MINUTES OF WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL, CORONATION SQUARE, WAIROA ON TUESDAY, 9 FEBRUARY 2021 AT 1.30PM

- **PRESENT:** His Worship the Mayor Craig Little, Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare, Cr Hine Flood (Deputy Mayor), Cr Danika Goldsack, Cr Jeremy Harker
- **IN ATTENDANCE:** Kitea Tipuna (Tumu Whakarae Taupua Interim Chief Executive), Gary Borg (Pouwhakarae – Pūtea/Tautāwhi Rangapū Group Manager Finance and Corporate Support), Stephen Heath (Pouwhakarae – Hua Pūmau Hapori/Ratonga Group Manager Community Assets and Services), Kimberley Tuapawa (Pouwhakarae – Pārongo/Wheako Kiritaki Group Manager Information and Customer Experience), Simon Mutonhori (Kaiwhakahaere Ratonga Kiritake-Waeture/Customer Service Manager – Regulatory), Lauren Jones (Kaikaute Putea/Financial Accountant), Gay Waikawa (Kaiurungi Mana Arahi/Governance Officer), Courtney Hayward (Kaiurungi Matua Kaupapa Here me te Mana Arahi/Senior Policy and Governance Advisor), Toni Goodlass (HBLASS Programme Manager), Gus Charteris (Manager Economic Development, Giblin Group), David Doole (Kaiurungi Matua Tāke/Senior Rates Officer), Mike Hardie (Kaiwhakahaere Hua Pūmau Huarahi/Transport Asset Manager), Luke Knight (Kaiwhakahaere Rawa Property Manager)

1 KARAKIA

Karakia was given by Mr Kitea Tipuna

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

APOLOGIES

RESOLUTION 2021/02

Moved: His Worship the Mayor Craig Little Seconded: Cr Hine Flood

That the apologies received from Councillors Melissa Kaimoana and Chaans Tumataroa-Clarke be accepted and leave of absence granted.

CARRIED

3 DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

His Worship the Mayor advised that elected members have Register Of Interest

4 CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

5 LATE ITEM OF URGENT BUSINESS

LATE ITEM – CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECRUITMENT

RESOLUTION 2021/03

Moved: Cr Hine Flood Seconded: Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare

That in accordance with Section 46A (7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 the **Item 8.7** – **Chief Executive Officer Recruitment** be considered given the item had not come to hand at the time of Agenda compilation and consideration of this matter is required now in order to respond within the timeframe allowed.

CARRIED

6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

7 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLUTION 2021/04

Moved: Cr Jeremy Harker Seconded: Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare

That the minutes [and confidential minutes] of the Ordinary Meeting held on 1 December 2020, the Extraordinary Meeting held on 15 December 2020, the Extraordinary Meeting held on 22 December 2020 and the Extraordinary Meeting held on 12 January 2021 be confirmed.

CARRIED

8 GENERAL ITEMS

8.6 REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVIEW

RESOLUTION 2021/05

Moved: Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare Seconded: Cr Jeremy Harker

That Council:

- 1. Receives and considers the "Regional Economic Development Review" staff report and the accompanying Giblin Group report *Review of Local Government Investment in Business and Industry Support across the Hawke's Bay Region* dated December 2020.
- 2. Agrees that the decisions to be made are not significant under the criteria contained in Council's adopted Significance and Engagement Policy, and that Council can exercise its

discretion and make decisions on this issue without conferring directly with the community or persons likely to have an interest in the decision.

- 3. Endorses Council participation in the second stage of the review process with a more detailed investigation of the recommendations set out in the Giblin Group report.
- 4. Endorses Council engagement with Treaty Partners and other regional stakeholders on the opportunity to create an enduring Economic Development Delivery Platform with the appropriate scale and mandate to better guide and direct economic development activity to priority areas and issues.
- 5. Supports the opportunity to embed a partnership with Māori in the new Economic Development Delivery Platform.
- 6. Endorses the five Councils' commitment to keeping the Hawke's Bay Business Hub open with the potential assignment of the lease to one of the five Councils.

CARRIED

The Kaiurungi Matua Kaupapa Here me te Mana Ārahi | Senior Policy and Governance Advisor presented the report and reported on this review was commissioned by the five Hawke's Bay councils in August 2020 and stems from a Local Government Act (2002) s.17A requirement to review the cost effectiveness of Council arrangements for delivering services on a periodic basis.

In commissioning the Review, the councils' Chief Executives recognised that there might be opportunities to improve regional coherence of economic development investments and wanted a clearer picture of this in order to inform Long Term Plan processes starting from late 2020. Disruption arising from the Covid-19 pandemic resulted in later commissioning and completion of the review than had been anticipated and therefore there is insufficient time to finalise decisions in response to the review for incorporation in current 2021-2031 Long Term Plan processes.

