

Minutes of the Komiti Māori Meeting held at Pukehina Marae, 1903 State Highway 2, Pukehina on Tuesday, 27 February 2018 commencing at 9.30 a.m.

Chairman: M McDonald

Deputy Chairman: T Marr

Councillors: L Thurston, D Love, A Tahana

Ex Officio: Chairman D Leeder

In Attendance: Toi Moana-BOPRC: F McTavish (General Manager Strategy and Science), K O'Brien (Strategic Engagement Manager), A Vercoe (Māori Policy Team Leader), K Gosling (Community Engagement Team Leader), S Hohepa, K Pihera-Ridge, R Gardiner, (Māori Policy Advisors), H Simpson, C Koopu (Senior Advisor (Treaty)), N Heitia (Assistant Mātauranga Māori Framework), M Stensness (Pou Ngaio Technical/Cultural), L Tauroa (Internal Services Officer), P De Monchy (Kaituna Catchments Manager), Y Tatton (Governance Manager), S Rossiter-Stead (Communications Manager), D Hyland (Finance and Corporate Planning Manager), A Flintoff, R Ngaropo (Summer Students), T Grant (Land Management Officer)

Tangata Whenua: H Anderson, G Murray, N Tamsey, M Williams, T Ngawhika, P Rampio, Dr K Paul-Burke, M Anderson, M Tapsell, T Ruawai, T Ngawhika; K Ellis, R Tuarau (Rūnanga o Ngaī Te Rangi), O Williams, A Jaram, K Hiha, W Mason, T Douglas, U Jefferies

Apologies: Councillor W Clark

1 **Pōhiri/Welcome**

A pōhiri took place at 9.30 am prior to commencement of the meeting at 10:30 am.

2 **Karakia**

Mr Hohepa Anderson opened the meeting with a karakia.

3 **Chairman's Mihi**

Councillors Tahana and MacDonald acknowledged kaumātua of Ngāti Whakahemo, and te hau kainga for hosting the Komiti Māori hui. In accordance with the terms of reference for Komiti Maori Cr Tahana handed the chairman rākau to Cr MacDonald.

4 Apologies

Resolved

That the Komiti Māori:

- 1 Accepts the apologies of Cr Clark tendered at the meeting.

Thurston/Love
CARRIED

5 General Business and Tabled Items

It was agreed that Mr Tapsell would address the Komiti during General Business and Mr Ruawai be invited to present his korero during the Presentations part of the meeting.

6 Declaration of conflicts of interest

Nil

7 Previous Minutes

Resolved

That the Komiti Māori:

- 1 Confirms the Komiti Māori minutes of 12 December 2017 as a true and correct record.

Thurston/Love
CARRIED

8 Presentations

8.1 Ngāti Whakahemo – Regeneration of the Pongakawa River

Dr Paul-Burke and Mr M Anderson from Ngāti Whakahemo provided insight into the concerns and aspirations of Ngāti Whakahemo. Mr Anderson highlighted the following key points:

- Tangata Whenua had a spiritual connection with the land and therefore had responsibilities to look after the whenua for the next generation. This required reaching out and involving others to assist with kaitiaki of the environment;
- Degradation of the Pongakawa River had occurred over many years due to nutrient run off and dredging;
- Main goals were to regenerate the river, maintain good water quality for their tipuna, and restore the beach and wetlands;
- Requested Regional Council's support to proactively monitor the fluctuating water quality and to work together to develop a co-management programme for the river's restoration and drainage of the peat areas which were contaminating the waterways and estuaries;
- Requested Regional Council's Māori Policy staff to assist Ngāti Whakahemo in developing an iwi management plan;

- Expressed a desire to work in partnership with the regional council and Komiti Māori in the implementation of Mātauranga Māori across all levels of Council.

In response to questions from members it was stated that historically the wetlands had belonged to Ngāti Whakahemo but were taken under the Wastelands Disposal Act and were given to the Crown. While the Waihi Drainage Society were responsible for ensuring the river was dredged and maintained to avoid compromising arable land, Ngāti Whakahemo wished to enter into a co-management agreement.

Councillor Tahana, the Chair and members acknowledged Ngāti Whakahemo for their korero and an offer was made for Ngāti Whakahemo to work with the Māori Policy Unit and to apply for funding to develop their iwi management plan.

Ngāti Whakahemo were encouraged to make submissions to the Long Term Plan through the consultation process which was underway.

8.2 Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Te Rangi – Ohu Taiao

Refer Power Point Presentation Objective ID A2822556

Mr R Tuanau and Ms K Ellis provided members with an update on capacity development initiatives undertaken by the rūnanga with Regional Council resourcing.

