

Minutes of Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority Meeting held at Whakaue Kaipapa Marae, 643 Maketū Road, Maketū Village on Friday, 3 May 2019 commencing at 10.30 a.m.

Present:

Chairman: Dean Flavell - Tapuika Iwi Authority Trust

Appointees: Councillor Steve Morris - Tauranga City Council, Maria Horne - Te Komiti Nui o Ngati Whakaue, Rikihana Hancock - Te Tāhuhu o Tawakeheimoa Trust, Councillor Kevin Marsh - Western Bay of Plenty District Council

Alternate Appointees:

Councillor Matemoana McDonald - Bay of Plenty Regional Council, Geoff Rice - Tapuika Iwi Authority Trust, Rawiri Kingi - Te Pumautanga a Te Arawa Trust, Councillor John Scrimgeour - Western Bay of Plenty District Council

In Attendance:

Bay of Plenty Regional Council: Pim de Monchy – Coastal Catchments Manager (Committee Champion), Reuben Gardiner – Senior Planner (Water Policy), Clarke Koopu – Maori Policy Team Leader, Jo Watts – Senior Planner (Water Policy), Amanda Namana – Committee Advisor

Western Bay of Plenty District Council: Matthew Leighton – Senior Policy Analyst, Jodie Rickard – Senior Policy Analyst, Councillor Grant Dally

Tauranga City Council: Campbell Larking – Senior Project Manager (Urban Growth), Antoine Coffin – Te Onewa Consultants

Other: Elva Conroy - Conroy Donald Consultants, also as noted in attendance register *Objective ID: A3228779*

Apologies:

Councillor Jane Nees - Bay of Plenty Regional Council, Nicki Douglas – Alternate, Te Tāhuhu o Tawakeheimoa Trust, Piki Thomas - Te Pumautanga o Te Arawa, Councillor Arapeta Tahana - Bay of Plenty Regional Council, Nick Chater – Alternate, Lakes Community Board, Councillor Tania Tapsell - Rotorua Lakes Council.

1 Opening Karakia

Manu Pene and Rereamanu Wihapi welcomed everyone and opened the proceedings with a karakia.

2 Apologies

Resolved

That Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority:

Accepts the apologies from Councillor Jane Nees - Bay of Plenty Regional Council, Nicki Douglas – Alternate, Te Tāhuhu o Tawakeheimoa Trust, Piki Thomas - Te Pumautanga o Te Arawa, Councillor Arapeta Tahana - Bay of Plenty Regional Council, Nick Chater – Alternate, Lakes Community Board, Councillor Tania Tapsell - Rotorua Lakes Council.

Morris/Marsh
CARRIED

3 **Public Forum**

Nil.

4 **Acceptance of Late Items**

Nil.

5 **General Business**

- Update: Outcome of the Lower Gorges of the Kaituna River Stakeholder Meeting and the subsequent decision released by the Harbourmaster.
- Update: Opportunity to establish a Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority (TMoK) Working Group to address funding/ resourcing, community projects, celebrations and administrative requirements.

6 **Confidential Business to be Transferred into the Open**

Nil.

7 **Declaration of Conflicts of Interest**

Nil.

8 **Previous Minutes**

8.1 **Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority Minutes - 22 March 2019**

Resolved

That Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority:

- 1 **Confirms Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority Minutes - 22 March 2019 as a true and correct record.**

Horne/Flavell
CARRIED

9 **Presentation: Ngāti Whakaue ki Maketū Hapū Management Plan**

Refer PowerPoint Presentation Objective ID: A3140811

Maria Horne and Elva Conroy – Conroy and Donald Consultants provided an overview of the Ngāti Whakaue ki Maketū Hapū Management Plan and discussed its relevance to TMoK and implementation of Kaituna, he taonga tuku iho – a treasure handed down.

