

Minutes of the Tauranga Moana Advisory Group meeting held at the Cruise Deck, Club Mount Maunganui, 45 Kawaka Street, Mount Maunganui, on Friday, 15 February 2019 commencing at 9.30am

Present:

Chairperson: Cr Norm Bruning - Bay of Plenty Regional Council

Members: Piatarihi Bennett - Ngāi Te Rangi
Te Pio Kawe - Ngāti Ranginui
Cr Catherine Stewart - Tauranga City Council
Cr Kelvin Clout - Tauranga City Council
Cr Mark Dean - Western Bay of Plenty District Council
Cr Peter Mackay - Western Bay of Plenty District Council
Cr Andrew von Dadelszen - Bay of Plenty Regional Council
Cr Matemoana McDonald - Bay of Plenty Regional Council

In Attendance:

Bay of Plenty Regional Council (BOPRC):

Cr Jane Nees - Deputy Chair; Sarah Omundsen - General Manager Regulatory Services; Toby Barach - Principal Advisor, Coastal Catchments; Hamish Dean - Team Leader Western Catchments; Santiago Bermeo - Senior Planner; Samantha Titze - Land Management Officer (Tauranga); Harry Singh - Marketing and Communications Advisor; Clarke Koopu - Senior Advisor (Treaty) and Merinda Pansegrouw - Committee Advisor

Tauranga City Council (TCC):

Joel Peters - Principal Strategic Advisor; Robyn Skelton - Executive Officer; Dianne Paton - Parks Co-ordinator Environmental; Warren Aitken - Team Leader Parks and Environment

Other:

Wendy Rapana - Kaimai Mamaku Ranges Forests Forum Coordinator and Darryl Jensen - Provincial President, Bay of Plenty Federated Farmers

Apologies:

Deputy Chairperson Charlie Tawhiao - Ngāi Te Rangi; Kahurangi Tapsell - Ngāti Pūkenga; Cr Paula Thompson - Bay of Plenty Regional Council, Jeff Milham - Department of Conservation

1 Opening Karakia

Councillor Kelvin Clout opened the meeting with a karakia.

2 Apologies

Resolved

That the Tauranga Moana Advisory Group:

- 1 Accepts the apologies tendered by Deputy Chairperson Charlie Tawhiao, Kahurangi Tapsell, Cr Paula Thompson and Jeff Milham.

Bruning/Stewart
CARRIED

3 Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

3.1 Item 7.3 - Tauranga Moana Programme update

Bay of Plenty Regional Council Councillors: Andrew von Dadelszen and Matemoana McDonald declared that they had served on the Hearing Panel for Air Quality Plan Change (Proposed Plan Change 13) and did not participate in this part of the discussion.

3.2 Item 8.4 - Kopurererua Valley Redevelopment Project

Cr Andrew von Dadelszen - Bay of Plenty Regional Council and Cr Mark Dean - Western Bay of Plenty District Council declared a conflicted interest and did not participate in the discussion.

4 Previous Minutes

4.1 Tauranga Moana Advisory Group Minutes – 16 November 2018

Resolved

That the Tauranga Moana Advisory Group:

- 1 Confirms the Tauranga Moana Advisory Group Meeting Minutes of 16 November 2018, as a true and correct record.

Dean/Mackay
CARRIED

5 Update from Partners

5.1 Ngāi Te Rangi

Addressed under item 7.3.

5.2 Ngāti Ranginui

Te Pio Kawe updated members on Ngāti Ranginui matters:

Key Point

- Following an urgent hearing application by Ngāti Ranginui regarding the recent Hauraki settlement, a hearing with the Waitangi Tribunal had been granted for the week of 8 April 2019.

