

Joint Regional Economic Development Committee Minutes

Meeting held in the Kaipara District Council
1C Molesworth Drive Mangawhai
on Friday 7 March 2025, commencing at 10AM

Tuhinga/Present:

Chair (FNDC Councillor) John Vujcich (*Via audio-visual link*)
Deputy Chairperson (FNDC), Deputy Chair, Penetaui Kleskovic (*Chaired meeting*)
KDC Mayor, Craig Jepson
NRC Chair Geoff Crawford
WDC Mayor Vince Cocurullo
WDC Councillor Phil Halse

I Tae Mai/In Attendance:

Full Meeting

NRC Economist
NRC Economic Policy Advisor
NRC Administration
NRC Chief Executive Officer
KDC Chief Executive Officer
KDC Economic Development Lead
WDC Councillor x1
WDC Economic Development Facilitator
FNDC Mayor (*Via audio-visual link*)
FNDC Chief Executive Officer
FNDC Planning and Policy (*Via audio-visual link*)
FNDC Manager - Strategy and Policy (*Via audio-visual link*)
Northland Inc Chief Executive
Northland Inc Chair (*Via audio-visual link*)
Northland Inc Deputy Chair (*Via audio-visual link*)
Northland Inc Director (*Via audio-visual link*)
Northland Inc Head of Infrastructure and Investment

Part Meeting

North Track and Trail Representative
Kānoa Regional Principal Advisor

The Chair opened the meeting at 10.00am and proceedings commenced with a karakia by Deputy Chair, (FNDC Councillor) Penetaui Kleskovic.

Ngā Mahi Whakapai/Housekeeping (Item 1.0)

Ngā whakapahā/Apologies (Item 2.0)

Moved (Cocurullo/Halse)

That the apologies from Councillors Jonathan Larsen and Tui Shortland for non-attendance be received.

Carried

Confirmation of Minutes - 6 December 2024 and 21 February 2025 (Item 4.1)

Report from Meloney Tupou, Maori Governance and Engagement Support Admin

Moved (Jepson/Crawford)

That the minutes of the Joint Regional Economic Development Committee minutes meeting held on 6 December 2024 and 21 February 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Carried.

Action Sheet (Item 5.1)

Report from Emmanouela Galanou, Economic Policy Advisor and Darryl Jones, Economist

Moved (Cocurullo/Jepson)

That the report 'Action Sheet' by Emmanouela Galanou, Economic Policy Advisor and Darryl Jones, Economist and dated 20 February 2025, be received.

Carried.

Northland Inc Limited: Statement of Intent 2025/26 - Draft received from Northland Inc (Item 5.2)

Report from Emmanouela Galanou, Economic Policy Advisor and Darryl Jones, Economist

Moved (Cocurullo/Crawford)

That the report 'Northland Inc Limited: Statement of Intent 2025/26 - Draft received from Northland Inc' by Emmanouela Galanou, Economic Policy Advisor and Darryl Jones, Economist and dated 20 February 2025, be received.

Carried.

Secretarial Note: Timeline of procedural entail from WDC, Northland Inc and JRED. Chair requested WDC, Northland Inc and JRED work closely together prior to April meeting.

Northland Inc Limited: Reporting Against Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) on the Statement of Intent 2024/25 and Half-Year financials (Item 5.3)

Report from Emmanouela Galanou, Economic Policy Advisor; Darryl Jones, Economist and Simon Crabb, Finance Manager

Moved (Crawford/Cocurullo)

That the report 'Northland Inc Limited: Reporting Against Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) on the Statement of Intent 2024/25 and Half-Year financials' by Emmanouela Galanou, Economic Policy Advisor; Darryl Jones, Economist and Simon Crabb, Finance Manager and dated 20 February 2025, be received.

Carried.

Secretarial Note: Northland Inc to amend KPI in April standing ready to action in the Financial Year 1 July 2025.

Northland Infrastructure Plan - Update on progress (Item 5.4)

Report from Emmanouela Galanou, Economic Policy Advisor and Darryl Jones, Economist

Moved (Jepson/Cocurullo)

That the report 'Northland Infrastructure Plan - Update on progress' by Emmanouela Galanou, Economic Policy Advisor and Darryl Jones, Economist and dated 20 February 2025, be received.

Carried.

Secretarial Note: Members request Northland Inc provide milestone updates to Committee.

Proposal to restructure the ownership of Northport (Item 5.5)

Report from Darryl Jones, Economist

Moved (Crawford/Halse)

That the report 'Proposal to restructure the ownership of Northport' by Darryl Jones, Economist and dated 3 March 2025, be received.

Carried.

Northland Tracks and Trails - Update on activity (Item 5.6)

Report from Emmanouela Galanou, Economic Policy Advisor and Darryl Jones, Economist

Moved (Jepson/Crawford)

That the report 'Northland Tracks and Trails - Update on activity' by Emmanouela Galanou, Economic Policy Advisor and Darryl Jones, Economist and dated 20 February 2025, be received.

Carried.

Council economic development initiative - KDC Investment Website (Item 5.7)

Report from Emmanouela Galanou, Economic Policy Advisor and Darryl Jones, Economist

Moved (Jepson/Cocurullo)

That the report 'Council economic development initiative - KDC Investment Website' by Emmanouela Galanou, Economic Policy Advisor and Darryl Jones, Economist and dated 26 February 2025, be received.

Carried.

Economic update - Infometrics Regional Economic Profile 2024 (Item 5.8)

Report from Emmanouela Galanou, Economic Policy Advisor and Darryl Jones, Economist

Moved (Cocurullo/Crawford)

That the report 'Economic update - Infometrics Regional Economic Profile 2024' by Emmanouela Galanou, Economic Policy Advisor and Darryl Jones, Economist and dated 20 February 2025, be received.

Carried.

Kaupapa ā Roto/Business with Public Excluded (Item 6.0)

Moved (Crawford/Cocurullo)

1. That the public be excluded from the proceedings of this meeting to consider confidential matters.
2. That the general subject of the matters to be considered whilst the public is excluded, the reasons for passing this resolution in relation to this matter, and the specific grounds under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution, are as follows:

Item No.	Item Issue	Reasons/Grounds
6.1	Confirmation of Confidential Minutes - 6 December 2024 and 21 February 2025	The public conduct of the proceedings would be likely to result in disclosure of information, as stated in the open section of the meeting -.
6.2	Igniting Northland's Potential - Light-Touch Regional Deal Proposal	The public conduct of the proceedings would be likely to result in disclosure of information, the withholding of which is necessary to enable council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) s7(2)(i).
6.3	Regional Infrastructure Fund (RIF) - Update on projects	The public conduct of the proceedings would be likely to result in disclosure of information, the withholding of which is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would disclose a trade secret s7(2)(b)(i).
	Northland Inc Limited: Directors - Shortlisting of candidates to interview	The public conduct of the proceedings would be likely to result in disclosure of information, the withholding of which is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons s7(2)(a).

Carried.

Whakamutunga (Conclusion)

The meeting concluded at 1.16pm with a karakia by the Deputy Chair, (FNDC Councillor) Penetaui Kleskovic.