

Minutes of the Komiti Māori Meeting held at Tahuwhakatiki (Rōmai) Marae, 681 Welcome Bay Road, Waitao, Tauranga on Tuesday, 12 February 2019 commencing at 9.30 a.m.

Present:

Chairman: Matemoana McDonald (Host-Chair)

Deputy Chairman: Tipene Marr

Councillors: Arapeta Tahana (Chair), Lyall Thurston, David Love, Bill Clark

In Attendance: Bay of Plenty Regional Council: Deputy Chair Jane Nees, Kataraina O'Brien - Strategic Engagement Manager, Shari Kameta – Committee Advisor, Sarah Omundsen – General Manager Regulatory Services, Reuben Fraser – Consents Manager, Penny Doorman – Programme Leader - Geothermal, Herewini Simpson, Clarke Koopu – Senior Advisors (Treaty), Reuben Gardiner, Sandy Hohepa, Katerina Pihera-Ridge – Māori Policy Advisors, Rawiri Bhana – Kaupapa Māori Advisor, Lisa Tauroa – Internal Services Officer, Hilary Tomkins – Organisation Development Lead, Harry Singh – Marketing and Communications Advisor, Winiata Tahau-Anderson – Kaituitui (Strategic Engagement Coordinator), Hunter Smith – Cadet Survey Technician, Santiago Bermeo – Senior Planner, Glenys Kroon – Senior Policy Analyst (Water Policy)

Externals: Matire Duncan, Colin Reeder – Ngā Pōtiki a Tamapahore Trust, Te Whare Wanganga o Awanuiārangi: Hannah Simmonds – Programme Coordinator, Rachel Turner – Kaiako; Jane Waldon – Omataroa, Maru Tapsell – Waitaha, Lance Waaka, Ariana Waaka, Hayden Henry, Hinemarie Burton – Ngai Tukairangi, Aroha Kopae – Toi Ohomai Student, Patrick Nicholas, Ngākohu Pāpuni – Tauranga Moana, Erana Brewerton – Ngā Pōtiki a Tamapahore, Kipouaka Pukera, Kūri Pini – Ngā Pōtiki, Orewa Barrett-Ohia, Ngaromoana Farrell; Irene Ruka, Linda Thompson – Ngāti Ruahine me Ngāti Wakaiti, Taia Horiana – Ngā Pōtiki, Pia Bennett – Ngai Te Rangi

Apologies: Chairman Doug Leeder

1 Pōhiri/Welcome

A pōhiri took place at 9.30am before the start of the meeting at 10.30 am.

2 Opening Karakia

Provided by Kaumatua Mr R Tahau.

3 **Apologies**

Resolved

That the Komiti Māori:

- 1 **Accepts the apologies from: Chairman Doug Leeder tendered at the meeting.**

**Tahana/Marr
CARRIED**

4 **Acceptance of Late Items**

Members were advised that a late request had been received from Te Runanga o Ngai Te Rangi Iwi Trust, seeking formal lodgement of their Tauranga Moana Wai Maori Statement as an Iwi Planning Document under the Resource Management Act 1991. The Wai Māori Statement is a companion to existing Iwi Resource Management Plans for Ngāi Te Rangi and Ngāti Ranginui.

Resolved

That pursuant to section 46A of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 the following item be considered at this meeting.

1. **Lodgement of the Tauranga Moana Wai Maori Statement (Tabled Document 1)**

The reason why the item was not on the agenda was that it had just come to hand. The reason why it cannot be delayed is that the matter is of significance to Ngāi Te Rangi and Ngāti Ranginui and it is appropriate that it is lodged at this Komiti Māori meeting being held in the Tauranga Moana rohe.

**Marr/Tahana
CARRIED**

5 **General Business**

Nil

6 **Declaration of Conflicts of Interest**

Nil

7 **Previous Minutes**

7.1 **Komiti Māori Minutes - 04 December 2018**

Resolved

That the Komiti Māori:

- 1 **Confirms the Komiti Māori Minutes of 04 December 2018, as a true and correct record.**

**Thurston/Tahana
CARRIED**

8 Presentations

8.1 Ngā Pōtiki - Spatial Planning and Key Matters of Interest

Refer PowerPoint Presentations - Objective ID refs [A3134230](#) and [A3134229](#).

