Nothing trivial

The Concourse Waitakere

Waitakere City Council
Te Taiao o Waitakere

Refer: Tom Didovich
Animal Welfare Services
(Ph: 836-7777) City Enterprises

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Waitakere City

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Waitakere City

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26 January 2000

The Honourable Jim Sutton
Minister of Agriculture
Parliament Buildings
WELLINGTON

[redacted]

Dear Sir,

Animal Welfare Act Inspector

In 1995 a pilot programme bet
in a number of officers being tr
The pilot programme was e
Biosecurity and Border Control
(1 January 2000).The programm
was reported favourably.

In 1996 Waitakere City Counci
Animal Welfare Services. Over
Services have been developing
before the policy of "approved
lead to the establishment of the

Council accepts that each Inspector will act under the direction of the Director-General of Agriculture and Forestry in the exercise of the powers, duties and functions imposed by the Animal Welfare Act 1999 and acknowledges that in the event of any conflict of interest arising between the powers, duties and functions conferred or imposed on an inspector as an employee and the powers, duties and functions conferred or imposed on the inspector by the Animal Welfare Act 1999, the powers, duties and functions imposed under the Act will prevail.

Yours faithfully

Tom Didovich
Animal Welfare Services Manager

NORTH SHORE CITY

26 January 2000

The Honourable Jim Sutton
Minister of Agriculture
Parliament Buildings
WELLINGTON

Dear Sir,

Animal Welfare Act Inspector Warrants

The North Shore City currently contracts out it's dog and stock control work to Animal Welfare Services of Waitakere City Council which operates under the name of "North Shore Animal Care and Control" when operating in the North Shore area. Included in the contract is the potential for Waitakere to enforce the Animal Welfare Act 1999 in the North Shore area. The New Zealand (AWINZ) which is curr
Animal Welfare Act 1999. In or-
forward the following information

In the event of AWINZ being an a
agree to-
(a) Provide the necessary funding

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Yours faithfully

Tom Didovich
Business Unit Manager
North Shore Animal Care and Control

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

The Animal Welfare Institute of New Zealand, ("AWINZ")

AND

Animal Welfare Services of Waitakere City ("the linked organisation").

This agreement is dated this 20th day of January 2004

SIGNED by Thomas Didovich
on behalf of the linked organisation

SIGNED by Neil Edward Wells
on behalf of the Animal Welfare Institute of
New Zealand


ANIMAL
WELFARE
Waitakere


Ian Hall Dr
No Exit
Waitakere City Council
Te Taiao o Waitakere
ANIMAL
WELFARE
OFFICE HOURS
Mon-Fri 8.30am - 4.30pm
Sat 11am - 2pm
Sun 11am - 2pm
KENNEL VIEWING
Mon-Fri 10.30am - 4.15pm
Sat 11am - 2pm
Sun 11am - 2pm
Microchipping
10.30am - 4.15pm
CLOSED ON ALL STATUTORY HOLIDAYS
ROYAL CANIN
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Waitakere Animal Welfare fund

ANIMAL WELFARE
Institute of New Zealand

Waitakere City Council
Te Taiao o Waitakere

June 2006

Dear Animal Supporter

The animals of our Eco City in Waitakere are forever in your debt. The Animal Welfare Institute of New Zealand, established in 1999, is partnering with Waitakere City Council to provide the very best of services for our animals. Did you know that the Animal Welfare officers of Waitakere City are Animal Welfare Inspectors as well as Dog Control Officers. This is unique for any local body and enables us to provide a holistic approach to animal welfare and control in Waitakere

...but we need your help.

We are taking animal welfare to new heights in Waitakere City by moving towards establishing better welfare practices and treatment for the animals in our region. Caring and providing for unwanted, abandoned or abused animals is an expensive exercise. Although we do our best with the current funds available, with your help we could do so much more. Your funds would assist in ensuring that every dog, cat or other companion animal gets the best care including veterinary treatment, vaccinations, health checks and desexing. This would ultimately contribute to reducing the number of unwanted puppies and kittens in the area, and increase the chance of each animal going to a good home.

All of this needs funding and your donation to the Waitakere Animal Welfare Fund, whether large or small, will continue to ensure that our animals get the best.

As well as promoting animal welfare in Waitakere City, the Animal Welfare Institute of New Zealand promotes First Strike ™, the link between early childhood animal cruelty and violence in society, provides animal welfare monitors in movies (The Lord of the Rings, The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe, The Bridge to Terabithia, and Waterhorse), and administers the NZ Fund for Humane Research (Lord Dowding Fund).

Kind regards

Wyn Hoadley QSO
Chairperson
Board of Trustees

☑ **YES, I WILL HELP THE WAITAKERE ANIMAL WELFARE FUND ... here's my donation**

☐ $10 ☐ $25 ☐ $50 ☐ $100 ☐ $250 ☐ $.....other

Name:
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Address: .....
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Phone: .....

