

MEETING MINUTES	
JOINT STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE	TIME
THURSDAY 09 JUNE 2022	1.01PM

Minutes of a meeting of the Manawātū District / Palmerston North City Joint Strategic Planning Committee held on Thursday 09 June 2022 commencing at 1:01pm in the Manawātū District Council Chambers, 135 Manchester Street, Feilding and via zoom.

PRESENT:	Mayor Helen Worboys	(Chairperson)
	Cr Michael Ford	(Manawātū District Council)
	Cr Grant Hadfield	(Manawātū District Council)
	Cr Phil Marsh	(Manawātū District Council)
	Mayor Grant Smith	(Palmerston North City Council)
	Cr Susan Baty	(Palmerston North City Council)
	Cr Zulfiqar Butt	(Palmerston North City Council)
	Cr Leonie Hapeta	(Palmerston North City Council)
	Cr Aleisha Rutherford	(Palmerston North City Council)
APOLOGIES:	Cr Steve Bielski	(Manawātū District Council)
IN ATTENDANCE:	Cr Shane Casey	(Manawātū District Council)
	Cr Alison Short	(Manawātū District Council)
	Cr Patrick Handcock	(Palmerston North City Council)
	Cr Karen Naylor	(Palmerston North City Council)
	Cr Bruno Petrenas	(Palmerston North City Council)
	Shayne Harris	(Chief Executive, MDC)
	Lyn Daly	(General Manager – Community, MDC)
	Cathy Robinson	(General Manager – Corporate, MDC)
	Amanda Calman	(Chief Financial Officer, MDC)
	Stacey Bell	(Senior Economist, MDC)
	Michael Hawker	(Project Delivery Manager, MDC)
	Steph Skinner	(Governance Officer, MDC)
	Sheryl Bryant	(Assistant Chief Executive, PNCC)
	David Murphy	(Chief Planning Officer, PNCC)
	Peter Crawford	(Economic Policy Advisor, PNCC)
	Kian Lee	(Infrastructure Sustainability Coordinator, PNCC)
	Hannah White	(Democracy and Governance Manager, PNCC)
	Kerry-Lee Probert	(Acting Chief Customer Officer, PNCC)
	Sarah Sinclair	(Chief Infrastructure Officer, PNCC)
	Bobbie O'Fee	CEDA
	Janet Reynolds	CEDA
	Jacqui Middleton	CEDA

#### JSP 22/176 MEETING OPENING

Mayor Helen Worboys declared the meeting open, introducing new Manawatu District Council General Managers, Lyn Daly, GM Community and Cathy Robinson, GM Corporate.

#### JSP 22/177 APOLOGIES

##### RESOLVED

**That the apology from Cr Steve Bielski, and Cr Zulfiqar Butt for lateness be accepted.**

**Moved by: Mayor Helen Worboys**

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**Seconded by:** Cr Phil Marsh

**CARRIED**

JSP 22/178 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**RESOLVED**

**That the minutes of the Joint Strategic Planning Committee meeting held 10 March 2022 be adopted as a true and correct record.**

**Moved by:** Cr Grant Hadfield

**Seconded by:** Cr Michael Ford

Cr Aleisha Rutherford asked why the library update was not on the agenda. Manawatu District Council General Manager, Community and Cr Phil Marsh will be attending the Pohangina Community Meeting to discuss this.

**CARRIED**

JSP 22/179 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest.

JSP 22/180 NOTIFICATION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

JSP 22/181 PUBLIC FORUM

There were no requests to speak in public forum at this meeting.

JSP 22/182 PRESENTATION - HOROWHENUA NZ TRUST

Antony Young, Chair of the Horowhenua New Zealand Trust and Catriona McKay, CE of the Horowhenua Company presented to the meeting, giving a background on the Trusts purpose and where it was heading, highlighting the challenges they had faced partnering with both council and local business, and that their mission was to improve economic and social outcomes for the district.

- June 2019 purchased unused council land developing a business park plan in 2020.
- Engaging with young people, changing the perceived mindset that they needed to leave the district to further education or for employment opportunities.
- Actions in the past two years - a large covid response with businesses, had issued first grants to Wahine Toa and Hope Kete, and helping 8 families displaced from their homes after the recent tornado.

*Cr Karen Naylor joined the meeting at 1.28pm*

*Cr Zulfiqar Butt joined the meeting at 1.29pm*

- The trust was currently working on a brand refresh and broadening destination opportunities, identifying underutilised land that could be further developed, the

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Greater Wellington growth framework including the western corridor, and supporting local Iwi's aspirations.

#### JSP 22/183 PRESENTATION – ACCELERATE25 (A25)

Michael McCartney, A25 Lead Team Facilitator and Craig Nash, A25 Programme Director advised A25 was a grouping of leaders across the region, business, Iwi, and local government, presenting their refreshed action plan.

- Established in 2016 through the Provincial Growth Agenda with funding received from the Provincial Growth Fund. Originally the least performing region economically, now sitting in the top 3 across New Zealand. Success was the unity of leadership throughout the district.
- Craig Nash gave an overview about the A25 refresh, clarification of their purpose, to generate and drive an environment to create priorities and resources.
- Established a Skills and Talents Group, with A25 sitting as part of the new regional skills leadership group. Working closely with other agencies such as Talent Central, Councils, Trade Training, and Universities to ensure the alignment was available for employment.
- “Don’t underestimate the strength of a bus load of Mayors turning up at Parliament.” A25 was about the power of the collective. The common goal was to create a great place to live.

