

# MINUTES FROM A MEETING OF

# TRUST TAIRĀWHITI

On 12 November 2024 at 9.00am

The meeting was held via Zoom (Livestreamed) and in person at The meeting was held via Zoom (Livestreamed) and in person at Shed3, 50 Esplanade, Gisborne

## IN ATTENDANCE:

Trustees: David Battin (Chair), Dan Jex-Blake, John Clarke, Nicki Sutherland, Rehette Stoltz, Ron Aitken and Warren Williams.

Trust Tairāwhiti executive team members: Doug Jones – Chief Executive Officer, Phil McLeod – Chief Financial Officer, Audine Grace-Kutia – General Manager Hāpori, Richard Seale – General Manager Economic Development and Suzanne Green.

Members of public: Winston Moreton attended in person, nil attended online.

#### 2.1 Karakia

Mr. Warren Williams opened the meeting with a karakia prior to the Livestream/Zoom starting.

# 2.2 Apologies

Trust Tairāwhiti Cultural Advisors: Tā Derek Lardelli and Lady Rose Gould-Lardelli. Mel Brouwer – Board Secretary.

#### 2.3 Declaration of Trustee Interests noted.

Nikki Sutherland asked for her job to be added to the interest register.

Trustees are responsible for informing the Board Secretary of any changes to the trustee interest register.

## 2.4 Confirmation of Agenda and Late items

Nil

# 2.5 Approval of Minutes and Matters Arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 September 2024 were taken as read and approved. No actions were noted at this meeting.

Unanimous Approval

# 2.6 Strategy and Decision Making

Nil

# 2.7 Beneficiary Presentations and Public Forum

No presentations were scheduled or received for this meeting. Winston Moreton attended in person to convey his position to Trustees regarding upgrading the railway bridge for use of freight/log transportation to and from the port. The CEO had discussed Mr. Moreton's query with the Port and confirmed the figure to upgrade the railway bridge for increased usage is circa \$3 - \$4m. Due to the high cost, triple handling of freight, and restrictions on types of freight it is not an economical option. Therefore, the Port is focused on making this a pedestrian footbridge for ease of access to local eateries and businesses.

Mr. Moreton also voiced concerns over the role and treatment of Eastland Network Charitable Trust and raised that he may engage legal advice on the matter. The Chairman noted Trustees are clear of Mr. Moreton's concerns and will discuss in private. Trustees asked Mr. Moreton to consider his next steps in parallel with Trustee discussions and both parties will circle back for a korero.

Mr Moreton left meeting 9.20am

# 2.8 Board Updates

## CEO quarterly report

Report was taken as read. Discussion was focussed on Statement of Intent reporting and performance measures which are tracking well.

There was discussion around the digital sector within Fostering Innovation part of the Statement of Intent.

#### 2.9 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC FROM PROCEEDINGS

Moved by Mr John Clarke, seconded by Mr Dan Jex-Blake.

## SECTION 48 - LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT 1987

THAT: The public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting, namely for discussion or decision on agenda items:

- 3.1 Strategy and Decision Making
- 3.2 Operational Updates
- 3.3 Approval of closed minutes and matters arising
- 3.4 Risk management
- 3.5 WET Gisborne Limited Update and Decision

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:

Item No.	General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter check	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
Item 3.3	Approval of closed minutes and matters arising	Sections 7(2)(a)(b(ii))(c)(f)(g)(h)(i)(j)	48(1)(a)
Item 3.1	Strategy and decision making	Sections 7(2)(b(ii))(c)(f)(i)(j)	48(1)(a)
Item 3.4	Risk management	Sections 7(2)(a)(f)	48(1)(a)
Item 3.2	Operational updates	Sections 7(2)(b(ii)(c)(f)(h)(i)(j)	48(1)(a)
Item 3.5	Appendices	Sections 7(2) (b(ii) (f)	48(1)(a)

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 the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

Content

Section 7(2) (a) To protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons

Section 7(2)(b) (ii) To protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

Section 7(2) (c) Protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information:

- Would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied; or
- ii. Would be likely otherwise to damage the public interest.

Section 7(2) (f) Maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through:

- i. The free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members of officers or employees of any local authority, or any persons to whom Section 2(5) applies, in the course of their duty; or
- ii. The protection of such members, officers, employees and persons from improper pressure or harassment.

Section 7(2)(g) Maintain legal professional privilege.

Section 7(2)(h) Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.

Section 7(2)(i) Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)

Section 7(2) (j) Prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage.

That the following people be permitted to remain at this meeting after the public has been excluded:

i. Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, General Manager Economic Development, General Manager Hāpori, Suzanne Green and Cultural Advisors for items 3.1 - 3.5 because of their knowledge, which will be of assistance in relation the matters being discussed because of their role and work performed.

The public excluded minutes follow and are not publicly available. There being no further business the public meeting closed at 9:30am.

DAVID BATTIN