



**WHANGANUI
DISTRICT COUNCIL**
Te Kaunihera a Rohe o Whanganui

MINUTES

**Council Meeting
25 February 2020**

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**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 101 GUYTON STREET, WHANGANUI
ON 25 FEBRUARY 2020 AT 10.32AM**

PRESENT: Mayor Hamish McDouall, Deputy Mayor Jenny Duncan, Cr Charlie Anderson, Cr Josh Chandulal-Mackay, Cr Kate Joblin, Cr Hadleigh Reid, , Cr Philippa Baker-Hogan, Cr Rob Vinsen (from 11.06am), Cr Graeme Young (from 10.45am), Cr Brent Crossan, Cr James Barron

APOLOGIES: Cr Helen Craig

ABSENT: Cr Alan Taylor

IN ATTENDANCE: Kym Fell (Chief Executive), Leighton Toy (General Manager Property), Mike Fermor (General Manager Finance), Sarah Pomeroy (Communications & Marketing Manager), Kate Barnes (Senior Democracy Advisor), Anna Palamountain (Democracy Advisor), Marianne Cavanagh (Customer Solutions Manager)

1 OPENING PRAYER / KARAKIA

Mayor McDouall read the Council Prayer.

2 APOLOGIES

The Mayor noted correspondence from Cr Vinsen that he would be arriving late to the meeting.

3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no new declarations of interest.

5 CORRESPONDENCE / LATE ITEMS / ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Nil

6 PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT FORUM

No registrations for Public Engagement Forum were received.

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Nil

8 REPORTS TO COUNCIL**8.1 DRAFT STATEMENT OF INTENT FOR WHANGANUI & PARTNERS 2020/2021**

Author: Marianne Cavanagh - Customer Solutions Manager

Authoriser: Bryan Nicholson - Chief Operating Officer

Significance of decision – In terms of the Significance and Engagement Policy 2018, the decision is not significant.

Discussion

Cr Duncan queried whether Smart21 should be accounted for in the Statement of Intent. Mr Ward responded that it was still open for consideration and there was a review of Whanganui's membership.

Cr Baker-Hogan asked why the roofing of the velodrome was not explicitly mentioned in the document. Whanganui & Partners noted that the Statement of Intent is a high level document, and rather than covering specific projects, the document covered strategic oversight of events and facilities. Whanganui & Partners viewed the potential roofing as a Council project, which is would support if and when appropriate, following work to determine feasibility and funding.

Members thanked the Chief Executive and Board Chair for their work.

Resolution 2020/22

Moved: Mayor Hamish McDouall

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Jenny Duncan

That Council receives the draft Statement of Intent 2020/21 for Whanganui & Partners.

CARRIED

Cr Baker-Hogan voted against the motion.

8.2 DRAFT STATEMENT OF INTENT FOR WHANGANUI AIRPORT JOINT VENTURE 2020/2021

Author: Marianne Cavanagh - Customer Solutions Manager

Authoriser: Bryan Nicholson - Chief Operating Officer

Significance of decision – In terms of the Significance and Engagement Policy 2018, the decision is not significant.

Discussion

Cr Baker-Hogan asked if there was a possibility of extending the opening hours of the Airport Café. Mr Toy noted the Statement of Intent does not cover that level of operational detail, not stated that as part of work to ensure the Airport is financial robust, provision of service was regularly reviewed.

Resolution 2020/23

Moved: Mayor Hamish McDouall

Seconded: Cr Brent Crossan

That Council receives the draft Statement of Intent for Whanganui Airport Joint Venture for 2020/21.

CARRIED

8.3 DRAFT STATEMENT OF INTENT FOR WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL HOLDINGS LTD. 2020/2021

Author: Marianne Cavanagh - Customer Solutions Manager

Authoriser: Bryan Nicholson - Chief Operating Officer

Significance of decision – In terms of the Significance and Engagement Policy 2018, the decision is not significant.

Discussion

The board chair noted an amendment on page 2 of the document regarding the requested return on Council's paid up share investment, which is now 14% after tax. This was requested as a result of a Council workshop.

Cr Baker-Hogan asked the chair about the board's reporting to Council – the chair responded that reports either verbal or written were made to almost every Council meeting, and she was comfortable with level of detail provided, which in practice is beyond what is asked for in the letter of expectation.

Cr Vinsen asked the General Manager Finance about the terminology around shareholders' investment. GM Finance said that in order to give certainty and consistency of dividends a consistent base on which to base the returns had been used, i.e. paid up share investment. The required return of 14% equates to approximately \$1 million.

The Mayor thanked the chair for her extensive work with WDC Holdings Limited.

Resolution 2020/24

Moved: Deputy Mayor Jenny Duncan

Seconded: Cr James Barron

That Council

- (a) receives the amended Statement of Intent 2019/20 for Whanganui District Council Holdings Ltd., and
- (b) notes the Statements of Intent for the New Zealand International Commercial Pilot Academy Ltd., and GasNet Ltd.

CARRIED

The Meeting closed at 11.23am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Council Meeting held on 16 April 2020.

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CHAIRPERSON