

**Whangarei District Council Infrastructure and Services meeting**  
**– 12<sup>th</sup> June 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 Jeroen Jongejans.

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

Cr Martin asked if item No 5 could be addressed after Item No. 9. and that was agreed to.

Time was still at 0900hrs and it was Item No.1. Minutes of a Meeting of the Infrastructure and Services Committee held 8 May 2013 (Page 1)

Moved by Cr Brian McLachlan, seconded by Cr John Williamson.

These were duly passed, with no discussion necessary.

With the time at 0901hrs it was on to Item No.2. Lower Harbour Bridge Naming (Page 3) Group Manager Infrastructure and Services Simon Weston asked Jude Thompson, WDC Chief Operating Officer if she would like to introduce some of the guests present. Huhana Seve was introduced and she spoke of this project and their involvement with the naming.

Simon Weston gave a brief presentation explaining the submission that resulted in the naming of the bridge and the design.

Moved by Cr Aaron Edwards, seconded by Cr Sharon Morgan.

Cr Merv Williams spoke about the relevance of the fish hook and Pohe and claimed he was impressed with this inspiration of the design entered by Martin Knight an architect from the UK.

Cr Aaron Edwards, as one of the originals who opposed this bridge informed that it was not a priority other councilors see it to be but it is a beautiful piece of architecture. 'There is no point in going on about it now because you won't get your \$30million back'.

Cr Sue Glen claimed 'the special part of this is the harmony that exists. It was good that someone from the UK, a different race designs it and wins the hearts of the people'.

Mayor Morris Cutforth wished to endorse everything that has been said today. He wanted to congratulate the bridge committee who had kept it under tight control bring the project in under budget and on time. There has not been a blow out and what Sue Glen said about harmony is correct.

Taipari Munro representing Te Parawhau was invited to say a few words. He commented that they had made a piece of beauty and interest for our city. They were happy with the decision by the bridge committee in the naming of the bridge "Te Matau a Pohe" meaning 'fish hook of Pohe'. Their original choices had been Te Matau for the bridge and Pohe Drive for the road.

Cr Crichton Christie, to his feet, wanted to recognize Wally Redwood as he had suggested this bridge back in about 1980; he also wanted to thank the previous mayor Semen off who went to Wellington to do the 'deal'. *I understand the 'deal' was to settle for a 50% subsidy instead of the 62% that NZTA usually allocates; so ratepayers, you have had to cough up for extra because of Stans deal.*

With the time now at 0918hrs and Item No.3. Kotuku Retention Dam Update0 (Page 11)

Moved by Cr Crichton Christie, seconded by Cr Brian McLachlan.

Cr Aaron Edwards withdrew from the table as he had a conflict of interest.

Cr Crichton Christie was happy that common sense had prevailed as this was an issue at the last meeting and at least there is a proposal there now.

Cr Brian McLachlan was supportive of this for good flood management control.

Cr Greg Martin claimed it was essential we keep our road link for the future.

Morris Cutforth commented that he had been through a process recently for his new house, which he felt was unnecessary. *Is he really a beaver, about to build a dam?*

This was duly passed and no further discussion was necessary.

With the time at 0920hrs and Item No.4. State Highway Update (Page 17)

Moved by Cr Aaron Edwards, seconded by Cr Warwick Syers. *(I think it was Warwick, could not hear very well and Chair does not repeat these)*

Cr Aaron Edwards was happy with the update. NZTA's focus on road upgrades was creating real division with other modes of transport; there was no provision for cycling and walking; and these needed to be created and be safe.

Cr Merv Williams commented on the ideas of 4 lanes and 70kph areas; he was concerned of the dangers through the area is extreme. Precautionary steps need to be taken as he was scared about speed up that stretch of road.

Cr Sharon Morgan, in a question to Simon Weston; it says travel times will stay the same. What are we doing to improve this?

Simon Weston conceded there will be some impact.

Cr Phil Halse claims he has a number of concerns with this item; we are not allowing the public to buy into this. *(Wasn't it a bit like this when you were chair of Infrastructure and services? People didn't get listened too or have people forgotten)* Years ago we had concentrated about getting traffic through our town; we have to move them through. *And I thought many in our town wanted them all to call in, check out what we have, spend a few dollars, enjoy their stay and take away a great experience of Whangarei. Am I mistaken?*

Cr Crichton Christie claimed we have to deal with bikes, cars and kids. It's not just an arterial route and we need a number of roundabouts of which he discussed.

