



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING OF WESTLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 36 WELD STREET, HOKITIKA AND VIA ZOOM ON TUESDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2021 COMMENCING AT 3.00 PM

The Committee Meeting was live streamed to the Westland District Council Youtube Channel and presentations were made available on the Council website.

1. MEMBERS PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

Chairperson	His Worship the Mayor	
Members	Cr Davidson	
	Cr Hart	Cr Martin
	Kw Madgwick	J. Birnie, Economic Development Manager, Development West Coast
	P. Cuff, Chairman, Westroads	J. Conroy, Chai, Westland Holdings Limited (via Zoom)

NGĀ WHAKAPAAHA APOLOGIES

Cr Keogan and Kw Tumahai

ABSENT

Nil

Moved Cr Hart, seconded Peter Cuff and **Resolved** that the apologies from Cr Keogan and Kw Tumahai be received and accepted.

STAFF PRESENT

S.R. Bastion, Chief Executive; L. Crichton, Group Manager: Corporate Services; L. Sparks, Group Manager District Assets; T Cook, Regulatory Services Manager (via Zoom); D. Maitland; Executive Assistant and Minute Secretary; E. Rae, Strategy and Communications Advisor.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Chris Purchas, Senior Environmental Consultant, Tonkin + Taylor Environmental and Engineering consultancy.

2. WHAKAPUAKITANGA WHAIPĀNGA DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Interest Register had been circulated via Microsoft Teams and available on the Council Chambers table. There were no changes to the Interest Register noted.

3. NGĀ TAKE WHAWHATI TATA KĀORE I TE RĀRANGI TAKE URGENT ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were no urgent items of business not on the Committee Agenda.

4. **NGĀ MENETI O TE HUI KAUNIHERA MINUTES OF MEETINGS**

The Minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated separately via Microsoft Teams.

- **Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes – 29 October 2020**

Moved Cr Davidson, seconded Jo Birnie and **Resolved** that the Minutes of the Economic Development Committee Meeting held on the 29 October 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

The Chair approved that his digital signature be added to the confirmed Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes of the 29 October 2020.

5. **ACTION LIST**

The Action List was reviewed and the Chief Executive provided the following updates:

- **Development West Coast – resilience to the region**

The Lifelines Group have met to discuss resilience to the region, and a list of provisional items for across the West Coast has been drafted which will cover transport, communications and power. This is currently with Emergency Management West Coast to take to the Lifelines Group, and will come back to the Economic Development Committee.

- **Hokitika Airport – Masterplan work**

The next step in visualising the Hokitika Airport Masterplan work is waiting for the building extension to be confirmed, with a site visit thereafter.

- **PGF and Shovel Ready Projects**

Cr Martin asked that the Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) and Shovel Ready projects be added to the action list going forward.

Moved Cr Hart, seconded Cr Davidson and **Resolved** that the updated Action List be received and that the PGF projects, including an update on Shovel Ready Projects, be added to the action list going forward.

6. **NGĀ TĀPAETANGA PRESENTATIONS**

- **Go Kart Street Racing**

Alan Giles, Westland Go Kart Club provided a verbal update regarding a possible Go Kart street sprint event to be held on a Saturday in January 2022. The event circuit would be in the streets bounded by Gibson Quay, Sewell Street, Hamilton Street, Tancred Street, Camp Street, and Wharf Street back to Gibson Quay. Mr Giles is seeking support from the local community and the Mayor for the proposed event in January 2022.

Moved Peter Cuff, seconded Jo Birnie and **Resolved** that the Committee receive the verbal presentation from Alan Giles, Westland Go Cart Club, and that a letter of support in principle for the proposed event in January 2022 be provided by the Mayor.

- **New Zealand Institute for Minerals to Materials Research - Future Economic Drivers**

Mike Meehan, Chief Executive, New Zealand Institute for Minerals to Materials Research was unable to provide a presentation to the Committee.

The following items were taken out of order to the Agenda papers:

7. PŪRONGO KAIMAHI STAFF REPORTS

- **Franz Josef and Fox Community – Destination Management**

His Worship the Mayor advised that he had asked this matter to be placed on the Agenda to discuss what the Committee can do to help formulate a plan going forward for the future of Franz Josef and Fox Glacier. It would be timely to get a group in place to look at the forward position of rebranding Franz Josef and Fox Glacier, perhaps moving away from Glacier Country and focusing more on the World Heritage status. The Council needs to determine where it sits and how it can assist on the way forward in collaboration with interested parties.

Jo Birnie advised that Development West Coast are currently working on destination management planning processes for the whole region.

