

HAURAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WILLIAM STREET, PAEROA ON TUESDAY, 27 NOVEMBER 2018 COMMENCING AT 9.00AM

PRESENT

Crs R Harris (In the Chair), G R Leonard, P A Milner and A Rattray

IN ATTENDANCE

Messrs S B Fabish (Group Manager – Community Services & Development), D Fielden (Economic Development Manager) and Ms C Black (Council Secretary)

APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

THAT the apology of D Taipari, His Worship the Mayor, J P Tregidga and Cr D A Adams be received and sustained.

EDS18/92

Leonard/Rattray

CARRIED

DECLARATION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interests.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES - 30-10-18 (2480095)

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the Economic Development Subcommittee meeting held on Tuesday 30-10-18 be received and are a true and correct record.

EDS18/93

Milner/Leonard

CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE - DRAFT 2019 WORK PROGRAMME AND ACTION PLAN (BY PILLAR) (2498595)

The Economic Development Manager presented the draft 2019 work programme for the member's consideration and feedback.

RESOLVED

THAT the report be received.

EDS18/94

Leonard/Harris

CARRIED

RESOLVED

THAT the Economic Development Subcommittee approves the 2019 Work Programme and the Economic Development Action Plan (by Pillar) as presented inclusive of agreed amendments.

EDS18/95

Leonard/Ratray

CARRIED

HAURAKI RAIL TRAIL CHARITABLE TRUST (HRTCT) ANNUAL REPORT AND PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR YEAR 2018 (2500098)

Diane Drummond, General Manager – Hauraki Rail Trail Charitable Trust and Chair, Mr Wati Ngamani were in attendance to present the HRTCT Annual Report for the year 2018.

RESOLVED

THAT the Hauraki Rail Trail Charitable Trust Annual Report and Performance Report for the year ended 30 June 2018 be received.

EDS18/96

Milner/Harris

CARRIED

The General Manager and Chair provided the financial statements and performance report of the Trust as recently audited by Audit NZ. Audit NZ has verbally advised that no material issues were found in the review undertaken 1-5 October 2018.

The members were provided with an overview on the management of the trail, funding, maintenance issues of significance and new initiatives being developed in the promotion of the trail.

COMMUNITY WIRELESS TRUST PROJECT FOR HAURAKI DISTRICT (2498643)

The Chairman and Economic Development Manager presented the Economic Development Officer's report, in her absence, in relation to the Community Wireless Trust project to provide ultra-fast wireless network throughout the Hauraki District.

RESOLVED

THAT the report be received.

EDS18/97

Harris/Ratray

CARRIED

One of the core focuses of the Community Wireless Trust is to support education. The current residential subscriptions with the Community Wireless Trust range from \$60 to \$100 per month. Business plans range from \$100 to \$180 per month and include a free home connection. All subscriptions include unlimited data but have variations in speed according to plan.

To allow the installation of ultra-fast broadband to progress, the Community Wireless Trust are asking Council that they be granted permission to use the fibre connection at the Kerepehi water treatment plant (that is not currently in use) until they can install their own Optical Network Terminal on that site in the new year. The connection would not impact the plants ability to run. This tower could potentially reach around 6500 people in the Hauraki district.

The second tower would be installed on Smeaton's farm in Waihi.

The Trust advises that these two towers are going to be the most efficient means to reach as many people in the rural areas of Hauraki District as possible.

Reaching the areas of the Karangahake Gorge, Kaiarau/Pūkorokoro Miranda and Whiritoa are going to be more difficult and should be considered in a later phase of the project. Explanations of the options for these areas were explained in the attached information.

Economic Development staff requested that a recommendation be made to the Community Services and Development Committee requesting support of funding towards the advancement of the project.

