



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EASTERN BAY OF PLENTY JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER 2016 IN THE OPOTIKI DISTRICT COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
108 ST JOHN STREET, COMMENCING AT 10.04AM**

PRESENT: Councillor L. Riesterer – Chairperson and Mayor J. Forbes (Ōpōtiki District Council), Mayor T. Bonne and Deputy Mayor J. Turner (Whakatāne District Council), Mayor M. Campbell and Deputy Mayor A. Holmes (Kawerau District Council), Chair D. Leeder and Councillor N. Bruning (Bay of Plenty Regional Council)

IN ATTENDANCE: From Ōpōtiki District Council – A. Lawrie (Chief Executive Officer), B. Dempsey (Planning and Regulatory Manager), From Whakatāne District Council – M. Grenfell (Chief Executive Officer) and J Gardyne (General Manager Strategy), From Kawerau District Council – R. George (Chief Executive Officer) and C Jensen (Manager Regulatory and Planning), From Bay of Plenty Regional Council – M.A. Macleod (Chief Executive Officer), R. Feist (Senior Planner), S. Lamb (Natural Resources Policy Manager) and D. Phizacklea (Regional Integrated Planning Manager).
G. Newell (PA to CEO and Mayor, Ōpōtiki District Council)

VISITORS: Fiona Hennessey (Emergency Management Advisor), Jono Meldrum (Manager Operational Readiness) and Craig Morris (Group Recovery Manager)

APOLOGIES

Nil.

DECLARATION OF ANY INTERESTS IN RELATION TO OPEN MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

Nil.

1.0 MINUTES – EASTERN BAY OF PLENTY JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING – 8 JUNE 2016

RESOLVED

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

1. Receives the Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee minutes – 8 June 2016.

Forbes/Bruning

Carried

Matters Arising

Bay of Plenty District Health Board

Mayor Forbes noted the importance of continuing discussion with the District Health Board.

Ruth Feist advised that there have been discussions regarding an implementation plan – a health analysis has been done – and the engagement process of Eastern Bay - Beyond Today.

Mayor Bonne entered the meeting at 10.08am.

2.0 EASTERN BAY – BEYOND TODAY

Ruth Feist gave a powerpoint presentation highlighting the following:

- Principals, Outcomes and Key Opportunities
- Implementation Plan – What is already happening or planned; Collaborative Actions
- Priorities for 2016-2021
- Timeline to implementation

David Phizacklea acknowledged the work done by the sub-committee together with Councillor Bruning and Ruth Feist.

Councillor Bruning thanked all staff for the work put into this project. It has been three years in the making, starting from a zero base. He suggested that communicating the plan out to the likes of Federated Farmers and the Chamber of Commerce would make it more meaningful.

Ruth Feist noted that this is a living document and will be refreshed over time.

The Chairperson stated that the project has reflected each Council's similarities as well as differences.

In response to a suggestion from the Chairperson that either a time line for refreshing the plan be incorporated into the document or it be kept as an item in ongoing agendas, Ruth Feist reiterated that it is a living document and would likely be refreshed about every three years.

There were queries if the plan would be put on a website and/or each Council's website. Ruth Feist advised that consideration was being given to having a dedicated website.

It was acknowledged that the plan needs to be circulated through the whole region.

The Chairperson mentioned that some consideration needs to be given as to who should attend the launch.

Aileen Lawrie acknowledged the work of the sub-committee and staff. In three years we have a Spatial Plan. There would not be any sub-region who could do this on the small budget our team had.

Mayor Forbes stated this is good for the Eastern Bay of Plenty and echoed other comments made on the work which has been put in. As a region, he was not sure if there was connectivity. The region was collaborative and it was whatever was best for the Bay but there has been some fragmentation in recent times. Mayor Forbes would like to see the region working as collaboratively as possible – if we fragment as a region, it is to our cost. The challenge is there for the region; it is about believing in the interconnectivity of our areas and economies.

RESOLVED

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

1. Receives the report “Eastern Bay – Beyond Today”.
2. Approves Eastern Bay – Beyond Today and the Implementation Plan.
3. Recommends that the partner Councils adopt Eastern Bay – Beyond Today and the Implementation Plan.

Riesterer/Bonne

Carried

3.0 BAY OF PLENTY CIVIL DEFENCE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Fiona Hennessey introduced Jono Meldrum (Manager Operational Readiness) and Craig Morris (Group Recovery Manager).

