

## Economic Development Committee

### MINUTES

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Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Economic Development Committee held in the Edinburgh Room, Municipal Chambers, The Octagon, Dunedin on Tuesday 02 July 2019, commencing at 2.01pm

#### PRESENT

**Chairperson** Cr Chris Staynes  
**Deputy Chairperson** Cr Christine Garey

**Members**

Mayor Dave Cull	Cr Rachel Elder
Cr Doug Hall	Cr Aaron Hawkins
Cr Marie Laufiso	Cr Mike Lord
Cr Damian Newell	Cr Jim O'Malley
Cr Conrad Stedman	Cr Lee Vandervis
Cr Kate Wilson	

#### IN ATTENDANCE

Sue Bidrose (Chief Executive Officer) and John Christie (Director Enterprise Dunedin) Simon Drew (General Manager Infrastructure Services), Dave Tombs (General Manager Finance and Commercial), Graham McKerracher (Council Communications and Marketing Manager), Des Adamson (Business Relationship Manager), Fraser Liggett (Economic Development Programme Manager), Suz Jenkins (Finance and Office Manager), Chanel O'Brien (Business Development Advisor Skills and Entrepreneurship) and Jeremy Baker (Energy Planning Co-ordinator)

**Governance Support Officer** Lynne Adamson

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## 1 PUBLIC FORUM

### 1.1 Public Forum- Innov8HQ and Petridish

Heidi Renata, Chief Energy Officer & Curious Wahinepreneur, Innov8HQ and Jason Lindsey, Founding Partner, Petridish provided an update on the Konaki Māngai and Rising Tide programmes.

Ms Renata and Mr Lindsey thanked Council for the funding granted from the Dunedin Ecosystem Support fund and discussed the help the funding had provided their

companies.

Ms Renata explained her background and the vision which lead to the creation of Innov8HQ. The Konaki Māngai programme was a new internship programme that supported Māori students and start up companies. She commented that the programme was a partnership with the Te Kura Pakihi (The University of Otago Māori Business School)

Cr Lee Vandervis left the meeting at 2.27 pm and returned at 2.30 pm.

Moved (Cr Kate Wilson/Cr Aaron Hawkins):

That the Committee:

**Extend** the public forum.

**Motion carried**

Mr Lindsay spoke of his background and the concept behind establishing Petridish. He explained the development of the Rising Tide programme, a website platform and grant programme which assists investors to support early stage founders and startups. He explained that through the website, the wider Dunedin community was able to pledge their support to startups, people and ideas.

Ms Renata and Mr Lindsay responded to questions.

## **2 APOLOGIES**

Moved (Cr Chris Staynes/Mayor Dave Cull):

That the Committee:

**Accepts** the apologies from Crs David Benson-Pope, Damian Newell and Andrew Whiley for absence.

**Motion carried (ED/2019/016)**

## **3 CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

Moved (Cr Chris Staynes/Cr Christine Garey):

That the Committee:

**Confirms** the agenda with the following addition or alteration:

- In regard to Standing Order 2.1, Option C be adopted in relation to moving and seconding and speaking to amendments.

**Motion carried (ED/2019/017)**

#### 4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were reminded of the need to stand aside from decision-making when a conflict arose between their role as an elected representative and any private or other external interest they might have.

Moved (Cr Chris Staynes/Cr Kate Wilson):

That the Committee:

- a) **Notes** the Elected Members' Interest Register; and
- b) **Confirms** the proposed management plan for Elected Members' Interests.

**Motion carried (ED/2019/018)**

#### PART A REPORTS

#### 5 DUNEDIN ECOSYSTEM SUPPORT FUND

A report from Enterprise Dunedin provided an update on the outcomes of the 2018/19 Dunedin Ecosystem Support (DES) fund.

The aim of the DES fund was to support startups and access the people and resources they need. As part of the initiative Innov8HQ and Petridish each received \$25,000 for the Konaki Māngai and Rising Tide programmes.

The Economic Development Programme Manager (Fraser Liggett) and Business Development Advisor Skills and Entrepreneurship (Chanel O'Brien) spoke to the report and responded to questions.

Moved (Deputy Chairperson Christine Garey/Cr Jim O'Malley):

That the Committee:

- a) **Notes** the update report on 2018/19 Dunedin Ecosystem Support fund, and the reports from Innov8HQ and Petridish.

**Motion carried (ED/2019/019)**

#### 6 ENTERPRISE DUNEDIN ACTIVITY REPORT - JUNE 2019

A report from Enterprise Dunedin noted that their activity was set by the 2013-2023 Economic Development Strategy and provided an update on a selection of activities undertaken over the past three months.

The Economic Development Programme Manager (Fraser Liggett) and Finance and Office Manager (Suz Jenkins) spoke to the report and responded to questions.

Moved (Cr Mike Lord/Cr Christine Garey):

That the Committee:

- a) **Notes** the Enterprise Dunedin Activity Report – June 2019.

**Motion carried (ED/2019/020)**

## **7 ENERGY PLAN UPDATE**

A report from Enterprise Dunedin provided an update on Enterprise Dunedin activities related to implementation of the Energy Plan.

The Business Relationship Manager (Des Adamson) and Energy Planning Co-ordinator (Jeremy Baker) spoke to the report and responded to questions.

During discussion Cr Mike Lord left the meeting at 3.22 pm and returned at 3.24 pm.

Moved (Cr Aaron Hawkins/Deputy Chairperson Christine Garey):

That the Committee:

- a) **Notes** the Energy Plan Update report.

**Motion carried (ED/2019/021)** with Cr Vandervis recording his vote against

## **8 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CHAIR**

There were no items notified for consideration by the Chair.

The meeting concluded at 3.54 pm

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CHAIRPERSON