

MINUTES



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MEMBERSHIP: Hemi Hikawai (chair), Deputy Mayor Nona Aston,
Bill Burdett, Andy Cranston, Alan Davidson, Allan Hall and His Worship the Mayor (ex officio).

MINUTES of the **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT Committee**

Held in the Committee Room, 15 Fitzherbert Street, Gisborne on Wednesday 12 May 2010 at 9am.

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive Lindsay McKenzie, Community Planning & Development Manager Nedine Thatcher-Swann, Community Development Team Leader Judy Livingston, Community Development Officer Barbara Dockley, Strategy Advisor Pania Ruakere, Economic Development Advisor Katie Kay and Committee Secretary Lesley Hillan

Councillor Pat Seymour

APOLOGIES: Councillor Allan Hall and for lateness Councillor Andy Cranston

1. Apologies

MOVED by Cr Davidson, seconded by Cr Aston

That the apologies from Cr Allan Hall and for lateness Cr Andy Cranston, be sustained.

CARRIED

5. Notification of late items, questions and general business

MOVED by Cr Burdett, seconded by Cr Davidson

That the Community Development committee

1. considers the Supplementary Report to Report No. 10/287 Creative Communities (Report No. 10/319) at its meeting on 12 May 2010
2. notes that the item is not on the agenda because the information had not come to hand at the time the agenda was compiled.

CARRIED

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

- i) Chamber of Commerce: newly elected President Fraser Brown attended the meeting and signalled exciting and challenging changes in the Chamber of Commerce. Various groups appear to have the same goals and the Chamber can be a facilitator and share ideas and network. Some of the things the Chamber was looking at were the public/private partnership fund. Private investors are looking for income for the like of hospitals, schools and prisons and Gisborne is a test case area.

On a personal level Mr Brown said he would like to see a shift away from Government funding as he felt that a commercial approach was needed.

Private equity was another area the Chamber was involved in. There are people out there doing things and they need to share information. Regional branding was being looked at as was farm gate returns, tourism, R & V (widening). With respect to education there was a very good infrastructure at tertiary level but was under-done.

Councillor Cranston attended the meeting at 9.15am.

Maori investment needs cohesion to build on investment that will come back into the region.

Councillor Burdett asked whether in terms of Economic Development, the Chamber could be the catalyst in pulling all together. Fraser said that it could but the Chamber was a voluntary organisation.

With respect to the Economic Development department, Councillor Hikawai asked Fraser for his thoughts on the Economic Development department. Fraser said that he didn't see them being the lightning rod. Grow Gisborne was the term the Chamber used to describe a potential new structure.

Councillor Cranston asked Fraser for comment on the Tairāwhiti Development Partnership. Fraser felt that the Partnership was like a company dying a slow death.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

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MOVED by Cr Burdett, seconded by Cr Davidson

That the Minutes of 7 April 2010 be accepted.

CARRIED

Action Sheet

Noted

4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

6. Mayor's and Councillors' Reports

For decision

Nil

For noting

Nil

7. Staff Reports

For decision

7.1 No. 10/287 Creative Communities – Gisborne District

No. 10/319 Supplementary Report to Report No. 10/287 Creative Communities

Community Planning & Development Manager Nedine Thatcher-Swann explained that additional information had been received that clarified changes to the Creative Communities scheme. The information impacted on what had been provided in the first report.

Section 1.2 part 1.2ii Report No. 10/287 the report reads as if Creative New Zealand has made changes to third party engagements. There have been no changes to the administration provisions of the scheme with respect to third party engagement arrangements. Creative NZ has removed the \$500 cap that was previously applied to third parties dealing with applications for small amounts (known as the Small Grants Scheme). The upper end funding cap of \$2500 has also been removed.

While the Small Grants Scheme has been disestablished, there are still three options that local authorities need to determine which they will use to administer the fund, i.e.

- i) operating the scheme exclusively through Council's own assessment committee (status quo)
- ii) contracting a suitable organisation (a third party)
- iii) a combination of both – Council establishes an assessment committee and the third party assesses applications for funding.

Council has not yet decided which type of assessment process it will use therefore it is premature to adopt the new criteria and administrative requirements and the date of the allocation meeting as recommended in Report No. 10/287.

MOVED by Cr Burdett, seconded by Cr Davidson

That the Committee

1. receives the report
2. notes Creative New Zealand's changes to the Creative Communities scheme concerning Councillor appointments, funding caps, and assessment procedures
3. notes that a paper will be prepared for the June Committee that outlines the three administrative options that Council will need to decide on with respect to the Gisborne District Creative Communities Scheme (in light of the changes noted in 2 above).

CARRIED

7.2 No. 10/266 Arts and Culture Strategy – Scoping Paper

The purpose of the report was to outline to the committee the approach that will be taken to develop the Arts and Culture Strategy and to gain the endorsement of the committee for this approach.

Tairāwhiti Museum Director Dr David Butts was in attendance at the meeting. He felt that the process was sound. He was pleased to see the heritage component in there and agreed with comments made by Councillor Seymour that heritage was an important element of art.

MOVED by Cr Cranston, seconded by Cr Aston

That the Committee

1. receives the report
2. endorses the proposed approach to develop the Arts and Culture Strategy whereby Council takes a leadership and facilitation role (through direct engagement with a cross-section of the creative sector) to develop a strategy that will be of direct benefit to the Council and community as well as the arts and culture sector
3. confirms Council membership on the Arts and Culture Advisory Group for Cr Hall and Cr Cranston.

CARRIED

For noting

7.3 No. 10/262 Community Development Unit: Financial Results to 31 March 2010

Councillor Seymour asked if it was possible to get a full and detailed report on Community Max.

Chief Executive Lindsay McKenzie said that staff could bring back some sort of balance sheet and set alongside what value Community Max was producing for Council. There were projects being delivered that Council normally wouldn't get done.

MOVED by Cr Burdett, seconded by Cr Davidson

That the Committee

1. receives the report.

CARRIED

The Chief Executive left the meeting at 10am.

7.4 No. 10/263 Economic Development Unit: Financial Results to 31 March 2010

MOVED by Cr Cranston, seconded by Cr Aston

That the Committee

1. receives the report.

CARRIED

7.5 No. 10/275 Economic Development Unit Activity Report – April 2010

MOVED by Cr Cranston, seconded by Cr Aston

That the Committee

2. receives the report.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.05am and reconvened at 10.15am.

7.6 No. 10/273 Youth in Local Government Conference

The Ministry of Youth Development and the Mayors Taskforce for Jobs partnered up with Porirua City Council to present the Youth in Local Government Conference 2010 from 7 – 9 April 2010.

Cr Burdett congratulated Councillor Aston and said that she had done a tremendous job working with youth.

A report on the Conference from Councillor Aston was attached to the report.

MOVED by Cr Davidson, seconded by Cr Burdett

That the Committee

1. receives the report.

CARRIED

7.7 No. 10/274 Community Development Unit Activity Report March/April 2010

MOVED by Cr Aston, seconded by Cr Cranston

That the Committee

1. receives the report.

CARRIED

7.8 No. 10/288 Gisborne District Sister Cities

Councillor Burdett congratulated Community Development Team Leader Judy Livingston on winning the Air NZ Award in their particular category (Youth, Education or School Project).

MOVED by Cr Aston, seconded by Cr Davidson

That the Committee

1. receives the report.

CARRIED

8. Late items

There were no late items.

9. Questions

There were no questions.

10. General Business

There was no general business.

11. Public Excluded Business

There was no public excluded business.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 10.30am.

Hemi Hikawai
Chairperson