
Economic Development Committee

Te Komiti Oohanga Whakatupu

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Economic Development Committee held in Council Chamber and Audio-Visual Link, Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton on Thursday 24 October 2024 at 9:30am.

PRESENT

Chairperson Cr Ewan Wilson
Heamana

Deputy Chairperson Cr Mark Donovan (via Audio Visual)
Heamana Tuarua

Members

- Mayor Paula Southgate
- Deputy Mayor Angela O’Leary
- Cr Andrew Bydder (via Audio Visual)
- Cr Anna Casey-Cox
- Cr Maria Huata
- Cr Louise Hutt
- Cr Tim Macindoe
- Cr Maxine van Oosten
- Cr Emma Pike (via Audio Visual)
- Cr Kesh Naidoo-Rauf
- Cr Moko Tauariki
- Cr Geoff Taylor

External Presenters Mark Morgan, Peter Stubbs and Scott Kendall – Waikato Regional Airport Limited
In Attendance Nicola Greenwell – Hamilton Waikato Tourism
Dr Hans-Dieter Bader – Archaeological Solutions Ltd

At the beginning of the meeting Members took part in the annual New Zealand ShakeOut.

1. Apologies – *Tono aroha*

Resolved: (Cr Wilson/Cr Taylor)

That the Economic Development Committee accepts the apologies for absence from Cr Thomson, and for partial attendance from Cr Donovan, Cr Pike and Cr Huata.

2. Confirmation of Agenda – *Whakatau raarangi take*

Resolved: (Cr Wilson/Cr Taylor)

That the Economic Development Committee confirms the agenda noting that:

- a) item 10 (Strategic Property Update) will be taken before Item 8 (General Managers Report) due to availability of an external presenter; and
- b) item 4 (Public Forum) be taken after item 6 (External Agencies and CCO Reporting).

3. Declarations of Interest – *Tauaakii whaipaaanga*

No members of the committee declared a Conflict of Interest.

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Item 5 (Confirmation of the Economic Development Committee Open Minutes of 13 August 2024), item 6 (External Agencies and CCO Report) and item 7 (External Agencies and CCO Reporting) were taken after item 3 (Declarations of Interest) to accommodate public attendance.

5. Confirmation of the Economic Development Committee Meeting Open Minutes 13 August 2024

Resolved: (Cr Wilson/Cr Donovan)

That the Economic Development Committee confirms the Open Minutes of the Economic Development Committee Meeting held on 13 August 2024 as a true and correct record.

6. Chair's Report

The Chair took the report as read. Cr Donovan noted a correction to the report, that the Show and Shine event had been moved out to the Classic Car Museum and highlighted that the Hamilton Central Business Association Award Event on 23 October had a record number of 137 entries from close to 100 businesses.

Resolved: (Cr Wilson/Cr Donovan)

That the Economic Development Committee receives the report.

7. External Agencies and CCO Reporting

Waikato Regional Airport Limited

Waikato Regional Airport Limited representatives presented its Annual Report. They responded to questions from Members concerning future plans for the airport business, the designation for a runway extension and the role and responsibilities of the Board.

Hamilton and Waikato Tourism

The Chief Executive of Hamilton and Waikato Tourism presented its Annual Report. She responded to questions from Members concerning the impact of Airbnb on bed nights and marketing programmes.

Resolved: (Cr Wilson/Cr Taylor)

That the Economic Development Committee:

- a) receives the report; and
- b) requests staff work with other Waikato Regional Airport Limited shareholders to encourage the board to reconsider its decision to release the designation for an extension to the runway.

Cr Donovan retired from the meeting (10.41 am) during the discussion of the above item. He was not present when the matter was voted on.

The meeting was adjourned from 11.14am to 11.25am.

4. Public Forum – Aatea koorero

Wiremu Puke and Haydn Solomon (representing Ngati Wairere) spoke to Item 10 (Strategic Property Update), in support of the investigation conducted, and noted their Treaty settlement claim was in progress.

10. Strategic Property Update - October 2024

The Strategic Property Manager and Dr Bader provided an update on the archaeological findings at Opoia Paa Carpark and the financial performance of the Municipal Endowment Fund. They responded to questions from Members concerning the archaeological features found on the site, and timeframes and potential future considerations.

Resolved: (Cr Wilson/Cr Huata)
That the Economic Development Committee:

- a) receives the report; and
- b) instructs staff to pause further consideration of the future use and development of the Opoia Paa Carpark site until the outcome of Ngaati Wairere's claim to the Waitangi Tribunal is known.

The meeting was adjourned from 12.17pm to 1.00pm.

Cr Naidoo-Rauf left the meeting during the above adjournment.

Cr Pike retired from the meeting during the above adjournment.

8. General Manager's Report

The General Manager Strategy, Growth & Planning took the report as read.

Resolved: (Cr Wilson/Cr Macindoe)
That the Economic Development Committee receives the report.

9. Strategic and General Update

The Economic Development Programme Manager spoke to the report and presented the latest economic data update and the recent success with sub-regional collaboration between local councils. Staff responded to questions from Members concerning the difference in commentary from the business sector, employment data, and business impact with staff working from home.

Staff Action: *Staff undertook to facilitate a session to explore work that is underway to retain and cultivate future talent in Hamilton.*

Resolved: (Cr Wilson/Cr van Oosten)
That the Economic Development Committee receives the report.

Cr Naidoo-Rauf re-joined the meeting (1.04pm) during the discussion of the above item. She was present when the matter was voted on.

Deputy Mayor O'Leary retired from the meeting (1.10pm) during the discussion of the above item. She was not present when the matter was voted on.

11. Resolution to Exclude the Public

Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

Resolved: (Cr Wilson /Cr Taylor)

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely consideration of the public excluded agenda.

The general subject 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(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution follows.

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
C1. Confirmation of the Economic Development) Good reason to withhold) information exists under	Section 48(1)(a)

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| Committee Meeting |) Section 7 Local |
| Unconfirmed Public | Government |
| Excluded Minutes 13 |) Official Information and |
| August 2024 |) Meetings Act 1987 |
- C2. External Agencies and
CCO Reporting (Public
Excluded Matters)
- C3. Strategic Property
Update - October 2024
- C4. Strategic Issues Update
(Public Excluded Matters)

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public, as follows:

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| Item C1. | to prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage | Section 7 (2) (j) |
| Item C2. | to protect the privacy of natural persons | Section 7 (2) (a) |
| | to enable Council to carry out commercial activities without disadvantage | Section 7 (2) (h) |
| | to enable Council to carry out negotiations | Section 7 (2) (i) |
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| Item C4. | to enable Council to carry out commercial activities without disadvantage | Section 7 (2) (h) |
| | to enable Council to carry out negotiations | Section 7 (2) (i) |

The meeting moved in the closed session at 1.29pm.

The meeting was declared closed at 2.06pm.