



T/26/07

## MINUTES

### ORDINARY MEETING OF TRUSTEES

**Date:** Tuesday, 28 July 2026  
**Time:** 2.30pm  
**Place:** DV Bryant Trust Boardroom, 131 Alexandra Street, Hamilton

**PRESENT:** Trustees West (Chair), Afeaki, Booth, Chew, Silverton, Southgate & Yamunanathan

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Chief Executive Officer, Grants Manager, Grants Advisor, Grants Administrator & Trust Administrator

**APOLOGY:** Finance Administrator

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS:** Nil (other than those declared in items T/26/07/1.1 & T/26/07/1.2)

**KARAKIA TIMATANGA:** All

#### AGENDA ITEM

**T/26/07/1.0 DISTRIBUTIONS/IMPACT**

**T/26/07/1.1 Grants Committee Meeting Held 27 July 2026 – June 2026 Quick Response Grants Round and Convening and Organisational Development Fund (Ref: 60/10 and 60/65)**

A report from the Grants Advisor dated 27 July 2026 was circulated separately. This included a list of recommendations on the June 2026 Quick Response (QR) round applications, as well as three Convening and Organisational Development (COD) grant applications.

#### Disclosure of Interests

Trustees adhere to the following Trust policy:

#### Governance Process Policies – Conflicts of Interest (point 7)

*“Trustees who have declared an interest in an organisation who has applied for funding shall not rank, vote or participate in the discussion about that organisation’s application at the funding decision-making meeting.”*

The Grants Advisor's interest with regard to application QR3702, in that her daughter plays for Waikato Lacrosse Inc, was noted.

The Grants Manager thanked Trustee Silverton for his involvement on the Grants Committee (GC) and acknowledged Trustee Southgate who had attended the GC meeting as an observer. He noted that there was a record number of applications to the June 2026 QR round, and 20% of these were from new applicants.

The Grants Manager advised that the QR budget is currently on track. He then gave some background on application QR3659 from Whatawhata School, which the GC felt should be discussed further with the full Trust. Trustee Silverton added that he was in support of funding the project but wished to discuss whether it might set a precedent. The Grants Advisor noted that the budget was quite aspirational and could be somewhat reduced. Trustee West enquired as to the community benefit, and it was established that this would be wider than the collective schools involved.

Trustee Booth offered some relevant information with regard to the disestablishment of the Kāhui Ako programme in schools.

There was some discussion on the timing and source of the application, and on the Trust's stance with regard to supporting school-related activities.

Trustee West asked if Trustees were in support of funding the application at the level indicated by the GC, and a majority of Trustees were in favour.

Trustee West initiated a conversation about a number of applications to the Trust that had been written by a particular Grants Writer. The Grants Team spoke to some concerns around this (such as the quality of reporting and potentially fraudulent declarations submitted), and how these would be addressed going forward. It was conveyed that the Trust's funding application forms had been updated as a result.

It was clarified that the Trust is not against applicants using the services of Grants Writers, particularly as some community groups do not have the capacity/resources to carry out the function of applying for grants, but the groups' governance needed to authorise and be across the process.

Trustee West invited questions about any of the GC recommendations. Trustee Afeaki initiated brief discussions on measuring regional impact, particularly for national organisations that apply to the Trust, and on financial process capabilities.

Trustee Silverton pointed out that the services of Life Education Trust Waipā King Country extended to some areas within the Trust region, and any funds would be tagged accordingly.

**MOVED:** (West/Southgate) That the following Quick Response grants be approved:

| Appl # | Organisation                                    | Amount   |
|--------|-------------------------------------------------|----------|
| QR3632 | Kukutaaruhe Education Trust Board               | \$15,000 |
| QR3634 | Country Section NZ Indian Association Inc       | \$5,000  |
| QR3636 | Beerescourt Bowling Club Inc                    | \$1,500  |
| QR3637 | Naomh Críostóir Gaelic Athletic Association Inc | \$7,500  |
| QR3638 | Pakistan Association of New Zealand Inc         | \$2,000  |

