

MINUTES



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Bill Burdett, Andy Cranston, Alan Davidson, Allan Hall

MINUTES of the COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT Committee

Held in the Council Chambers, 15 Fitzherbert Street on 15 July 2009 at 9am

PRESENT:

Councillors Hemi Hikawai (chair), Deputy Mayor Nona Aston, Bill Burdett, Andy Cranston, Alan Davidson and Allan Hall

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive Lindsay McKenzie, Community Planning and Development Manager Nedine Thatcher, Corporate Affairs Manager Douglas Birt, Strategic/Social Policy Team Leader Vance Walker, Economic Development Team Leader Phil Wauchop, Community Development Team Leader Judy Livingston, Community Development Officer Grant McDonald, Team Leader Parking Paul Stuart, Environment & Planning Acting Manager Trevor Freeman, Human Resources Manager Jon Davies and Committee Secretary Lesley Hillan

Cr Brian Wilson

APOLOGIES:

Nil

1. Apologies

There were no apologies.

2. Public forum, petitions, deputations and representation from tangata whenua

(i) Joy Ashwell – Blanky Circle:

Community Development Team Leader Judy Livingston introduced Joy Ashwell from the Blanky Circle and said that Joy had approached the department about a year ago for assistance and the Blanky Circle was established.

Blankets were displayed at the meeting.

Joy Ashwell explained that the idea was for volunteers to knit blankets for traumatised children to a specified size to fit into plastic containers that the Police take with them. They were aimed at children 3 – 9 years. It was felt that a blanket around the child's shoulders kept them warm and as well the blanket acted as a comforter.

Chairperson Hemi Hikawai thanked the group for their sterling effort.

Cr Hall attended the meeting at 9.06am

(ii) Tourism Eastland:

Chief Executive Graeme Breckell presented a verbal report on activities undertaken by Tourism Eastland during the year. Brochures tabled were:

- a. The Eastland Guide to the Pacific Coast Highway
- b. Discover Eastland – 2009/2010 Guide
- c. Eastland – The Endless Summer
- d. Tourism Eastland Draft Plan 2009/2010

Mr Breckell tabled a report which included information on –

i. Trenz

Since Trenz requests for information had been received from Lonely Planet Guide, NZ Pacific Discovery, Travel Time South Pacific and Southern Crossings re 4-wheel drive possibilities.

ii. ITOC Conference, RTONZ AGM, Cruse NZ AGM

All the above conferences/meetings are occurring around the ITOC Conference 10 – 12 August 2009.

iii. Meetings 2009 – 21-23 July

Tourism Eastland and Emerald Hotel are representing Gisborne at the Trade Show aimed at getting more conferences to Gisborne.

iv. East Cape – Brochure/Billboards/Pacific Coast Highway

Tourism Eastland is working with local people to develop more tourism product for the East Cape area of Hicks Bay/Te Araroa/Tikitiki/Rangitukia.

v. Air New Zealand In-Flight Magazine

To be on all Air New Zealand (Eagle) flights for the next three months.

vi. Octoberfest

Promotional advertising campaign to promote and market October events.

vii. Cruise Ships

Two major cruise ships due on 23 and 24 December this year.

viii. Tourism Eastland's Annual Plan for 2009/2010

Completed in draft form – Executive Summary attached.

ix. Events

Two new upcoming events to Gisborne –

1. New Zealand Offshore Powerboat Racing – 6 February 2010
2. J Force Reunion – March 2010

3. Confirmation of Minutes

Community Development Committee – 10 June 2009

MOVED by Cr Aston, seconded Cr Cranston

That the minutes of 10 June 2009 be accepted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

4. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

5. Notification of late items, questions and general business

Nil

6. Mayor's and Councillors' reports

Nil

7. Staff Reports

For decision

7.1 09/287 – CBD Safety Patrols

Council had provided security patrols in the Central Business District since 1998 with a targeted rate being collected from commercial rating units. However, over the past twelve months the service had not been provided due to the unavailability of suitable staff recruitment.

There is an expectation from the CBD community and Heart of Gisborne that this service is delivered, particularly since the provision of the service is funded by CBD ratepayers.

MOVED by Cr Hall, seconded Cr Aston

That the committee

1. receives the report
2. refers the report in full to Council for final consideration and that the committee supports Council staff as per Option 3 in the report.

