



# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

**MINUTES OF THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING, WESTLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 36 WELD STREET, HOKITIKA ON TUESDAY 21 JANUARY 2020 COMMENCING AT 3.00 PM**

## 1. MEMBERS PRESENT

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

Moved Cr Martin, seconded Cr Hart and **Resolved** that the apology from Kw Tumahai be received and accepted.

## STAFF PRESENT

S.R. Bastion, Chief Executive; 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; L. Crichton, Group Manager: Corporate Services.

## 2. WHAKAPUAKITANGA WHAIPĀNGA DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Interest Register was circulated and no amendments were noted.

## 3. ADOPT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE COMMITTEE

Moved Cr Martin, seconded Cr Keogan and **Resolved** that the Committee adopt the Terms of Reference for the Economic Development Committee as attached to the agenda papers.

His Worship the Mayor introduced Penny Bicknell, Principal Regional Advisor, West Coast at the Provincial Development Unit, Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, Canterbury and West Coast.

## 4. PŪRONGO KAIMAHI STAFF REPORTS

- Previous reports

Attached to the agenda was a Powerpoint Presentation from the Chief Executive dated 10 April 2018 on Economic Development for Westland District. The topics were as follows:

- Tourism
  - Impact on water supply
  - Impact on wastewater treatment
- Toilets – toilets build and maintain
- Parking and Motorhome Friendly Facilities
- Culture and Heritage Tourism Development
- Haast and Jackson Bay as a destination
- District Events and Promotions
- West Coast Wilderness Trail
- New Wilderness Trail – Haast to Hollyford
- Growing current business
- New Business and Initiatives
- Regional Resilience
- Retirement Villages
- Tech Space and Education
- The Challenges for Westland District including Tourism Initiatives, Land/Environment Initiatives, Training/Skills Initiatives, Land/Sea and Environmental Initiatives – Minerals, Infrastructure Initiatives, Elderly Housing Initiatives.

## 5. FUNDING APPLICATIONS

- **Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) Status update**

Ms Bicknell then provided an update on the PGF Status and referred to The Guide to the Provincial Growth Fund Report “Powering Up Aotearoa – New Zealand’s Regionals” and advised that she would circulate a copy of the report to the Committee for their information.

The Chief Executive advised that when the PGF was announced two years ago, there was a strategy document, an action plan, and identified what was needed to be enhanced in the region, as well as priority projects. There were some constraints in what the fund covered which then resulted in an over-arching strategy for the West Coast on economic development.

### Hokitika Museum and Cultural Heritage

The Committee discussed the Hokitika Museum and Cultural Heritage project and asked that they be provided with a copy of the information.

### Seddon Trail

Kw Madgwick advised that he supported the “Seddon Trail” which follows the life story on the West Coast of Richard John Seddon, Chairman of Westland County Council and Mayor of Kumara, and Premier from 1 May 1893 to 10 June 1906. The Seddon Trail also incorporated the Seddon Statue, the Wharf, Stafford, Goldsborough and also Kumara.

### Events

Cr Martin advised that in many instances, seed funding is required for events, which required funding to be secured.

### West Coast Wilderness Trail

The Committee discussed the West Coast Wilderness Trail and noted the projected increase in numbers using the trail to between 8-10,000 cyclists. Development West Coast had commissioned Beca Consulting to undertake a cycleway strategy for the West Coast.

Cr Davidson was in support on iron rangers being placed on the cycle trail in strategic locations and asked if this could be pursued.

### GNS Report

The Chief Executive referred to a report from GNS which included potentially four drill sites in Westland and advised that he would circulate a copy of the report to the Committee.

## **6. GENERAL DISCUSSION**

- Forward planning

The following forward planning items were then discussed in relation to Westland District:

- One Billion Trees Programme, an initiative by Central Government to increase tree planting across New Zealand, with the goal of planting one billion trees by 2028.
- Thermal energy for hot pools.
- Regional Resilience.
- The slip at the Epitaph, south of Knights Point that occurred in 2012 on State Highway 6, South Westland, and the programme of work that is planned for this area.

The Committee asked that:

- Peter Connors, NZTA Transport Systems Manager be invited to attend a Council meeting to discuss the roading network in South Westland.
- The Mayor and Chief Executive meet with Development West Coast regarding resilience for the region.
- Hokitika Airport Terminal upgrade application be progressed, linking it to the Māori Tourism Strategy.
- The Hokitika Airport Masterplan be shared with the Committee for their information.

*His Worship the Mayor thanked Ms Bicknell for attending the meeting and providing an update for the Committee and advised that Council look forward to working with Ms Bicknell on future projects that will benefit the Westland District.*

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

**MEETING CLOSED AT 5.06 PM**

Confirmed by:

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**Mayor Smith  
Chair**

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**Date**