| Appl # | Organisation                                                  | Amount   |
|--------|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| QR3639 | Fast Track Inclusion Trust                                    | \$15,000 |
| QR3640 | Life Education Trust Hamilton                                 | \$15,000 |
| QR3645 | Hamilton Kerala Samajam Inc                                   | \$4,000  |
| QR3646 | Waikato Multicultural Council Inc                             | \$3,500  |
| QR3647 | Performing Arts Community Trust                               | \$4,000  |
| QR3648 | Toa Sports Club Inc                                           | \$8,000  |
| QR3649 | Hamilton Raiders Baseball Club Inc                            | \$12,000 |
| QR3652 | Hamilton Chinese Golden Age Society Inc                       | \$4,000  |
| QR3657 | Abbeyfield Waikato Inc                                        | \$4,668  |
| QR3658 | Life Education Trust Waipā King Country                       | \$5,000  |
| QR3659 | Whatawhata School                                             | \$4,000  |
| QR3661 | Hamilton Harriers Club Inc                                    | \$5,000  |
| QR3663 | Recreate NZ                                                   | \$10,000 |
| QR3664 | Presbyterian Support (Northern)                               | \$10,000 |
| QR3667 | Galaxy Waikato Touch Club Inc                                 | \$4,000  |
| QR3668 | Tāngaro Tuia Te Ora – Endangered Species Foundation           | \$15,000 |
| QR3670 | Complex Chronic Illness Support Inc                           | \$5,000  |
| QR3673 | EquiPotential NZ Inc                                          | \$12,000 |
| QR3677 | Waikato Senior Indian Citizens Association Inc                | \$4,000  |
| QR3681 | The Kids in Need Waikato Charitable Trust                     | \$15,000 |
| QR3682 | Royal NZ Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Inc | \$8,000  |
| QR3683 | Hamilton Hawks Olympic Wrestling Club Inc                     | \$6,000  |
| QR3684 | Arts for Health Community Trust                               | \$20,000 |
| QR3685 | Tautoko Tāne Waikato – Male Support Services Waikato          | \$15,000 |
| QR3687 | Dance & Arts Therapy NZ                                       | \$9,000  |
| QR3692 | Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Trust New Zealand          | \$10,000 |
| QR3693 | Hillcrest Scout Group                                         | \$4,974  |
| QR3698 | Louise Perkins Foundation                                     | \$7,500  |
| QR3699 | Raglan Community Patrol Charitable Trust                      | \$1,500  |
| QR3700 | TimeOut Charitable Trust                                      | \$5,000  |
| QR3702 | Waikato Lacrosse Inc                                          | \$7,500  |
| QR3703 | Indian Cultural Society (Waikato) Inc                         | \$7,000  |
| QR3704 | Tangata Tiriti – Treaty People Inc                            | \$8,000  |
| QR3710 | Hamilton New Life Community Trust                             | \$2,000  |
| QR3719 | Poutama Rites of Passage Trust                                | \$17,500 |
| QR3722 | Waikato Bay of Plenty Football Federation Inc                 | \$4,000  |
| QR3724 | Pasifika Fiafia Kirikiriroa Inc                               | \$5,000  |
| QR3725 | Stroke Foundation Hamilton                                    | \$5,000  |
| QR3726 | Waikato Equitherapy Inc                                       | \$18,000 |
| QR3727 | Hamilton Pony Club Inc                                        | \$4,000  |
| QR3728 | Tainui Waka Tourism Inc                                       | \$12,500 |
| QR3729 | TPOM Manatōpū                                                 | \$10,000 |
| QR3732 | Misty Flicks Film Festival Trust                              | \$3,000  |
| QR3735 | Waikato Rugby Football League Inc                             | \$6,000  |

