

Economic Development Committee MINUTES

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Economic Development Committee held in the Council Chamber, Dunedin Public Art Gallery, The Octagon, Dunedin on Wednesday 07 August 2024, commencing at 1.14 pm

PRESENT

Chairperson	Cr Andrew Whiley	
Deputy Chairperson	Cr Christine Garey	
Members	Cr Sophie Barker	
	Cr David Benson-Pope	
	Cr Kevin Gilbert	Cr Carmen Houlahan
	Cr Cherry Lucas	Cr Mandy Mayhem
	Cr Jim O'Malley	Mayor Jules Radich
	Cr Lee Vandervis	Cr Brent Weatherall

IN ATTENDANCE

Sandy Graham (Chief Executive Officer) John Christie (Manager Enterprise Dunedin), Nicola Morand (Manahautu – Policy and Partnership), Fraser Liggett (Economic Development Manager), Sian Sutton (Dunedin Destination Manager), Louise Van de Vlierd (Manager Visitor Centre), Akari Anfield (Economic Development Advisor), Antony Deaker (Economic Development Team Leader) and Clare Sullivan (Manager Governance)

Governance Support Officer Jennifer Lapham

1 PUBLIC FORUM

Andy Walker spoke to the committee about Study Dunedin Value and the importance to the education sector.

2 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cr Bill Acklin, Cr Marie Laufiso and Cr Steve Walker.

Moved (Cr Andrew Whiley/Cr Christine Garey):

That the Committee:

Accepts the apologies from Cr Bill Acklin, Cr Marie Laufiso and Cr Steve Walker.

Motion carried (ED/2024/010)

3 CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved (Cr Andrew Whiley/Cr Kevin Gilbert):

That the Committee:

Confirms the agenda with the addition of a report on the Redesign of the Vocational Education and Training system to be considered as item 10. The reason for urgency being the requirement to meet the Government deadline for submissions.

Moves item 7 (New Zealand Centre of Digital Excellence Update Report be considered before item 6.

Motion carried (ED/2024/011)

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.

There were no items notified.

Moved (Cr Andrew Whiley/Cr Christine Garey):

That the Committee:

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

Motion carried (ED/2024/012)

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING - 22 MAY 2024

Moved (Cr Andrew Whiley/Cr Kevin Gilbert):

That the Committee:

- a) **Confirms** the minutes of the Economic Development Committee meeting held on 22 May 2024 as a correct record.

Motion carried (ED/2024/013)

PART A REPORTS

7 NEW ZEALAND CENTRE OF DIGITAL EXCELLENCE (CODE) LIMITED UPDATE

A report from the New Zealand Centre of Digital Excellence Limited (CODE Limited) provided an update on CODE Limited activities between May 2023 and July 2024.

Fraser Liggett (Economic Development Manager) Murray Strong (CODE Limited Chair), Adam La Hood (Council's appointed Director to the Board of CODE Limited) and Tim Ponting (Chief Executive of CODE Limited) spoke to the report and responded to questions.

Moved (Cr Andrew Whiley/Cr Christine Garey):

That the Committee:

- a) **Notes** the New Zealand Centre of Digital Excellence (CODE) Limited Update

Motion carried (ED/2024/014)

6 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

A report from Civic provided an update of the Economic Development Committee forward work programme. It showed areas of activity, progress and expected timeframes for decision making across a range of areas of work.

Moved (Cr Andrew Whiley/Cr Mandy Mayhem):

That the Committee:

- a) **Notes** the Economic Development Committee forward work programme.

Motion carried (ED/2024/015)

Moved (Cr Andrew Whiley/Cr Christine Garey):

That the Committee:

Adjourns the meeting until 2.30 pm

Motion carried

The meeting adjourned at 2.20 pm and reconvened at 2.30 pm.

Cr Benson-Pope left the meeting at 2.20 pm.

Moved (Cr Andrew Whiley/Cr Christine Garey):

That the Committee:

Item 10 be brought forward to be considered prior to item 8.

Motion carried

Cr Carmen Houlahan entered the meeting, after the adjournment, at 2.33 pm

10 REDESIGN OF THE VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING SYSTEM

A report from the Chief Executive Officer provided early notice of the Te Tāhuhu o te Mātauranga Ministry of Education proposal for the Redesign of Vocational Education and Training System which is out for public consultation.

Sandy Graham (Chief Executive Officer) Max Sims, (Deputy Executive Director: Operations, Otago Polytechnic) and Ms Megan Potiki (Executive Director Region 4) spoke to the report and responded to questions.

Moved (Mayor Jules Radich/Cr Kevin Gilbert):

That the Committee:

- a) **Recommends** Council supports the Otago Polytechnic Te Kura Matatini Ki Otago position to become a stand-alone institution
- b) **Requests** that the Mayor writes letters to various parties in support of the Otago Polytechnic Te Kura Matatini Ki Otago position to become a stand-alone institution.

Motion carried (ED/2024/016)

8 ENTERPRISE DUNEDIN ACTIVITY AND TRACKING REPORT - AUGUST 2024

In a report from Enterprise Dunedin an update was provided on the activities of Enterprise Dunedin since the previous meeting.

Cr Whiley acknowledged the retirement of Louise Van de Vlierd and commented on her work with the Dunedin City Council.

Fraser Liggett (Economic Development Manager), Sian Sutton (Dunedin Destination Manager) and Louise Van de Vlierd (Manager Visitor Centre), spoke to the report and responded to questions.

Moved (Cr Andrew Whiley/Cr Christine Garey):

That the Committee:

- a) **Notes** the Enterprise Dunedin Activity and Tracking Report – August 2024 Update.

Motion carried (ED/2024/017)

9 STUDY DUNEDIN UPDATE

A report from Enterprise Dunedin provided an update on the activity of Study Dunedin and the international education sector in Dunedin.

Akari Anfield (Economic Development Advisor) and Antony Deaker (Economic Development Team Leader) spoke to the report and responded to questions.

Moved (Cr Christine Garey/Cr Andrew Whiley):

That the Committee:

- a) **Notes** the Study Dunedin Update – August 2024.

Motion carried (ED/2024/018)

11 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CHAIR

Cr Gilbert requested that a review of the sister cities be undertaken considering the pros and cons of each sister city.

The meeting concluded at .3.58 pm.

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CHAIRPERSON