

Whangarei District Council Infrastructure and Services meeting – 9th October 2013

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

There was an apology for His Worship the Mayor Morris Cutforth.

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

Time was now at 09hrs and it was Item No.1. Minutes of a Meeting of the Infrastructure and Services Committee held 11 September 2013. (Page 1)
Greg advised this also included the confidential minutes as per the later item C.1.

Moved by Cr John Williamson, seconded by Cr Aaron Edwards.

These were duly passed, with no discussion necessary.

With the time now at 0902hrs it was on to Item No.2. Civil Defence Emergency Management Update. (Page 5)

Moved by Cr John Williamson, seconded by Cr Jeroen Jongejans ?

Cr John Williamson advised this was a measure of how well trained we are in such emergencies.

Cr Phil Halse claimed it was good to see how it happened with an emergency on. He added that there were a lot of problem areas not being addressed, for example one lane bridges not coping at those times.

Cr Shelley Deeming advised at a recent Ruakaka Community meeting it was noted that some volunteers are unsure what level they want to commit to before undergoing the training.

Cr Jeroen Jongejans advised the meeting that in regards to the Kermedec Trench they now believe higher waves will be experienced other than what had been previously predicted.

Group Manager Infrastructure and Services Simon Weston informed that they were revising the response plans.

Cr Sharon Morgan asked as they had meetings with the disability sector, did they plan to engage with the Positive Aging and youth with this issue.

The information was duly received.

With the time now at 0906hrs and Item No.3. Proposed Lease Cricket Pavilion. (Page 12)

Carolyne Brindle, Senior Meeting Co-ordinator read the revised amendment to the meeting.

Moved by Cr Phil Halse, seconded by Cr Shelley Deeming.

Cr Phil Halse wanted a change to the amendment.

Cr Shelley Deeming wanted first to hear staff discussion before she wanted to discuss it further.

Questions were fielded from Cr Sue Glen and Cr Sharon Morgan with added discussion and minor interjections from others.

Cr Brian McLachlan was concerned about the state of the building claiming cricket had leased it for 20 years and done nothing to its exterior in regards maintenance.

Cr Merv Williams advised that within the motion there is room for discussion; the staff should go out and do their job properly.

Cr Crichton Christie advised that he knew the building well; it was stripped and modernized in 1979. He had no problem with a 30 year lease. His concern was they were maintaining clubrooms on council land; we do not maintain them.

Simon Weston advised it was councils intention to get it up to an appropriate standard s they could lease it out.

Cr Warwick Syers claimed he didn't think the paper was adequate and they were not in a position to make a decision. He believed it should lie on the table awaiting a proper report and moved that recommendation

A division was called for and Cr Phil Halse, Cr Shelley Deeming, Cr Merv Williams, Cr Sue Glen and Cr Greg Martin voted against the recommendation.

It therefore lay on the table to be discussed at a later date.

With the time now at 0919hrs and Item No.4. Setting of Speed Limits Procedures. (Page 17)

Moved by Cr John Williamson, seconded by Cr Merv Williams.

Cr John Williamson believed that restrictions be set on Otaika Valley Road and Whangarei Heads Road in the first instance and that an overall review be carried out. He also wished to thank Council Roding Manager, Jeff Divine for his report. John also spoke of the Safer Journeys investigations.

Cr Sharon Morgan advised the meeting that council was well down the track at looking at this. *By the looks on the faces of a number of councilors that was news to them; WHY, had they not been informed?*

Cr Brian McLachlan claimed that some areas should be prioritised.

Cr Merv Williams advised it was all summed up in the Safer Journeys Program. These were duly passed.

It was now 10hrs and Item No.5. Speed Limit Amendment – Te Matau o Pohe. (Page 21)

Moved Cr Aaron Edwards, seconded by Cr Merv Williams.

These were duly passed and no discussion was necessary.

With the time now at 10hrs and Item No.6. Old Town Hall Car Park – Parking Charges. (Page 25)

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

Cr Aaron Edwards advised that they have a parking strategy for the CBD area; staff have a range of tools to use for this and staff need to have the ability to make the changes necessary.

These were duly passed and no further discussion was necessary.

Chair Cr Greg Martin thanked all for attending and concluded the meeting with the time at 0929hrs. He advised this was the last Infrastructure and Services meeting of this term. He thanked Cr Aaron Edwards for his contribution, thanked the public gallery. He added “maybe we will see you again, maybe we won’t”.

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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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