whangarei. He had recently experienced these while experiencing how the disability sector has to cope

with them with wheelchairs and mobility scooters etc. Crichton was one that took up an invitation to experience the town's footpaths by Rhett Brown who spoke about footpath hazards and wheel chair users in the public forum on 21st December 2011.

[See link to TV1 Rapid Response](#) (See how a footpath needing repair in Auckland causes serious injury to a lady called Valerie.

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Section 3; 14 minutes 41seconds to 18 minutes 05 seconds

Plus 21 minutes 55seconds to 22 minutes 07 seconds)

Is this not a good reason for council to focus more on the safety of our people by undertaking repairs to our footpaths, rather than spending on 'monuments of grandeur'? This is just 'basic' stuff people that our councils have been entrusted to do for years!

Cr John Williamson wanted to acknowledge the excellent submissions received on this. It was a strategy document that they would go to New Zealand Transport Authority (NZTA) for subsidy. But, he believed it failed to acknowledge the economic drivers needed for such subsidies.

Cr Aaron Edwards in his right of reply was happy if the person who 'seconded' agreed to have the reference to the District Plan removed.

Item No. 6. (1058hrs.) Proposed No-Stopping Lines: Anzac Road (Page 83)

No discussion was required or entered into for this item.

Time now at 1059hrs. Item No. 7. Proposed No Stopping – Spedding Road/Puna Rere Drive/Denby Crescent (Page 86)

No discussion was required or entered into for this item.

Item No. 8. (1059hrs.) Amendment to Time Restricted Parking on Tania Place (Page 91) *Oh isn't this where Cr John Williamsons wife likes to park, on yellow lines?*

Cr Greg Martin asks if Cr John Williamson wished to move this item. *This was obviously one of Greg's snide remarks as he too is aware of John Williamson's \$60-00 parking ticket fiasco.*

Oh that's right he, John Williamson, had the ticket cancelled. Is that just one of the advantages being on the CEO 'appointment committee'?

Let's just see how 'cocky' Greg is tonight at the Gomez Road meeting about the 'noisy sports park' Greg (as long as it is not past my door) Martin, is pushing for.

Cr John Williamson was not at all happy with Greg's comment and surprise, surprise this item had no further discussion

Chair Cr Greg Martin thanked all for attending and concluded the meeting at 1100 hours.

There was an item in the agenda for confidential and we left the chamber uncertain whether this item did eventuate.

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

Off for lunch and then for the next meeting at 1300hrs.