Moved Jo Birnie, seconded Cr Martin and **Resolved** that the Committee receive the verbal update from His Worship the Mayor and the item regarding Franz Josef and Fox Glacier be added to the action listing going forward.

6. NGĀ TĀPAETANGA PRESENTATIONS cont.

- **Provincial Growth Fund**

Warren Gilbertson, Principal Regional Advisor (South Island), Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment (MBIE) advised that there has not been any news on what Provincial Growth Fund (2) PGF 2 support for the region looks like; and that there are no Shovel Ready Projects in Westland that are of concern to MBIE.

His Worship the Mayor asked that the Group Manager: District Assets email the Committee the full list of PGF projects and the status update.

Moved Cr Hart, seconded Cr Davidson and **Resolved** that the Committee receive the verbal update from Warren Gilbertson, Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment.

7. PŪRONGO KAIMAHI STAFF REPORTS cont.

- **3 Waters Project (Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Services)**

Chris Purchas, Senior Environmental Consultant, Tonkin + Taylor Environmental and Engineering consultancy spoke to a Powerpoint presentation regarding the 3 Waters Project update.

Topics covered included:

- Establishment of a new water services regulator - Taumata Arowai
- Service delivery changes/review, prioritising funding, capacity and capability to deliver improvements
- 3 Waters funding
- Water Services Bill
- Reform objectives
- Enable Tikanga Māori and Te Mana o te Wai
- Three Waters Services delivery reform programme (strategy and timeline)
- Affordability
- Key issues for service delivery across the three local authorities on the West Coast
- Objectives for 3-waters service delivery
- Next steps to complete the further analysis of the impact of a super regional CCO.

Moved Peter Cuff, seconded Cr Davidson and **Resolved** that the Committee receive the Powerpoint presentation from Chris Purchas, Tonkin + Taylor regarding 3 Waters (Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Services) Project Update.

- **Westland District 2020 Economic Profile/Infometrics Update**

Jo Birnie, Economic Development Manager, Development West Coast provided a verbal update on the Westland District 2020 Economic Profile/Infometrics update.

Topics covered included:

- Infometrics released to March 2020 showed that the GDP in the West Coast was up 2% from the year earlier
- Growth of the GPD
- Diverse economy is really important
- Future is uncertain with the effects of COVID-19.
- The Glacier region attracted 21% of international visitors to New Zealand. Currently looking at how to get to the domestic market.
- House prices are up.
- Unemployment on the West Coast is lower than the rest of New Zealand.

Moved Cr Davidson, seconded Cr Hart and **Resolved** that the the Committee receive the verbal update from Jo Birnie, Economic Development Manager, Development West Coast on the Westland District 2020 Economic Profile/Infometrics.

8. KA MATATAPU TE WHAKATAUNGA I TE TŪMATANUI RESOLUTION TO GO INTO PUBLIC EXCLUDED

(to consider and adopt confidential items)

Moved Cr Martin, seconded Jo Birnie and **Resolved** that the Economic Development Committee confirm that the public were excluded from the meeting in accordance with Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 at 4.39 pm.

The general subject of the matters to be considered while the public are excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of the resolution are as follows:

Item No.	General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
1.	Confidential Minutes – 29 October 2020	Good reasons to withhold exist under Section 7	That 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 or withholding exists. Section 48(1)(a)
2.	Hokitika Airport Lease Transfer	Good reasons to withhold exist under Section 7	That 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 or withholding exists. Section 48(1)(a)
3.	Perennial Energy Ltd – Kiwi Hydrogen Ltd	Good reasons to withhold exist under Section 7	That 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 or withholding exists. Section 48(1)(a)
4.	South Westland Economic Survey (DWC)	Good reasons to withhold exist under Section 7	That 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 or withholding exists. Section 48(1)(a)

This resolution is made in reliance on sections 48(1)(a) and (d) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interests or interests protected by section 7 of that Act, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

Item No.	Interest
1, 2	Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) (Section 7(2)(i))
2, 3, 4	Protect information where the making available of the information: (ii) would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information (Section 7(2)(b))
2	Maintain legal professional privilege (Section 7(2)(g))

Moved Cr Davidson, seconded Cr Hart and **Resolved** that the business conducted in the 'Public Excluded Section' be confirmed and accordingly, the meeting went back to the open part of the meeting at 5.40 pm.

**DATE OF NEXT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING – 18 MAY 2021
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 36 WELD STREET, HOKITIKA AND VIA ZOOM**

MEETING CLOSED AT 5.40 PM

Confirmed by:

**His Worship the Mayor – Bruce Smith
Chair**

Date: 18.05.21