

**MINUTES OF WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL
STRATEGY, WELLBEING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL, CORONATION SQUARE, WAIROA
ON TUESDAY, 21 MAY 2024 AT 10:00 AM**

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor Craig Little, Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare, Cr Jeremy Harker, Cr Roslyn Thomas, Mr Sam Jackman, Kimberley Bell

IN ATTENDANCE: **Kitea Tipuna** (Tumu Whakarae | Chief Executive), Michael **Hardie** (Pouwhakarae – Hua Pūmau | Group Manager Assets and Infrastructure), **Juanita Savage** (Pouwhakarae Rātonga Hapori me te Whakawhanake | Group Manager Community Services and Development), **Heather Johnson** (Governance Support), **Austin King** (Community Engagement Manager),

1 KARAKIA

The opening karakia was given by the Chief Executive, Kitea Tipuna.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Nil.

3 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Conflicts to be declared as the agenda progresses.

Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare noted a possible perceived conflict of interest in regard to Item 8.3 - Community Services and Development Group Update- Story Telling Trail.

4 CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair acknowledged the passing of Virginia Mikara.

5 LATE ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

Nil.

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 2024/176

Moved: His Worship the Mayor Craig Little

Seconded: Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare

That the minutes [and confidential minutes] of the Ordinary Meeting held on 23 April 2024 be confirmed.

CARRIED

Action items update:

- Building appearances etc exploratory work underway.
- Relocation and signage update to be provided later in the meeting.
- Gaiety Theatre business advertising on the screen is going.

8 GENERAL ITEMS

8.1 LIBRARY ACTIVITY UPDATE

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2024/177

Moved: Mr Sam Jackman

Seconded: His Worship the Mayor Craig Little

The Kaiwhakahaere Ratonga Pātaka Pukapuka | Library Services Manager RECOMMENDS that Committee receive the report.

CARRIED

Report taken as read with the following points noted:

- Change to the frequency of the library reporting.
- Library usage statistics showing a positive trend.

8.2 WAIROA LIBRARY - NAME REVIEW

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2024/178

Moved: Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare

Seconded: Mr Sam Jackman

The Pouwhakarae - Rātonga Hapori me te Whakawhanake | Group Manager Community Services & Development RECOMMENDS that Committee present to Council preferred proposed name options for the Wairoa Library.

CARRIED

Report taken as read with the following key points noted:

- Mana whenua looking at ways to acknowledge the historical importance of Wairoa.
- Proposed library name change to Manukanui, noting that community consultation will be key to progressing this mahi.
- First step should be to develop the cultural pou, followed by promotion of the name

change by referring to the Library Green as Manukanui Green. Noted was the significance of the libraries current name Wairoa Centennial Library and the importance of not losing the history when considering a name change.

8.3 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT GROUP UPDATE

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2024/179

Moved: Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare

Seconded: Mr Sam Jackman

The Pouwhakarae - Rātonga Hapori me te Whakawhanake | Group Manager Community Services & Development RECOMMENDS that Committee receive the report.

CARRIED

The Community Services and Development update was presented with the following noted:

Gaiety Theatre –

- Current financial reports unavailable at the time of this meeting.
- Meeting scheduled with the Property Manager and Property owner to discuss the rent renewal.

Hawke's Bay Chamber of Commerce -

- Impending visit to Wairoa with a focus of reconnecting businesses with the chamber and building relationships.

Story Telling Trail -

- Work programme to be developed for the project along with identification of sites.
- Elected members discussed the need to include all ethnicities when developing the Wairoa story.
- Takitimu story needs to be told as a significant piece of history for Wairoa.
- Manukanui pou site could be the start place for the trail and catalyst for the proposed Library Green name change.
- Funding may be required for this project.
- Office space for the project offered by Cr Harker.

External funding -

- All boards need to know about the funding available to ensure that this is not a missed opportunity for those requiring assistance.
- Community hub needs to be identified for community access.

Economic Development -

- Local providers should have consideration in assisting contractors with local works noting that this is currently being carried out by external providers. It was noted that Wairoa needs ongoing growth and that buying and employing local will assist with this. The recent workshop on waste management highlighted employment opportunities should Wairoa

District Council proceed with a change management process for waste.

Welcome to Wairoa signage -

- The committee discussed the aesthetics and positioning of current and new Wairoa signage agreeing that this project needs further work. Reduction in Crown tourist funding will have a detrimental effect on Wairoa and other smaller communities.

Wairoa Star -

- Shareholder meeting (organised by NZME) scheduled for June 5 with third party discussions underway, noting that some parts of the business have moved to new sites.

Procurement -

- The council has looked at how to support local businesses by buying local acknowledging it is the balance between ensuring value in spend via the AOG contract and supporting local businesses.

RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

MOTION

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2024/180

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 11.17am.

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
- Wairoa Library	s7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons	s7(2) - Subject to sections 6, 8 and 17, this section applies if, and only if, the withholding of the information is necessary to

CARRIED

MOTION

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2024/181

Moved: His Worship the Mayor Craig Little

Seconded: Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare

That Committee moves out of Closed Committee into Open Committee at 11:28am.

CARRIED

The Meeting closed at 11.29am with a closing karakia given by His Worship the Mayor Craig Little.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Strategy, Wellbeing and Economic Development Committee Meeting held on 16 July 2024.

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CHAIRPERSON