

Whangarei District Council Infrastructure and Services meeting  
– 8th May 2013

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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 was an apology for Cr Sue Glen for being late.

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

Greg Martin wished to advise that today's meeting was to be recorded with both audio and video.

Time was still at 0900hrs and it was Item No.1. Minutes of a Meeting of the Infrastructure and Services Committee held 10 April 2013 (Page 1)

Cr Martin advised this also included receiving the confidential minutes Item No C.1.

Moved by Cr Jeroen Jongejans, seconded by Cr Merv Williams.

These were duly passed, with no discussion necessary.

With the time still at 0901hrs it was on to Item No.2. Aquatic Centre – Car Park Time Restrictions (Page 3)

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

Cr Phil Halse claims he had asked staff to look at the resource consent for the Aquatic Centre and has never had a reply; he believed some parking was to be saved for public use.

Cr Merv Williams was prepared to support it as long as they were not going to take officious action against 'marina user vehicles'. *Is that not being selective? Shouldn't all be treated equally? As for the 'marina users' where is the parking council, as owners of the marina, has made especially available to them as part of their lease of marina berths. And if there is no parking allocated to 'marina lease holders', why not? Don't some other businesses have to supply parking for clients?*

Group Manager Infrastructure and Services Simon Weston advised there was to be some reasonableness about it.

Cr Warwick Syers believed it was a pity they couldn't do it a better way, as he felt they will end up with empty car spaces.

Cr Kahu Sutherland asked what the average length of stay for people using the pool was.

Cr Sue Glen joined the meeting at 0905hrs.

Simon Weston claims he is comfortable with the time restrictions being introduced.

*Maybe Simon is, but is his neck on the line, come October?*

Cr Aaron Edwards informs that they must be careful using the tools that they have; people will start moving around with where they park. *This is what appears to be happening since fees were introduced in Lower Dent Street car park?*

Cr Brian McLachlan insists that they will need to be monitoring it.

Mayor Morris Cutforth claims, he believes the bigger problem is that there is not enough disability parking available there. *One has to ask, as mayor, what has he done about it since October 2010? Nothing I bet!*

Cr Phil Halse states he believes there are about 10 disability spaces available.

CEO Mark Simpson advises that one of his daughters uses the facility regularly and it has been noticed that some of the disability spaces close to the facility are being abused by some while others are not being used. *Maybe the contractor, ENL, could be better watching this type of issue, rather than hassling a law abiding ratepayer whose truck portrays a sign about bullying by the CEO on it (which has been well publicised in the media) and being unlawfully attempted to be towed by the contractors? Or is that higher on your 'priority list' than disability parking, Simmo?*

Simon Weston confirms that they will keep a close eye on it.

Cr Sharon Morgan queried if this issue was raised by the Aquatic centre staff.

Greg Monteith, Roading Engineer advised that it was Aquatic Centre staff that first raised the issue.

*In my opinion, why not just have \$2-00 per day charges, with free parking available to genuine pool facility users.*

This item was duly passed.

With the time now at 0908hrs and Item No.3. Proposed No Stopping Lines – Oakura Road. (Page 5)

Moved by Cr Jeroen Jongejans, seconded by Cr Greg Martin.

Cr Sue Glen believed this proposal goes against what this council stands for, for its community. She claims "people won't take any notice of the yellow lines and she won't either". *Oh no Sue, following in Cr John Williamson's footsteps. Do you too, like John, have a contact to cancel parking infringements issued in the district? Surely not!*

Cr Jeroen Jongejans believes 'access to a petrol station should be made clear; some do take notice of such markings and are not like the councilor here'. *and don't forget Cr Williamson's wife.*

Cr Aaron Edwards wonders if they will be going to do this everywhere. *Depends on who got the deal on the yellow paint and how much do they need to get rid of.*

Cr Kahu Sutherland claims it's been there for years and we are getting carried away. There will be expectations that it will be monitored; this is crazy. *Let's hope it is not like in the past when a bay in the district where residents phoned in complaints of parking and infringements were issued through the post.*

Cr Shelley Deeming advises that the yellow lines will alert people to the issue.

This recommendation was duly passed.

Chair Cr Greg Martin thanked all for attending and concluded the meeting with the time at 0913hours

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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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