Key Points

- This was the third Hapū Management Plan from Ngāti Whakaue, having achieved most of the actions from previous plans released in 2009 and 2011
- Different types of consultation had been undertaken including SurveyMonkey and kōrero with kaumatua
- This was a new and improved Plan that reflected the wairua of the original plan
- Aspirations included the environment and the people
- The intention of the new Plan was to influence regional and district council decisions, particularly policy development and plan changes for better outcomes and to help inform TMoK's Kaituna Action Plan
- The vision of the original Plan remained unchanged through its three iterations
- Noted the policies around natural hazards and climate change as well as specific policy areas which included Te Tumu/ Wairakei, and Maketū/Waihī
- Knowledge transfer and cultural heritage was identified as particularly important
- Outlined projects that could be implemented together with TMoK by incorporating them into the Kaituna Action Plan.

In Response to Questions

- Waihī Estuary was the correct name of the estuary, as opposed to 'Little Waihī Estuary'
- Exploring co-management or co-governance of Waihī Estuary, and many of the other projects in the Plan would require resourcing.

Points Raised by Members

- Chairman Flavell congratulated Ngāti Whakaue ki Maketū for completion of their Hapū Management Plan, noted the work involved and the importance of updating it
- TMoK supported the Plan and Ngāti Whakaue's pursuit of a potential co-management or co-governance arrangement for Waihī Estuary, although this was outside of TMoK's co-governance area
- Queried whether co-management would be driven by Ngāti Whakaue, community or Council
- The Hapū Management Plan projects highlighted where the interests were for Ngāti Whakaue and enabled TMoK to help drive the promotion of these together with the hapū.

10 **Presentation: Tauranga City Council update on Te Tumu Urban Growth Area Planning**

Refer PowerPoint Presentation Objective ID: A3222803

Campbell Larking - Tauranga City Council (TCC) and Antoine Coffin – Te Onewa Consultants on behalf of TCC provided an update about progress on the planning to date for Te Tumu Urban Growth Area and responded to questions.

Key Points

- Updated members on planning to date for the proposed urban growth area at Te Tumu
- Highlighted key issues, concerns and opportunities
- Storm water and water quality management were significant challenges
- TCC was undertaking the cultural management planning ahead of the plan change
- TCC had been engaging with Te Tumu Tangata Whenua Working Party on a four weekly basis for almost two years
- A Cultural Heritage Literature Review would be undertaken to inform and support the Te Tumu Structure Plan and plan change documentation
- The Cultural Management Plan would include areas adjacent to the Kaituna River
- A proposed method for building the cultural management framework was outlined which would include a brief, workshops, draft plan and implementation plan. The final plan could be expected within three to six years.

In Response to Questions

- Highlighted the capability of tangata whenua groups to participate in Te Tumu Tangata Whenua Working Party and also going forward
- The cultural management plan framework was underway and had a number of options to work through for the 10 iwi involved to reach a partnership arrangement
- 15,000 people were projected to be living in Te Tumu, with seven to eight thousand homes built over 30 years
- Land may be set aside by the Māori owned blocks for affordable housing
- Drinking water would be sourced from the Waiāri Stream and wastewater directed to Te Maunga Wastewater Treatment Plant. The majority of storm water would be treated on site with overflows to the Kaituna River
- LED street lighting was planned for with a lower level light spill than conventional street lighting to minimise the visual impact of the development
- Climate change and natural hazards had been factored in to the planning
- Consideration would be given to the following when designing building platforms and setback of the Te Tumu housing development:
 - the risk of tsunamis, storm surges and hundred year storms
 - coastal erosion and the protection of dune systems
 - expected rises in the groundwater table
- To address issues of traffic congestion and safe evacuation, more than one route out of Te Tumu was being planned for.

Points Raised by Members

- Serious weather events and big storms were happening more frequently
- Having clean and sufficient water in 30 years' time was a big concern
- There was an opportunity to align actions at Te Tumu with the desired outcomes of the Kaituna River Document and TCC agreed to liaise with TMOK's consultant drafting the Kaituna Action Plan, Elva Conroy.

Items for Follow-up:

- TCC to provide a further update later in the year.

11 Reports

11.1 Financial update: 2018/2019 Te Maru o Kaituna Budget

Jo Watts - Senior Planner (Water Policy) presented the report, outlining the following:

Key Points

- An interim financial update was provided noting the current balance of \$204,664.35
- Noted correction on page 28 of the agenda: The title for the table should read '12 April 2019', not '13 February'
- The 'Advertising (River Doc & Launch)' included printing the River Document and advertising for the Open Day.