CARRIED

7.2 09/323- Ten Year Plan Follow-Up – Youth Governance (linked report 09/328)

A number of submissions received for Council's Draft 2009-2019 Ten Year Plan related to issues that could be addressed through the Community Development Committee, namely housing affordability and youth participation. The report addressed those submissions made on youth participation in governance through providing the committee with some options that could allow for a 'youth voice'. Four options were provided to the committee that allowed for youth representation at the governance level.

Cr Burdett attended the meeting at 9.46am and apologised for lateness.

MOVED by Cr Cranston, seconded Cr Aston

That the Committee

1. receives the report
2. agrees to the Council considering a report that reflects the discussion on establishing a Youth Council.

CARRIED

7.3 09/328- Youth Strategy (linked to report 09/323)

The report provided options for the development of a youth strategy. It was felt that a youth strategy would demonstrate leadership to the community by recognising that youth comprise a large proportion of the district's population and have a voice that can help shape the future of the district to meet its community's outcomes.

MOVED by Cr Aston, seconded Cr Burdett

That the Committee

1. receives the report

2. agrees to support the development of a Youth Strategy that is a combination of
 - a. develop an internal Gisborne District Council Youth Strategy
 - and
 - b. develop a Regional Youth Strategy.

CARRIED

For noting

7.4 09/299- CBD Activity Report – June/July 2009

Community Development Unit staff had engaged with 21 projects during the reporting period.

MOVED by Cr Burdett, seconded Cr Aston

That the Committee

1. receives the report.

CARRIED

7.5 09/307 – Customer Feedback

In order to measure the Community Development Unit deliverables into the community and to gain feedback to enable improvement of service, a Customer Service Survey was undertaken with a cross-section of clients.

MOVED by Cr Davidson, seconded Cr Hall

That the Committee

1. receives the report
2. congratulates team members on the work done as shown in the report.

CARRIED

7.6 09/300 – Economic Development Unit Activity Report – Jun/July 2009

The report covered an abbreviated summary of the Economic Development Unit activities during the month of June 2009, including relevant economic and development information.

MOVED by Cr Burdett, seconded Cr Davidson

That the Committee

1. receives the report.

CARRIED

7.7 09/317 – Tourism Eastland

MOVED by Cr Davidson, seconded Cr Hall

That the Committee

1. receives the report.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.20am and reconvened at 10.35am.

7.8 09/316 – East Coast Flight Service

Air Discovery, based in Tauranga, planned to launch a new East Cape Flight Service. Mr Daniel Gillett from Air Discovery was unable to attend the meeting to present an outline of the proposed service to the district.

MOVED by Cr Davidson, seconded Cr Hall

That the Committee

1. receives the report.

CARRIED

7.9 09/319 – Section 62 Electricity Act – Beyond 2013

The supply of electricity to consumers in remote rural areas will continue to be protected by the Electricity Act beyond 2013 due to the introduction of a Bill on 9 September 2008 by the then Labour led government.

MOVED by Cr Davidson, seconded Cr Aston

That the Committee

1. receives the report.

CARRIED

7.10 09/321 – Community Planning and Development Department Review

The report provided an overview of the proposed changes to the Community Planning and Development Department.

MOVED by Cr Hall, seconded Cr Davidson

That the Committee

1. receives the report.

CARRIED

7.11 09/325 – Tairawhiti Museum 2009-2010 Annual Report

As part of its agreement with Council, the Tairawhiti Museum had provided a copy of its latest Annual Plan.

MOVED by Cr Burdett, seconded Cr Davidson

That the Committee

1. receives the report
2. agrees to note the 2009-2010 Museum Annual Report.

CARRIED

7.12 09/326 – East Coast Museum of Technology – Update Report

The East Coast Museum of Technology (ECMOT) was registered as an incorporated society on 30 July 1984. ECMOT sought clarity on Council's expectations and whether ECMOT could meet them. Council officers have met with ECMOT and discussed a possible service level agreement. A draft service level agreement should be with the committee by the end of the year.

MOVED by Cr Burdett, seconded Cr Cranston

That the Committee

1. receives the report.

CARRIED

7.13 09/332 – Tairawhiti Regional Economic Development Strategy

An abbreviated summary of the Tairawhiti Regional Economic Development Strategy released by the Tairawhiti Development Partnership was provided for the committee's information.

MOVED by Cr Cranston, seconded Cr Davidson

That the Committee

1. receives the report
2. notes Council/EDU response to the Tairawhiti Regional Economic Development Strategy as outlined in the last paragraph on page 3 of this report.

CARRIED

8. Late Items

There were no late items.

9. Questions

There were no written questions.

10. General Business

There was no general business.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 11am.

Hemi Hikawai
Chairperson