

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

President welcomes Board

PRESENT: Talia Mana, Laura Burns, Cr Tricia Cutforth, Ryan Welsh, Murray Broadbelt, Terry Sage, Jeroen Jongejans, Jeremy Tauri, Richard Cranenburgh, Tony Collins, Janette Dobbs.

APOLOGIES: Tim Robinson, Annie Johnston, Paul Dunn.

**Moved/Seconded
Jeremy/Jeroen**

LATE ARRIVALS: Rob Meadows (4.06pm)
Cr Paul Dimery (4.06pm)
Daryl Small (4.17pm)

EARLY LEAVERS:

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

**Moved/Seconded
Murray/Laura**

CEO REPORT:

- Starting from this month Tony advised that his CEO report will contain the following
 - Meetings taken place
 - Media coverage
 - Electronic coms update
 - Event attendance
- Team meetings – Board need to decide which Action Group they would like to join
 - Advocacy Action
 - Transformational Issues
 - Ease of Business

Rob arrived 4.06pm

Cr Paul D 4.06pm

Tony advised that Paul Davis from WDC is keen to work with the Chamber on the EoB development regarding info on websites etc. There is a synergy between the organisations.

- Budget – shortfall for Awards due to Refining NZ withdrawing their sponsorship

Tony gave an overview of what was required advising that he doesn't want the name of a company that may sponsor but instead the contact details of the person in that company.

**Moved/Seconded
Talía/Jeremy**

TEAM RECOMMENDATIONS/REPORTS:

Ease of Business: Taken as read – reports emailed for discussion prior to meeting

**Moved/Seconded
Laura/Talía**

Advocacy Action Group: Taken as read – reports emailed for discussion prior to meeting

**Moved/Seconded
Jeremy/Talía**

Transformational Issues: Taken as read – reports emailed for discussion prior to meeting

**Moved/Seconded
Talía/Laura**

Tony advised that Strategic goals for Advocacy and Membership have been completed, with the final meeting for the Ease of Business strategic planning meeting taking place this week.

COUNCIL

REPRESENTATIVE

REPORTS:

NRC: Cr Paul Dimery highlighted the following

- Unitary Authority – NRC see the only way of progressing this is to have local boards and a Maori representation iwi liaison committee established.
- Zero rates increase recommended
- Jeroen asked about Draft Annual Plan
- Very near completion – nothing dramatic to note in it
- Northland INC – funds will stay the same – NRC are looking closely at the way it has been run.

WDC: Cr Tricia Cutforth highlighted the following

- Local Government reform – submissions have been heard – different views held by NRC and WDC.
- Workshops have been held for new councillors
- Hundertwasser community survey
 - Will cover residents and ratepayers with a split available on views
 - Questions in Advocate
- Draft Annual Plan
 - Submissions by 23rd April
 - Hearings 13th 14th and 15th May
 - Annual Plan due 25th June
- Settlement Support
 - WDC has received funding to cover this which will finish in June
 - Retention specialist will then be based in Auckland
 - Tender process for support staff
 - Concerns re service as there are 400-500 migrants coming in to Whangarei each year
 - Tony is meeting with Cr Tricia Cutforth and Cr Sharon Morgan to look at this service and continuation/package.
- Weather Station
 - Tricia advised that she is still working on this – involves working with several different agencies.

**Daryl arrived
(4.17pm)**

FINANCE REPORT:

Daryl spoke to the Finance KPI report

- Income \$16.4K down from budgeted amount as sponsorship from Vodafone is due to come in from Auckland Chamber.
- Expenses \$15.6K – budgeted \$14.1K
- Surplus of \$838

A/P: Janette to amend KPI report for Accounts Receivable \$30144 this year and \$33560 last year

- Membership Total is 386 - 2 new members, 1 resigned

Moved/Seconded

Daryl/Murray

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Item 1: Magazine Project

Jeremy advised that he would email out to the Board once all has been consolidated.

Also advised that Steve Challis is floating an idea at present about a business to business magazine.

A/P: Richard and Jeremy to get together to discuss options

Tony advised that the Auckland Chamber magazine Innovative is going to be re launched as an e-Zine

Discussion

Ryan also noted that Tony was on the front page of the Advocate today.

Item 2: Tourism

Jeroen gave an overview of the launch of Tourism 2025 and directed the Board to the website

www.tourism2025.co.nz

National not regional strategy - 6 to 8% growth expected

Item 3: CBD Parking

Tricia asked if Tony had an update on this.

Tony is following up with Anthony Collins

A/P: Tony will report at next meeting

Meeting closed: 4:35pm

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 22nd April 2014