

Minutes of the Komiti Māori Meeting held in Taharangi Marae, 26 Tārewa Road, Rotorua on Tuesday, 24 April 2018 commencing at 9.30 a.m.

Present:

Chair: Arapeta Tahana

Councillors: Lyall Thurston, David Love, Bill Clark, Matemoana McDonald

In Attendance:

Bay of Plenty Regional Council – Toi Moana

James Graham (General Manager Corporate Solutions), Yvonne Tatton (Governance Manager), Kataraina O'Brien (Strategic Engagement Manager), Kerry Heitia (Strategic Engagement Coordinator), Rawiri Bhana (Maori Policy Advisor), Lisa Power (Senior Planner Water Policy), Helen Creagh (Rotorua Catchments Manager), Shane Grayling (Biosecurity Team Leader), Ruth Keber (Marketing and Communications Advisor), Penny Doorman (Senior Planner Natural Resources Policy), Freya Camburn (Policy Analyst Natural Resources Policy), Shelby Managh (Policy Analyst Water Policy), Moana Stensness (Pou Ngaio Technical/Cultural), Tone Nerdrum-Smith (Committee Advisor)

Tangata Whenua

Āe Eru George (Chairperson Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Kea Ngāti Tuara), T Morehu (Te Puni Kokiri), Edie Vercoe (Ngāti Kea/Taura), Hariata Paikea (Ngāti Kea/Taura), K Hancock (Ngāti Rangiteaorere), Ben Tenakore-Curtis (Ngāti Rongomai), Francis Tenakore-Curtis (Ngāti Rongomai), Rikihana Hancock (Ngāti Rangiwewehi), Mapihi Kaharuhi (Whānau Ora), Maru Tapsell (Waitoha), Peter Staite, Marcus Ridge (Korowai Aroha), Vanessa Taikato (University of Waikato), Ashlei McMahon (Toi Ohomai), Julie Shepherd (Pirirakau), Kataraina George (Rūnanga o Ngāti Kea Ngāti Tuara), Shavorne Sparham (Pirirakau), Whirinaki Harrison (Pirirakau), Tania Turner (Ngāti Pikiao), Roland Kingi (Ngāti Pikiao), Shona Cherteris (Ngāti Pikiao), Katerina Pihera-Ridge, Raewyn Bennett (Ngāti Pikiao Ki Tai),

Apologies: Chairman Doug Leeder and Cr Tiipene Marr (Deputy Chair)

1 Pōhiri/Welcome

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

2 Opening Karakia

The Chair opened the meeting with a Karakia, responded to by Āe Eru George – Chairperson Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Kea Ngāti Tuara.

Komiti Maori Members and Toi Moana BOPRC staff each provided a brief introduction.

Noted that Cr Thurston would be required to leave the meeting at 12.00 pm to attend another Council meeting.

3 **Apologies**

That the Komiti Māori:

Accepts the following apologies tendered at the meeting: Chairman D Leeder; Cr T Marr

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4 **General Business and Tabled Items**

Nil

5 **Declaration of Conflicts of Interest**

Nil

6 **Komiti Maori Minutes - 27 February 2018**

That the Komiti Māori:

- 1 Confirms the Komiti Maori Minutes of 27 February 2018, as a true and correct record.**

**Thurston/Love
CARRIED**

7 **Lodgement of the Ngati Kea and Ngati Tuara Iwi Resource Management Plan 2016**

Refer PowerPoint presentation – Objective ID A2857022

A PowerPoint presentation was provided by Āe Eru George – Chairperson Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Kea Ngāti Tuara and Kataraina George, Ngati Kea Ngati Tuara Iwi outlining the following:

Key Points of Presentation:

- Ngati Kea Ngati Tuara
- Traditional Rohe
- Kearoa and Taharangi at Tarewa
- Iwi Environmental Management Plan
 - Acknowledgement
 - Purpose
- Ngati Kea Ngati Tuara Land Today
- Te Paiaka Lands Trust
- Environmental Projects
- Environmental Aspirations

- Potential Projects for 2018.

Key Points and In Response to Questions:

- Provided an outline of the history of the rohe and the Ngati Kea Ngati Tuara Iwi
- Recognised the support and contribution by Toi Moana - BOPRC
- Considered the Resource Management Plan to be a living document
- The Plan would also be presented to Waikato Regional Council in the future
- Pest eradication programmes had increased the occurrence of fauna and flora, and improved the health of the waterways
- Outlined the riparian planting that was gradually expanding
- Of the five aspirations, three directly related to the management of Horohoro maunga, whilst the other two were separate projects
- Was working with various partners, e.g. Victoria University in the development of potential projects for 2018
- Hydropower could cover the majority of the power needs for the marae
- Lack of battery storage, meant any excess power was sold back to the grid, which represented a payback for the marae.

Key Points – Chair and Councillors

- Congratulated the presenters on the considered and comprehensive presentation of the Plan
- Acknowledged the positive working relationship with Toi Moana - BOPRC
- There were pest management programmes in place around the Bay of Plenty region that could prove valuable for the rohe.
- Recognised the positive and valuable experience of attending marae meetings and working closely with iwi and hapū.

