



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EASTERN BAY OF PLENTY JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 9 MARCH 2016 IN THE OPOTIKI DISTRICT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 108
ST JOHN STREET, COMMENCING AT 12.33PM**

PRESENT: Councillor Lyn Riesterer – Chairperson and Mayor J Forbes (Ōpōtiki District Council, Mayor A Bonne and Deputy Mayor Turner (Whakatāne District Council), Deputy Mayor A Holmes (Kawerau District Council), Councillor N Bruning (Bay of Plenty Regional Council)

IN ATTENDANCE: From Ōpōtiki District Council – A Lawrie (Chief Executive Officer) and Barbara Dempsey (Planning and Regulatory Manager). From Whakatāne District Council – M Grenfell (Chief Executive Officer) and J Gardyne (General Manager Strategy and Economic Development), From Kawerau District Council – S Haines Councillor), From Bay of Plenty Regional Council – Mary-Anne Macleod (Chief Executive Officer, Ken Tarboton (Eastern Bay Area Manager), Ruth Feist (Senior Planner) and D Phizacklea (Regional Integrated Planning Manager), From Toi-EDA – J Galbraith (Executive Chairman) and Barbara MacLennan (Project Manager, Toi-EDA Workforce Project), From Bay of Plenty District Health Board – Sarah Stevenson

APOLOGIES: Mayor M Campbell (Kawerau District Council), CEO Russell George (Kawerau District Council), Chair Doug Leeder (BOP Regional Council)

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the first Joint Committee meeting for 2016. She extended a special welcome to Whakatāne District Council Deputy Mayor Judy Turner who replaces Scott Jarrett on the Committee.

Ruth Feist introduced Sarah Stevenson from Toi Te Ora Health who was attending the meeting as an observer.

APOLOGIES

Malcolm Campbell, Russell George, Doug Leeder

RESOLVED

That the apologies be sustained.

Bruning/Bonne

Carried

DECLARATION OF ANY INTERESTS IN RELATION TO OPEN MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

Nil.

1.0 MINUTES – EASTERN BAY OF PLENTY JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING – 8 DECEMBER 2015

The Chairperson asked that Updates on Economic Development in the Eastern Bay of Plenty and Tourism Workshop Feedback (pg 11 and pg12) be placed on later agendas to ensure updates come back to the Committee in accordance with the resolutions.

Aileen Lawrie suggested an Action Schedule would be a good way of tracking items to be followed up. The Committee agreed with that suggestion.

With reference to Item 10 – Consents & Compliance – it was noted that individual TAs could extend an invitation for a presentation of the reports if they wished.

RESOLVED

That the Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1. Receives the Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee minutes – 8 December 2015.**

Riesterer/Bruning

Carried

Ken Tarboton entered the meeting at 12.41pm.

The Chairperson noted an addition to the report template – 'Relevance to Eastern Bay of Plenty'.

2.0 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON

Mayor Forbes moved:

1. That the report be received; and
2. Mayor Malcolm Campbell be appointed as Deputy Chairperson for the EBOP Joint Committee for the next year.

Mayor Campbell has confirmed his willingness to take on the role.

The Committee accepted the motion put forward by Mayor Forbes.

RESOLVED

That the Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1. Receives the report "Election of Deputy Chairperson".**
- 2. Confirms that Mayor Malcolm Campbell be appointed as Deputy Chairperson of the EBOP Joint Committee for the next year.**

Forbes/Bonne

Carried

3.0 TOI MOANA ECONOMIC ACTION PLAN

John Galbraith gave some background to the report and noted the importance of keeping Councils well informed on Action Plan implementation.

When the Regional Growth Study Action Plan was launched it was not so apparent what level of funding was required and this is summarised in the report.

A Business Plan is to be developed for each Action Plan and funding pursued. There is a suite of contestable funding opportunities and in the fullness of time some of the projects will not get over the line but it is hoped most of them will.

John Galbraith advised there were no further updates from the first full Action Leads meeting held on 1 March 2016.

RESOLVED

That the Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1. Receives the report "Toi Moana Growth Study – Action Plans".**
- 2. Notes the likely demand for additional resources and expertise required to implement the identified action plans in the Eastern Bay.**

Forbes/Holmes

Carried

4.0 PATHWAYS TO WORK

Barbara MacLennan gave a PowerPoint presentation in support of the agenda report, covering the following points:

- Workforce Planning Project Phase One
- Ōpōtiki Aquaculture and harbour Employment, FTEs
- Seasonal Workforce Requirements for Kiwifruit – Eastern Bay of Plenty
- EBoP Kiwifruit Growth Projections
- Workforce Planning Project Phase Two
- The Focus
- Ōpōtiki Progress
- Education and Training Pathways to Work – Ōpōtiki 2016
- Ōpōtiki – Next Steps
- Whakatāne and Kawerau Progress and Next Steps
- Draft Structure

The Chairperson acknowledged Barbara MacLennan's facilitation in obtaining the assistance of the Todd Foundation.

It was noted that work being done in Kawerau under the Mayors Taskforce For Jobs and Social Sector Trials initiatives is an outstanding example of what can be done.

