

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, 18 FEBRUARY 2025 AT 10:00 AM

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor Craig Little, Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare, Cr Jeremy Harker, Cr Roslyn Thomas, Mr Moana Rongo (via zoom)

IN ATTENDANCE: **Kitea Tipuna** (Tumu Whakarae | Chief Executive), **Gary Borg** (Pouwhakarae – Pūtea/Tautāwhi Rangapū | Group Manager Finance and Corporate Support), **Juanita Savage** (Pouwhakarae Rātonga Hapori me te Whakawhanake | Group Manager Community Services and Development), **Kate Standing** (Executive Principal | Office of the Mayor/Office of the Chief Executive), **Te Aroha Cook** (Kaiaarataki Whakaoranga I Recovery Manager), **Hinemoa Hubbard** (Kaiurungi Mana Arahi | Governance Officer), **Michelle Warren** (Kaiurungi Hauora, Haumaru me te Oranga | Health, Safety and Wellbeing Officer), **Jerz Waiwai** (ISite & Gaiety Theatre Manager), **Kiriwera Cotter** (Kaiurungi Whakawhanake Hapori | Community Development Officer), **Austin King** (Community Engagement Manager), **Karla Hogan** (Kaitohutohu Pūtea me ngā Kirimana | Funding and Contracts Advisor), **Cultural Trail Project Team:** Aoterangi Cotter, Moana Crawford, Raven Hema, Gabriella Kopacikova, Matteo Garbagnati

1 KARAKIA

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

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2025/182

Moved: His Worship the Mayor Craig Little

Seconded: Cr Roslyn Thomas

That the apologies received from Sue Wilson, Seenie Kahukura, Erena Hammond and Terence Maru be accepted and leave of absence granted.

CARRIED

3 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil.

4 CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nil.

5 LATE ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

Nil.

6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The project team for the Wairoa Cultural Trail spoke at length on the project's progress to date.

7 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2025/183

Moved: Cr Jeremy Harker

Seconded: His Worship the Mayor Craig Little

That the minutes and confidential minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 3 December 2024 be confirmed.

CARRIED

8 GENERAL ITEMS

8.1 FUNDING - ORGANISATION OVERVIEW

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2025/184

Moved: Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare

Seconded: Cr Roslyn Thomas

The Committee receives the report.

CARRIED

Mr Rongo joined at 10:28am.

The Funding and Contracts Advisor introduced the report, highlighting challenges in accessing project information due to internal communication issues.

8.2 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2025/185

Moved: Cr Jeremy Harker

Seconded: His Worship the Mayor Craig Little

The Committee receives the report.

CARRIED

The Community and Engagement Manager briefly introduced this report.

The committee noted:

- Concerns about the industry analysis being misleading, as Wairoa's economic performance within the report appears low. Members suggested adding a graph to better reflect industry distribution across Hawkes Bay.
- Sectors like forestry operate with an external workforce and transport resources out of the district, limiting local GDP contribution.

9 PUBLIC EXCLUDED ITEMS

RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2025/186

Moved: Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare

Seconded: Mr Mo Rongo

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting at 10:57am.

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 - Gaiety Theatre	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 2025/187

Moved: Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare

Seconded: Cr Jeremy Harker

That the Committee moves out of Closed Council into Open Council at 11:31am.

CARRIED

The Meeting closed at 11:48am with a closing karakia given by the Chief Executive, Kitea Tipuna.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Strategy, Wellbeing and Economic Development Committee Meeting held on 15 April 2025.

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CHAIRPERSON