

## **Kaipara District Council**

### **Briefing Minutes**

**Date:** 05 August 2020  
**Time:** 10:01 a.m. – 2:23 p.m.  
**Location:** Northern Wairoa War Memorial Hall, Dargaville

**Members present:** Mayor Jason Smith  
Deputy Mayor Anna Curnow  
Councillor Victoria del la Varis-Woodcock  
Councillor Karen Joyce-Paki  
Councillor Jonathan Larsen  
Councillor Mark Vincent  
Councillor Peter Wethey  
Councillor David Wills  
Councillor Eryn Wilson-Collins

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**Meeting started at 10:01 a.m.**

#### **1. Draft Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Buildings Policy**

Virginia Smith (Policy Analyst) and Neil Donnellan (Building Control Manager) gave a presentation<sup>1</sup> and answered questions from elected members.

Council discussed:

- Unoccupied buildings
- Rationale for classification and definitions
- Reliance on public reporting of unsafe structures
- Unauthorised and exempt works
- Coordination with other Northland councils
- Dams and stopbanks
- Building consents
- Cost of inspections, and how this will be funded
- Legislative timeframes
- Climate change.

Council directed staff to bring back a report with a Statement of Proposal.

#### **2. Freedom camping update**

Paula Hansen (Senior Policy Planner) and Shireen Munday (Senior Policy Planner) gave a verbal presentation and answered questions from elected members

Council discussed:

- Public facilities, including parking and tar sealing
- Maraes on State Highways with parking and toilets
- Expected numbers in peak season (summer)
- Environment impact
- Differences between east and west of the District
- The community's views
- Public information, education and signage
- Insights from the Council's Parks Team and Service Requests
- Current practice around the District
- Post-COVID-19 tourism, domestic and international tourists
- Tourism promotion and becoming a motorhome friendly city
- Possible economic benefits from increased tourism
- Regional Destination Management Plan (Northland Inc) and KD one that will align with the regional one, regional one due to be completed in end of Oct
- How signage and enforcement will be funded
- Inappropriate places for freedom camping (e.g. for cultural reasons)
- Effectiveness of cultural signage vs. council / enforcement signs

Council directed staff to

- Investigate declaring Dargaville a campervan friendly town (NZ Motorhome Assoc) and the costs involved.
- Provide an update on the Regional and Kaipara Tourism Destination Plan when information is available.

### 3. Three Waters Reform Programme update

Louise Miller (Chief Executive) gave a presentation<sup>ii</sup> (this presentation is in addition to the one in the agenda [Attachment D]) and answered questions from elected members.

Council discussed:

- Annual and Long Term Plan projects that can be brought forward to provide economic stimulus
- Northland regional approach
- Local lens, local focus and local decision-making
- Service delivery model
- Elections and timeframes
- Political direction from central government
- Role of elected members and the media / public perception
- Community's needs

Council directed staff to bring back the decision report on the Memorandum of Understanding.

**Meeting adjourned for morning tea at 11:43 a.m.**

**Meeting reconvened at 11:52 a.m.**

### 4. Isovist demonstration

Michael Juer (Digital Services Project Manager) gave a live demonstration of the new online District Plan (<https://kaipara.isoplan.co.nz/eplan/>) and answered questions from elected members.

Council discussed:

- LIDAR information
- Update frequency
- Key users
- Effect on Council's income / staff hours / costs
- Public information and communications plan.

**Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:18 p.m.**

**Meeting reconvened at 1:16 p.m.**

**Cr Joyce-Paki left the meeting at 1:16 p.m.**

## **5. Northland to Auckland Urban Growth Partnership**

Ernst Zollner (Place-based Policy and Programmes, Ministry of Housing and Urban Development) gave a presentation (presentation was included in the agenda as Attachment A) and answered questions from elected members.

Council discussed:

- Compatibility across spatial plans (cross-regional and local)
- Growth and housing
- Community involvement in the process
- Good vs. bad growth
- Central government / local government / iwi partnership
- Costs, including staff time
- Long term planning, framework building
- Infrastructure Commission.

**Meeting closed at 2:23 p.m.**

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<sup>i</sup> 'Draft Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Buildings Policy' presentation

<sup>ii</sup> 'Three Waters Reform Programme: Guide to stimulus funding for local authorities' presentation, DIA, LGZ and SOLGM, 2020