



Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Economic Development Committee

10.00am Wednesday 3 February 2016 held in the Council Chamber, Wairoa District Council, Coronation Square, Wairoa.

Present: Councillor D Eaglesome-Karekare (Chair)

His Worship the Mayor Mr C Little, Councillor Harker

B Kenyon (Chairman of Te Matarae o Te Wairoa Trust)

F Power (Chief Executive Officer)

J Cox (Engineering Manager)

H Montgomery (Chief Operating Officer)

J Baty (Corporate Services Manager)

R Thomas (Economic Development Officer)

K Bowen (Economic Development Officer)

J George (Tourism Manager)

C McGimpsey (Governance Advisor and Policy Strategist)

Procedural Items

1. Election of Chairman

Resolved: *That Councillor D Eaglesome-Karekare be elected as Chair of the Economic Development Committee*

Little/Harker

2. Election of Deputy Chairman

Resolved: *That Councillor Harker be elected as Deputy Chairman of the Economic Development Committee*

Little/Eaglesome-Karekare

3. Civic Prayer

The civic prayer was given by the Corporate Services Manager

4. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Maori Standing Committee Representative Mr P Kelly.

5. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

None.

6. Chairman's Announcements

None

7. Items of Urgent Business not on the Agenda

None

8. Public Participation

None

9. Terms of Reference & Membership of the Committee

The Maori Standing Committee have nominated Mr P Kelly as their representative.

The Te Mataarae o Te Wairoa Trust have not formally nominated a representative at a Trust meeting. The Trust will advise the committee when this has taken place.

The committee discussed the options for co-opting members and iwi participation in the committee.

<u>Resolved:</u>	<i>That the Maori Standing Committee Representative on the Committee is Mr P Kelly and that the Te Mataarae o Te Wairoa Trust representative is the Chairman of the Trust.</i>
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Eaglesome-Karekare/Little

10. Te Mataarae o Te Wairoa Trust update

The Chairman of Te Mataarae o Te Wairoa Trust gave an overview to the Committee of the projects the Trust was currently working on.

- Main focus has been running the Gaiety Theatre – the Long River Swing concert was successful
- They have been involved in helping the HBRC on a study about iwi and land use in the district
- Biggest success story - business mentoring programme (Icehouse)
- The Trust is looking to extend its membership in the next 6 months to include an additional 2 trustees as part of succession planning

11. Workshop: Draft Economic Development Strategy

The Economic Development Officers gave an overview of the draft Economic Development Strategy, including the data included in the strategy from Infometrics.

The committee discussed:

- Boundary signs
- Increased HBRC economic development budget – Wairoa currently do not benefit from this
- Wairoa Airport
- Relationship with Tourism Eastland
- Infrastructure requirements to meet desired outcomes

- Lobbying central government to provide funding for projects and basic requirements e.g. adequate health care facilities
- How could support “Fit-to-Work” initiatives
- Business Hub in Napier
- Wairoa’s contribution to GDP - \$360million

12. Workshop: Draft Tourism Strategy

The Economic Development Officers gave an overview of the draft Tourism Strategy.

The committee discussed:

- Bilingual signage and translation issues
- Consistency of signage throughout district
- Importance of tourism to New Zealand’s economy
- Including the job numbers associated with tourism and the projected growth
- Potential of the Wairoa County Club

There being no further General Business Councillor Eaglesome-Karekare declared the meeting closed.

CLOSED: The meeting closed at **11.52am.**

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Chair