Jono Meldrum advised that the Exercise Tangaroa, a national exercise, took place last Wednesday. Each territorial authority established their EOC, with most activating fairly quickly. Communications proved to be an area where some work will need to be done.

Mayor Campbell agreed that communications were not good throughout the exercise. When there is an exercise everyone is involved and notifications need to go right down the pecking order.

Fiona Hennessey gave a powerpoint presentation titled “Eastern Bay Beyond Today – Civil Defence Emergency Management Linkages”. The presentation covered the following:

- What are our challenges?
- Natural hazard risks and extreme weather events
- Climate change
- Physical and social impacts
- The role of Civil Defence Emergency Management
- Eastern Bay Beyond Today linkages
- Caring for our communities and environment

Mayor Forbes stated that there needs to be a lot more ongoing community conversations around risk. Communities which understand that will be more resilient. He commended Minister Kaye, adding that she has done a good job for Civil Defence. The Minister is facing a health issue at present and he suggested a letter of thoughts be sent to her. Jono Meldrum offered to facilitate a letter to Minister Kaye.

Doug Leeder alerted the Committee to Biosecurity 2025, a discussion document launched by the Minister for Primary Industries, Hon. Nathan Guy. The chances of a biosecurity breach or incursion is quite high in the region.

Mary-Anne Macleod said the Regional Council has met with Minister Guy and made a submission to Biosecurity 2025. She is happy to share that submission and provide support to the other Councils to make their own submission.

The Chairperson thought it would be useful to have a report around biosecurity come to the Joint Committee.

Doug Leeder suggested each of the Bay of Plenty Territorial Authorities put in a submission, together with an Eastern Bay submission.

RESOLVED

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

1. Receives the report "Bay of Plenty Civil Defence Emergency Management".

Forbes/Turner

Carried

Mayor Bonne left the meeting at 10.34am.

4.0 BAY OF PLENTY TREATY SETTLEMENT UPDATE

Stephen Lamb spoke to the report, updating and discussing Treaty Settlements and Treaty Claims which are occurring or progressing in the region.

RESOLVED

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

1. Receives the report "Bay of Plenty Treaty Settlement Update".

Bruning/Forbes

Carried

David Phizacklea left the meeting at 10.59am and returned at 11.01am

Judy Turner left the meeting at 11.05am.

Marty Grenfell left the meeting at 11.17am and returned at 11.20am.

5.0 WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY SITE VISIT

The potential site visit itinerary in the report was discussed.

Although not on the itinerary, Mary-Anne Macleod suggested a visit to the Marine Centre run by Chris Battershill would be worthwhile.

The Chairperson was keen to see the site visit take place before Christmas.

Stephen Lamb will do some further work on the itinerary, taking into account the feedback from Committee members, with the aim of the site visit taking place before Christmas.

RESOLVED

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

1. Receives the report "Western Bay of Plenty Site Visit".
2. Provides feedback on the itinerary and possible dates.

Forbes/Riesterer

Carried

6.0 TOURISM UPDATE

Julie Gardyne noted that the statistics and other information in the report focussed on the Whakatāne-Kawerau RTO.

Mayor Forbes acknowledged that Ōpōtiki is involved with Tourism Eastland which is a different RTO.

The Chairperson stated that she would like to see more collaboration around the Eastern Bay of Plenty and to know a little more about the cluster group for Māori tourism.

RESOLVED

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

1. Receives the report "Tourism Update".

Riesterer/Forbes

Carried

7.0 MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Committee members gave some feedback on the Agenda Reports list attached to the report.

Deputy Mayor Holmes suggested drinking water be an item to discuss regularly.

Following a discussion on water issues, the Chairperson asked that a report around water be brought to the December meeting – there will need to be some discussion on how the report is approached.

Mayor Campbell asked the Committee to be mindful of what is happening in small town in relation to loss of services and the flow-on effect this has. MSD is downsizing and the Police are a big concern, along with doctors and ambulance staff.

RESOLVED

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

1. Receives the report "Miscellaneous Items".

Riesterer/Bruning

Carried

The Chairperson acknowledged Deputy Mayor Alistair Holmes and thanked him for his time on the Joint Committee.

In return, Deputy Mayor Holmes thanked the Chairperson, adding that he has enjoyed every minute of his time on the Committee and endorses the Joint Committee as the way to go forward.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 12.03PM

CONFIRMED:

COUNCILLOR LYN RIESTERER
CHAIRPERSON

Date: