

**MINUTES OF WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL CHAMBER, QUEEN STREET, WAIROA
ON TUESDAY, 15 FEBRUARY 2022 AT 1.30PM**

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor Craig Little, Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare, Cr Melissa Kaimoana (via zoom) , Cr Danika Goldsack, Mr Moana Rongo, Ms Rawinia Kamau (via zoom arrived 1.55pm)

IN ATTENDANCE: **Kitea Tipuna** (Tumu Whakarae | Chief Executive), **Simon Mutohori** (Pouwhakarae-Whakamahere me te Waeture | Group Manager-Planning & Regulatory Services) **Courtney Hayward** (Kaiwhakahaere Kaupapa Here, Mana Ārahi me te Whakawhanake Ōhanga | Policy, Governance and Economic Development Manager), **Kylie Bradley** (Kaiarataki Ratonga Pātaka Pukapuka | Library Services Team Leader), **Jonny Hardie** (Kaiwhakahaere Kaupapa – Whaipainga | Project Manager – Infrastructure), **Rubyanne Edwards** (Kaiarataki Tāpoi me te Whakawhanake Hapori | Tourism and Community Development Team Leader), **Latoya Tipuna** (Kaiurungi Whakawhanake Hapori | Community Development Officer) , **Alannah Marshall** (Kaiurungi Mana Ārahi me te Whakawhanake Ōhanga | Governance and Economic Development Officer), **Clare Easton** (Haumako), **Phil Beatie** (via Haumako / Tātau Tātau o Te Wairoa , **Jamie Cox** (Cox professionals), **Roz Thomas** (Vision Projects), **Suzi Lewis** (Vision Projects) , **Rachel Dossor** (Vision Projects), **Cameron Osmond** (MBIE), **Kate Jeffered** (MBIE)

1 KARAKIA

A Karakia timatanga was given by Tumu Whakarae Kitea Tipuna

PUBLIC EXCLUDED LATE ITEM 9.1 TE WAIROA E WHANAKE UPDATE

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/125

Moved: Cr Danika Goldsack

Seconded: Mr Moana Rongo

That the report Te Wairoa e Whanake be received as a late item.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/126**

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 at 1.33pm.

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
8.1 - Te Wairoa E Whanake Update	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 2022/127

Moved: His Worship the Mayor Craig Little

Seconded: Mr Moana Rongo

That Council moves out of Closed Council at 2.08pm into Open Council.

CARRIED

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**APOLOGY****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/128**

Moved: Cr Melissa Kaimoana

Seconded: Cr Danika Goldsack

That the apology received from Ms Hinenui Tipoki-Lawton be accepted and leave of absence granted.

CARRIED

3 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil

4 CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Zealand will move to Phase 2 of the Government's Omicron response from 11.59pm on Tuesday February 15.

5 LATE ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

This item was moved to another part of the meeting.

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 2022/129**

Moved: His Worship the Mayor Craig Little

Seconded: Cr Melissa Kaimoana

That the minutes [and confidential minutes] of the Ordinary Meeting held on 7 December 2021 be confirmed.

CARRIED

8 GENERAL ITEMS**8.1 UPDATE ON LIBRARY ARCHIVES REDEVELOPMENT****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/130**

Moved: Ms Rawinia Kamau

Seconded: Cr Melissa Kaimoana

That the Committee receive the report.

CARRIED

It has been confirmed that the funding for the development of the preliminary plans for the project has been approved. First light foundation and Pam Torbett Trust have committed to half each of the \$70,00.00 work

In addition to that, further funding has been received to help pay cultural artist Dr Sandy Adsett.

Members of the committee and the Project team are very pleased as this takes the pressure off ratepayers and allows this work to continue.

Early-stage concept designs were also presented Project team are working on how to engage with the public on these early designs.

Chair Eaglesome-Karekare is extremely excited and looks forward to the Library green being referred to its original name Manuka nui pa.

8.2 UPDATE ON REGIONAL DIGITAL HUB

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/131

Moved: Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare

Seconded: Mr Moana Rongo

That Committee receive the report.

CARRIED

The Business Hub has been open for a year now and continues to provide technology access and courses so people can build their digital confidence. The demand is there and staff are currently exploring options on how to bring the service to our rural communities

The Library will operate under a click and collect service during phase 2 Omicron response, Digital Hub staff are moving courses online for those that have the capability to attend offsite.

8.3 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/132

Moved: His Worship the Mayor Craig Little

Seconded: Cr Danika Goldsack

That the Committee receive the report.

CARRIED

Key Points discussed

- Phase 2 Omicron, Council staff will contact local businesses to “check-in”
- A project brief is currently been outlined for the Almond Feasibility study for the region on behalf of stakeholders including WDC
- BNZ meet with Council staff and updated the team on services they can provide, Committee members agreed that Kiwibank is the only physical branch still offering services to our town and that we need to lobby Kiwibank for improved service.
- MTFJ continues to be successful and has been selected as a pilot Council for partnership with Outward bound, this will be of great interest for locals who are looking to apply within

the defence force. As completion of attending Outward bound provides a higher chance of being accepted

8.4 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM UPDATE

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/133

Moved: Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare

Seconded: Cr Danika Goldsack

That the Committee receives these reports.

CARRIED

Intercity services are now back to 4 days a week after running at 7 days over the Christmas period.

Vaccination drives “Super Saturday” is now completed, Kahungunu Executive showed appreciation of the support by contributing towards the Isite budget, members acknowledge Kaiaarataki Tapoi me te Whakawhanake Hapori for her work in this.

Food and wine classic is tentative due to Covid 19, a workshop was held to discuss the future of the event and how can it continue with the ongoing uncertainties the events industry face.

8.5 GAIETY THEATRE UPDATE

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2022/134

Moved: Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare

Seconded: Ms Rawinia Kamau

That the Committee receive the report.

CARRIED

Volunteers to support the operation of the Gaiety theatre is desperately required.

Delays with the distribution of movies continue to impact advertised screening times. Staff are working with distributors to improve this service.

9 PUBLIC EXCLUDED ITEMS

This item was moved to another part of the meeting

The Meeting closed at 2.53pm with a closing karakia by Tumu Whakarae Kitea Tipuna.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Economic Development Committee Meeting held on 29 March 2022.

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CHAIRPERSON