

Whangarei District Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, 27 February, 2025
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Civic Centre, Te Iwitahi, 9 Rust Avenue

In Attendance

His Worship the Mayor Vince Cocurullo
Cr Gavin Benney
Cr Nicholas Connop
Cr Ken Couper
Cr Jayne Golightly
Cr Phil Halse
Cr Deborah Harding
Cr Patrick Holmes
Cr Scott McKenzie
Cr Marie Olsen (Teams)
Cr Carol Peters (Teams)
Cr Simon Reid
Cr Paul Yovich

Not in Attendance

Cr Phoenix Ruka

Scribe

D.Garner (Democracy Adviser)

Administrative Notes

- Meeting livestreamed.
- Members attending remotely.

1. Karakia/Prayer

His Worship the Mayor opened the meeting with a prayer.

2. Declarations of Interest / Take Whaipānga

No declarations of interest were made in open meeting.

3. Apologies / Kore Tae Mai

Cr's Gavin Benney (early departure), Marie Olsen (late arrival) and Phoenix Ruka (absent).

Moved By Cr Deborah Harding

Seconded By Cr Nicholas Connop

That the apologies be sustained.

Carried

4. Public Forum

Nate Boaz - Request for parkour park in Whangarei.

Isopo Samu - Charter school in Onerahi.

Brett and Jacqui Piskulic - Opposition to weed spraying business operations.

Robin Lieffering - Support for Federated Farmers proposal to Government.

Cr Marie Olsen joined the meeting via Teams at 9:05am.

5. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting of the Whangarei District Council / Whakatau Meneti

5.1 Minutes Whangarei District Council Meeting held on 12 December 2024

Moved By Cr Scott McKenzie

Seconded By Cr Simon Reid

That the minutes of the Whangarei District Council meeting held on Thursday 12 December 2024, having been circulated, be taken as read and now confirmed and adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings of that meeting.

Carried

5.2 Minutes Extraordinary Whangarei District Council Meeting held on 18 December 2024

Moved By Cr Phil Halse

Seconded By Cr Simon Reid

That the minutes of the Extraordinary Whangarei District Council meeting held on Wednesday 18 December 2024, having been circulated, be taken as read and now confirmed and adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings of that meeting.

Carried

5.3 Minutes Extraordinary Whangarei District Council Meeting 12 February

Moved By Cr Paul Yovich

Seconded By Cr Deborah Harding

That the minutes of the Whangarei District Council meeting held on Wednesday 12 February 2025, having been circulated, be taken as read and now confirmed and adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings of that meeting.

Carried

6. Decision Reports / Whakatauripoata

6.1 2025 Proposed Updates to Delegated Financial Authority following Restructure

Moved By His Worship the Mayor

Seconded By Cr Simon Reid

That the Council:

1. Notes the Delegated Financial Authority Delegations that are in place for existing roles within the Delegations Register.
2. Notes that Delegated Financial Authority will be removed from the register for the roles that no longer exist in the organisation structure.
3. Notes that where there has been a change of title, rather than creation of a new role, this will be amended via the delegation change process.
4. Delegates Financial Authority to Spend up to \$250,000 to the following additional roles:
 - a. General Manager – Transport and Community Infrastructure
 - b. General Manager – Waters
5. Delegates Non-Statutory Financial Authority to Spend up to \$100,000 to the following roles:
 - a. Manager – Transportation.
 - b. Manager – Waters.
 - c. Manager – Wastewater
 - d. Manager – Stormwater, Flooding and Coastal
6. Delegates Non-Statutory Financial Authority to Spend up to \$50,000 to the following additional roles:
 - a. Manager – Property
 - b. Manager – Water Projects & Administration
 - c. Manager – Community Infrastructure Projects
 - d. Manager – Waste Management and Minimisation
7. Delegates Non-Statutory Financial Authority to Spend up to \$25,000 to the following additional roles:
 - a. Manager – Long Term Planning

- b. Transportation - Projects and Procurement Lead
 - c. Transportation – Strategy and Planning Lead
- 8. Delegates Non-Statutory Financial Authority to Spend up to \$10,000 to the following additional roles:
 - a. Team Leader – Facilities Management
 - b. Team Leader – Tenancy Management
 - c. Transportation – Maintenance Contract Lead
- 9. Delegates Non-Statutory Financial Authority to Spend up to \$5,000 to the following additional roles:
 - a. Team leader – Customer Experience
 - b. Team Leader – Claphams clocks
 - c. Team Leader – PIMS and LIMS
 - d. Team Leader – Requests
 - e. Community Events Co-ordinator

Carried

6.2 Amendment to Meeting Schedule

Moved By His Worship the Mayor

Seconded By Cr Simon Reid

That the Council:

1. Amends the current schedule of Council meetings to the proposed schedule of Council meetings (attached to the agenda report as Attachment 3) for the remainder of the 2022-2025 term of Council, effective from 27 February 2025; and
2. Delegates to the Chief Executive the ability to amend or add to the meeting schedule in consultation with the Mayor and relevant Chairs of any meeting.

Carried

Cr Scott McKenzie requested his vote against the motion be recorded.

6.3 Statement of Proposal – Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw

Moved By Cr Simon Reid

Seconded By Cr Nicholas Connop

That the Council:

1. Agrees that making a new Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw is the most appropriate way to address the perceived problem.
2. Adopts the Statement of Proposal as provided in Attachment 1 of this agenda report for public consultation.
3. Confirms that the proposed Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw as included in Attachment 1:
 - a. Is in the most appropriate form of the bylaw; and
 - b. Does not give rise to any implications under, and is not inconsistent with, the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.
4. Agrees that a summary of the information contained in the Statement of Proposal is not necessary to assist in public understanding of the Proposal.
5. Approves the consultation plan as provided in Attachment 2 of this agenda report.
6. Authorises the Chief Executive to make any necessary minor drafting or presentation amendments to the Statement of Proposal to correct errors or omissions, or to reflect decisions made by the Council, prior to final printing and publication.