**Total \$386,642**

**CARRIED**

**MOVED:** (West/Afeaki) That the following Quick Response grants be declined:

|        |                                 |
|--------|---------------------------------|
| QR3644 | Pūmanawa Āwhina Ltd             |
| QR3650 | New Zealand Eid Day Trust Board |
| QR3656 | Brain Injured Children Trust    |



| Appl # | Organisation                                      |
|--------|---------------------------------------------------|
| QR3662 | Te Ataarangi Ki Roto O Tainui Inc                 |
| QR3666 | Waikato Malaysian Society Inc                     |
| QR3671 | Migrant Learning Hub                              |
| QR3672 | Hukanui Golf Club Inc                             |
| QR3675 | Pleaders of Women and Children in Danger Trust    |
| QR3676 | Waitakere Hindi School Charitable Trust           |
| QR3679 | Creative Communities Charitable Trust             |
| QR3688 | NZ Family and Foster Care Federation Inc          |
| QR3696 | Claudeland's Bowling Club Inc                     |
| QR3697 | Waikato Water Polo Club Inc                       |
| QR3706 | Hamilton Golf Club Inc                            |
| QR3707 | Hamilton Christmas Charitable Trust               |
| QR3709 | Youthtown Inc                                     |
| QR3711 | Just Move Charitable Health Trust                 |
| QR3715 | Te Kauwhata Squash Inc                            |
| QR3717 | Trinity Mar Thoma Church                          |
| QR3718 | SPELD New Zealand Inc                             |
| QR3723 | Gurudeepam Cultural and Charitable Society NZ Inc |
| QU3730 | Neurogenesis Trust                                |
| QR3734 | Parent to Parent New Zealand Inc                  |

**CARRIED**

**MOVED:** (West/Chew) That the following Convening and Organisational Development grants be approved:

|        |                                               |         |
|--------|-----------------------------------------------|---------|
| COD101 | Koru Educational Support Hub Charitable Trust | \$5,175 |
| COD102 | The Cake Detective Charitable Trust           | \$5,000 |
| COD103 | Art in Nature Arboretum Trust                 | \$9,300 |

**Total \$19,475**

**CARRIED**

The total grants funding for the June 2026 Quick Response round was allocated at \$386,642 to 49 successful grant applications. Three COD grants were also allocated, totalling \$19,475.

#### **T/26/07/1.2 Grants Committee Meeting Held 21 July 2026 – 2026/27 Whare Ora Programme (Ref: 60/35)**

A report from the Grants Advisor dated 22 July 2026 was circulated.

The following Conflicts of Interest were declared:

- Trustee Afeaki – **Habitat for Humanity Central Region Ltd** in that she is a member of the Board for the national organisation
- Trustee Chew – **Rauawaawa Kaumātua Charitable Trust** in that he is a Director of Houston Technology, and the company is undertaking work for the organisation (pecuniary interest)
- **K'aute Pasifika Trust** in that he is a Director of Houston Technology, and the company is undertaking work for the organisation (pecuniary interest)

Trustee Chew was thanked for his input at the GC meeting for the Whare Ora Programme (the Programme).

The Grants Advisor provided some background with regard to the recommendation concerning K'aute Pasifika, which resulted mainly from an underspend on the previous year's Whare Ora grant and some uncertainties due to an organisational restructure. She confirmed that the residual funds from the \$1.2M Whare Ora budget would be allocated to additional resources and professional development for the Energy Navigators of the Programme.

Trustee Chew conveyed that, given the Whare Ora budget had grown to over \$1M, he would like to see tangible evidence that strengthens the Trust's future funding position. Hence, he had produced a heatmap of the Waikato region that showed the areas served by the Energy Navigators, and was overlaid with population and deprivation data with a view to identifying any areas that were being under- or over-funded. He suggested investing in analysis software, which did not have to be expensive, in order to make improvements and fill any gaps in the Programme.

Trustee West asked if the Trust region is currently covered by the Programme, and the Grants Advisor replied in the affirmative, noting the strength of the geographical and demographical spreads, which would be further improved through potential connections with Waikato University and Waikato Institute of Technology. She identified the two new entities in the Programme (Rauawaawa Kaumātua Charitable Trust and The Te Kauwhata & Districts Information & Support Centre). She confirmed that there is some software in the early stages of development that should be able to capture hard data on the outputs of the Programme. There was a brief discussion on how this might be funded for the Trust, and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) highlighted the Special Projects budget as a possibility.