#### JSP 22/184 CEDA STATEMENT OF INTENT 2022-2023 - FINAL

Report of the Manawatu District Council General Manager – Community and Palmerston North City Council Chief Planning Officer dated 13 May 2022 presenting the CEDA Final Statement of Intent 2022-2023 in accordance with the Local Government Act (2002) Schedule 8 Part 1.

Bobbi O’Fee, CEDA Board Chair and Jacqui Middleton, CEDA Finance and Operations Manager spoke to their Statement of Intent and answered questions from the meeting.

#### **RESOLVED**

**That the Central Economic Development Agency’s (CEDA) Final Statement of Intent 2022-2023 be agreed.**

**Moved by:** Cr Phil Marsh

**Seconded by:** Cr Aleisha Rutherford

#### **CARRIED**

#### JSP 22/185 CEDA ANNUAL REPORT 2020-2021 - RECEIPT OF AUDIT OPINION

Report of the Manawātū District Council General Manager – Community and Palmerston North City Council Chief Planning Officer dated 18 May 2022 presenting Audit NZ feedback on the CEDA Trust Annual Report 2020-2021 for the Committee’s information as required by the Committee resolution of 9 September 2021.

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**RESOLVED**

**That the Audit NZ feedback on the CEDA Annual Report 2020-2021 be received.**

**Moved by: Mayor Grant Smith**

**Seconded by: Cr Phil Marsh**

**CARRIED**

**JSP 22/186 QUARTERLY ECONOMIC REPORT**

Report of the Palmerston North City Council Chief Planning Officer dated 24 May 2022 presenting a summary report on the March 2022 Manawātū Quarterly Economic Monitor, Major Construction and Development Projects in Palmerston North and Manawātū Region (2020-2035), and March 2022 Manawātū Region Quarterly Electronic Card Spending.

Peter Crawford, Economic Policy Advisor PNCC, Kian Lee, Infrastructure Sustainability Coordinator PNCC and Stacey Bell Senior Economist MDC talked to their presentation.

- Regional economy performed extremely well in the last reporting year.
- GDP taking a hit but still achieved growth. The job seeker benefits were down. Strong retail growth with acceleration across the Manawātū district. Over 80% drop in delegate dates for business events in the region.
- Building consents had become volatile in the past year. Kainga Ora had not consented any new houses within Palmy. Annual value of Manawātū regional building consents increased significantly. A stalemate in the property market with people waiting to buy at lower prices.
- Interest rates were going to rise and stay high for the long term. Starting to see a decline in the number of rental properties. Watching the changes and incentives being made to Landlords and the potential impact on rental properties numbers.
- We do not have access to enough labour across the district.
- New residential mortgage lending fell across all borrower types. Stacey Bell talked about the impact costs of mortgage value increases and if repayments rise by 6%, what would this look like for households.
- Inflation was set to peak June 2022. Overall, the economic outlook for the region remains favourable, there was a lot of support for employment over the next year, with a recovering events sector and export conditions remain strong.

The Committee acknowledged Peter Crawford's retirement from PNCC, and thanked him for his commitment in providing quality data and information to the Committee.

*Cr Phil Marsh left the meeting at 3.01pm*

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**RESOLVED**

That the Summary Report on the March 2022 Manawātū Quarterly Economic Monitor, Major Construction and Development Projects in Palmerston North and Manawātū Region (2020-2035), and March 2022 Manawātū Region Quarterly Electronic Card Spending as reported to the 9 June 2022 Joint Strategic Planning Committee, be received.

**Moved by:** Mayor Grant

**Smith Seconded by:** Cr

**Aleisha Rutherford CARRIED**

**JSP 22/187 RECRUITMENT OF DIRECTOR - CENTRAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

Report of the Palmerston North City Council Chief Planning Officer and Manawātū District Council General Manager Community dated 31 May 2022 seeking approval to commence a recruitment process as per the “CEDA Appointment of Directors Policy” to replace a director that resigned on 30 May 2022.

The meeting noted there were two vacancies to be considered in 2023, and due to the length of the recruitment process, whether the Board could operate with the existing members in the meantime. The meeting discussed leaving the matter lying on the table and that the CEDA Board be asked to provide information on any skills gaps in their current board, and inclusion of Te Ao Māori view within their decision making, for consideration at the committees next meeting.

**RESOLVED**

**That the matter be left lying on the table for consideration at the next meeting of the Joint Strategic Planning Committee.**

**Moved by:** Mayor

**Grant Smith Seconded by:**

**Cr Grant**

**Hadfield CARRIED**

**JSP 22/188 CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS**

There were no late items notified for consideration.

**JSP 22/189 NOTIFICATIONS OF ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

CEDA Trust Appointment (left on the table)

Response to the Library request, update from Pohangina meeting

**JSP 22/190 MEETING CLOSURE**

The meeting was declared closed at 3.14pm