

Minutes of NZ Chambers of Commerce Northland
meeting of The Executive Board
held 4.00pm 25th November 2014

The Vice President welcomed the Board

PRESENT: Janette Dobbs, Jeremy Tauri, Terry Sage, Daryl Small, Annie Johnston, Vince Cocurullo, Tim Robinson, Cr Paul Dimery, Rob Meadows, Laura Burns, Murray Broadbelt.

APOLOGIES: Jeroen Jongejans, Tony Collins, Paul Dunn, Ryan Welsh **Moved/Seconded
Murray/Daryl**

LATE ARRIVALS: Cr Tricia Cutforth 4.07pm, Richard Cranenburgh 4.10pm

EARLY LEAVERS:

**PREVIOUS
MINUTES:** **Moved/Seconded
Laura/Annie**

FINANCE REPORT: Daryl spoke to the Finance KPI report for October 2014

Revenue

- Daryl advised that comparing the Actual to the Budget at this time of year you can see it is very close to the budgeted amount.

Cost of Sales

- Map invoice is still to come - expected in December

Expenses

- Down by \$7K, looking good as the expenses in wages increases.

Maximum Funds available

- \$110K

Cr Tricia arrived
4.07pm

Debtors

- 90days has increased

A/P: Janette to concentrate on getting this down before the end of the year

Membership

- Total 397, 4 new members, 5 resigned members.

Moved/Seconded

Daryl/Rob

CEO REPORT:

Janette gave Awards report on Tony's behalf

- From the Sponsors and judges debrief a Sponsors and Winners Evening is to be held on 10th December. This is to give Sponsors a chance to present themselves and advise how the winners can use their prize package and for winners to network with the sponsors.
- There are a few tweaks regarding the sound which will be made for 2015. WDC didn't alter the layout of the stage as required by Collective Concepts. This caused some of the sound problem on the night.
- Board questioned the date Awards falls on – Labour Weekend. Janette advised that Forum North was booked out at least 2 years ahead.

Richard 4.10pm

A/P: Janette to follow up on venue dates for in future years

Moved/Seconded

Jeremy/Murray

TEAM RECOMMENDATIONS/REPORTS:

Ease of Business:

Tim outlined the meeting with the EOB leadership team with WDC (Jude Thompson and Pete Gleeson) and Northland INC. (Joseph Stuart).

EOB concept was well received and all agreed that everyone needed to be saying the same thing.

- They are putting together documentation around the pledge.
- They are keen that the Chamber be the forum to get feedback from businesses.
- There should be a realistic expectation of what is available and who are the points of contact. Northland INC are updating their website to help focus on this.

- Producing the pledge is the highest priority.

Moved/Seconded

Jeremy/Tim

CitySafe meeting

Talking to politicians regarding funding to help youths who are out of the system – some are really talented and could get onto a better path if they got help. Truancy service advised that only limited numbers could be taken on to alternative programs even when extra spaces were available as the ministry has specified only limited numbers can go through.

Vince gave an overview of what the CitySafe initiative is about.

A letter is coming from CitySafe to Tony to ask that he campaign politicians to get more funding.

A/P: Tony to follow up on letter when he gets back in December.

COUNCIL

REPRESENTATIVE

REPORTS:

WDC: Cr Tricia Cutforth highlighted the following

- Report from Berl about central industrial land in the regions. Whangarei is high on the list.

A/P: Tricia to forward report to Janette to distribute to the Board

- Significance and Engagement Policy – only 42 submissions received

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- Council are in the process of considering the following projects
 - Whangarei Airport
 - Whangarei Water Treatment

NRC: Cr Paul Dimery highlighted the following:

- Long Term Plan workshops taking place
- Big issue is transport
 - From meeting at Waitangi received assurances from the Prime Minister that funding would be available to complete road repairs.
 - Funding is also required for getting 2nd state highway
 - Mayhem at present as there is only 1 arterial route through to the North.
 - Needs to be usable and sustainable