5.3 Ngāti Pukenga

Nil

5.4 Western Bay of Plenty District Council

Western Bay of Plenty District Council Councillor Mark Dean provided a verbal update highlighting the following:

Key Points

- Ongare Point Wastewater Scheme was operational – only one property still needed to be included / 60 tanks had been installed
- Katikati Wastewater Scheme – Resource Consent had been approved
- Te Puna West Wastewater – Project completed
- Planting hazelnut trees in Te Puke along Waiari River in an effort to absorb nitrogen
- Omokoroa to Tauranga Cycleway Project was on track, with a "clip-on" structure to be fitted to the Wairoa River state highway bridge. A presentation providing a detailed update on the Cycleway Project would be presented at the next meeting scheduled for May 2019
- Tuapiro Point – wetland restoration underway
- Ōmokoroa – successfully completed the installation of pipe drains.

Item for Staff Follow-up

- Western Bay of Plenty District Council staff to provide feedback on the status of Te Rereatukahia Marae Wastewater Connection at the next meeting scheduled for May 2019.

5.5 Tauranga City Council

Cr Kelvin Clout provided a verbal update, highlighting Tauranga City Council's (TCC) key work streams as follows:

Key Points

- Water provision and related systems in Tauranga were currently under pressure due to the severe heat and lack of rain, hence the current water restrictions
- Construction of the new sludge thickening and dewatering plant at the Te Maunga Waste Water Treatment Plant was progressing well – due for completion in April 2019
- As part of City Water's drive to reduce wastewater blockages in the network, the wet wipe campaign "Save our pipes from wipes" was progressing well and would continue. 30% of blockages within the TCC network were caused by wipes. TCC was involved in reviewing the national flush ability standards for wet wipes
- Kulim Park Redevelopment Project – installation of the new timber seawall had been completed. Sand nourishment at Kilim Park was commencing in April with 4500m³ of sand to be placed on the foreshore
- Continuous development and restoration of the Kopurereroa Valley Reserve, with the support of Ngai Tamarawaho and BOPRC
- Rapid cycle path in Kopurereroa Valley to be upgraded to make it easier and safer for people on all types of bikes

- Summer Industrial Stormwater Audit Programme to commence shortly.

Points Raised by Members

- Suggested that soft engineering options supplementing the existing structures at the Kulim Park Redevelopment Project be considered (such as planting spinifex as a native sand-binding grass)

Item for Staff Follow-up

- Councillor Kelvin Clout to discuss introducing soft engineering options at Kulim Park as part of the Redevelopment Project with TCC staff
- Bay of Plenty Regional Council Principal Advisor, Coastal Catchments Toby Barach to raise the matter of wet wipes with the Regional Wastewater Management Group.
- A joint communique (draft to be prepared by the Regional Wastewater Management Group), supported by all territorial authorities in the Bay of Plenty Region, to be sent to the Minister for the Environment, highlighting the seriousness of wastewater blockages caused by wet wipes marketed as 'flushable' and 'biodegradable'.

5.6 Bay of Plenty Regional Council

Cr Norm Bruning outlined BOPRC priorities:

Key Points

- Recommendations from the Hearing Panel for Proposed Plan Change 13 (air quality) had been received and would be considered by Regional Council in February. If the recommendations were accepted, decisions would be publically notified and the Regional Plan amended. New rules associated with fumigation, as well as handling of bulk solid materials (e.g. palm kernel) were expected
- Since the new monitors had been in place in the Mount Maunganui Industrial Area, there had been six PM10 exceedances and three SO₂ exceedances of the national standards across the whole area. These had been published in the Bay of Plenty Times as exceedances needed to be publically notified under the national standards
- 14 appeals had been received on Proposed Plan Change 9 (water quantity) with a further 26 parties joining the appeals. Key issues related to Māori rights and interests, renewable electricity, dairy sheds and municipal supply. Council had received direction from the Environment Court and would begin resolution of appeals
- A discussion document had been prepared for managing marine pests across the upper north island regions. It was called "Better ways to stop marine pests" and if agreed by all Councils would be consulted on March to May.

6 Conservation Update

6.1 Department of Conservation

Nil

7 Reports

7.1 Strategic Context: Freshwater Futures update

Bay of Plenty Regional Council Senior Planner Santiago Bermeo provided a verbal update on ongoing work under the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management.

