

Minutes of the Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee Meeting held in Mataatua Room, Bay of Plenty Regional Council, 5 Quay Street, Whakatāne on Tuesday, 5 March 2019 commencing at 1.00 p.m.

Present:

Chairman: Councillor B Clark (Bay of Plenty Regional Council)

Deputy Chairman: Deputy Mayor L Riesterer (Opotiki District Council)

Appointees: Mayor J Forbes (Opotiki District Council), Mayor M Campbell (Kawerau District Council), Mayor A Bonne (Whakatāne District Council), Councillor N Bruning (Bay of Plenty Regional Council), Councillor Sparks (Kawerau District Council), Deputy Mayor J Turner (Whakatāne District Council)

In Attendance: Bay of Plenty Regional Council (BOPRC): Chairman Doug Leeder, David Phizacklea – Regional Development Manager, Santiago Bermeo – Strategic Planner, Reuben Fraser – Consents Manager, T Nerdrum-Smith – Committee Advisor

Whakatāne District Council (WDC): Stephanie O’Sullivan – Chief Executive, Julie Gardyne - General Manager Strategy and Economic Development, Glenda Spackman – Strategic Analyst,

Ōpōtiki District Council (ODC): Aileen Lawrie – Chief Executive,

Kawerau District Council (KDC): Russell George – Chief Executive Officer

1 Chairperson’s Introduction

The Chairperson welcome those present to the first meeting of the Committee in 2019, and recognised the recent passing of Cr Riesterer’s father.

2 Apologies

Nil

3 Public Forum

Nil

4 Acceptance of Late Items

Nil

5 Confidential Business to be Transferred Into the Open

Noted that a verbal progress report would be provided on the postponed Public Excluded item: Proposal for Seeking Registrations of Interest for Eastern Bay Rock Supply.

6 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

Nil

7 Previous Minutes

7.1 Minutes - Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee - 12 November 2018

Resolved

That the Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee:

- 1 Confirms the minutes of the Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee - 12 November 2018.

Turner/Bruning
CARRIED

8 Reports

8.1 Eastern Bay Of Plenty Local Alcohol Policy - Delay of Review

Glenda Spackman – Strategic Analyst WDC presented this item on behalf of the three Eastern Bay of Plenty District Councils.

Key Points

- All Councils were required to have a Local Alcohol Policy (LAP), which provided direction for the District Licencing Committees
- The current LAP required a review at either 18 months or three years after adoption, however by law, a review was not required until at the six year mark
- As the 2018 census data was not yet available, if a review was undertaken now, it would rely on the 2016 data, which could open the LAP to appeals
- Had commenced data collection through meetings with the Police and District Health Boards, and was working closely with the various agencies to provide robust information for the review
- Was also gathering information from Councils, e.g. when there was a noise control issue, was alcohol involved.

In Response to Questions

- A minimum of one year's worth of data was required for an effective review
- Recognised that alcohol was known to cause harm in the Eastern Bay of Plenty.

Resolved

That the Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee:

- 1 **Receives the report, Eastern Bay Of Plenty Local Alcohol Policy - Delay of Review;**
- 2 **Approve Option 1: Delay the review of the joint LAP to within six years of adoption (by March 2022);**
- 3 **Recommend to Kawerau, Ōpōtiki and Whakatāne District Councils that they resolve to delay the review of the joint LAP to within six years of adoption; and**
- 4 **Notes that the joint Local Alcohol Policy working group will report back to the Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee with a proposed review timeline and next step.**

**Forbes/Bonne
CARRIED**

8.2 **Freshwater-Related Opportunities and Barriers to Sustainable Economic Growth**

PowerPoint Presentation - Reference A3148350

David Phizacklea – Regional Development Manager BOPRC introduced Santiago Bermeo – Senior Planner BOPRC who presented this item.

Key Points of Presentation

- Setting Freshwater Objectives, Limits and Methods: A 2-Step Process
 - Region-wide quantity
 - Water management areas (quality & quantity)
- Information Base
- An Action from the Regional Growth Strategy
- Approach
- Key Findings
- Surface Water, Eastern Bay
- Groundwater, Eastern Bay.

In Response to Questions

- This particular study did not include an in-depth consideration of the impact of climate change
- A high level groundwater model was being developed for the Kaituna catchment and would also be done for Rangitaiki
- The National Policy Statement required regional standards to be adopted by 2030.

Key Points – Members & Attendees

- The current 'first in, first served' principle was expected to be challenged at Central Government level.

Resolved

That the Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee:

- 1 **Receives the report, Freshwater-related opportunities and barriers to sustainable economic growth.**

**Clark/Bruning
CARRIED**

9 **Presentations/Discussion**

9.1 **Visit to China**

Stephanie O'Sullivan – Chief Executive WDC provided a verbal update on the scheduled delegation to China.

Key Points

- Following consultation with the partner Councils and Central Government, an agreement had been reached that the trip originally planned for April 2019, would be postponed until June 2019.

Key Points – Members and Attendees

- Cr Clark advised that he had withdrawn as a Regional Council delegate
- Recognised that China had an expectation of top representation as part of the delegation, i.e. Mayors/Chairpersons
- It was the responsibilities of the respective Councils to determine whether or not a delegation should be sent
- The two Bay of Plenty Regional Councillors who had been appointed as delegates had now withdrawn. A decision with regards to a third nominee and whether BOPRC would still participate in the delegation, was to be made at the next Council meeting
- Noted that the resolution of the Joint Committee and the Regional Council to send delegates to China was current at this stage.

9.2 **Future Direction of the Committee**

Julie Gardyne - General Manager Strategy and Economic Development WDC provided an introduction of this discussion.

Key Points

- Future work programme for the Committee and topics for discussion for 2019:
 - Local Alcohol Policy
 - Climate change
 - Freshwater management
 - Economic/workforce development
 - Presentations by other Government agencies regarding their work programmes
 - Three waters discussion
 - Activities Commission
 - Natural hazards management
- Standing items for each meeting:
 - Toi EDA update

- Climate Change
- Tourism opportunities and challenges
- Treaty settlements and Iwi partnerships.
- Regional economic development (not limited the Eastern Bay of Plenty).

Key Points – Members

- The link and interaction between the Regional Spatial Plan (Invest Bay of Plenty) vs the Eastern Bay of Plenty Spatial Plan needed to be clarified
- Population growth in the Eastern Bay of Plenty and the associated impact on infrastructure needed to be monitored and planned for
- Recognised the resources required for effective future planning
- Information reports to the Joint Committee enabled Members to report back to their respective Councils.

Staff Follow-up for the Next Meeting

- Invite Toi EDA Board and Management to next meeting of the Joint Committee
- Report/Presentation regarding the Regional Spatial Plan.

9.3 **Update by Toi EDA**

As Toi EDA was currently without a General Manager, this item was deferred to the next meeting of the Committee.

10 **Public Excluded Section**

Resolved

Resolution to exclude the public

THAT the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General Subject of Matter to be Considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to this matter	Grounds under Section 48(1) LGOIMA 1987 for passing this resolution
Proposal for seeking registrations of Interest for Eastern Bay Rock Supply	To carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)	Good reason for withholding exists under Section 48(1)(a)

**Bonne/ Campbell
CARRIED**

The meeting closed at 2.41 pm

Confirmed DATE

Cr Bill Clark - Chairperson
Eastern Bay of Plenty Joint Committee