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PORTAGE LICENSING TRUST

Minutes of the Ordinary Trust Meeting
Held on Monday 25 March 2019
At Bricklane Restaurant & Bar, 5 Clark Street, New Lynn
Commencing at 6.05 pm

OPEN MEETING

PRESENT:	Mr R Clow	<i>President – Chair</i>	(RC)
	Mr A Chand JP		(AC)
	Mrs J Clews CNZM, QSO, JP		(JC)
	Ms S Coney QSO		(SC)
	Mr P Davie		(PD)
	Ms C Farmer		(CF)
	Mr N Henderson		(NH)
	Ms P Nuttall		(PN)
	Ms L Taylor		(LT)
	Ms M Watson		(MW)

IN ATTENDANCE:	Mr T Livingstone MNZM	<i>WATS Deputy Chairman</i>
	Mr S Wickham	<i>WATS CEO</i>
	Mrs M Weaver	<i>WATS CFO/Trust Secretary (Minutes)</i>

Also in attendance were a number of members of the public; those that chose to register their attendance were as follows:

Wayne Davis	Sara Watson	Jason Valentine-Burt	Michelle Burstall
Bridget Angell	Carol Sakey	Ross Sakey,	Don McKenzie
Kathryn Davie	Linda Greenhalgh	Chris Reed (NZ Herald)	

APOLOGIES

An apology for lateness was received from LT.

R Clow / A Chand
Carried

LT arrived at 6.07pm.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved that the minutes of the previous Open Meeting held on 25 February 2019, as amended, be confirmed as a true and accurate record subject to the addition of the following into the Draft Standing Orders at section A2:10 "... within parameters as defined by statute".

J Clews / N Henderson
Carried

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Correspondence Inwards was received and accepted.

R Clow / J Clews
Carried

REGISTER OF INTERESTS

R Clow advised of a change to his interests which was to be recorded by the Trust Secretary.

Elected Members were reminded to send any changes to their interests to Lee Clark.

GENERAL BUSINESS

NZ Licensing Trusts Assn Conference, Invercargill, 7-9 June

It was agreed to discuss this at a later time to give priority to the public in attendance.

Public Wishing to Speak

The President welcomed the visitors to the meeting and outlined the process for the meeting. He enquired who wished to speak at the meeting in line with the Standing Orders.

The representatives from the West Auckland Licensing Trusts Action Group (WALTAG) indicated they did not wish to speak.

Individuals present expressed their wish to speak and the President advised they would each be given an opportunity.

The Elected Members and WATS representatives present introduced themselves to the visitors.

Linda Greenhalgh asked to speak as an individual. She noted she supports the licensing trust model. She read out from a petition (containing 961 signatures) respect of alleged comments made on social media by PLT Elected Member Paul Davie that the petitioners find abhorrent. She understands that Paul cannot be required to stand down or be removed. She is concerned that a person of power and influence may have such different views to herself based on things that Paul has shared in a public forum. She believes attending the meeting today is a way to express a view of a number of people as evidenced by the petition signatories; noting that 6 of the signatories are in attendance today.

PD asked if Linda was part of certain groups. She confirmed she was not.

PD made a statement, noting this is not about racism, but about hatred against those with different points of view.

PD asked if he could get a copy of the petition.

Don McKenzie asked to speak as an individual. He noted all have opinions and views shaped through different sources. He believes it is not up to Elected Members to be the judge in this matter. He suggested, to defuse the situation, the Trust could encourage a public debate on free speech.

PN enquired if Don understands that Elected Members have no power to decide on the future of individual Elected Members on the Trust.

Carol Sakey asked to speak as an individual. She noted she was tarred with a similar brush by some from her stance as PD had been on free speech but comes from love for New Zealanders and a desire to look after our own. She noted that since the recent mosque attacks in Christchurch, New Zealanders have changed and in some cases mass hysteria has occurred. A number of members of the public present expressed support for Carol's comments.

Ross Sakey added his support for respecting those with different views.

Bridget Angell spoke as an individual noting she was responding to comments which she believes advocates racial hatred. She believes PD does not represent the views of the wider public he serves and the only honourable thing for him to do is to resign.

Wayne Davis spoke noting he came to the meeting out of curiosity. He believes there is so much happening right now and there is a need to let the dust settle. He believes the Christchurch matter has created some conflict.

Kathryn Davie described where she believed the issues with their comments had come from, noting the comments appeared on Facebook over the last two years.

The President thanked the visitors for their attendance and input. He noted that even though people may not like all views expressed (or alleged statements) we all have an opinion and hoped people felt they had the opportunity to be heard. He asked whether anyone else wanted to speak. There being no further speakers he suggested it would be a good time to take a break before the meeting moved to the commercial business of the Trust.

The members of the public left the meeting at 6.45pm.

The meeting adjourned at 6.45 pm

The meeting reconvened briefly at 6.50pm to discuss attendance at the NZLTA Conference in Invercargill and a number of people expressed their interest in attending. Those that wished to attend were asked to contact Lee Clark, Executive Assistant.

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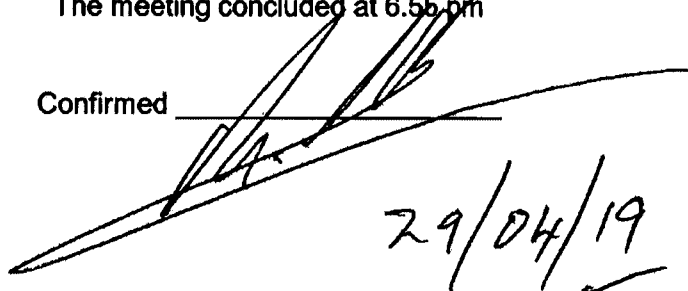
Resolved that the public be excluded from the rest of the meeting which covers the following agenda items, minutes of previous meeting, matters arising, correspondence, and CEO's report. The public are to be excluded under Section 7 2(h) of the Local Government Officials Information and Meetings Act.

Those agenda items covering minutes of previous closed meeting, correspondence and CEO's report include reports and discussion on trading results and operating strategies that are considered commercially sensitive such that the public disclosure of the information would prejudice or disadvantage the Trust in the carrying out of its commercial activities.

R Clow / A Chand
Carried

The meeting concluded at 6.55 pm

Confirmed _____

A large, bold handwritten signature is written over the 'Confirmed' line. Below the signature, the date '29/04/19' is handwritten in a similar style.