Ngā Pōtiki Resource Management Unit (RMU) Manager Matire Duncan provided two presentations on the development of Ngā Pōtiki's Environmental Plan (Tūhoromatanui) and Spatial Plan.

Key Presentation Points

Tūhoromatanui: Ngā Pōtiki Environmental Plan:

- Tūhoromatanui's meaning was to look forward, future-proof and preparedness for impending challenges of urbanisation and climate change;
- The Plan would replace the existing iwi management plan (2001) to provide for emerging matters that were not addressed, would be environmentally and culturally focused to protect and preserve the remaining cultural landscape and seascape that was critical to Ngā Pōtiki's cultural identity and relationship with the taiao;
- It would be outcome and solution focused, reflect the voices, views and aspirations of whanau and include policies and specific projects to better influence Council plans, processes and decisions;
- Outlined plan components, how policy chapters were shaped and what potential implications there might be for the Regional Council;
- Aspirations for environmental monitoring programmes aligned with Council's Mātauranga Māori Framework;
- Thanked Regional Council for funding support to develop the plan and collaboration and input of Tauranga City Council and Western Bay of Plenty District Council.

Ngā Potiki Spatial Plan:

- Nga Potiki RMU were seeking to develop a spatial plan for the Ngā Pōtiki catchment area to consist of both a marine and land spatial plan;
- The Plan would provide all stakeholders at all levels with a common strategy for sustainability and growth;
- Plan aims would be to create a rational context of land uses and linkages as an important level for promoting sustainable development for sustainable futures;
- Nga Potiki was committed to kaitiakitanga, manaakitanga and kotahitanga and was well suited to manage the project;
- Discussed the rationale and strategic approaches in relation to key issues: housing growth, climate change, biosecurity, land use and the marine environment;
- Outlined stages of plan preparation, scoping and estimated budget required to present to funding organisations for Stage 2 plan preparation and development.

In response to questions:

- The existing plan had largely focused on cultural sites however, needed updating to meet the changing landscape;
- The most significant issues for Ngā Potiki were: global warming and the increase in biosecurity pests and risks, with good working relationships being developed with the councils and other agencies to work through these issues;
- Relationships with the three councils since 2001 had improved and were assisted by Iwi representation on the Tauranga Moana Iwi Collective, having established relationship protocols with Tauranga City Council and Western Bay of Plenty District Council, along with individual relationships formed with Iwi and hapū and the respective councils;
- Nga Potiki wanted to be involved in the early phases of the resource consent process;

- Regarding oxidation pond leaching issues at Rangataua Bay, Ngā Potiki was working with Tauranga City Council on mitigation measures as part of the resource consent conditions.

Comments from floor

- Air quality, fumigation, pollution and biosecurity issues from ships and activity at the Port was raised as a concern;
- Kotahitanga, whanaungatanga and understanding council jurisdictions were highlighted as important factors for Iwi to be able to make progress on issues.

Members' Comments

- Acknowledged and recognised the issues raised were common for Iwi and hapū across the region and were ongoing issues for Council;
- Commended Ngā Pōtiki for their presentations and work and emphasized the importance of kotahitanga that had been expressed;
- Encouraged solutions to be led by Iwi, with the support of the councils.

Staff in response to questions from the floor

- Acknowledged the pollution concerns raised and the importance and desire from Council to capture Mātauranga Maori observations, alongside other agency data to share and understand the gaps and what the issues mean for Iwi and hapū;
- Regarding air quality issues in Tauranga, advised that Council was collecting monitoring data to understand and share information on this issue.
- Provided background on methyl bromide fumigation at the Port of Tauranga and work that Council was doing to address health and safety concerns;
- Noted that the upcoming Regional Direction and Delivery Committee meeting would be considering a plan change to the Regional Air Plan, with the outcomes publicly available.

Change to Order of Business

Agenda item 8.2 was deferred to accommodate the arrival of the presenter.

8.2 Te Wananga o Awanuiārangi - Te Aka Pūtaiao Programme

Refer PowerPoint Presentation – Objective reference [A3132230](#).

