

**MINUTES OF WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL, CORONATION SQUARE, WAIROA
ON TUESDAY, 4 AUGUST 2020 AT 1.30PM**

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor Craig Little, Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare, Cr Melissa Kaimoana, Cr Danika Goldsack.

IN ATTENDANCE: Steven May (Tumu Whakarae Chief Executive Officer), Kitea Tipuna (Pouwhakarae – Hapori/Whakatūtaki Group Manager Community and Engagement), Gary Borg (Pouwhakarae – Pūtea/Tautāwhi Rangapū Group Manager Finance and Corporate Support), Rubyanne Edwards (Kaiarahi Parongo Tapoi Tourism Information Co-ordinator), Gay Waikawa (Kaiurungi Mana Ārahi Governance Officer), Tyler Trafford-Misson (Kaiurungi Mana Ārahi / Whakawhanake Ōhanga Governance and Economic Development Officer), Roz Thomas (Vision Projects), Alex Powdrell (Vision Projects), Trevor Waikawa (Vision Projects), Katie Bowen (Vision Projects), Rachel Dossor (Vision Projects).

1 KARAKIA

Karakia was given by Kitea Tipuna (Pouwhakarae – Hapori/Whakatūtaki Group Manager Community and Engagement)

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

APOLOGY

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2020/33

Moved: Cr Melissa Kaimoana

Seconded: Cr Danika Goldsack

That the apologies received from Lewis Ratapu and Mo Rongo be accepted and leave of absence granted.

CARRIED

3 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

9.1 Update from Vision Projects (Public Excluded) Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare.

4 CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare made reference to the upcoming announcement for Provincial Growth Funding by Paliamentary Undersecretary Fletcher Tabuteau this coming Friday 7 August 2020.

5 LATE ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

Pakihi Ora Short term work programme to be added as late item, added as general item 8.5

6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A maximum of 30 minutes has been set aside for members of the public to speak on any item on the agenda. Up to 5 minutes per person is allowed. As per Standing Order 14.14 requests to speak must be made to the meeting secretary at least one clear day before the meeting; however this requirement may be waived by the Chairperson.

7 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2020/34**

Moved: His Worship the Mayor Craig Little

Seconded: Cr Melissa Kaimoana

That the minutes [and confidential minutes] of the Ordinary Meeting held on 23 June 2020 be confirmed.

CARRIED

Minutes accepted, no changes required.

8 GENERAL ITEMS**8.1 UPDATE FROM THE GROUP MANAGER COMMUNITY & ENGAGEMENT****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2020/35**

Moved: His Worship the Mayor Craig Little

Seconded: Cr Danika Goldsack

That the Economic Development Committee receives this report.

CARRIED

Kitea Tipuna (Pouwhakarae – Hapori / Whakatūtaki Group Manager Community and Engagement) spoke of two items not included; The Māori economic summit hosted Taiwhenua of Heretaunga which will see Cr Goldsmith and Cr Kaimoana attend, and secondly a quick discussion on PGF funding announcement for Friday as per Chairpersons announcement.

In terms of the report, the Economic Development committee discussed the Wairoa recovery plan, Sarah Tully's appointment as Hawke's Bay Regional Recovery Manager, Minister Peeni Henare's visit, the Mayor's taskforce, and the apprenticeship hui.

Particular discussion was had in regards to Council committing to a specific housing strategy through integration with other local entities.

8.2 UPDATE FROM VISION PROJECTS

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2020/36

Moved: Cr Melissa Kaimoana

Seconded: Cr Danika Goldsack

That the Economic Development Committee receives this report.

CARRIED

Economic Development Committee congratulates Trevor Waikawa on his new position working as part of the Vision Projects team.

Roz Thomas from Vision Projects gave the Economic Development Committee an update on Vision's recent activity however, commercial sensitivity meant that Roz briefly discussed a number of projects including the Urban Design Plan, Library Digital Hub and Wairoa Space Discovery Centre and discussed the above in more depth in Public Excluded.

There was agreement for a 'generic' poster or information board in the windows of the winters building informing the community on where the projects were at.

Cr Danika Goldsack left the Economic Development meeting at 2:08 pm
Quorum was not affected.

8.3 TOURISM AND I-SITE UPDATE

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2020/37

Moved: Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare

Seconded: His Worship the Mayor Craig Little

That the Economic Development Committee receives this report.

CARRIED

Rubyanne Edwards (Kaiarahi Parongo Tapoi Tourism Information Co-ordinator) spoke to her report and gave an interesting update on Wairoa's domestic tourism, noting that Wairoa is a preferred destination in the domestic tourism market and has seen "the third biggest increase in spending in local accommodation providers across New Zealand (up 90.7%) behind Greytown and Martinborough". This is in great contrast to recent social media opinions expressed in regards to falling tourism in Wairoa and the input of Wairoa District Council resources.

Committee expressed that tourism is important to Wairoa however unlike the country as a whole, Wairoa has not been affected to such an extent given our multi industry economy. Our primary industries remained strong throughout COVID. Tautoko Wairoa has played a big part in retail returning to pre COVID levels.

8.4 RETIREMENT VILLAGES ASSOCIATION FORUM PRESENTATION

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2020/38

Moved: Cr Melissa Kaimoana
 Seconded: His Worship the Mayor Craig Little

That Committee receive the report.

CARRIED

This report includes the presentation given by John Collyns from the Retirement Villages Association. It was originally presented at the Council forum on 14 July 2020 and was requested to also come to the Economic Development.

Cr Danika Goldsack returned to the Economic Development meeting at 2:25pm.

8.5 PAKIHI ORA SHORT TERM WORK PROGRAMME

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2020/39

Moved: Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare
 Seconded: Cr Danika Goldsack

That the Economic Development Committee receives this report

CARRIED

Programme was commissioned to help understand the health of our businesses during COVID and to determine what Wairoa District Council could do to assist recovery in the short term.

Discussion as to the business resilience fund and the potential in growing this. Cr Kaimoana noted that this role is not just the Councils but rather a number of different local entities that could potentially contribute.

9 PUBLIC EXCLUDED ITEMS

RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2020/40

Moved: His Worship the Mayor Craig Little
 Seconded: Cr Danika Goldsack

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject matter of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48 for the passing of this resolution
9.1 - UPDATE FROM VISION PROJECTS	s7(2)(b)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the

	information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities	disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7
9.2 - GAIETY THEATRE REPORT	s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7

CARRIED

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2020/41

Moved: Cr Danika Goldsack
 Seconded: Cr Melissa Kaimoana

That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council.

CARRIED

Closing Karakia was given by Kitea Tipuna

The Meeting closed 3:21pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Economic Development Committee Meeting held on 15 September 2020.

.....
CHAIRPERSON