Key Point

- The Programme for the staged implementation of the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management had been updated with an extension of the timeline to complete implementation by 31 December 2030.

Points Raised by Members

- Levels of nutrients from fertilisers flowing into waterways were concerning and needed to be monitored/regulated
- Lack of control of gorse in the catchment area was concerning and required a strategy to be put in place
- Noted that the key documents on the Three Waters Review / Essential Freshwater, which were published by Central Government in November 2018, would form an integral part of the water discussion
- Bay of Plenty Regional Council Pou Ngaio (Technical/Cultural) Nathan Capper had been seconded to the Fresh Water Task Force at MfE.

Resolved

That the Tauranga Moana Advisory Group:

1. **Receives the report, National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management Implementation Programme which served before the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee of the Bay of Plenty Regional Council on 11 December 2018.**

**Bruning/Nees
CARRIED**

7.2 Jurisdictional Boundaries in Tauranga Harbour

Resolved

That the Tauranga Moana Advisory Group:

- 1 **Receives the report “Jurisdictional Boundaries in Tauranga Harbour” dated 15 February 2019.**

**Mackay/Von Dadelszen
CARRIED**

7.3 Tauranga Moana Programme update

Bay of Plenty Regional Council Councillors: Andrew von Dadelszen and Matemoana McDonald declared that they had served on the Hearing Panel for Air Quality Plan Change (Proposed Plan Change 13) and did not participate in this part of the discussion.

Refer PowerPoint Presentation Objective ID A3134944

Bay of Plenty Regional Council Team Leader, Western Catchments Hamish Dean presented the Tauranga Moana Programme Update report, supported by a PowerPoint Presentation:

Key Points of the Presentation

- The State of the Environment Report was currently in a final design phase and would be available in due course
- The final draft Tauranga Harbour Inundation and Coastal Erosion report was being reviewed. A joint public release was expected March 2019
- Overview of Programme Updates
- Key up-coming Activities
- Update on methyl bromide monitoring: boundary monitoring for Methyl Bromide at the Port of Tauranga occurred via both Council and consent holder (Genera) monitoring
- Low levels of sea lettuce growth had been reported for this season with no clean-ups required. An ongoing project was being undertaken by the University of Waikato (with support from BOPRC) with the view of determining whether sea lettuce could possibly provide any economically viable options.

Points Raised by Members

- Ngāi Te Rangi iwi had never intended / understood that the Tauranga Moana Iwi Management Plan 2016 – 2026 would replace the 2008 Te Awanui Tauranga Harbour Iwi Management Plan. According to Ngāi Te Rangi iwi, the 2008 Te Awanui Tauranga Harbour Iwi Management Plan was still deemed alive and relevant
- Concern was expressed that the State of the Environment Report was within its final design phase; particularly since it was pointed out at the meeting in November 2018 that the final executive summary should only be published once the Tauranga Moana Advisory Group had familiarised itself with the contents of the full report and were comfortable with the outcomes/conclusions.

Items for Staff Follow-up

- Staff to verify whether mangroves were impacting on seagrass growth
- Further information to be provided on the increase of seaweed observed off Tauranga coast beaches over summer
- The Tauranga Moana Programme Update spreadsheet to be expanded to include an additional column displaying iwi/hapū programmes/priorities that had been undertaken to date. A map reflecting the input/work undertaken by various iwi/hapū/community groups and local authorities would be very useful
- Review of the State of the Environment Report as requested by the Tauranga Moana Advisory Group in November 2018 - namely that the final executive summary should only be published once the Tauranga Moana Advisory Group had familiarised itself with the contents of the full report and were comfortable with the outcomes/conclusions.

Resolved

That the Tauranga Moana Advisory Group:

- 1 Receives the report “Tauranga Moana Programme Update” containing the Tauranga Moana Programme Dashboard dated February 2019.**

Bruning/Von Dadelszen

CARRIED

8 Presentations

8.1 National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management – Te Mana o Te Wai

Addressed under item 7.1.