Carried

Cr Gavin Benney left the meeting at 10:12am during discussion on item 6.3.

6.4 Temporary Road Closure Application – Northland Car Club Motor Sport Event Series (Apr – May 2025).

Moved By Cr Simon Reid

Seconded By His Worship the Mayor

That the Council:

1. Approves the temporary closure of the following roads to ordinary traffic for the Northland Car Club Motor Sport Event Series (April - May 2025) on the following dates in accordance with section 342 (1)(b) and Schedule 10 Clause 11 of the Local Government Act 1974.

Sunday 6th April 2025

Paiawa Road, from Mititai Road to the end of Paiawa Road.

Period of Closure: 8am to 5:30pm

Sunday 18th May 2025

Ruarangi Road, from 200m from the intersection of Ruarangi Road and Paparoa Road to 200m from the intersection of Ruarangi Road and Mangapai Road.

Period of Closure: 8am to 5:30pm

2. Approves the temporary closure of the side roads off the roads to be closed for up to 100 metres from the intersection for safety purposes.
3. Delegates to the Chair of the Infrastructure Committee and General Manager Transport and Community Infrastructure the power to give public notice of these proposed temporary closures, to consider any objections and to either approve, cancel or amend any or all of the temporary road closures if applicable.

Carried

6.5 Procurement Plan to procure Operational and Maintenance services for Water, Wastewater and Stormwater beyond 30 June 2026

Moved By Cr Simon Reid

Seconded By His Worship the Mayor

That the Council approves the Plan (the “Procurement Plan”) for the procurement of operational and maintenance (O&M) service provision for Water, Wastewater, and Stormwater.

Carried

Cr Phil Halse requested his vote against the motion be recorded.

Extra ordinary business

Subsequent to the agenda being circulated Item 6.6 Te Karearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee - Review of Terms of Reference 2023-2025, was distributed separately but not within the timeframe specified in LGOIMA.

The report was not included in the agenda for the reason that the item was not finalised at the time of the agenda closure.

Council are asked to consider this matter at today’s meeting to endorse Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee to establish a working group to review its committee terms of reference and approve the appointment of members to the Working Group.

Moved By His Worship the Mayor

Seconded By Cr Deborah Harding

That Council consider Item 6.6 Te Karearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee - Review of Terms of Reference 2023-2025 at today's meeting.

Carried

6.6 Te Karearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee - Review of Terms of Reference 2023-2025

Moved By Cr Deborah Harding

Seconded By Cr Carol Peters

That the Council:

1. Notes this report;
2. Endorse Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee to establish a working group to review its committee terms of reference;
3. Approve the appointment of the following members to the working group:
 - Vince Cocurullo, Mayor
 - Phil Halse, Deputy Mayor & Deputy Chair of Te Kārearea Committee
 - Deb Harding, Councillor & Chair of Te Kārearea Committee
 - Delaraine Armstrong, Hapū Appointed Member to Te Kārearea Committee
 - Tame Te Rangi, Hapū Appointed Member to Te Kārearea Committee
4. Approve the appointment of Hohipere Williams as an alternate Hapū Appointed Member of the working group.

Carried

7. Information Reports / Ngā Pūrongo Kōrero

7.1 Decision made under delegation during the 2024-2025 Christmas recess period – Council Security and Related Services

Moved By His Worship the Mayor

Seconded By Cr Nicholas Connop

That Council notes the decision related to Council Security and Related Services made by the Chief Executive under delegation during the 2024-2025 Christmas recess period.

Carried

7.2 Placemaking Programme Update - February 2025

Moved By Cr Deborah Harding

Seconded By Cr Patrick Holmes

That the Council:

1. Notes the report and Attachment 1 Raumanga and Otaika Placemaking Plan – 1st Round of Engagement Feedback Report.

Carried

8. Public Excluded Business / Rāhui Tangata

Moved By His Worship the Mayor

Seconded By Cr Paul Yovich

That the public be excluded from the following parts of proceedings of this meeting. The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered		Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for passing this resolution
1.1	Confidential Minutes Whangarei District Council 12 December 2024	Good reason to withhold information exists under Section 7 Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987	Section 48(1)(a)
1.2	Decision made under delegation during the 2024-2025 Christmas recess period – Legal proceedings		
1.3	Appointment of a Council Trustee on Whangarei Art Trust Board		
1.4	Property Purchase		
1.5	Knowledge Precinct Project Steering Board – Monthly Report		
1.6	CCTO Update -February 2025		

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public,

are as follows:		
Item	Grounds	Section
1.1	For the reasons stated in the open minutes	
1.2	To maintain legal professional privilege.	Section 7(2)(g)
1.3	To protect the privacy of natural persons including that of a deceased person.	Section 7(2)(a)
1.4	To enable Council to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	Section 7(2)(i)
1.5	To protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or it the subject of the information.	Section 7(2)(b)(ii)
1.6	To enable Council to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations). To prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage.	Section 7(2)(i) Section 7(2)(j)

Carried

A break was taken from 10:43am to 11:00am.

9. Closure of Meeting / Te katinga o te Hui

His Worship the Mayor closed the meeting with a prayer at 11:56am.

Confirmed this 27th day of March 2025

His Worship the Mayor Vince Cocurullo (Chairperson)