Key points were:

- Strengthened iwitanga by bringing together thirteen hapū and eleven marae in the rohe;
- Mātauranga Māori Wānanga – focused on the moana and whenua to strengthen and develop knowledge for their Kaitiaki Forum;
- Taiohi Taiao Wānanga raised rangatahi awareness and knowledge of culture, identity, language and the environment;
- Korowai Aroha – focused on enhancing rangitahi's understanding of Whanaungatanga, Manaakitanga, Kotahitanga and Kaitiakitanga;
- Rangatahi Taiao Roopu established and highlighted the need for more moana based activities;
- Te Mana o Te Wai – iwi were inundated with aquifer/ground water resource consents and needed to hold off engagement with applicants until workshops on developing whakaaro collectively were held;
- Requested the Regional Council provide more information regarding the consent process for aquifer use and how Te Mana o Te Wai, as per the National Policy Statement, would be recognised.
- RMA Workshops facilitated by staff from Regional Council were invaluable in enhancing and refreshing Tangata Whenua's knowledge and ability to respond within the legislative framework, to protect the whenua and moana.
- The leasing of the boat Taniwha provided a collaborative opportunity for Ngāi Te Rangi and Tauranga Moana iwi to build their capability to participate in maritime and moana related activities e.g. harbour rubbish clean up, environmental monitoring, oil spill response support, navigation bylaw monitoring and water safety education. Ngāi Te Rangi also assisted 37 Tangata Whenua in gaining their day skippers ticket.

Ms Ellis and Mr Tuanau were acknowledged and thanked for their delivery of the positive initiatives outlined in the presentation. Members reiterated that Tangata Whenua's capacity to participate in the consenting process was a strategic issue across the region and the Regional Council, through the Māori Policy Unit, would continue to work together with iwi to build capacity.

8.3 **Waste Biomass Power Plant: Mr Tuhi Ruawai**

Mr T Ruawai outlined his work with the World Health Initiative organisation, made up of First Nations People, in developing a waste biomass plant as a means of disposing of municipal waste and dairy effluent to create power through an environmentally sustainable manner. The World Health Organisation would fund future infrastructure provided a feasibility study was developed. Mr Ruawai had an engineering background.

Mr Ruawai had been travelling around the region collecting quantitative waste disposal data and socialising the kaupapa with hapū. Two hapū were in support (Tama Kaimoana and Te Hapū Oneone) and further support was anticipated.

Ngāti Whakahemo expressed an interest in holding further discussions with Mr Ruawai.

The Komiti suggested the General Manager Strategy and Science contact Mr Ruawai to further discuss the initiative.

9 **Reports**

The Chair noted that Item 10.3 Historical Sawmill Contamination on Matakana Island would be deferred to a future meeting as Tangata Whenua from Matakana Island were unable to attend this meeting but are keen to be involved in any future discussions with Komiti Māori.

9.1 **Kotahitanga Summer Student Report 2018**

Refer Power Point Presentation Objective ID A2816781

Mr A Flintoff and Ms R Ngaropo presented a summary of the work the summer students had undertaken during their time with the Māori Policy and Community Engagement teams.

The Komiti thanked the summer students for their mahi and acknowledged the success of the programme in developing and building capacity for ngā taurira to participate and understand the local government environment.

Resolved

That the Komiti Māori:

- 1 Receives the report, Summer Intern Report 2018;**
- 2 Continues to support Council's Summer Student programme;**
- 3 Supports dedicated students for the Kotahitanga team.**

**Tahana/Leeder
CARRIED**

9.2 **Endorsement of He Korowai Mātauranga (The Draft Mātauranga Māori Framework) - An Internal Staff Resource**

Refer Power Point Presentation Objective ID A2816635

Staff presented the framework to guide the way staff view and incorporate Mātauranga Māori in Toi Moana's business and decision making processes.

The Komiti acknowledged all who had been involved in the development of the framework particularly Tangata Whenua in the rohe and the importance in entrusting Toi Moana with the information provided.

Staff were requested to bring the draft implementation budget back to the Komiti and involve iwi in the development of the implementation plan.

Resolved

That the Komiti Māori:

- 1 Receives the report, He Korowai Mātauranga (The Mātauranga Māori Framework);**
- 2 Approves He Korowai Mātauranga (the Draft Mātauranga Māori Framework);**
- 3 Endorses staff to make minor edits to the Draft Framework (He Korowai Mātauranga) if required;**
- 4 Endorses the development of an implementation plan and recognises that a future budget may be required to operationalise the implementation plan.**

**Love/Tahana
CARRIED**

9.3 **Consultation on the proposed Long Term Plan 2018-2028**

Refer Power Point Presentation Objective ID A2816688

General Manager Strategy and Science Ms F McTavish provided members with an overview of the Draft Long Term Plan 2018-2018, budget and consultation process.

Resolved

That the Komiti Māori:

- 2 Receives the report, Consultation on the proposed Long Term Plan 2018-2028.**

**Tahana/Thurston
CARRIED**

9.4 **General Manager Strategy and Science Update**

General Manager Strategy and Science Ms F McTavish informed members and Tangata Whenua that: He Toka Tumoana – Scholarship Fund, created in honour of the late Awanuiarangi Black and with the blessing of his whanau, was currently open to applicants with the successful applicants being announced at the Komiti Māori meeting in June 2018.

Resolved

That the Komiti Māori:

- 1 Confirms the report, General Manager Strategy and Science report**

**Tahana/Love
CARRIED**

10 **Consideration of General Business**

Mr Tapsell invited a future Komiti Māori meeting to be held at Hei Marae to enable an outline of Treaty Settlement issues facing Te Kapu o Waitaha to be presented to the Komiti..

11 **Closing Karakia**

Mr Hohepa Anderson closed with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 12.55 pm