



# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, WESTLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL, HELD VIA ZOOM ON TUESDAY 19 MAY 2020 COMMENCING AT 3.00 PM

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### 1. MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairperson	His Worship the Mayor	
<b>Committee Members</b>	Cr Davidson	Cr Hart
	Cr Keogan	Cr Martin
	Kw Madgwick	Kw Tumahai
<b>Also in Attendance</b>	Nil	
<b>Ngā Whakapaaha Apologies</b>	Nil	

### STAFF PRESENT

S.R. Bastion, Chief Executive; L. Sparks, Group Manager: District Assets; L. Crichton, Group Manager: Corporate Services; F. Scadden, Planning and Customer Services Manager; D.M. Maitland, Executive Assistant and Committee Secretary; E. Rae, Strategy and Communications Advisor; Te Aroha Cook, Regulatory Services Manager.

### 2. WHAKAPUAKITANGA WHAIPĀNGA DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Interest Register had been circulated via Microsoft Teams. There were no changes to the Interest Register noted.

### 3. NGĀ MENETI O TE HUI KAUNIHERA MINUTES OF MEETING

The Minutes of the Economic Development Committee Meeting held on the 21 January 2020 had been circulated separately via Microsoft Teams.

Moved Cr Keogan, seconded Cr Martin and **Resolved** that the Minutes of the Inaugural Economic Development Committee Meeting, held on the 21 January 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

### 4. ACTION LIST

The Chief Executive spoke to the Action List as follows:

- West Coast Wilderness Trail – Installation of iron rangers on the cycle trail. This item had already been reviewed and will not be pursued.
- NZTA - representative to be invited to attend the 28 May Council Meeting.
- Development West Coast – Mayor and Chief Executive to meet with Development West Coast regarding resilience for the region.
- Hokitika Airport Terminal upgrade – this item has been included in the “Shovel Ready Projects” application for funding.

- Hokitika Airport Masterplan – a presentation to be undertaken on the Masterplan at a future date.

Moved Cr Martin, seconded Cr Davidson and **Resolved** that the Action List be received and the following items be removed from the list:

- Powering up Aotearoa – New Zealand’s Regional Report.
- Hokitika Museum and Cultural Heritage Project.
- West Coast Wilderness Trail – installation of iron rangers.
- GNS Science Report.
- Development West Coast – meeting with the Mayor and Chief Executive regarding resilience for the region.

## **5. NGĀ TĀPAETANGA PRESENTATIONS**

### **5.1 Crown Infrastructure Partners - Digital Connectivity in Westland**

Graham Mitchell, CEO and Nick Manning, GM Government and Industry Affairs, Crown Infrastructure Partners attended the meeting and provided a Powerpoint presentation with an update on broadband and mobile connectivity in the Westland District as follows:

- Westland has secured a large amount of PGF funding for connectivity.
- Construction of 9 new mobile towers, \$64m invested into digital connectivity in Westland.
- PGF Marae digital connectivity programme.
- A total of approximately 180 kms of mobile coverage will be deployed on State Highway black spots by 2023.
- Construction of a fibre link from Fox Glacier to Hawea will commence shortly.
- There are 13 mobile towers planned to be built on the fibre link.

### **5.2 Development West Coast**

Heath Milne, Chief Executive Officer, Development West Coast (DWC) attended the meeting and provided a verbal update regarding the broader activities of Development West Coast since the COVID-19 crisis and the recent activity that has come as a result of the budget as follows:

- Actively engaging with local businesses at the present time.
- Campaign for promotional deals on the DWC website – tourism promotion.
- Promotional campaign starting to target Nelson/Canterbury areas bringing people to the West Coast.
- Economic Recovery Group has been formed with various stakeholders to plan the future. The group will look at the destination management strategy and what the tourism industry looks like in the future and what can potentially be changed.
- Re-employment Group to bring displaced people into alternative work.

- Infrastructure project work that Councils have in front of Central Government for assessment.
- DWC will have a staff member based in each District for part of the week going forward.

### **5.3 Provincial Growth Fund**

Penny Bicknell, Principal Regional Advisor, West Coast, Regional Development Branch, Provincial Development Unit attended the meeting and provided a Powerpoint presentation regarding projects funded from the Provincial Growth Fund for the West Coast as follows:

- Status of the PGF projects and Tourism Infrastructure Funding.
- Four projects will be announced shortly.
- PGF Criteria - Post COVID-19
  - Jobs, velocity, visibility
    - Creating permanent jobs.
    - Construction activity within 6 months (consents already approved)
    - A high degree of visibility in the community
- Seven new sectors have been created, with the criteria for those sectors to be advised.

### **5.4 Independent Committee Members for the Economic Development Committee**

His Worship the Mayor sought guidance from the Committee on the advantage in having representation on the Economic Development Committee from various sectors in a non-voting capacity.

The Committee were in support of the concept and asked that the CE look at the requirements for the role and the process for selecting and appointing an Independent Committee member.

## **6. KA MATATAPU TE WHAKATAUNGA I TE TŪMATANUI RESOLUTION TO GO INTO PUBLIC EXCLUDED**

(to consider and adopt confidential items)

Moved Cr Davidson, seconded Cr Hart and **Resolved** that Council confirm that the public were excluded from the meeting in accordance with Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 at 4.36 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 – 21 January 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	Destination Westland Limited – update and proposed changes	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	Potential Economic Development Opportunities	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
2,3	Protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons (Section 7(2)(a)).
2,3	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	The free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of any local authority; or any persons to whom sections 2(5) applies, in the course of their duty (Section 7(2)(f)).
2	Maintain legal professional privilege (Schedule 7(2)(g)).
2, 3,	Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) (Schedule 7(2)(i)).

Moved Cr Hart, seconded Cr Davidson 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 5.56 pm.

**DATE OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING – 14 JULY 2020  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 36 WELD STREET, HOKITIKA**

**MEETING CLOSED AT 5.56 PM**

Confirmed by:



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**Bruce Smith  
Mayor**

**Date: 14.07.20**



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**Anna Hart  
Councillor**

**Date: 14.07.20**