Resolved

That Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Financial update: 2018/2019 Te Maru o Kaituna Budget;**
- 2 Notes the current balance of Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority funds;**
- 3 Notes the expenditure to date relevant to the 2018/2019 Te Maru o Kaituna Budget.**

Hancock/McDonald
CARRIED

11.2 Engagement of Independent Advice for Change 5 (Kaituna River) to the Regional Policy Statement

Jo Watts - Senior Planner (Water Policy) presented the report which had been refined after direction from the previous meeting to include a budget, tighter scope of work and focus on draft Proposed Change 5 (Kaituna River) only.

Key Points

- Three key stages for advice were identified:
 - Draft Proposed Change 5 and consultation material/ documents
 - Proposed Change 5 and section 32 evaluation
 - Advice/drafting of submission and further submission to Proposed Change 5.

Resolved

That Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Engagement of Independent Advice for Change 5 (Kaituna River) to the Regional Policy Statement;**
- 2 Approves the scope of work and process for procurement of a suitably qualified independent consultant to provide technical peer review, advice and**

recommendations to Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority during the Change 5 (Kaituna River) process to update the Regional Policy Statement;

- 3 Appoints the following members to a Review Working Group: Dean Flavell, Maria Horne and Councillor Arapeta Tahana;**
- 4 Delegates authority to the Review Working Group to approve the final scope, procurement and engagement of the preferred advisor on behalf of the Authority;**
- 5 Approves a budget of up to \$10,000 + GST to cover the costs of the review and advice.**

**Marsh/Hancock
CARRIED**

11.3 Freshwater Policy Update

Jo Watts - Senior Planner (Water Policy) provided an update on work being undertaken to progress freshwater management policy, including work underway to support implementation of the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management relevant to the Kaituna River catchment.

Key Points

- Kaituna and Pongakawa-Waitahanui Freshwater Futures Community Group met on 26 March 2019 and were providing advice to staff to set specific freshwater limits for water quality and quantity. This was to implement the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management in the Kaituna and to recognise and provide for the Kaituna River Document
- Proposed Plan Change 9 still had outstanding appeals being worked through
- Central government had a significant freshwater policy review underway and public consultation documents were expected to be released in July/August 2019
- Government policy changes could affect the timeframes for Plan Change 12, currently expected to be notified in 2020
- Plan Change 12 focused on setting specific water quality and quantity limits for the Kaituna and was particularly important due to having a direct bearing on the health of the river and Maketū Estuary.

In Response to Questions

- As Plan Change 12 work progressed, it was important to ensure matauranga māori was incorporated through iwi engagement
- A discussion document was being written about iwi values and interests. This documented the information received through iwi engagement to date and would be circulated to participating iwi shortly
- Bay of Plenty Regional Council was working with Zespri to put lycimeters underneath seven different orchards to assess groundwater for contaminant loads and results were likely to be made public in June 2019.

12.23 pm - Cr Marsh **withdrew** from the meeting.

Resolved

That Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority:

1 Receives the report, Freshwater Policy Update

Flavell/Horne
CARRIED

12 General Business

- Chairman Dean Flavell updated members on the outcome of the Lower Gorges of the Kaituna River Stakeholder meeting and summarised the subsequent Harbourmaster decision released on 26 April 2019, whereby Pari Tūkino (known also as Gnarly Gorge) was closed to all vessels for six months to allow time for key stakeholders to explore options regarding safety.
- With the Kaituna re-diversion set to be completed at the end of 2019, it was suggested a TMoK Working Group be established to assist with sourcing funding, resourcing and working with community to hold a celebration for the opening of the re-diversion. Other co-governance groups and iwi were also to be invited - the achievement and work involved was cause for celebration and an opportunity to share experiences, learn from each other and commemorate the occasion.

13 Closing Karakia

Rereamanu Wihapi concluded the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 12.35 p.m.

Confirmed DATE

Dean Flavell

Chairperson – Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority