
**MINUTES OF WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL
EXTRAORDINARY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD VIA ZOOM
ON TUESDAY, 30 NOVEMBER 2021 AT 10.00AM**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: **Kitea Tipuna** (Tumu Whakarae | Chief Executive), **Kimberley Tuapawa** (Pouwhakarae – Pārongo/Wheako Kiritaki | Group Manager Information and Customer Experience), **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), **Courtney Hayward** (Kaiwhakahaere Kaupapa Here, Mana Ārahi me te Whakawhanake Ōhanga | Policy, Governance and Economic Development Manager), **Alannah Marshall** (Kaiurungi Mana Ārahi me te Whakawhanake Ōhanga | Governance and Economic Development Officer), Gus Charteris (Via zoom) , Sarah Tully

1 KARAKIA

Karakia was given by Kitea Tipuna Tumu Whakarae | Chief Executive

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

APOLOGY

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2021/112

Moved: His Worship the Mayor Craig Little

Seconded: Mr Moana Rongo

That the apology received from Ms Rawinia Kamau be accepted and leave of absence granted.

CARRIED

3 DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil

4. CHAIRPERSONS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tumu Whakarae Chief Executive provided an update to the committee on how council is responding to support the community and also in terms of business operations given the recent government announcement, confirming as part of the new Traffic Light Covid Protection framework Wairoa will be moving to red. He confirmed that the Business Hub has been proactive and currently offering a covid pass and print service to our community to support whanau who

may struggle to get this completed.

A key point discussed was around the impacts on our local businesses both financial and in terms of transitioning into this framework. Te Tumu Whakarae confirmed he has directed staff to investigate and understand implications for our local businesses. While also looking at the economic impact they face and seeking financial support or funding that may become available. Chairman Cr Eaglesome Karekare agreed and also stated it is important to support local.

Members then discussed Wairoa's current vaccine rates and how it has impacted the government's decision for our district in the new framework. They stated it is important to understand the reasons behind these choices whanau are making when they choose not to get vaccinated, we face a testing time because if we do not get the number before the next review date we could face staying in red over Christmas. . Mr Rongo stated that it is important to have a targeted approach so the necessary wrap around care is provided to help support whanau in our communities to make the choice. Getting information from the District Health board to help identify areas or people could also be of assistance.

4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

5 GENERAL ITEMS

5.1 REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2021/113

Moved: Cr Melissa Kaimoana

Seconded: Cr Danika Goldsack

That Committee

- a) Receives and considers the "Regional Economic Development Review" staff report and accompanying Gus Charteris Consulting report dated November 2021.
- b) Agrees that the recommended option and funding mechanism will not trigger consultation requirements under the Local Government Act 2002 or Council's Significance and Engagement Policy with respect to form/structure, increased investment or delivery model. Council will inform and communicate any agreed changes to the community as part of the 2022-23 Annual Plan, however it will not be a separate consultation topic.
- c) Supports the Stage 2 Review recommendations for priority activities/services and the focus for ratepayer investment in business and industry support.
- d) Supports the establishment of a regional development entity in Hawke's Bay.
- e) Supports the recommended funding split and notes the financial implications for the Wairoa District Council.
- f) Endorses a partnership approach with Hawke's Bay iwi/hapū
- g) Recommends Council's funding contribution be funded through a mix of existing

operational budgets and rates increase, with the increase in the EDA costs be funded fully through rates.

- h) Notes that formal decisions would be subject to the other four Hawke's Bay councils' joint support and endorsement

CARRIED

The background as to why this review was initiated by the five Hawkes Bay Councils was explained to committee.

Hawkes Bay Regional Council have confirmed they support this review, while the other three are yet to hold meetings to confirm their position.

Members went around the table and provided input in regards to supporting this recommendation points as below:

- It is important to keep our voice at regional table
- We must ensure there is targeted work in this organisation that is deliverable and beneficial to Wairoa.
- Direction for this review came from Central government so could impact us if we are not on board.
- Timing is unfortunate, with the impacts of Covid 19- any further increase to rates will affect our ratepayers.

Members recognised this decision would impact rate payers and deeply considered the funding options tabled. It was also suggested that Council needs to consider improving its processes so we are known as a district that is easy to purchase and build this will share the load for ratepayers. Members wanted to make sure that the community was informed with this decision and that it also delivers benefits to our community. The original recommendation was updated to reflect this

Sarah Tully explained that governance of this is not confirmed however it will compromise of Local Government Iwi and Businesses, an advisory group would work to support the transition process and forming of this. Members said that support of this would only come if we a guaranteed a place on the table. It was suggested that considerable work will need to happen with the implementation of this showing key output and outcome framework and that is the opportunity to ensure it delivers for Wairoa.

The Meeting closed 10.52am with a closing karakia by Kitea Tipuna.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Extraordinary Economic Development Committee Meeting held on 7 December 2021.

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CHAIRPERSON