8.2 Tauranga City Council Environment Strategy

Refer PowerPoint Presentation Objective ID A3137381

Tauranga City Council (TCC) Principal Strategic Advisor Joel Peters provided an outline on progress made with the development of the Environment Strategy:

Key Points of the Presentation

- Submitted a first draft for review
- Working on some minor amendments
- Steering Group meetings had been cancelled due to TCC restructuring and a change in reporting lines
- Spending time testing quantifiable objectives
- Strategic Focus / Strategy Challenges
- Driven by legal requirements, community vision and risk
- Alignment of large outcomes with growth
- Next Steps
 - To work with a new steering group
 - To seek approval of objectives to minimise the reliance on action planning.

Points Raised by Members

- As point of departure in developing an Environment Strategy, thorough benchmarking/stocktake and establishing a comprehensive database was critical
- Since human impact on the environment was one of the biggest challenges, a joint approach to the Environment Strategy was vital: a joint task force/hui/forum cross councils was necessary to enable all players to provide input in the targets to be identified and to coordinate, integrate and understand the collective response required
- A report by AECOM New Zealand Limited “Community Carbon Footprint Tauranga City 2015/16” was available:
https://www.tauranga.govt.nz/Portals/0/data/future/strategic_planning/strategic_focus/files/carbon_footprint_report15-16.pdf
- It was imperative that the Environment Strategy take into consideration the significance of Kai Moana; the mapping of the harbour health was therefore critical
- Suggested that input from Consent Teams, to enhance the understanding of the potential impact/effects of consented activities on the environment, would be beneficial.

10:55 am The meeting **adjourned**.

11:20 am The meeting **reconvened**.

8.3 Kaimai Catchment Forum Update

Refer PowerPoint Presentation Objective ID A3134963

Kaimai Mamaku Ranges Forests Forum Coordinator Wendy Rapana provided members with an update on the Kaimai Catchment Forum:

Key Points of the Presentation

- Overview of the Kaimai Mamaku Ranges: was a taonga, a treasured place, and a connector of two regions, multiple iwi, hapū, industry, conservation groups and recreation groups
- The Kaimai Mamaku Ranges Forests Forum (KMRFF) represented the collective voice for the Kaimai Mamaku Ranges, Forests and its catchments
- KMRFF brought together multiple kaitiaki, agencies, stakeholders and interest groups connected by the Kaimai Mamaku Ranges; offered a wealth of knowledge, skills and experience; brought together people who care for and value our forests, farms and water flowing into the Waihou River and Te Awanui/Tauranga Harbour
- Vision was the improvement of the Kaimai and Mamaku Ranges and Forests and its catchments to provide for this and coming generations
- Established to represent a collective voice
- Long term Operational & Strategic Goals
- KMRFF Steering Group focussed on relationships with iwi/hapū
- KMRFF Joint Agency Committee focussed on relationships with Government Agencies: Department of Conservation (DOC), Bay of Plenty Regional Council, Waikato Regional Council
- Strategic Plan Outcomes / Opportunities (No single agency or community could achieve long term improvements in the health of the Kaimai Mamaku Ranges; instead a collective and coordinated approach was needed)
- Relationship building (“We can achieve more together than apart”)
- Focus for 2017 – 2022.
- Steering Group had agreed on Charitable Trust status and engaged assistance to draft a Trust Deed - completed document to be tabled at the next Forum event on 29 March 2019 for ratification
- Establishment of education and training opportunities for Māori, and others - training to be aligned with NQF Levels 3, 4 and 5 to lead to a qualification or parts of a qualification
- Invitation extended to all members to the next meeting of the Kaimai Mamaku Ranges Forests Forum scheduled for 29 March 2019, 10: 00 am, at the new Community Hub in Katikati.

Points Raised by Members

- A map depicting the areas where the approximately 200 kaitiaki, agencies, stakeholders interest groups were actively involved in the Kaimai Mamaku Ranges would be helpful as this would indicate where the gaps were. Noted that there was a map showing where the 1% of pest control was taking place in the Kaimai Mamaku Ranges
- Raising the Kaimai Mamaku Ranges’ current status as Conservation Park to National Park would ultimately elevate the resources to be allocated to the area.