RESOLVED

THAT the Economic Development Subcommittee recommend to the Community Services and Development Committee that:

- The Community Wireless Trust is supported with \$11,200 plus GST in the 2018/19 financial year for the installation of the two towers at Kerepehi (provided Hauraki District Council agrees to provide access to the fibre connection at the Kerepehi water treatment plant or another suitable option is found) and Smeaton’s Farm in Waihi, and
- The installation of the free WiFi on the main street of Waihi, Paeroa and Ngatea by the Community Wireless Trust be supported with a once-off payment of \$2500 plus GST per town in the 2018/19 financial year, and
- The remaining \$8000 plus GST be used to support further rural extension by the Community Wireless Trust, and
- The \$3000 plus GST remain available for assistance from a funding advisor if necessary.

EDS18/98

Ratray/Milner

CARRIED

QUARTERLY ECONOMIC MONITOR FROM INFO METRICS (2498310)

The Economic Development Manager presented a report which sought support of a recommendation to the Community Services and Development Committee that the Economic Development Department purchase the Infometrics Quarterly Economic monitor.

RESOLVED

THAT the report be received.

EDS18/99

Leonard/Harris

CARRIED

Council currently subscribes to the Infometrics Annual Economic Profile. This includes statistics that are updated annually. These statistics are compiled using data such as GST records, with the result that the data produced is reasonably accurate. Infometrics also produce an annual report for Hauraki District which includes explanations for the trends in the data. This service costs \$10,000 per year through the WLASS agreement. These costs are split between the Economic Development Department and the Strategic Planning Department.

Support was sought that the monitor be purchased from Infometrics and that a report go to the Community Services and Development Committee seeking approval of the purchase.

THAT it be recommended to the Community Services and Development Committee that the Economic Development Department purchase the Infometrics Quarterly Economic Monitor.

EDS18/100

Harris/Rattray

CARRIED

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER'S REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2018 (2498196)

The Economic Development Manager presents his monthly report on Economic Development activity to November 2018.

RESOLVED

THAT the report be received.

EDS18/101

Harris/Milner

CARRIED

Key activities:

Business Friendly Hauraki

- Business Growth Services promotion

Connected Hauraki

- Waikato Regional Labour Market meeting

Destination Hauraki

- The Economic Development Chair, Waihi Ward Chair and the EDO met with GO Waihi on 5 November 2018 to go through the feedback on their business plan from the Economic Development Subcommittee and the Waihi Ward.
- Welcome to the District signs. The Welcome to the District signs have now been printed, the frames are being constructed and the signs should be installed before Christmas.
- The Economic Development Subcommittee Chair, the Economic Development Manager and Economic Development Officer met with the General Manager of Destination Coromandel on 7 November 2018.

Hauraki Incorporated

- The Economic Development Manager met with Te Waka's COO on 19 November 2018 to discuss investment opportunities from the Waikato for the People's Republic of China.
- With the expansion of Agrisea and their purchase of the former Silver Ferns site on State Highway Two, the Company's Fraser Street site has been sold to another company which will locate in Paeroa

Built for Business Hauraki

- The Economic Development Officer attended the Positively Promoting the Plains meeting on 15 November 2018 to discuss with them the Community Wireless Project in Hauraki District.

Matters to be taken with the Public Excluded

The public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

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 are as follows:

<p>1</p>	<p>Economic Development Business Opportunities Verbal Update -</p>	<p>Section 7(2)(a) – Protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons, and</p> <p>Section 7(2)(i) Prejudice to Commercial Position/Negotiations To enable the local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations.</p>	<p>Section 48(1)(a) 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 for withholding would exist.</p>
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Harris/Leonard

CARRIED

RESOLVED

THAT the public be readmitted to the meeting and that the business in committee discussed be confirmed.

EDS18/103

Harris/Milner

CARRIED

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE - 2018 WORK PROGRAMME (2498204)

The Economic Development Manager presented the 2018 work programme to December 2018.

RESOLVED

THAT the report be received.

EDS18/104

Harris/Rattray

CARRIED

The meeting closed at 10.20am.

CONFIRMED

R Harris
Chairperson

29 January 2019