

WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Council held in the Wairoa District Council Chambers, Coronation Square, Wairoa on Tuesday 11 November 2008 at 10:00 am.

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor, L Probert (Chair)

COUNCILLORS

D Eaglesome, D Caves, B McKinnon and J Petersen.

IN ATTENDANCE: P Freeman (Chief Executive Officer)
T Cook (Administration Manager)
R Snow (Finance Manager)
N Cook (Engineering Manager)

CIVIC PRAYER

Councillor Eaglesome gave the Civic Prayer.

APOLOGIES

An Apology was received from Councillor Heron.

<u>Resolved:</u>	<i>That the apology from Councillor Heron be received.</i>	<i>Caves/McKinnon</i>
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CALLS FOR CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

NIL

CALLS FOR ITEMS OF URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS NOT INCLUDED IN THE AGENDA AND NOTICES

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| 1. Agenda Item Request | (Councillor Caves) |
| 2. Mayoral Update | (His Worship the Mayor) |

PUBLIC FORUM

NIL

GENERAL BUSINESS

His Worship the Mayor welcomed attendees and advised that Council would adjourn at 11:45am to enable Councillor's to partake in Armistice Day commemorations at the War Memorial.

<u>REPORT TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2008</u>	<u>F.02.10.01</u>
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<u>Resolved:</u>	<i>That the report be received.</i>	<i>Mckinnon/Caves</i>
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The Finance Manager spoke to the report informing Councillors that the first financial report for the year and showed Council to be in a good position.

DOCUMENTS SEALED FOR THE PERIOD 14 JULY 2008

<u>Resolved:</u>	<i>That the report be received.</i>	<i>Petersen/McKinnon</i>
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The Chief Executive Officer advised that he would report back to Council as to the details of the Land Transfer between Council, Averone Co Ltd, and TR & LJ Powdrell.

Receipt/Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Council Meetings

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD 14 OCTOBER 2008

The Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Council held 14 October 2008 were presented.

Resolved: That the Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 14 October 2008 be confirmed as correct. Eaglesome/Cairns
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Amendment: The Administration Manager was not in attendance.

Discussion

Maori Policy

Councillors were updated on the release of the Maori Policy for public consultation and receipt of submissions. Councillors were also advised that the Maori Liaison Officer had submitted her resignation to take up a position with the Maori Land Court in Hastings, and that the vacant position had been advertised.

Register of Interest

Councillors were informed that the Member's Register of Interest would be completed and made available to them at the next Councillor workshop.

Summit

The Chief Executive Officer informed Councillors that the successful Economic Development Summit had cost \$32,000, with sponsorship received to date totalling \$28,000, resulting in a \$5,000 cost to Council. On all accounts, the Summit had been praised as an outstanding event by attendees, both during the event, and immediately following.

AGENDA ITEM REQUEST

A06.09

Councillor Caves expressed disappointment in that he had submitted a number of items for inclusion on Agenda's of Council, the majority of which had not been included. He had also submitted a request asking whether strategies had been put in place to ensure Council was complying with Policy. The Chief Executive Officer informed Councillors that the last request had been received two days prior to the closing of the Agenda, leaving little time for relevant Officers and/or Managers to research and compile information to support the inclusion of a report in the Council Agenda. In addition, many of the items were simply requests for information which did not warrant inclusion in the Agenda as no resolution was required by Council. His Worship the Mayor supported these statements reiterating that management and staff do not report on matters of interest at meetings of Council. A number of issues raised could and would be covered at the Policy workshop that had been requested by Councillors.

Councillor Petersen excused himself from the meeting at 10:30am.

MAYORAL UPDATE

A06.03

His Worship the Mayor informed Councillors of meetings, events, and functions that he had attended in his capacity as Mayor since the last meeting of Council.

ADJOURNED: 10:43 AM

RECONVENED: 11:30 AM

QUALITY ROADING SERVICES (WAIROA) LIMITED

B04.01

Mr Dennis Munro (Chairman) thanked Council for providing an opportunity to present their Annual Report for the Year ended 30 June 2008. Mr Munro conveyed the apologies of Mr Ken Gilligan (Director) and conveyed the thoughts and best wishes of the Board to Councillor John Petersen and family, given his recent illness.

Mr Munro reported on after tax profit of \$238,427 for the year ended 30 June 2008. Total revenue for the year was down 10%, and cash flow down 15% on that of the previous year. As a result there had only been an 8.2% return on shareholder funds, which was well below the Statement of Intent target of 17.5%

The roading construction and maintenance sector had become highly competitive during the past year with a number of contracts lost to competitors. The expansion into Gisborne was proving to have its difficulties; however the Board's focus remained on making their Gisborne operation more competitive in that it was seen as being strategically important for the growth and security of the company. The significant purchase of a high production cone crusher for quarrying operations would enable the quarry and aggregate business to grow while also resulting in lower production costs.

Mr Munro congratulated Mr Freeman on his reappointment as Chief Executive Officer with Council and look forward to continuing to work with him and Council elect.

His Worship the Mayor and Councillors acknowledged the competitive environment and current economic climate that the Board were working in, and that despite the reduced return from that on previous years, it was nevertheless a good result. The appreciation of Council of Mr Munro's leadership qualities as Chairman, and the work put into the company by directors, was conveyed.

<p>Resolved: <i>That pursuant to Section 48 (1) of the Local Government Information and Meetings Act 1987, the public be excluded on the following grounds:</i></p> <p><i>That the exclusion of the public from the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting is necessary to enable the local authority to deliberate in private on its decision or recommendation in:</i></p> <p><i>S7 (2)(b) Protect information where the making available of the information-</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>(i) Would disclose a trade secret; or</i><i>(ii) Would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information;</i> <p style="text-align: right;">McKinnon/Cairns</p>

RELEASE OF CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS **A06.09**

The following resolutions were approved for release.

QUALITY ROADING SERVICES (WAIROA) LTD ANNUAL REPORT 30 JUNE 2008 **F.02.13.02**

<p>Resolved: <i>That a press release be made by the Chief Executive Officer advising of Council's acceptance of the Annual Report and the \$80,000 dividend.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Caves/Cairns</p>

There being no further General Business, the His Worship the Mayor, declared the meeting closed:

MEETING CLOSED: 1:45 PM

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Chair