

Whangarei District Council Infrastructure and Services meeting
– 14th November 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.

Apology was received for Cr Jeroen Jongejans and an apology for lateness for Cr Kahu Sutherland.

Moved by Cr Shelley Deeming, seconded by Cr Sharon Morgan.

Time now at 0901hrs and it was Item No.1. Minutes of a Meeting of the Infrastructure and Services Committee held 10 October 2012. (Page 1)
The minutes for the Confidential section minutes **Item No.** C.1 and C.2. were also received with this item.

Moved by Cr Brian McLachlan, seconded by Cr Phil Halse.

These were both duly passed, with no discussion necessary.

Time still at 0901hrs. Item No.2. Contract Authorised Under Delegated Authority. (Page 4)

Moved by Cr Greg Martin, seconded by Cr Aaron Edwards.

Cr Merv Williams queried if it was correct that the capping on Pohe Island (Page 8) was required for the original resource consent.

Group Manager Infrastructure and Services Simon Weston advised 'Yes it was.'

Cr Merv Williams commented that the Te Mai Bridge was dangerous

Cr Crichton Christie queried the tendering for the Te Mai Bridge (Page 13) and had concerns about self controls on the tendering system which left 'checks and balances less existent with this present system being used..

Cr Crichton Christie also queried the tender of Rintoul Civil Ltd and if they had changed the terms of the tender. *It seems from certain questions that Crichton had concerns and was trying to put it out in the public arena; maybe he knows more than was said in today's meeting. Maybe the 'Mole may find out more?*

CEO Mark Simpson suggested that Cr Christie watch the CAPEX list monthly to ensure it doesn't go over budget.

Time at 0905hrs. Item No.3. Parking and Traffic Bylaw Amendments (Page 15)

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

Cr Brian McLachlan was pleased council was coming up to modern day practices.

OK if you have a smart phone and if you are smart enough to use it.

Cr Aaron Edwards advised that he had noticed other councils had been having legal dealings about parking not being 'user friendly'.

Cr Crichton Christie had a query about 'horse and carts' (Page 33) and how would wheel clamping affect them.

Cr Merv Williams suggested that those laws came in when Cr Christie was first on council. A bit of good humour created some laughter in the meeting. *Or was Merv suggesting Crichton may have been around too long.*

From reading the policy through, it looks like there may be the odd fish hook in the policy which may enable staff to 'bully' some people if they so wish to. Let's hope the policy is used in a responsible manner by responsible people and not as an opportunity to retaliate and get up some people.

Time still at 0908hrs. Item No.4. Clyde Street Parking Amendments (Page 46)
Moved by Cr Aaron Edwards, seconded by Cr Merv Williams.

Cr Phil Halse advised there had been good responses from staff and that staff had written this policy well and he wished to thank the staff.

There was no further discussion on this item.

Time still at 0908hrs. Item No.5. Presentation: Drive Soba. (Page 50)

Moved by Cr John Williamson, seconded by Cr Greg Martin.

Cr John Williamson introduced Steven Staunton from Northland District Health Board and Gillian Archer, Road Safety Coordinator for Whangarei and Kaipara. Steven had a power point presentation "What has worked with recidivist drink drivers to prevent re-offending".

I have requested a link to Steven's presentation and awaiting approval. Meanwhile here is a [Link to Internationally Recognised Best Practices for Drink Driver Rehabilitation and Drink Driver Rehabilitation in New Zealand](#) by Gerald Waters 2012 of RIDNZ (Researching Impaired Driving in New Zealand) *This is a similar type of project I have found meanwhile.*

During this presentation there were local effects of today's [Solar Eclipse](#). Mayor Morris Cutforth had dozed off during the presentation at 0916hours. It wasn't until Senior Meeting Co-ordinator Carolyn Brindle attempted to get past behind his chair, rocking it three times, that he woke up. Carolyn had come to the public gallery to ask if my phone was recording as it had flashed when I took a photograph. She later informed me that I must get approval from 'the chair' to take photographs in [Stalag 13](#) (the chamber). Great isn't it a 'public meeting, in a public place, owned by us, the public' and you have to get permission from them. Legal advice is being sort on this issue or is it just another example of an attempt by the 'bullies'? Anyway Morris '180 degrees' Cutforth, was napping during this presentation. Maybe he thought he was still on 7 days eh?

The presentation covered strategies used to encourage and train people not to 'drink and drive'.

Cr Crichton Christie asked if the course was made mandatory by the courts for recidivist drink drivers.

Steven Staunton informed that local judges are well aware of the 'Drive SOBA' program.

Cr Phil Halse also fielded a question which was answered by Steven.

Cr Kahu Sutherland arrived at 0927 hours, as previously apologized for.

I spoke briefly to Steven after the meeting and this program can be taken by any person who wishes to enlist themselves in it if required or they have the desire to change their situation of drink driving. Contact can be made through [NDHB Mental Health & Addictions Service](#)

With the Christmas festive season shortly upon us please advise people of this service to help friends or relations with this problem.

Chair Cr Greg Martin thanked all for attending and concluded the meeting with the time at 0928hours

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Item No. C.2 Property Transaction. (Page 2)

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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