

Joint WDC-NRC Whangarei Public Transport Working Party Minutes

Meeting held in the NRC council chambers
36 Water Street,
Whangārei
on Tuesday 2 April 2024, commencing at 9.00am

Tuhinga/Present:

Chairperson, Councillor Jack Craw
NRC Councillor Rick Stolwerk
NRC Councillor Joe Carr (*Ex-officio*)
WDC Councillor Scott McKenzie
WDC Councillor Simon Reid (*arrived 9.16am*)
WDC Councillor Carol Peters

I Tae Mai/In Attendance:

Full Meeting
NRC Councillor, John Blackwell (*arrived 9.09am*)
Group Manager - Community Resilience, Louisa Gritt
NRC Secretariat, Erica Wyatt
NTA representative, Kayla Gunson

The Chair declared the meeting open at 9.00am.

Ngā Mahi Whakapai/Housekeeping (Item 1.0)

Ngā whakapahā/Apologies (Item 2.0)

There were no apologies.

Confirmation of Minutes - 13 February 2024 (Item 4.1)

Report from Erica Wyatt, Personal Assistant - General Manager Community Resilience

Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

Moved: (Peters/McKenzie)

That the minutes of the Joint Whangārei Public Transport Working Party meeting held on 13 February 2024, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Secretarial note: Discussion had around inviting Ritchies to upcoming meetings.

Actions:

- NTA to present the figures at the next meeting on how many driver positions have been filled, how long is it taking to full positions, how many drivers are still needed, how are

Ritchies prioritising Whangarei, what are the issues with recruiting drivers, where is Whangārei sitting nationally and locally?

Carried

Receipt of Action Sheet (Item 5.1)

Report from Erica Wyatt, Personal Assistant - General Manager Community Resilience

Nga mahi tutohutia / Recommendation

Moved: (Stolwerk/Peters)

That the action sheet be received.

Secretarial note: Amendment to action 1, is to read 'State Highway 14 Maunu is being considered by Waka Kotahi. There will be some funding available for the Riverside / Onerahi priority lanes however no funding available for the other two lanes.'

Carried

Operational Report (Item 6.1)

Report from Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transportation Alliance and Kayla Gunson, Regional Transport Coordinator

Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

Moved: (Stolwerk / Peters)

That the report 'Operational Report' by Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transportation Alliance and Kayla Gunson, Regional Transport Coordinator and dated 11 March 2024, be received.

Secretarial note: Discussion had around the rumour of using rail cars to transport school students. This is not currently a plan.

Carried

Whakamutunga (Conclusion)

The meeting concluded at 9.21am.