**MOVED:** (West/Chew) That the following grants totalling \$1,048,262 be approved by the Trust for the 2026/27 Whare Ora Programme:

| Appl # | Organisation                                                         | Amount                   |
|--------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| WO77   | Rauawaawa Kaumātua Charitable Trust                                  | \$65,000                 |
|        | <i>Trustee Chew did not participate in discussion of this item</i>   |                          |
| WO78   | The Te Kauwhata & Districts Information & Support Centre Inc         | \$48,000                 |
| WO79   | Raahui Pookeka Community Centres Trust                               | \$78,100                 |
| WO80   | Te Rūnanga o Kirikiriroa Charitable Trust                            | \$115,000                |
| WO81   | Habitat for Humanity Central Region Ltd                              | \$100,000                |
|        | <i>Trustee Afeaki did not participate in discussion of this item</i> |                          |
| WO82   | Society of St Vincent de Paul Hamilton                               | \$80,000                 |
| WO83   | Hamilton Multicultural Services Trust                                | \$60,000                 |
| WO84   | Waikato Environment Centre (Go Eco)                                  | \$85,500                 |
| WO85   | Ngāruawāhia Community House Inc                                      | \$80,000                 |
| WO86   | Community Energy Whāingaroa Ltd                                      | \$40,000                 |
| WO87   | Pukete Neighbourhood Association Inc                                 | \$85,000                 |
| WO88   | Glenview Community Centre Inc                                        | \$25,000                 |
| WO89   | Western Community Association Inc                                    | \$110,000                |
| WO90   | Desert Spring Ministries Trust                                       | \$76,662                 |
| WO91   | K'aute Pasifika Trust                                                | \$0                      |
|        | <i>Trustee Chew did not participate in discussion of this item</i>   |                          |
|        |                                                                      | <b>Total \$1,048,262</b> |
|        |                                                                      | <b>CARRIED</b>           |

**T/26/07/2.0      MANAGEMENT REPORTS****T/26/07/2.1      Financial & Budget Report (Ref: 20/10)**

A report from the Finance Administrator for the month of June 2026 was circulated.

In the Finance Administrator's absence, the CEO highlighted some key points in the Commentary, specifically in relation to term deposits, operating expenses and depreciation of assets. He forewarned that there would be an overspend in the upcoming accounts due to Election costs being higher than anticipated. He confirmed that the Communications spend was also slightly unfavourable to budget due to additional marketing for the Election, and Trustee Chew remarked on the low voter turnout despite this. The CEO advised that reports from Creative Good and Election Services would be presented to the August Trust meeting.

Trustee Southgate initiated a brief discussion with regard to raising the Trust's profile.

Trustee Afeaki enquired as to the status of the Trust's Maaori Strategy and the CEO clarified that there is still a budget for this. He also provided some clarification with regard to the Purpose Capital Impact Fund costs.

Trustee Silverton suggested that future reporting on the Investment Portfolio gains/losses include a table or graph so that movements were easily identifiable.

**MOVED:** (West/Silverton) That the financial and budget report to 30 June 2026 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**T/26/07/2.2      Fiduciary Calendar (Ref: 25/30)**

The July Fiduciary Calendar was circulated for noting.

The CEO drew attention to the calendar entries in progress and reported briefly on each one.

**MOVED:** (West/Afeaki) That the updated Fiduciary Calendar be noted.

**CARRIED**

**T/26/07/2.3      Resolution Schedule (Ref: 15/20/5)**

The Resolution Schedule dated 23 July 2026 was circulated for noting.

The CEO gave a status update on both of the resolutions in the report.

**MOVED:** (West/Chew) That the Resolution Schedule be noted.

**CARRIED**

**T/26/07/2.4      Trustee Meeting, Workshop and Event Attendance (Ref: 15/2)**

A report from the Trust Administrator dated 20 July 2026 was circulated for noting.

Trustees Afeaki, Silverton and West reported on community events recently attended.

