

Minutes of NZ Chambers of Commerce Northland
meeting of The Executive Board
held 4.00pm 18th December 2014

The President welcomed the Board and welcomed Tony back from holiday

PRESENT: Janette Dobbs, Tony Collins, Tim Robinson, Ryan Welsh, Paul Dunn, Rob Meadows, Richard Cranenburgh, Jeremy Tauri, Terry Sage, , Annie Johnston, , Cr Paul Dimery, Murray Broadbelt, 4.10pm.,

APOLOGIES: Daryl Small, Laura Burns, Jeroen Jongejans, Cr Tricia Cutforth **Moved/Seconded
Tim/Paul**

LATE ARRIVALS: Vince Cocurullo 4.05pm

EARLY LEAVERS:

**PREVIOUS
MINUTES:** **Moved/Seconded
Tim/Murray**

FINANCE REPORT: In Daryl's absence Tony spoke to the Finance KPI report for November 2014

- One month out from the end of the financial year the final outcome is looking good.
- The budgeted forecast for 2014 was a \$7K loss, this year may end in a surplus of approximately that amount.
 - Due to a lot of small things – events etc including the Business to Business Publication
- For 2015 we aim to look for small ticket items and do these well
- Membership is just under 400 – Shelley is trying to make this target by the end of the year
- Daryl will be resigning as Treasurer for 2015 – Gilmore Brown has offered to nominate a new person in his place.

Moved/Seconded

Tim/Annie

CEO REPORT:

Tony advised that as he has just arrived back from holiday he doesn't have much to report.

Ease of Business – following on from the EOB report Tony has arranged a catch up with Joseph Stuart at Northland INC. They have more funding coming through which they may be able to direct into this project. The idea is to progress the pledge and take the project forward.

Tony and Ryan are meeting with Ian Collier from Air NZ tomorrow and Tony will also be meeting with Air NZ in Auckland along with Whakatane, Wairarapa and Auckland Chambers in the new year.

Moved/Seconded

Murray/Rob

TEAM RECOMMENDATIONS/REPORTS:

Ease of Business: Outlined in CEO report

COUNCIL

WDC: Cr Tricia Cutforth – Tricia's report was tabled in her absence

REPRESENTATIVE

Discussion over airport in LTP.

REPORTS:

Airport to stay high priority for the Chamber Board to keep an eye on.

NRC: Cr Paul Dimery was not present so no report presented

FNDC: Cr Di Maxwell was not present so no report presented

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Item 1

No general business

Meeting closed: 4.12pm

Meeting was followed by a presentations about the Hundertwasser Wairau Maori Arts Centre and the Harbourside project. This was followed by a board discussion where the majority of the Board supported the Hundertwasser project.

Hundertwasser Wairau Maori Arts Centre

The Chamber Board continues to support the Hundertwasser project for the following reasons

- **Economic growth of Northland through**
 - **Construction of the centre**
 - **Providing employment in tourism, hospitality**
 - **Hotel developments which are linked to the Hundertwasser project going ahead**
 - **Increase in value of existing public assets which will in turn increase rate income for the district**
 - **Will encourage travellers local and international to stay in Whangarei before heading north**
- **An iconic building that will put Whangarei on the map both nationally and internationally**
- **Of the two projects chosen by WDC to take to referendum the Hundertwasser Wairau Maori Arts Centre has a more resolved and clearer funding stream of the two proposals**

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 24th February 2015

President **Date.....**