



Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of Council

10am Tuesday 10 November 2015 held at the Wairoa War Memorial Hall, Queen Street, Wairoa.

Present: His Worship the Mayor Mr C Little (Chairman)

Councillors: D. Eaglesome-Karekare (Deputy Mayor), M Bird, B Cairns, J Harker, M Johansen.

P Kelly (Maori Standing Committee Representative)
F Power (Chief Executive Officer)
J Baty (Corporate Services Manager)
H Montgomery (Regulatory Manager)
K Tipuna (Communications Strategist)
C McGimpsey (Governance Advisor & Policy Strategist)
Sarah Johansen (District Planner)

Procedural Items

1. Civic Prayer

Mr Kelly (Maori Standing Committee Representative) said the karakia.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Flood

3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

None

4. Hearing of Freedom Camping Bylaw Submissions

The Regulatory Manager outlined the submission process and the decision that Council was being asked to make.

The following submitters spoke to their submissions:

Eric Sweeting
Peter Nash
Bill Ockey
Gary Mayo
B Dickin and S Solomon
Dave and Marg Fraser
James Imlach

Pauline Tangiora
Pera Edwards
Alice Wairau

Adjourned 11.25am

Reconvened 11.39am

Councillors went through the remaining submissions and identified key points from all submissions to discuss:

- Alexander Park site
- The number of nights people could stay at each site
- The number of campers at each site
- Contained vs non-contained vehicles
- Enforcement/monitoring
- The offer of payment for the installation of a new dump station at Mahia
- Pawa Lane site (site 6)
- Mahanga site
- Disposal of rubbish
- Opoutama site
- Environmental impact on sites
- Historical significance of sites
- Signage at sites
- Fire risk/health & safety

5. Final Decision on Draft Freedom Camping Bylaw 2014

The Regulatory Manager presented the report and highlighted some suggested amendments to the bylaw included in the report.

Councillors discussed the points raised by submitters and went through the bylaw site-by-site to discuss if they needed to be amended.

Councillor Cairns declared an interest as she is the manager of Whakamarino Lodge which is next to Site 13 under schedule 1 in the proposed bylaw.

Resolved:

That:

1. *The report be received.*
2. *The proposed freedom camping bylaw is approved and adopted with the following amendments:*
 - *Minor amendments to numbering, dates and maps be incorporated and to reflect the amendments below.*

- *Schedule 1 amendments:*
 - *Site 8 be extended to prohibit freedom camping northwards of alignment with Rhona Place.*
 - *Site 9 be fully prohibited as recommended.*
 - *Site 13 be fully prohibited*
 - *Oraka reserve be added to the list of prohibited areas except as identified on the agreed map provided that area is no greater than 1000m², if the area is larger than 1000m² a 1000m² area within that agreed space will be identified as acceptable for freedom camping.*
 - *Section 8 amendments*
 - *1)c) They do not light fires (open or in braziers), and b) They stay for a maximum of 3 nights, and c) All rubbish they generate is removed from the site for appropriate disposal.*
 - *Section 9 (1) and (2) are amended to make elected members responsible for granting exemptions.*
 - *Schedule 2 amendments:*
 - *The wording at the beginning of schedule 2 is amended to read:
Freedom camping may not take place on any land identified in Schedule 1.
In addition, freedom camping may not take place on any other land controlled by the Wairoa District Council unless:*
 - 1. It is undertaken in accordance with Section 8 of this bylaw, or*
 - 2. It is within 100m of a public toilet facility listed below and identified on the relevant maps in green, and*
 - 3. They do not light fires (open or in braziers), and*
 - 4. They stay for a maximum of 3 nights.*
- 3. All other Wairoa District Council bylaws relating to freedom camping are rescinded.*

Cairns/Harker

6. Late Item: Delegations – Warrant to Act

Resolved: *That in accordance with Section 46A (7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act the item **Delegations – Warrant to Act** be considered given the item had not come to hand at the time of the Agenda compilation and consideration of this matter is required now in order to*

respond within the time frame allowed.

Eaglesome-Karekare/Johansen

The Regulatory Manager presented the report.

Resolved:

That

1. *The report is received.*
2. *The delegations and appointments as scheduled in the Schedule of Delegations be approved with immediate effect*

OFFICER	DELEGATION/AUTHORITY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animal Control/Bylaw Officer 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An “enforcement officer” appointed under Section 177 of the Local Government Act 2002 for the enforcement of bylaws and regulations. 2. “Enforcement Officer” Under Section 38 of the Resource Management Act. 3. A “Dog Control Officer” under Section 11 of the Dog Control Act 1996. 4. A “Pound keeper and Ranger” under Section 8 of the Impounding Act 1955. 5. An “Inspector” under the Animals Protection Act 1968.

Johansen/Harker

There being no further General Business His Worship the Mayor declared the meeting closed.

CLOSED: The meeting closed at **1.57pm.**

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Chair