

Whangarei District Council Infrastructure and Services meeting - 9th May 2012

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Chair Cr Greg Martin called the meeting to order at 0900hrs and welcomed all.

There were apologies received for Mayor Morris Cutforth, Cr Brian McLachlan and Cr Jeroen Jongejans.

Time at 0900hrs and it was Item No.1. Minutes of a Meeting of the Infrastructure and Services Committee held 11 April 2012 (Page 1) and these were duly passed, with the confidential minutes also being received and no discussion necessary.

Time still at 0900hrs. Item No. 2. Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP) Performance Report from July 2011 to March 2012 (Page 3)

It was advised that these were the last of the reports.

Cr Aaron Edwards asked a query on whether work had been completed in reference to an item on page 6.

Group Manager Infrastructure and Services Simon Weston advised it was not complete yet.

Cr Phil Halse informed that he had been to a lot of public meetings in the north recently and it had been very quiet on h many of these issues. He added that councilors had not read all the submissions yet so was receiving this report a bit early.

Cr Sharon Morgan had a question which was duly answered.

Cr John Williamson queried if they had ever achieved 88% in reference to Item No. 1.1.6 on page 3.

Simon Weston replied that these were aspirational targets, adding also that NZTA funding is tight.

Item No.3. (0905hrs.) Morningside Flood Mitigation (Page 19)

Cr Merv Williams asked if they could please had updates on this and what happened with the tests last week.

Simon Weston advised it had taken about 1.5 hours to erect the barrier which will give protection up to 700mm above the ground. Hynds Pipes had lent the barrier to council

for 3 months on a trial. *Great support from a local business to help improve this situation in the Morningside area of Whangarei.*

Cr Merv Williams asked if the relevant people were advised and present for the tests.

It appeared to be a 'don't know' reply from Mr Weston.

Cr Sharon Morgan understood the barriers were to be erected during the night and had concerns if that was a good idea.

Simon Weston advised it depended on the amount of warning they received about the upcoming weather.

Cr Sue Glen hoped that this project doesn't get lost. *Maybe Hynds Pipes hopes that too?*

Item No. 4. (0909hrs.) Speed Limit Amendments (Page 21)

Cr John Williamson queried in relation to Whangarei Heads Road speed restrictions, what sort of requests had been received.

Simon Weston advised that many had been received with many would like the restriction to extend past this area in the report.

Cr Sue Glen commented that it was best that they had done it around a school area; it was common sense and other schools need to be in the know in how to get about this issue.

Cr Warwick Syers thanked the staff for the prompt attention for the Whangarei Heads speed restriction, this occurred after going out with the mayor to a meeting out there. He added that all they needed now was a pedestrian crossing. *Now there's a job Morris might be capable of; give him a tin of paint and a wide brush. Oh and of course, a reflectorised jacket.*

Item No. 5. (0913hrs.) Disabled Car Spaces (Page 27)

A supplementary Item had been circulated. *But not to the public gallery; we don't need to know.*

No discussion was entered into for this item and it was over in a second.

Time at 0914hrs and it was Item No.6. Temporary Road Closure – Brother Rally New Zealand 2012 (Page 31)

No discussion was entered into for this item. *Oh Greg is on a roll!*

Item No. 7. (0914hrs.) Temporary Road Closure – Rally of the North (Page 40)

No discussion was entered into for this item. *Gee Greg, no toys throwing out of the cot with this rally? Or is that because it doesn't inconvenience you by going past your house? Double standards Martin?*

Chair Cr Greg Martin thanked all for attending and concluded the meeting at 0915hours.

We left the chamber to have a coffee before the next meeting at 1030hrs.

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