Trustee West enquired as to the opening of the Korikori Park artificial turf in Rototuna, and Trustee Yamunanathan initiated a discussion with regard to costs for teams to use such facilities in the area.

Trustees Silverton and West commented briefly on the layout/construction of the Hinemoa Apartments and the different housing ownership models offered by Bridge Housing Charitable Trust.

**MOVED:** (West/Afeaki) That the Trustee Meeting, Workshop and Event Attendance report be noted.

**CARRIED**

**T/26/07/2.5 Ongoing Status Report (Ref: 15/20/5)**

A report from the Grants Manager dated 20 July 2026 was circulated for noting.

**MOVED:** (West/Silverton) That the Ongoing Status Report be noted.

**CARRIED**

**T/26/07/2.6 Bi-Monthly Review Against Annual Plan (Ref: 15/20/5)**

A report from the CEO for the month of July 2026 was circulated.

The CEO reported that June and July had been a particularly busy period for the Trust, but progress was being made in the various areas of the Annual Plan.

**MOVED:** (West/Southgate) That the Bi-Monthly Review Against the Annual Plan be noted.

**CARRIED**

**T/26/07/2.7 Energy Trusts of New Zealand (Ref: 5/30/15)**

A report from the Trust Administrator for the month of July 2026 was circulated.

Trustee West advised that he would be attending the upcoming online meeting of ETNZ member Trust Chairs and would report back anything of note to the full Trust. He informed that there would not be an ETNZ Spring Conference in November this year. The CEO added that there had been ongoing discussions about whether to continue these going forward, given most of the regional member Trusts had hosted one in the past and the Agendas were usually very light. He noted that the next Conference would be held in Wellington in May 2027.

**MOVED:** (West/Afeaki) That the ETNZ report be noted.

**CARRIED**

**T/26/07/2.8 Industry & Trust Activity Verbal Updates**

The Grants Manager reported briefly on the following:

- June 2026 Community Support grants round
- Vital Impact Collaborative Energy Fund grants round
- August 2026 Quick Response grants round



**MOVED:** (West/Silverton) That the verbal reports be received.

**CARRIED**

**T/26/07/2.9 Confirmation of Minutes (Ref: 15/20/10)**

**T/26/07/2.9.1** The Minutes of Ordinary Meeting T26/05 dated 23 June 2026 were circulated.

**MOVED:** (West/Afeaki) That the Minutes as circulated be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

**T/26/07/2.9.2** The Minutes of Special Meeting T26/06 dated 14 July 2026 were circulated.

**MOVED:** (West/Chew) That the Minutes as circulated be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

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**T/26/07/3.0 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC**

**MOVED:** (West/Silverton) That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, for reasons relating to third party commercial sensitivity, on the following grounds:

1. To enable the Trust to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial or industrial negotiations).
2. To protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonable to prejudice the commercial position of the person/organisation who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

**CARRIED**

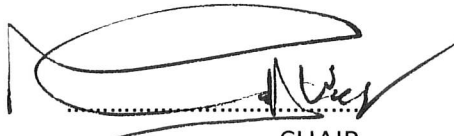
| <b>Agenda Item</b> | <b>General subject matter to be considered</b> | <b>Grounds for passing this resolution</b> |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| T/26/07/4.1        | 2027/28 Letter of Expectation                  | Definitions 1 & 2 above                    |
| T/26/07/4.2        | WEL Networks Ltd – Quarterly Report            | Definition 2 above                         |
| T/26/07/5.1        | Potential Reorganisation – Tax Credits         | Definitions 1 & 2 above                    |
| T/26/07/6.1        | Resolution Schedule                            | Definitions 1 & 2 above                    |
| T/26/07/6.2        | Risk Management Report                         | Definitions 1 & 2 above                    |
| T/26/07/6.3        | Industry & Trust Activity Verbal Updates       | Definitions 1 & 2 above                    |
| T/26/07/6.4        | Confirmation of Minutes                        | Definitions 1 & 2 above                    |

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The meeting closed at 3.33pm.

Confirmed at T/26/09 on 25 August 2026 as a true and correct record.

  
**CHAIR**