

Whangarei District Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, 30 March, 2023
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Council Chamber
Forum North, Rust Avenue
Whangarei

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 Marie Olsen
Cr Carol Peters
Cr Simon Reid
Cr Phoenix Ruka
Cr Paul Yovich

Not in Attendance Cr Scott McKenzie

Scribe N. Pestana (Team Leader Democracy)

1. Karakia/Prayer

Cr Olsen opened the meeting with a prayer.

2. Declarations of Interest / Take Whaipānga

No declarations of interest were made.

3. Apologies / Kore Tae Mai

Cr Scott McKenzie

Moved By His Worship the Mayor

Seconded By Cr Deborah Harding

That the apology be sustained.

Carried

4. Decision Reports / Whakatau Rīpoata

4.1 2023-24 Proposed fees and Charges

Moved By Cr Marie Olsen

Seconded By Cr Nicholas Connop

That Whangarei District Council:

- a) Adopt the Statement of Proposal for 2023-24 fees and charges listed in Table A below which are subject to the Special Consultative Procedure process under the Local Government Act 2002
- b) Resolve to seek public submissions on these fees and charges in accordance with the Special Consultative Procedure:

Table A: 2023-24 Fees and charges subject to the Special Consultative Procedure

	Refer Statement of Proposal
Bylaw Enforcement	Page 7
Drainage (Waste Water and Trade Waste)	Page 4-6
Food Premises	Page 8-10
Gambling and Racing Act	Page 10
Health Act Registered Premises	Page 10-11
Public Places Bylaw	Page 12
Resource Management Act Council Professional Fees Monitoring and Land Use District Plan/Private Plan Changes	Page 13-21
Rubbish Disposal	Page 22-23
Water Supply	Page 24-25

- c) Adopt the 2023-24 fees and charges which are not subject to the Special Consultative Procedure listed in Table B below:

Table B: 2023-24 Fees and charges not subject to the Special Consultative Procedure

	Refer Attachment Proposed Fees and Charges
Animals: Dogs, Stock Control	Page 3-4
Building Control	Page 5-12
Cameron Street Mall Permits	Page 13
Cemetery	Page 14-15
Forum North Venue Hire	Page 26
Laboratory	Page 29-30
Land Information Memorandum	Page 35
Library	Page 31-33
Official Information	Page 37
Parks and Reserves	Page 38-40
Photocopying	Page 41
Searches	Page 50
Swimming Pool Fencing Inspections	Page 51
Transport	Page 52

- d) Authorise the Chief Executive to make minor amendments, drafting, typographical or presentation corrections necessary to the Proposed Fees and Charges and the Statement of Proposal prior to consultation

Carried

4.2 Annual Plan 2023-24 Consultation Document

Moved By Cr Simon Reid

Seconded By Cr Patrick Holmes

That Council:

1. Agrees on the consultation issues for the Draft Annual Plan 2023-24, which include:
 - OPTION 1: Increase general rates by 10.9%.
 - OPTION 2: Increase general rates by 7.9% in line with what was set in the Long Term Plan 2021-31.

2. Adopts the Consultation Document and Supporting Documents for the Draft Annual Plan 2023-24.
3. Authorises, through the Chief Executive any necessary drafting, administrative, typographical or presentation corrections prior to printing and distribution, including any updates required prior to finalising the Consultation Document.

Amendment

Moved By Cr Paul Yovich

Seconded By Cr Carol Peters

That Council:

1. Agrees on the consultation issues for the Draft Annual Plan 2023-24, which include:
 - Option1: Increase general rates by 10.9%, distributing the first 7.9% of the general rates increase generally in line with budget allocations in the 2022-23 Annual Plan and allocating the remaining 3% of the general rates increase specifically to Roding.
 - Option 2: Increase general rates by 7.9%, distributing the first 5.4% of the general rates increase generally in line with budget allocations in the 2022-23 Annual Plan and allocating the remaining 2.5% of the general rates increase specifically to Roding.
2. Adopts the Consultation Document and Supporting Documents for the Draft Annual Plan 2023-24.
3. Authorises, through the Chief Executive any necessary drafting, administrative, typographical or presentation corrections prior to printing and distribution, including any updates required prior to finalising the Consultation Document.

**The Amendment was Carried and
subsequently Carried
as the substantive motion**

4.3 Proposed name change for Te Kamo

Moved By Cr Phoenix Ruka

Seconded By Cr Deborah Harding

That Council:

1. Note the Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee (Te Kārearea) support a submission from Council to the New Zealand Geographic Board | Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa.
2. Note Te Kārearea requests that if a submission is made by Council it considers the submission from Ngāti Kahu o Torongare to be discussed at their hui on 2 April 2023.
3. Delegates His Worship the Mayor and Cr Deborah Harding (as Chair of Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee) to make a submission taking into account feedback from Council and the outcomes from the hui of Ngāti Kahu o Torongare.

Carried

*Councillors Reid and Olsen abstained from voting on Item 4.3.
Cr Yovich requested his vote against be recorded.*

*The meeting adjourned at 10.02am and reconvened at 10.20am.
Administrative note: The livestream concluded at 10.02am.*

5. Code of Conduct Hearing

5.1 Code of Conduct Complaint 2023

Procedural motion

Moved By Cr Gavin Benney

Seconded By Cr Ken Couper

That Council hold the hearing in confidential and that the resolutions only be released to open record.

On the motion being put Cr Benney called for a division:

Recorded	For	Against	Abstain
His Worship the Mayor		X	
Cr Gavin Benney	X		
Cr Nicholas Connop		X	
Cr Ken Couper	X		
Cr Phil Halse	X		
Cr Deborah Harding	X		
Cr Patrick Holmes	X		
Cr Scott McKenzie			
Cr Marie Olsen	X		
Cr Carol Peters		X	
Cr Simon Reid		X	
Cr Phoenix Ruka	X		
Cr Paul Yovich		X	
Results	7	5	

The procedural motion was Carried (7 to 5)

Cr McKenzie was absent.

Cr Golightly did not take part in discussions on the procedural motion and did not vote on the procedural motion.

Procedural motion

Moved By Cr Gavin Benney

Seconded By Cr Ken Couper

That Cr Golightly, her legal representative and her support person be allowed to remain in the room during the confidential proceedings.

Carried

Councillors Connop and Yovich requested their vote against be recorded.

Cr McKenzie was absent.

Cr Golightly did not take part in discussions on the procedural motion and did not vote on the procedural motion.

Confirmed this 27th day of April 2023

His Worship the Mayor (Chairperson)