Programme Coordinator Hannah Simmonds and Kaiako (Tutor) Rachel Turner gave a presentation on Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi's (TWWoA) Te Aka Pūtaiao Programme and some of the developments and opportunities in the taiao science space.

Key Presentation points

- TWWoA's founding vision, mission and values;
- Background on the Pūtaiao programme - developed to raise iwi capability, resource, knowledge and provide tools for resource management;
- The Programme's 3-year bachelor course had been redesigned and was currently awaiting NZQA certification to be made available next year;
- A broader suite of options was available for those wanting to access and broaden their Mātauranga-a-Iwi knowledge;
- Two courses were currently available: six-month Level 5 Te Aka Pūtaiao Certificate course and a one-year Level 4 Pūtaki Taiao: Sustainable Living Practices;
- Outlined the need for change from traditional learning to prioritise Mātauranga;
- Aims and benefits of Te Aka Pūtaiao and how it would be achieved;
- Partnership options were available for collaboration and funding contribution;
- Course delivery was flexible and could be marae-based;
- Course details were made available at the meeting and were available online.

Comments from the floor

- Reinstating the use of Māori terms for post-graduate courses was raised.

In response to questions

- The programme was open to delivering across the region, with Iwi/hapū a priority first and foremost.

Members' Comments

- Commended what the programme offered and recognised the need for increasing matauranga knowledge and capacity.

8.3 **Te Tahuna o Rangataua Heritage New Zealand Application**

Ngā Pōtiki a Tamapahore Trust Chairman Colin Reeder gave an overview of Ngā Potiki's application to Heritage New Zealand (Pouhere Taonga) seeking wāhi tapu status for Te Tahuna o Rangataua (Rangataua estuary).

Key points

- The proposal formed part of Ngā Potiki's Environmental Plan and strategy to protect the estuary;
- Provided background on past issues and concerns relating to the degradation of the harbour and areas acquired for oxidation ponds, which had led to the Waitangi Tribunal hosted in 2000 by Ngā Pōtiki at Mangatawa Marae;
- Following past concerns and earlier attempts to apply for reserve status, Ngā Potiki wanted to realise those aspirations;
- Noted the significance of battle sites, urupa and marae located around the harbour;
- Advised an application had been made to the NZ Geographic Board to change the estuary's name back to Te Tahuna o Rangataua, which had been approved by the Minister;
- The current application made to Pouhere Taonga for wāhi tapu status had involved consultation with Ngāti Pūkenga and Ngāti He and comprised the whole harbour and maunga Kopukairua;
- Initial feedback from Pouhere Taonga was encouraging, with approval to be gained from the Minister and the Māori Heritage Committee.
- The application for wāhi tapu status was for the protection of the estuary for future generations and to give it the recognition it deserved as an iconic body of water.

8.4 **Geothermal Programme Update**

Refer PowerPoint Presentation – Objective reference [A3128108](#)

Geothermal Programme Leader Penny Doorman provided a presentation.

Key Presentation points:

- Provided a snapshot of the Tauranga geothermal system and use types;
- Illustrated the distribution of consents for geothermal takes;
- Science modelling and data was being collected and overlapped with freshwater to understand how much resource could be used and what the effects were;
- Some gaps in geothermal take use existed that Council would be trying to identify;
- Council was reviewing its geothermal policy for all geothermal systems using a flexible staged-approach with some key principles for engaging with Māori early;
- The first stage of early engagement had commenced in the Ōkurei/Rotorua rohe, with engagement in Tauranga planned at a much later time;
- Outlined possible issues for Tauranga that had been identified within Iwi management planning documents currently lodged with Council;
- Māori interests and Mātauranga Māori was a knowledge gap for Council;

- Council staff were interested in receiving further knowledge from Iwi and hapū.

Comments from floor

- Provided historical context of the geothermal resource and the need to prioritise community and social wellbeing over economic wellbeing.

9 Reports

9.1 General Manager Update

Strategic Engagement Manager Kataraina O'Brien provided highlights from the report on behalf of the General Manager: Science and Strategy.

Key points

- Highlighted the Council's summer student internship programme and the recent appointment of Winiata Anderson into the Kotahitanga team and Hunter Smith who had been successful at gaining the newly formed engineering survey technician cadetship within Council's engineering section;
- Acknowledged Ngā Potiki's journey in developing their environmental plan and spatial plan, noting opportunities for funding and support available from Council;
- Thanked Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi staff for their presentation, noting that some staff had already enrolled on the Te Aka Pūtaiao course, which would assist with understanding and implementation of Council's Mātauranga Māori Framework.