MY CHEQUE (*made out to AWINZ*) IS ENCLOSED **OR** PLEASE CHARGE BY CREDIT C

VISA / MASTERCARD / AMEX / DINERS (please indicate)

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Cardholders signature _____ Expiry date ____/____

- Please return this coupon in the envelope provided or post to P.O. Box 60 208 Titirangi, Auckland
- Or call us on 09 836 7777 during office hours.

AWINZ is an "approved organization" under section 121 of the Animal Welfare Act 1999.
All funds from this promotion will be held in trust for animal welfare in Waitakere City.

PO Box 60208
Titirangi 0642
Waitakere
Ph: 09 835 2930

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Institute of New Zealand

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Donations from last year were used to purchase much needed new veterinary equipment. Thank you to all those who supported us in 2006, your donation made a difference in the lives of the animals we care for.

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☐ **$50** ☐ **$25** ☐ **$10** ☐ **$250** ☐ **$100**

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Donations over $5 are eligible for tax deduction.

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Charity details

Legal name of the charity	**The Animal Welfare Institute Of New Zealand**
Other Name	AWINZ

Registration details

Status	Registered
Date	28/09/2007
Registration number	CC11235
IRD Number	Restricted
Annual Return Due Date	31/12/2014

Address for service

Charity's street address	1308 State Highway 3 RD 5 Te Kuiti 3985
Charity's postal address	1308 State Highway 3 RD 5 Te Kuiti 3985

Charity's other details

Phone (day)	07 878 8689
Fax	0
Email	neil.wells@xtra.co.nz
Website	

Charitable purpose

Note: Main sectors, activities and beneficiaries are in brackets

Sectors (Care / protection of animals), Education / training / research,

Areas of Operation

Nationwide

Officers

Officer Name	Effective Date
Neil Edward Wells	27/06/2007
Wyn Norien Hoadley	27/06/2007
Graeme John Coutts	27/06/2007

Past Officers

Officer Name	Past Since
Thomas Stanley Didovich	05/12/2012

Notices of Change

Please note: Some Notices of Change may be listed with an Annual Return number. This is because they were originally added at the same time as the Annual Return. These processes are now considered separate by Charities Services, so are listed separately, but retain their Annual Return number.

Date	Reference
15/03/2010	AR003
10/01/2011	AR004
28/12/2011	NOC002
13/12/2012	AR006
03/01/2014	NOC007

From: Denis Sheard
To: grace@verisure.co.nz
Cc: Mayor Bob Harvey
Subject: AWINZ
Date: Monday, 22 January 2007 1:36:20 p.m.

Ms Haden

I refer to your letter dated 1 December 2006 addressed to Mayor Bob Harvey and the Mayor's reply dated 4 December 2006. I apologise that I have overlooked replying to the two questions asked at the end of your letter. I lost sight of those questions in the lead up to the Christmas break and have only just rediscovered the file following my return to the office from leave.

Waitakere Animal Welfare Fund

A total of $1955 was collected as a consequence of the solicitation of funds at the time of the 2006 dog registrations. Of that sum $170 was paid in cash to the Council and remains held as part of the Council's funds. That money is subject to Council's usual audit controls. The balance of $1755 was paid directly to AWINZ by the donors of that money and was banked into a separate bank account held by AWINZ for that purpose.

AWINZ is a reputable organisation with reputable trustees. The Council has no reason to suspect that the funds held by AWINZ will not be applied to the purpose for which they are held. It is agreed that no funds will be disbursed from the fund for animal welfare purposes by one party without the approval of the other.

From: Neil Wells
Sent: Wednesday, 4 June 2008 10:06 a.m.
To: Fiona Cunningham
Cc: Priya Sundar
Subject: 2008 Appeal Letter.doc
Importance: High

Hi Fiona

Can you OK Bob's message on this fundraising letter please.

Each year we send out a fundraising letter with the dog registration pack and it raises about $5000 which is then spent on extra veterinary equipment for Annimal Welfare: Waitakere.

Wyn Hoadly has asked if Bob would endore her letter as it may lift the donations.

Sorry it's so late but we have to have this printed tomorrow to catch the mailout.