Cr Warwick Syers thanked Greg for the update *(Greg Monteith, WDC Senior Rooding Engineer) insisting that now they have this they must keep NZTA to task on the timelines.*

Cr Sue Glen asked if they were talking with NZTA on the same things.

Cr Greg Martin advised that NZTA are reviewing things all the time and Geoff Divine, Council Rooding Manager, had many meetings with them.

Cr Aaron Edwards in his right of reply claimed 'we need to be conscious about the road environment we are creating.

The report was received.

It had been earlier agreed this item, Item No.5. Hikurangi Flood Management Scheme Upgrade. (Page 20) would be addressed after Item No. 9.

With the time now at 0932hrs and Item No.6. Ruakaka South Sewer Extension (Page 23)

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

Cr Shelley Deeming claimed she was privileged to be moving this as it was one of the most significant projects been undertaken since she had been on council. Shelley paid tribute to the staff and contractors advising they had 99.9% of people agree to connection. Only 1 out of 470 homes owners had not connected. She wanted to thank Waste and Drainage Manager Andrew Carvell and Group Manager Infrastructure and Services Simon Weston and their teams for their assistance on this project.

Cr Phil Halse advised that a number of good things had come out of this, one being Fulton Hogan who had worked well with the people. Phil also wanted to thank Simon, Andrew and their teams. Council needed to show leadership and had done so with this project.

Cr Merv Williams claimed that this project had been new technology for us and congratulated staff on this forward thinking.

Cr Aaron Edwards reminded the meeting that subsidies had been offered by Ministry of Health; council had taken advantage of that and it had been a good project.

Simon Weston gave some brief details on the project.

Cr Shelley Deeming added that it also came in on time and on budget.

*Good news all round, any project that protects our waterways, streams and harbour is a great asset for the whole of our community. Congratulations Simon, Andrew and staff involved.*

The report was duly received.

It was now 0940hrs and Item No.7. Recycling of Plastic (Page 27)

Moved Cr Aaron Edwards, seconded by Cr Brian McLachlan.

Cr Aaron Edwards commented that it was important to promote only what can be recycled otherwise the wrong message gets out there; if we can, we do it, if not we can't.

The information was received.

With the time now at 0942hrs and Item No.8. Temporary Road Closure – Rally of the North (Page 29)

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

This was duly passed and no discussion was necessary.

It was still 0942hrs and Item No.9 Cameron Street Loading Zone (Page 35)

Moved, Cr Shelley Deeming seconded by Cr Merv Williams.

Cr Shelley Deeming informed this was very logical.

This was duly passed and no added discussion was necessary.

Chair Cr Greg Martin thanked all for attending and as he had a Conflict of Interest, vacating the chair, handing over to Cr Phil Halse.

It was still 0942hrs and as arranged it was Item No.5. Hikurangi Flood Management Scheme Upgrade. (Page 20)

With Cr Phil Halse in the chair, advised that as he chaired the Hikurangi Swamp Scheme it was appropriate for him to be in the chair. He advised they had replaced some pumps as described in the report. In reference to page 21 he claimed they were \$80,000-00 under budget. *May I suggest the report is an interesting read.*

Moved Cr Shelley Deeming, seconded by Cr Sue Glen.

Cr John Williamson had a query about rewiring a pump; did this make it a new pump.

This was answered with a sort of Yes.

*In my opinion the rewire or 'windings' on an electric motor/pump are only one of many things to recondition a motor. Other main issues that affect electric motor/pumps are seals leak and should always be replaced when a shaft and/or armature is removed for service.*

*Bearings should always be check and replaced during reassembly of motors. The magnet fields may also have deteriorated. The cases or housing are susceptible to rust, corrosion or cracking. Pump vanes, impellers or screws also deteriorate. Electric switches, capacitors overload systems or water pressure controls also can cause problems. So you can see rewiring is only one of many things in a pump motor. Check [Link for more details](#) I think that needed clarification so they are not new pumps. There is only one way to make a pump new and that is get a new one.*

Cr Sharon Morgan had a query to Andrew Carvell re spillways in reference to Page 21

The report was received and no further discussion was had.

Cr Phil Halse thanked all for attending and concluded the meeting with the time at 0948hours

Those present left the chamber, to return for the next meeting at 1000hrs.

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