Winiata Anderson and Hunter Smith provided a brief korero of their appointments and positive experiences offered from Council's summer student programme.

In response to questions

- Council had taken on approximately 30 summer students this year;
- Clarified the establishment of Central Government's Te Arawhiti Office, which had combined several departmental functions, including the Office of Treaty Settlements, to improve Crown relations with iwi and councils.

Resolved

That Komiti Maori:

- 1 Receives the report, General Manager Update.**

**Tahana/Marr
CARRIED**

10 Late Item

10.1 Lodgement of Tauranga Moana Wai Maori Statement

Refer Tabled Document 1.

Te Runanga o Ngai Te Rangi Iwi Trust's Kaiarataki – Te Ohu Taiao Piatarihi Bennett tabled on behalf of Tauranga Moana Iwi the Tauranga Moana Wai Maori Statement for lodgement with Council.

Key Points

- The Wai Māori Statement (the Statement) was prepared and agreed by Tauranga Moana iwi (Ngāi Te Rangi and Ngāti Ranginui) in November 2018, following a series of meetings with hapū;

- It was noted that hapū signatories sat behind the statement;
- The decision to use the term Statement rather than Iwi Management Plan was deliberate;
- The Statement was part of a multi-pronged Wai Maori Strategy to drive and front foot Plan Change 16 in terms of designing how Iwi wanted to get involved;
- The Statement was an expression of their rights and values and how they wished to be involved in consent processes and informing policy and planning;
- Tauranga Moana Iwi wanted the Statement lodged with Council to be treated as an Iwi Planning Document under the Resource Management Act 1991, noting that it did not replace existing Iwi Management Plans, but sat alongside as a companion to them.

Members' Comments

- Noted comments made during the meeting regarding the need for Te Ao Māori views to be expressed, which the Statement provided clarity of such views;
- Considered it was timely to receive the Statement in advance of Plan Change 16.

Resolved

That Komiti Māori:

- 1 Formally receives the lodgement of the Tauranga Moana Te Wai Māori Statement (refer Tabled Document 1).**

**Tahana/Marr
CARRIED**

11 **Open Forum**

11.1 **Unconsented Water Takes – Matire Duncan**

Matire Duncan requested a brief background on the unconsented water takes project.

In response to questions

- Consent Manager Reuben Fraser advised that of the approximately 300 people who had registered to seek clarification of their water takes, 60 were identified as having unconsented water takes;
- Project staff wanted to work through the process with tangata whenua however, were very much aware of the demands the project could place on tangata whenua, so wished to discuss this further with interested tangata whenua representatives;
- Regarding issues expressed in relation to Council's liaison with the Hauraki Collective, Regional Council's position was that it did not have the right to determine which iwi or hapū had tangata whenua or mana whenua status, therefore was obliged to liaise with all iwi and hapū who stated they had a vested interest. Council hoped the Settlement process would provide clarity on this in future.
- Consent staff were happy to meet with hapū and iwi directly on this matter.

Members comment

- Regarding Council's position in relation to the Hauraki Collective, the Chair affirmed staff's advice commenting that consultation with Hauraki was not new, had existed long before the Treaty Settlement with Tauranga Moana, which had been a shift. Until the Treaty Settlement was settled, Council would remain in its current predicament.

11.2 Maru Tapsell – Waitaha representation on Te Maru o Kaituna

- Maru Tapsell raised the outstanding issue of Te Kapu o Waitaha not being represented on Te Maru o Kaituna.

Members' comments

- Acknowledged Mr Tapsell's concerns, noting the matter had been previously raised with advice provided that Council could not make a determination, as it was a Treaty Settlement matter between Iwi and the Crown.
- Noted the recent change in Tapuika representation on Te Maru o Kaituna, which may assist to resolve the matter.

12 Closing Karakia

Provided by Kaumatua Mr R Tahau.

The meeting closed at 1:09 pm.

CONFIRMED: DATE

A Tahana
Chairperson, Komiti Maori