

Joint WDC-NRC Whangarei Public Transport Working Party Minutes

Meeting held in the Council Chambers, Water Street, Whangarei
on Tuesday 4 April 2023, commencing at 13:00

Tuhinga/Present:

Chairperson, NRC Councillor Jack Craw
NRC Councillor Rick Stolwerk
NRC Councillor Joe Carr (Ex-Officio)
WDC Councillor Simon Reid - WDC Councillor
WDC Councillor Carol Peters - WDC Councillor

I Tae Mai/In Attendance:

Full Meeting

NRC Tāhūhū Rangapū - Chief Executive Officer Jonathan Gibbard
NRC Group Manager - Community Resilience Louisa Gritt
NTA General Manager, Calvin Thomas
NTA Transport Manager, Chris Powell
NTA Strategy and Planning Manager, Jeff Devine
NRC Secretariat Erica Wade

The Chair declared the meeting open at 13:15

Ngā Mahi Whakapai/Housekeeping (Item 1.0)

Ngā whakapahā/Apologies (Item 2.0)

Moved (Peters / Carr)

That the apologies from WDC Councillor Scott McKenzie for non-attendance be received.

Carried

Confirmation of Minutes - 7 February 2023 (Item 4.1)

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

Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

Moved (Peters / Craw)

That the minutes of the Whangārei Public Transport Working Party meeting held on 7 February 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record and that these be duly authenticated with the Chair's electronic signature.

Carried

Receipt of Action Sheet (Item 5.1)

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

Nga mahi tutohutia / Recommendation

Moved (Peters / Craw)

That the action sheet be received.

Action: Chris Powell to discuss with the TSIG (Transport Special Interest Group) the bus driver shortage and the fact that the current immigration rules play a big part in the shortage and the short term employment rate.

TSIG to communicate to the government outlining this issue and for more influence, Freight is to be included.

Chris will report back to the WPTWP with an update on progress.

Carried

Confirmation of election of the Chair (Item 6.1)

Report from Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transportation Alliance

Recommendation(s)

Moved (Stolwerk / Carr)

1. That the report 'Confirmation of election of the Chair' by Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transportation Alliance and dated 14 March 2023, be received.
2. That Councillor Jack Craw be formally elected as Chairman of the Whangarei District Council/Northland Regional Council Whangarei Public Transport Working Party

Carried

CityLink Bus Service - Update (Item 6.2)

Report from Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transportation Alliance

Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

Moved (Peters / Carr)

That the report 'CityLink Bus Service – Update' by Chris Powell, Transport Manager - Northland Transportation Alliance and dated 20 March 2023, be received.

Action: Chris will report back to the next WPTWP with an update on bus driver wages

Carried

Progress on bus lanes (Item 6.3)

Report from Jeffrey Devine, Northland Transport Alliance - Strategy & Planning Manager

Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

Moved (Carr / Peters)

That the report 'Progress on bus lanes' by Jeffrey Devine, Northland Transport Alliance - Strategy & Planning Manager and dated 24 March 2023, be received.

No Actions

Carried

Whakamutunga (Conclusion)

The meeting concluded at 14:05

Unconfirmed