

MINUTES



P O Box 747, Gisborne, Ph 867 2049 Fax 867 8076
Email service@gdc.govt.nz Web www.gdc.govt.nz

MEMBERSHIP: Councillor Hemi Hikawai (chair) Nona Aston,
Bill Burdett, Andy Cranston, Alan Davidson, Allan Hall

MINUTES of the COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT Committee

Held in the Committee Room, 15 Fitzherbert Street on 9 September 2009 at 9am

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Community Planning and Development Manager Nedine Thatcher, Economic Development Team Leader Phil Wauchop, Corporate Affairs Manager Douglas Birt, Chief Executive Lindsay McKenzie, Strategic and Social Policy Leader Vance Walker, Community Development Officer Grant McDonald, Community Development Officer Barbara Dockley and Acting Committee Secretary Kay Bennett.

1. Apology

Nil

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

i) Supergrans Tairawhiti – Helping People Help Themselves

Diana Neru from Supergrans Tairawhiti presented the committee with a new initiative available in Tairawhiti. The main focus is teaching the main 5 basic life skills which are:

- Cooking – Meal planning
- Housekeeping
- Food hygiene
- Budgeting
- Advocacy

They are promoting two programmes at the moment. One programme is based on Kai Time. It shows how you can cook 5 healthy and nutritious cooked dinners for a family of 6 for \$30.00. It is a free workshop available to anybody. The other programme is focussed on Nutrition and Physical Activity, in other words Health for Life. It is a 1 on 1 home based support workshop.

Diana Neru pointed out that she is the only paid member of the group, everyone else is a volunteer. All volunteers are required to have references and a Police check is also required.

Councillor Davidson asked whether the programme was now a requirement because the younger generation do not have the necessary basic life skills.

Diana Neru said basic life skills are passed down from families to the younger generation, but some just haven't been taught these skills. One example of this is a mother of 4 who can only boil eggs and potatoes. Because of her lack of knowledge in being able to cook she will put her children into her car, drive to her mothers home who then feeds the family, after dinner she puts the children back in her car and takes them home, this is her routine every day. She is being helped to develop the 5 basic life skills which includes being able to cook healthy nutritious meals for her family.

Councillor Hall said with the state of diabetes and obesity in this district, this programme is a valuable tool in teaching nutrition and healthy life styles.

Councillor Burdett asked if the Rununga provided any funding.

Diana said they would hopefully form a partnership with them mainly for the budgeting part of the programme.

Councillor Hikawai congratulated Diana and her team and wished them all the best.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

Community Development Committee – 12 August 2009

MOVED by Cr Davidson, seconded Cr Aston

That the minutes of 12 August 2009 be accepted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

Action Sheet

Noted

4. Matters arising

Nil

5. Notification of late items, questions and general business

Nil

6. Mayor's and Councillors' reports

Nil

7. Staff Reports

For decision

7.1 09/393 – Library and the Olympic Pool Reporting

MOVED by Cr Aston, seconded Cr Hall

That the committee

1. receives the report

2. recommends to Council that the Pool and the Library should in future report to the Community Development Committee for community components and the Operations Committee for significant asset issues only.

CARRIED

7.2 09/428 – Community Max Opportunity

Councillor Cranston said that 16-24 year olds are leaving our district, and cannot see how making them pick up rubbish, which makes them look like they are doing community service, is going to make them want to stay in this district or give them any training that can help them in the future. Some tasks such as sand dune cleanup, picking up litter, would be best suited to community services.

He asked about the Wainui Bridge area, and said that at the moment it's an eyesore. He suggested to have it as a feature by having it painted. Some of the items on the list, such as clean up, picking up rubbish should be taken off.

Councillor Davidson wanted to know if there would be any cost to the ratepayer.

Community Planning and Development Manager Nedine Thatcher said that it would be minimal if any at all. The only 'hidden' costs are those related to Statutory Holidays and ACC charges but with the recent inclusion of GST this may be mitigated.

MOVED by Cr Burdett, seconded Cr Cranston

That the Committee

1. receives the report
2. recommends that Council approves Gisborne District Council's participation in the Community Max scheme (if the applications are successful)
3. notes that if 2 above is approved, Council staff will work to ensure that any additional costs incurred to Council are minimal and can be achieved within budget.

CARRIED

For noting

7.3 09/409 – CDU Activity Report – August 2009

MOVED by Cr Hakiwai, seconded Cr Burdett

That the Committee

1. receives the report.

CARRIED

7.4 09/420 – Economic Development Unit Activity Report - August 2009

MOVED by Cr Burdett, seconded Cr Davidson

That the Committee

1. receives the report.

CARRIED

7.5 09/444 – Ecotourism Standards

MOVED by Cr Davidson, seconded Cr Hall

That the Committee

1. receives the report and notes that it will be made available to Tourism Eastland for discussion.

CARRIED

7.6 09/449 – Eastwoodhill Trust Board Annual Report

MOVED by Cr Davidson, seconded Cr Hall

That the Committee

- | |
|-------------------------|
| 1. receives the 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 9.35am.

Hemi Hikawai
Chairperson