His Worship the Mayor asked Mr Gus Charteris, Manager Economic Development, Giblin Group to give a quick overview. Mr Charteris advised Council the review found that broadly was offering right kind of services but were not resourcing it effectively and most resources were most subscale and have economic impact on Hawke's Bay.

Big opportunity for Maori in the economic space.

Ms Toni Goodlass advised still waiting on Business Hawke's Bay advise what their business is in terms of winding up and communicating.

Elected members discussed:

- Wairoa had not faired well, to have its own voice and the value it would bring to the community.
 - Stage 2 design of something, consultation needs to come back to the Wairoa community.
- Iwi participation reiterated the Hawke's Bay do not speak for Wairoa

8.1 PROGRESS UPDATE ON LONG TERM PLAN AND DEBRIEF ON COMMUNITY PRE-ENGAGEMENT

RESOLUTION 2021/06

Moved: His Worship the Mayor Craig Little Seconded: Cr Hine Flood

That the Council receive the report.

CARRIED

A progress update on the development of Council's Long-term Plan 2021-31 and Debrief on Council's LTP pre-engagement process was presented.

8.2 ADOPTION OF LONG TERM PLAN FORECASTING ASSUMPTIONS

RESOLUTION 2021/07

Moved: Cr Jeremy Harker Seconded: Cr Danika Goldsack

That Council adopts the 2021-31 LTP forecasting assumptions attached as **Appendix 1** with minor amendments.

CARRIED

A report presenting the 2021-31 Long-term Plan (LTP) forecasting assumptions to Council was presented by the Pouwhakarae – Pārongo/Wheako Kiritaki Group Manager Information and Customer Experience.

8.3 TA TE POUAHUREA MAORI PURONGO / MAORI RELATIONSHIPS MANAGER REPORT

RESOLUTION 2021/08

Moved: Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare Seconded: Cr Jeremy Harker

That Council:

- 1. Receives the report.
- 2. Confirms the selection process of the Māori Standing Committee for the term 2021/2022.
- 3. Confirms the Maori Standing Committee meeting schedule for 2021.
- 4. Change the number of elected members from 2 to 3 in the Maori Standing Committee Terms of Reference.
- 5. Councillor Jeremy Harker be elected as elected member on the Maori Standing Committee.

CARRIED

The report provided information for Council on the selection process of the Wairoa District Council Maori Standing Committee, acknowledgement of outgoing members of the Maori Standing Committee, induction workshop and the Maori Standing Committee meeting schedule for 2021.

8.4 HALF YEAR REPORT TO 31 DECEMBER 2020

RESOLUTION 2021/09

Moved: Cr Jeremy Harker Seconded: Cr Hine Flood

That Council receive the report.

CARRIED

The Pouwhakarae – Pūtea/Tautāwhi Rangapū Group Manager Finance and Corporate Support provided information on Council's performance for the 6 months ended 31 December 2020 and forecast to 30 June 2020.

8.5 UPDATES TO THE REVENUE AND FINANCING POLICY AND RATES REMISSION AND POSTPONEMENT POLICIES

RESOLUTION 2021/10

Moved: Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare Seconded: Cr Hine Flood

That Council:

- A. Adopts the Proposal to Update the Revenue and Financing Policy and Rates Remission and Postponement Policies for Consultation in accordance with the proposed consultation plan.
- B. Adopts the draft updated Revenue and Financing Policy for public consultation
- C. Adopts the draft updated Rates Remissions and Postponement Policies for public consultation
- D. Adopts the draft Rating Policy subject to consultation on the updated Revenue and Financing Policy
- E. Adopts the draft Funding Needs Analysis to inform consultation on the updated Revenue and Financing Policy
- F. Chooses consult under the provisions of section 82 of the Local Government Act 2002 to consult the community on proposed changes to the attached policies.

CARRIED

The Pouwhakarae – Pūtea/Tautāwhi Rangapū Group Manager Finance and Corporate Support spoke to his report and presented an updated Revenue and Financing Policy and Rates Remissions and Postponement policies.

8.7 LATE ITEM – CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECRUITMENT

RESOLUTION 2021/11

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

That Council approve the Chief Executive Performance Review Panel to undertake the Chief Executive Officer recruitment process and appoint an external recruitment agency, to ensure an independent robust and transparent process.

CARRIED

9 RECEIPT OF MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES/ACTION SHEETS

Nil

10 PUBLIC EXCLUDED ITEMS

RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

RESOLUTION 2021/12

Moved: His Worship the Mayor Craig Little Seconded: Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting at 2.55pm

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
10.1 - Infrastructure Strategy and Activity Management Plans	s7(2)(c)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely otherwise to damage the public interest	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

s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities	
	CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2021/13

Moved: Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare Seconded: Cr Hine Flood

That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council at 3.20pm

CARRIED

The Meeting closed at 3.21pm with a karakia by Mr Kitea Tipuna.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 23 March 2021.

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CHAIRPERSON