

Joint Regional Economic Development Committee Minutes

Meeting held in the Council Chamber
36 Water Street, Whangārei
on Tuesday 29 April 2025, commencing at 10:00 am

Tuhinga/Present:

Chair (FNDC Councillor), John Vujcich
Deputy Chairperson, (FNDC Councillor) Penetaui Kleskovic
KDC Mayor, Craig Jepson
NRC Deputy Chair Tui Shortland (*Via audio-visual link*)
NRC Chair Geoff Crawford
Councillor Phil Halse

I Tae Mai/In Attendance:

Full Meeting

NRC Economist
NRC Economic Policy Advisor (*Via audio-visual link*)
NRC Administration
WDC Economic Development Facilitator
KDC Chief Executive Officer
FNDC Mayor
FNDC Planning and Policy
FNDC Manager - Strategy and Policy (*Via audio-visual link*)
KDC economic Development Lead (*Via audio-visual link*)
Northland Inc Chair (*Via audio-visual link*)
Northland Inc Chief Executive

Part Meeting

Kānoa Regional Principal Advisor
NRC Communications Manager
Northland Inc Head of Infrastructure and Investment
Northland Inc Head of Destination and Communications
Northland Inc Head of Finance and Corporate Services (*Via audio-visual link*)

The Chair declared the meeting open at 10.30am and proceedings commenced with a karakia by Deputy Chair, (FNDC Councillor) Penetaui Kleskovic. The Chair delayed the opening of the meeting under clause 11.5 of NRC's Standing Orders because it was known that KDC Mayor, Craig Jepson, was travelling to the meeting.

Ngā Mahi Whakapai/Housekeeping (Item 1.0)

Nil.

Ngā whakapahā/Apologies (Item 2.0)

Moved (Halse/Kleskovic)

That the apologies from Mayor Vince Cocurullo and KDC Deputy Mayor Jonathan Larsen for non-attendance be received.

Carried.

Confirmation of Minutes - 7 March 2025 (Item 4.1)

Report from Meloney Tupou, Maori Governance and Engagement Support Admin

Moved (Kleskovic/Jepson)

That the minutes of the Joint Regional Economic Development Committee meeting held on the 7 March 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 (Crawford/Vujcich)

That the report 'Action Sheet ' by Emmanouela Galanou, Economic Policy Advisor and Darryl Jones, Economist and dated 15 April 2025, be received.

Carried.

Northland Inc Limited: Statement of Intent 2025/26 - Shareholder comments (Item 5.2)

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

Moved (Kleskovic/Crawford)

1. That the report 'Northland Inc Limited: Statement of Intent 2025/26 - Shareholder comments' by Emmanouela Galanou, Economic Policy Advisor and Darryl Jones, Economist and dated 8 April 2025, be received.

Carried.

Moved (Crawford/Halse)

2. That the Chair of the Joint Regional Economic Development Committee be delegated authority to provide the shareholder comments back to Northland Inc Limited on its draft SOI 2025/26, in line with comments received on this report.

Carried.

Moved (Vujcich/Crawford)

3. That the Joint Regional Economic Development Committee agrees that WDC is a valued contributor and member of the Joint Committee and it is the Committee's preference for WDC involvement to continue.
4. That the Joint Regional Economic Development Committee delegates the Chair person to write to WDC requesting them to make a decision prior to the elections on their ongoing shareholding of Northland Inc and funding.

Carried.

Secretarial Note:

- *Meeting adjourned at 12.28pm.*
- *Meeting went back to Item 5.2 after the adjournment. Councillor Halse abstained from voting in 3 and 4.*

Northland Inc Limited: Quarterly Highlights Report (Item 5.3)

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

Moved (Crawford/Kleskovic)

That the report 'Northland Inc Limited: Quarterly Highlights Report' by Emmanouela Galanou, Economic Policy Advisor and Darryl Jones, Economist and dated 8 April 2025, be received.

Carried.

Igniting Northland's Potential: Light Touch Regional Deal Proposal - Approval of funding allocation (Item 5.4)

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

Moved (Halse/Crawford)

1. That the report 'Igniting Northland's Potential: Light Touch Regional Deal Proposal - Approval of funding allocation' by Emmanouela Galanou, Economic Policy Advisor and Darryl Jones, Economist and dated 11 April 2025, be received.
2. That \$40,000 (excluding GST) be approved as a Project Development funding allocation from the Investment and Growth Reserve to Northland Inc Limited as a funding contribution to support the preparation of the Regional Deals – Light Touch Proposal.

Carried.

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

Moved (Vujcich/Jepson)

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
	Confirmation of Confidential Minutes - 7 March 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 -.
	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).
	Igniting Northland's Potential: Light Touch Regional Deal Proposal - Update	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).
	Northland Inc Limited: Appointment of Directors - Recommendations on the appointment of directors	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 1.55pm with a karakia by the Deputy Chair, (FNDC Councillor) Penetaui Kleskovic.