Cheers
Neil

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Neil Wells
MANAGER: ANIMAL WELFARE
WAITAKERE CITY
DDI 09 836 7770
Fax: 09 836 7776
Mobile: 021 981 555

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Inwards Receipts	2008	2007
Donations Received	$ 755	$ 2,820

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

	2008	2007
INSTITUTE FUNDS		
Opening Accumulated Reserves	$ 110,226	$ 119,767
Net Cash Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	-$ 5,078	-$ 9,541
CLOSING BALANCE - ACCUMULATED RESERVES	$ 105,148	$ 110,226
Represented by		
National Bank cheque account	$ 11,936	$ 4,290
National Bank cheque account 02	$ 3,211	$ 2,417
National Bank Term Deposit	$ -	$ 5,311
National Bank Term Deposit (Lord Dowding Fund)	$ 90,000	$ 98,208
NET ASSETS	$ 105,148	$ 110,226

		2009		2008
Inwards Receipts				
Donations Received	$	10,478	$	755

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2009

		2009		2008
Institute funds				
Opening accumulated reserves	$	105,148	$	110,226
Net cash surplus/deficit for the year	$	47,239	$	5,078
CLOSING BALANCE - ACCUMULATED RESERVES	$	57,909	$	105,148
Represented by				
National Bank cheque account	$	10,183	$	11,936
National Bank (Waitakere) account	$	3,726	$	3,211
National Bank Term Deposit (Lord Dowding Fund)	$	44,000	$	90,000
NET ASSETS	$	57,909	$	105,148

		2010		2009
Inwards Receipts				
Donations Received	$	9,200	$	10,478

		2010		2009
Institute funds				
Opening accumulated reserves	$	57,909	$	105,148
Net cash surplus/deficit for the year	$	6,484	$	47,239
CLOSING BALANCE - ACCUMULATED RESERVES	$	51,425	$	57,909
Represented by				
National Bank cheque account	$	1,169	$	10,183
National Bank (Waitakere) account	$	3,975	$	3,726
National Bank Term Deposit	$	46,281	$	44,000
NET ASSETS	$	51,425	$	57,909

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2011

	2011	2010
Inwards Receipts		
Donations Received	$ -	$ 9,200

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2011

	2011	2010
Institute funds		
Opening accumulated reserves	$ 51,425	$ 57,909
Net cash surplus/deficit for the year	$ 1,735	$ 6,484
CLOSING BALANCE - ACCUMULATED RESERVES	$ 53,160	$ 51,425
Represented by		
National Bank cheque account	$ 936	$ 1,169
National Bank (Waitakere) account	$ 4,015	$ 3,975
National Bank Term Deposit	$ 48,209	$ 46,281
NET ASSETS	$ 53,160	$ 51,425

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2012

	2012	2011
Inwards Receipts		

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2011

	2012		2011
Institute funds			
Opening accumulated reserves	$53,160	$	51,425
Net cash surplus/deficit for the year	$1,418	$	1,735
CLOSING BALANCE - ACCUMULATED RESERVES	$54,578	$	53,160
Represented by			
National Bank cheque account	$1,521		
National Bank No 2 account	$4,055		
National Bank Term Deposit	$49,002		
NET ASSETS	$54,578		

	2013	2012
Inwards Receipts		
Balance No 2 account	$ 4,084	$ -

THE ANIMAL WELFARE INSTITUTE OF NEW ZEALAND
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013

	$ 2,013	$ 2,012
Institute funds		
Opening accumulated reserves	$ 54,578	$ 53,160
Net cash surplus/deficit for the year	$ 25,808	$ 1,418
CLOSING BALANCE - ACCUMULATED RESERVES	$ 80,386	
Represented by		
National Bank cheque account	$ 7,330	$ 1,521
National Bank No.2 account	$ -	$ 4,055
National Bank Term Deposit (new)	$ 20,000	$ -
National Bank Term Deposit	$ 53,056	$ 49,002
NET ASSETS	$ 80,386	$ 54,578

From: Grace Haden

January 23, 2014

Dear Auckland Council,
for several years (2006 2007) donations for the Waitakere animal welfare fund were solicited in flyers sent out with the dog registration .

were donations solicited in any other years and Please advise who administered this fund and how the sums collected have been accounted for.

Yours faithfully,

Grace Haden

From: Grace Haden

January 24, 2014

Dear Auckland Council,
with regards to my request re What happend to the waitakere animal welfare fund donations

could uyou also please provide copies of the letter seeking donations sent out in 2008,09 and 2010 I believe that they were sent out with the Paws magazine.

Yours faithfully,

Grace Haden

Auckland Council
Te Kaunihera o Tāmaki Makaurau

12 February 2014

Official Information Request No. 9000127585
(Please quote this in any correspondence)

Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

Re: Donations for Waitakere animal welfare

I refer to your emails, which we received on 24 January 2014, requesting information about donations for Waitakere animal welfare and copies of the letter seeking donations sent out in 2008,2009 and 2010.

As advised in an email to you from Wendy Brandon on 13 February 2013, we refuse your request. We refuse under section 17(h) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

If you are dissatisfied with this response you may complain to the Office of the Ombudsman.

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Yours sincerely

Jazz Singh
Acting General Counsel

From: Wendy Brandon [mailto:Wendy.Brandon@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz]
Sent: Wednesday, 13 February 2013 8:43 a.m.
To: 'Grace Haden'
Subject: RE: Diverted emails urgent lgoima/privacy act request.