Item for Staff Follow-up

- To keep members updated on details relating to up-coming pest control workshops.

8.4 **Kopurererua Valley Redevelopment Project**

Cr Andrew von Dadelszen - Bay of Plenty Regional Council and Cr Mark Dean - Western Bay of Plenty District Council declared a conflicted interest and did not participate in the discussion.

Refer PowerPoint Presentation Objective ID A3134637

Tauranga City Council Parks Co-ordinator Dianne Paton and Team Leader Parks and Environment Warren Aitken provided an update on the Kopurererua Valley Redevelopment Project, highlighting the following:

Key Points of Presentation

- Projects for the current financial year
 - 2019 Tonkin & Taylor Preliminary Research Report
 - Retiring two large grazing areas
 - Rotary Planting Day
 - Barn Fire asbestos clean-up
 - Vegetation removal on Puketoromiro
 - Sealing of the rapid cycleway
- 2020 – 2024 Projects
- Issues
 - Motorcycles / flooding / impact of climate change effects
- Awards & Partnerships
 - 2017 NZRA Runner-up Most Outstanding Park Award
 - 2018 Winner NZRA Most Outstanding Project
- Key Partnerships contributing to the success
 - Ngai Tamarawaho Hapu
 - K Valley Rotary Centennial Trust
 - Comvita
 - Trees for Survival.

12:16 pm Cr Kelvin Clout **withdrew** from the meeting.

8.5 Kaiate Falls Update

Refer PowerPoint Presentation Objective ID A3124148

Bay of Plenty Regional Council Senior Planner Santiago Bermeo and Land Management Officer (Tauranga) Samantha Titze provided an update on land management work in the catchment area as well as the outcome of a recent survey regarding the public preferences relating to possible water quality interventions for the Kaiate Falls:

Key Points of Presentation

- Kaiate Falls was a popular site with more than 19,000 visits since April 2018 and more than 2,000 in the last week of 2018 alone
- Current state was unsuitable for swimming with a number of exceedance of thresholds, median concentration, 95th percentile concentration. E. coli was an indicator of other bacteria that might make people sick
- Kaiate Falls catchment land use included very low intensity farming with mainly lifestyle blocks. Which were very steep, lots of intermittent waterways and seeps and not all fully fenced. E. coli was mainly caused from ruminants (deer, goats, cows) and some from birds
- A range of possible solutions included:
 - No additional intervention
 - Full fencing only
 - Full fencing and planting
 - No grazing in the catchment upstream of the Falls
 - Upstream catchment retired to public use
- Study undertaken to obtain view of public – 710 respondents

- Take home points from the results
 - Public wanted action for Kaiate Falls
 - Allocation of costs (ratepayers vs. catchment landowners) did not affect preferences, particularly for non-ratepayers
 - Preferences for retirement and no grazing correlated and were more common amongst respondents who have visited the Falls
- Challenges:
 - Largest property was unfenced. Cost to fully protect and allow farming was \$220k due to steep terrain and farm layout
 - Large cost to ratepayer and community
 - Outside funding sources secured
 - Resistance due to grazing loss
 - Non-compliant with rule 7 – have tried to negotiate agreements without compliance
- Action plan
 - Extensive summer water quality survey took place during the period November to February, flow gauging was included and analysis was currently underway
 - Investigating pest animal influences
 - Working with Ngā Whenua Rāhui to stop grazing in Kawenata area
 - Proposal sent to smaller landowners to work with Care Group to fence and plant
 - Environmental Programme drafted for largest property with farm consultant
 - Working hard to get successful results during the current financial year.

9 Consideration of General Business

Nil

10 Next Meeting – 17 May 2019

The next meeting had been scheduled for 17 May 2019.

11 Closing Karakia

Cr Matemoana McDonald closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting concluded at 12:47 pm.

Confirmed

Chair, Tauranga Moana Advisory Group

Date