

Minutes of NZ Chambers of Commerce Northland  
meeting of The Executive Board  
held 4.00pm 28<sup>th</sup> April 2015

The President welcomed the Board

**PRESENT:** Terry Sage, Murray Broadbelt, Jeremy Tauri, Laura Burns, Danny Douglas, Cr Tricia Cutforth, Virginia Craig, Rob Meadows, Tim Robinson, Tony Collins, Ryan Welsh, Janette Dobbs.

**APOLOGIES:** Richard Cranenburgh **Moved/Seconded**  
Laura/Tim

**LATE ARRIVALS:** Tony Shi (4.05pm) Wayne Roycroft (4.08pm)  
Vince Cocurullo (4.19pm)

**EARLY LEAVERS:**

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:** A/P: Janette to email through previous minutes to Murray and Tricia **Moved/Seconded**  
Tim/Laura

**FINANCE REPORT:** Danny spoke to the Finance KPI report

- Income is up on last year
- Higher loss compared with last year due to timing of expenses
- Maximum funds available slightly higher than last year
- Membership is holding at this stage

Tony S arrived

- Receivables - 90days looking good

Question regarding contracts and sponsorship

Tony advised that so far there is an extra \$2K in awards sponsorship for 2015 and that he is still working things through with MSD.

**Moved/Seconded**

Rob/Laura

**CEO REPORT:**

**1. Letter from FNDC re Chamber Board rep:**

Tony gave overview of FNDC relationship with Chamber. Letter received advised that they do not have anyone spare to come down to attend meetings. Tony will meet with them as required. FNDC have a working group – Our voice is our vision which Tony is a representative on.

**A/P: Tony to send a letter to FNDC about meeting with the Board any time they are in Whangarei.**

Wayne arrived

**2. Submissions:**

Last three weeks have been spent reading and writing submissions to the FNDC, NRC, WDC, FNDC Long Term Plans. Tony advised that he has talked to members and other businesses regarding rates – out of this came a Bank Street business meeting – looking at a street approach and Heritage walk. He has suggested that they also talk to Ian Reeves at Henderson Reeves Connell Rishworth.

**Moved/Seconded**

Rob/Laura

**TEAM RECOMMENDATIONS/REPORTS:**

**Ease of Business and Advocacy:**

- Tim gave an overview of the meeting.
- From meeting suggested talking to Winston Peters to try to engage in a way to progress what is happening in Northland. Endeavour to get 12 months funding to get a person who will liaise between business and government. As part of the funding develop tangible outcomes. Make up a package to offer for funding.
- Tricia suggested approaching MBIE for funding

Vince arrived

- Discussion

A/P: Tony meeting with other Chambers next week, will report back with what they have available.

A/P: Tony to set up meeting with Board to work on a package to offer before approaching government ministry.

Moved/Seconded

Jeremy/Rob

COUNCIL

WDC: Cr Tricia Cutforth added the following comment to her report

REPRESENTATIVE

REPORTS:

- Following on from Ease of Business – there have been discussions around council about this with the new CEO coming on board. She suggested a joint venture approach – Councils EDA and Chamber
- Tony S added a discussion over real estate and potential new members.

Positive collaboration internal/external

Submissions closed for Long Term Plan on 24th. 865 received. Verbals to be done in mid May.

- Not a lot of push from business regarding rates

One way door policy for bars (1am) appears to be going ok.

Maori representation now on 20/20 subcommittee and civic honours.

Business/Economic Development Initiatives – new, in pipeline and in progress

Bank St revitalisation.

- Of interest – Bank Street/Heritage site – great to have 4-5

Hihiaua precinct planning work continuing

Special highlights/Good news stories

New CEO starts 1st July.

Fritter - 5,000 people.

Rally - over

FIFA – soon

- Tony advised that a total of 7500 tickets have been sold of a possible 9000 per game (4 games)

**NRC: no report presented**

**FNDC: no report presented**

**GENERAL BUSINESS: No general business**

**Meeting closed: 4.37pm**

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

**President .....**      **Date.....**