Dear Grace

Emails to elected members and other council staff are often filtered to ensure the most efficient use of their time and to ensure that council resources are applied to best effect. Councillors, for example, have dedicated support staff who manage their emails on a daily basis. All of the elected members and senior council staff to whom you write receive large volumes of emails every day. In this situation emails from you to the various and numerous addressees have been blocked to all council addresses except my own since November 2012. You were advised at that time that all correspondence from you will be retained in council records but no reply will be sent. This applies also to all LGOIMA requests, in respect of which a failure to reply is a deemed refusal that may be referred to the office of the Ombudsman by way of complaint.

Please note that there is no legal requirement for emails sent to a council email address to be delivered unfiltered to that or any other particular email address; any email sent to an elected member's email address or any other council officer may be treated as having been received by council for LGOIMA and other official purposes.

Yours sincerely

Wendy Brandon

17 Refusal of requests

(h) that the request is frivolous or vexatious or
that the information requested is trivial.

Why is it that when I park outside the High Court in what has always been a 10 minute parking spot that I get a ticket for not displaying a ticket.

I made a simple error and did not notice that the area had been rezoned. For that I have to be prosecuted.

But when I raise issues such as misappropriation of council funds and the use of council premises for private pecuniary gain that I am continually brushed off.

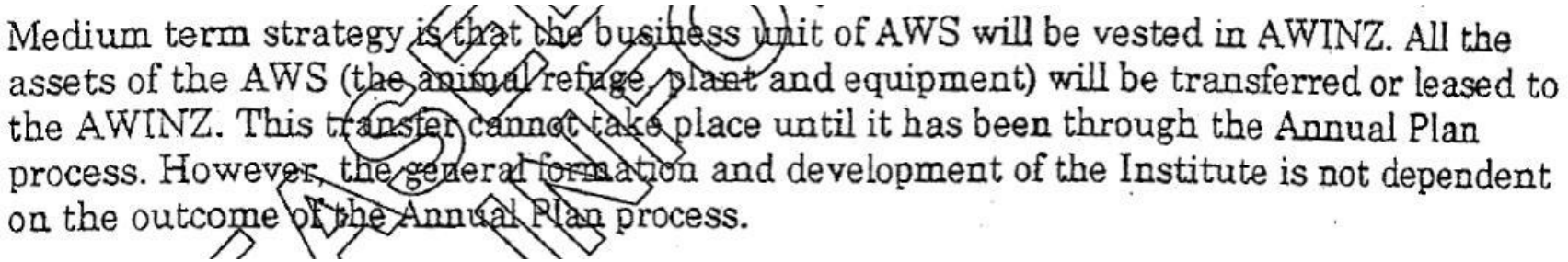
The standards which you enforce on us also apply to you and your employees
There is Nothing trivial about the misappropriation of funds and

There is nothing trivial about the council resources and infra structure being used MAF conducted an independent revue and stated the following

it was at times difficult during the audit to distinguish where the structure of AWINZ finished and where WCC began hence it was at times difficult to separate the AWINZ organisation from that of WCC. For example AWINZ inspectors are not employed by AWINZ but are all employees of WCC page 9 all personnel (including the AWINZ inspectors) based at the WCC animal accommodation facility (48 the concourse) are employees of WCC It must be noted that AWINZ does not have any employees as such , apart from when they contract to the film industry to monitor AW issues, this did lead to some confusion regarding he demarcation between the two organisations . Page 10 Since 2003 no written report has been provided to MAF, page 13 AWINZ inspectors use WCC database. Page 14 the inspectors vehicle was inspected... page 18 Location of audit WCC animal accommodation the concourse

Today questions are being asked with regards to the Use of TVNZ facilities by Labour So why does the use of council premises by a manager for private pecuniary gain get brushed off ?

In an application to the minister for law enforcement powers which were enforced through AWINZ Mr Wells told the minister



Medium term strategy is that the business unit of AWS will be vested in AWINZ. All the assets of the AWS (the animal refuge, plant and equipment) will be transferred or leased to the AWINZ. This transfer cannot take place until it has been through the Annual Plan process. However, the general formation and development of the Institute is not dependent on the outcome of the Annual Plan process.

Mr Didovich wrote to the minister giving consent on behalf of the Waitakere city and North shore city for the use of the staff and infrastructure .

Mr Didovich left and Mr Wells took over his position rebranded the council premises as shown and used the staff to enforce animal welfare law which he as a barrister prosecuted and banked into the awinz accounts which only he administered.

For 8 Years council has condoned this and now when I see that more money is being misappropriated I am being told I am being trivial

This has cost me far too much

It is time council looked at the corruption under their nose.

The fact that it is still being concealed means that Corruption is ongoing.

Corruption = Monopoly

+ Discretion

- Accountability