

**MINUTES OF WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE WAIROA WAR MEMORIAL HALL, QUEEN STREET, WAIROA
ON TUESDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 1.30PM**

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor Craig Little, Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare , Cr Melissa Kaimoana, Cr Danika Goldsack via zoom , Ms Hinenui Tipoki-Lawton

IN ATTENDANCE: **Kitea Tipuna** (Tumu Whakarae | Chief Executive), **Kimberley Tuapawa** (Pouwhakarae – Pārongo/Wheako Kiritaki Group Manager Information and Customer Experience), **Gary Borg** via zoom (Pouwhakarae – Pūtea/Tautāwhi Rangapū | Group Manager Finance and Corporate Support), **Stephen Heath** via zoom (Pouwhakarae – Hua Pūmau Hapori/Ratonga|Group Manager Community Assets and Services), **Courtney Hayward** (Kaiurungi Matua Kaupapa Here me te Mana Ārahi | Senior Policy and Governance Advisor), **Alannah Marshall** (Kaiurungi Mana Ārahi / Whakawhanake Ōhanga |Governance and Economic Development Officer), **Rubyanne Edwards** (Kaiārahi Tāpoi me te Whakawhanake Hapori |Tourism and Community Development Co-ordinator) , Roz Thomas (Vision Projects), Alex Powdrell (Vision Projects)

1 KARAKIA

Karakia was given by Tumu Whakarae Kitea Tipuna.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

APOLOGY

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2021/102

Moved: Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare

Seconded: His Worship the Mayor Craig Little

That the apology received from Mr Moana Rongo be accepted and leave of absence granted.

CARRIED

3 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil.

4 CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair welcomed Hinenui to the Economic Development Committee, Hinenui was recently appointed as the Maori Standing Committee representative.

5 LATE ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

Nil.

6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Nil.

7 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2021/103**

Moved: Cr Melissa Kaimoana

Seconded: His Worship the Mayor Craig Little

That the minutes [and confidential minutes] of the Ordinary Meeting held on 3 August 2021 be confirmed.

CARRIED

8 GENERAL ITEMS**8.1 RECOVERY MANAGER REPORT****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2021/104**

Moved: Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare

Seconded: Cr Melissa Kaimoana

That Committee receive the report and endorse recovery next steps as per 5. Whakamanahia a Te Wairoa

CARRIED

Kaiurungi Matua Kaupapa Here me te Mana Ārahi spoke to her report. Those who attended agreed and congratulated businesses for their resilience and independence during the 2021 Covid-19 Delta outbreak and how they pivoted quickly to provide essential goods within our community.

The committee discussed

- Whakamanahia a Te Wairoa
 - Social Economic Survey
 - Building resilience so we have in place key outcomes with resilience and become more sustainable changes rather than reactive measures to lockdown
 - Seeking funding for a review of effectiveness for the previous recovery completed.
- Business wellbeing during lockdown- assistance Council has provided or can look to provide
- Concern for businesses that cannot open until Level 2
- Comparison of businesses open during Level 4 & 3 to last year
- Social Impacts of lockdowns.
- Vaccinations

It was suggested to look at seeking partners in kind to support our businesses.

The committee is keen to receive regional statistics to review how we can best support business.

8.2 DRAFT BUSINESS SUPPORT PLAN

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2021/105

Moved: His Worship the Mayor Craig Little

Seconded: Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare

The Kaiurungi Mana Arahi/Whakawhanake Ohanga Governance and Economic Development Officer RECOMMENDS that Committee

1. Advises of any changes to the Business Support Plan
2. Endorses the Business Support plan for engagement with the Wairoa Business community

CARRIED

The members were pleased this report came to the table and stated it is well overdue and will make a positive difference for our Wairoa business community.

Engagement will be completed informally as part of Economic Development staff interactions with business during the Tautoko Wairoa campaign.

8.3 GAIETY THEATRE UPDATE

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2021/106

Moved: Cr Danika Goldsack

Seconded: His Worship the Mayor Craig Little

That Committee receive the report.

CARRIED

Thanks was given to the Taiwhenua for purchasing 2,000 movie tickets as part of their giveaway to incentivise Covid-19 vaccinations. This was timely due to the fact the Gaiety theatre had to close for 3 weeks during Covid-19 alert levels 4 & 3.

Prior to lockdown, the Gaiety received positive movement in revenue as a result of the Wairoa Stars recent article advocating and encouraging locals to support local and the Gaiety Theatre.

Members discussed how to look at innovative ways to have the theatre as an essential service type facility.

8.5 TOURISM AND I-SITE UPDATE

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2021/107

Moved: Ms Hinenui Tipoki-Lawton

Seconded: Cr Melissa Kaimoana

That Committee receive the report and provide a letter of support for the intercity bus.

CARRIED

It was confirmed during the meeting that the recent lobby to Government to continue providing funding for Intercity services including the Napier- Wairoa- Gisborne route was successful. The route is currently available 4 days a week and can increase based on demand. Entrada Travel called for support around this matter early this month and confirmed funding is through to 30th November 2021. Members discussed the need to lobby again or be proactive about this matter.

Action Item: To actively keep the committee informed of this situation to ensure the intercity route is maintained at the current level or increases.

Members expressed their concern relating to the Responsible camping fund no longer be available after 2 successful years providing this service in our community. They requested for the joint venture with Rongomaiwahine and Te Wairoa Tapokorau Whanui Trust to hold a meeting to discuss how to keep this going.

Tourism Infrastructure Funding was successful with \$322,820 granted. This will go towards Public toilets in Mahanga and Te Reinga as well as 7 big belly bins within the district. The committee was pleased to receive this information as it provides necessary facilities to attract tourist to our district

Other points discussed included

- FAWC Event tickets on sale
- I site grading review, due to the changing climate of Tourists and Impacts on covid-19 review is been undertaken on I-site NZ to determine new way forward for the network to revitalise and ensure site standards and memberships do not degrade. Without steps to revitalise it would undermine I-site NZ value to Tourism NZ.

8.4 VISION PROJECTS UPDATE

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2021/108

Moved: Cr Melissa Kaimoana

Seconded: Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare

That Committee receive the report.

CARRIED

Roz Thomas gave an update advising construction work has stopped due to Covid lockdown and more work is happening around planning to support that. A key area of focus is working to secure construction supplies as Covid-19 impacts the supply-demand and prices as we already have been

alerted to.

A recent meeting was held with Vision Projects & WDC Finance Team. With the construction phase commencing it brings an increased risk profile which is supported by mitigations. The risk management and financial reporting mechanisms are in place to be ahead of the game and to help develop forecasting and reporting that aligns with Council's Finance Processes.

Item - 8.5 Tourism and I-Site Update - has been moved to another part of the document.

9 PUBLIC EXCLUDED ITEMS

RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare

Seconded: Ms Hinenui Tipoki-Lawton

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting at 2.22pm.

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 - Vision Projects - PE Item	s7(2)(i) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)	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
9.2 - Hawkes Bay Economic Development Review Update	s7(2)(i) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)	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
9.3 - Housing Update (IAF)	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
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COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2021/109

Moved: Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare

Seconded: Cr Melissa Kaimoana

That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council at 3.26.

CARRIED

The Meeting closed at 3.27 with a closing Karakia by Tumu Whakarai Kitea Tipuna .

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Economic Development Committee Meeting held on 26 October 2021.

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CHAIRPERSON