John Galbraith stated that in order to maximise the local benefit and uptake, it is important to educate our own people as much as possible in order for them to get the jobs. Timing is also very important and current linkages need to be looked at. One example is North Island Mussels Limited processing opportunities which are complementary to the kiwifruit season.

RESOLVED

That the Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1. Receives the report "Pathways to Work".**

Riesterer/Forbes

Carried

John Galbraith left the meeting at 1.14pm and returned at 1.16pm

Mary-Anne Macleod left the meeting at 1.17pm and returned at 1.19pm

5.0 OPOTIKI HARBOUR TRANSFORMATION PROJECT UPDATE

Aileen Lawrie took the report as read. She referred to the Project Management Organisation chart on pg.37 of the agenda, noting in particular the Minister's name in the box at the top. This gives some level of comfort that central Government is taking the project very seriously.

Thanks were extended to the Bay of Plenty Regional Council for providing Fiona McTavish and to Whakatāne District Council for availing Jim Finlay until the end of April.

A compulsory briefing was being held on Monday in Ōpōtiki for those who have expressed a Statement of Interest and Ability for the investigation design and construction of the Ōpōtiki Harbour Development Project. The briefing was attended by representatives of 23 firms. Two or three preferred tenderers will be selected by the end of April.

Ōpōtiki District Council has had an increase in the number of Building Consent applications and LIM requests along with increased pressure on infrastructure. Accommodation within the district has also been under pressure for the last two years.

RESOLVED

That the Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1. Receives the report "Ōpōtiki Harbour Transformation Project Update".**

Bruning/Bonne

Carried

6.0 DRAFT EASTERN BAY – BEYOND TODAY

Members were provided with a copy of the map 'Our Links to the Region and the World' (page 11) which failed to print in the agenda.

Barbara Dempsey stated that four Councils have been working on the Eastern Bay – Beyond Today document. Collaboration is not easy and at times there have been four different points of view come to the table and time has been constrained. It was acknowledged that the four organisations have worked well together and thanks were extended to Ruth Feist for the work she has put in to get the document to where it is today.

Ruth Feist highlighted page 6 of the document to the Committee.

Mayor Forbes asked for a line to be added in around specialist manufacturing under "Growing a High Value Economy". He gave, as examples, Surtees and Extreme Boats. Referring to the map (page 11) Mayor Forbes considered the road link between Kawerau and Rotorua was very important and should be shown as a full red line.

Councillor Bruning acknowledged the work staff have put into this project, capturing something of the essence of the Eastern Bay of Plenty. He moved the recommendations with the slight adjustments discussed above.

RESOLVED

That the Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1. Receives the report "Draft Eastern Bay – Beyond Today".**
- 2. Approves Draft Eastern Bay – Beyond Today for release for engagement.**
- 3. Confirms the draft Key Opportunities.**

Bruning/Riesterer

Carried

7.0 UPDATE ON THE CHANGES TO THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT

David Phizacklea spoke to the report, highlighting some of the changes to the Resource Management Act:

- Natural hazards
- Increasing Māori engagement
- Removal of financial contributions
- Removal of hazardous substance function
- Overlap between Regional Councils and District Councils

Mary-Anne Macleod asked that all the Eastern Bay of Plenty Councils ask to be heard together in order to have more hearing time. This course of action was agreed to and a further part was added to the recommendation to record the Committee's support for a collective presentation to the Select Committee.

RESOLVED

That the Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1. Receives the report titled "Update on Changes to the RMA".**
- 2. Notes the draft changes proposed by the Resource Legislation Amendment Bill 2015 and any implications of this reform as outlined in this report.**
- 3. Supports a collective presentation to the Select Committee from the Eastern Bay of Plenty Councils.**

Forbes/Bonne

Carried

Ruth Feist left the meeting at 2.02pm and returned at 2.04pm.

8.0 2016 FIELD TRIPS

Julie Gardyne asked for feedback on the proposed field trip visits noted in the report.

Additional suggestions were noted, although it may not be possible to accommodate all of them:

- Whakatāne Hospital site visit
- Presentation on Marine Precinct (this could be facilitated by Tauranga City Council)

The Chairperson expressed her thanks for the endeavours being made to fit in two extra tours, acknowledging that a lot is learned from the tours.

It was agreed that invitations to join the Tauranga tour be extended to Western Bay of Plenty District Council and Tauranga City Council.

The Chairperson asked that a presentation from the District Health Board being included in the next agenda.

RESOLVED

That the Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1. Receives the report "2016 Field Trips".**
- 2. Notes the additional suggestions for the field trips.**

Bonne/Holmes

Carried

9.0 2016 AGENDA REPORTS

Suggestions for topics of future reports were put forward and added to the recommendations.

RESOLVED

That the Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1. Receives the report "2016 Agenda Reports".**
- 2. Include the following topics in the future reports to the Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee agendas:**

Action Schedule

Forestry Update

Industrial Symbiosis

Road/Rail Connection

Turner/Riesterer

Carried

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 2.29PM

**THE FOREGOING MINUTES ARE CERTIFIED AS BEING A
TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD AT A SUBSEQUENT
MEETING OF EASTERN BAY OF PLENTY JOINT
COMMITTEE HELD ON 8 JUNE 2016**

**COUNCILLOR LYN RIESTERER
CHAIRPERSON**