Key Points – Kataraina O'Brien, Toi Moana BOPRC

- Acknowledged the presentation by kaumatua
- Recognised the taonga of the Plan and its legal status for Toi Moana BOPRC staff
- Noted that there was a Toi Moana BOPRC fund available for development of Environmental Management Plans.

That the Komiti Maori:

- 1 Receives the report, Lodgement of the Ngati Kea Ngati and Tuara Iwi Resource Management Plan 2016;**
- 2 Formally receives the Ngati Kea Ngati Tuara Iwi Resource Management Plan 2016.**

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8 Presentation: Te Arawa Wai Warriors

Refer PowerPoint presentation – Objective ID A2850083

PowerPoint presentation was provided by Mapihi Raharuhi, Shona Charteris and Marcus Ridge, outlining the following:

Key Points of Presentation:

- Te Arawa Wai Warriors – ki Ohinemutu
- Cultural Legitimacy
- Supporting Te Arawa Aspirations

- Pukengatanga Reciprocity – Maramataka
- Planting seeds for the future
- Whanau – Strengthening Relationship
- Make positive connections
- Growing leaders
- Collaboration/partnerships.

Key Points

- The Warriors programme had encouraged whanau to join the young people, which strengthened relationships and created new ways of interacting and communicating
- Including young people, who would not normally interact, in a positive environment had built connections and provided increased exposure to different values
- It was challenging to get a real understanding of the regional situation from centrally based agencies
- The Maketu Warriors programme would take place on Sunday 29 April 2018
- Sought support from Toi Moana BOPRC to further expand and grow this positive programme, which was already proving positive results.

Key Points – Chair

- Acknowledged the presentation and commitment of those involved
- Supported the concept of alignment with Toi Moana BOPRC and encouraged staff to work with the programme managers.

Key Points – Tangata Whenua

- Active involvement in sport by children and grown up alike was important
- Healthy activities and positive interactions had an important flow-on effect for whānau.

9 **He Toka Tumoana - Toi Moana Environmental Scholarship**

Kerry Heitia, Strategic Engagement Coordinator provided an outline of the report, the background for the scholarship and the criteria for applications.

Key Points

- The scholarship totalled \$10,000 and had been established following the passing of the late Cr Awanui Black
- Environment was an integral component when considering applications to the scholarship
- The scholarship had been divided into four separate awards of \$2,500 *[noted that this had been stated as \$25000 in the report]*.

The four recipients of the \$2,500 scholarships (Julie Shepherd, Vanessa Taikato, Ashlei McMahon and Francis Teinakore-Curtis) provided a brief outline each of who they were, their skills and qualifications and the projects and education they were undertaking that had made them eligible for the Toi Moana Environmental scholarship.

That the Komiti Maori:

- 1 Receives the report, He Toka Tumoana Scholarship - Successful Recipients;**

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- 2 Endorses four \$2,500 scholarships to be awarded to students Julie Shepherd, Vanessa Taikato, Ashlei McMahon and Francis Teinakore-Curtis.

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10 **Lodgement of He Mahere Putahitanga - A Pan-Tribal Planning Document for the Central North Island Forests Iwi Collective**

Kataraina O'Brien, Strategic Engagement Manager provided an outline of the report.

That the Komiti Maori:

- 1 Receives the report, Lodgement of He Mahere Putahitanga: A pan-tribal Iwi Planning Document on behalf of the Central North Island Forests Iwi Collective.
- 2 Formally receives He Mahere Putahitanga: A pan-tribal Iwi Planning Document on behalf of the Central North Island Forests Iwi Collective.

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11 **Geothermal Management: Regional Plan Review**

Refer Power Point Presentation Objective ID A2854717

Penny Doorman, Geothermal Programme Manager provided an overview of the report and displayed a video of geothermal activity in the region.

Key Points of Presentation:

- Geothermal Management
- Regional Policy Statement
- Some possible issues for Maori
 - Provision of traditional uses
 - Maturanga Maori
 - Allocation framework
 - Opportunities for conditional and development systems
 - Protection of significant geothermal features
 - Process for resource consent applications
- Maori engagement
- Phased engagement
- Okurei Hui.

Key Points and in Response to Questions

- Recognised that engagement with Maori had not always been carried out in a manner that reflected and respected the impacts of the proposals
- There was high level technical and scientific input during engagement processes, however the Maori perspective was not necessarily well represented
- Okurei Hui were scheduled for 15 May, 17 May and 22 May 2018.

11.54 am – Cr Thurston **withdrew** from the meeting.

Key Points – Tangata Whenua

- Suggested that all tangata whenua be represented during the engagement period, rather than more limited participation as this would increase the chances of the different views being expressed and heard
- Important that Toi Moana BOPRC had a clear purpose for the engagement.

Action for Staff:

- Provide the Tangata Whenua engagement database/information being used by BOPRC to the Maori Constituency Councillors.

That the Komiti Maori:

- 1 Receives the report, Geothermal Management: Regional Plan Review;**
- 2 Notes that any feedback provided will be included in the engagement approach for the plan review.**

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12 **Update on Development of the Next Regional Pest Management Plan**

Refer Power Point Presentation Objective ID A2856888

Lisa Power, Senior Planner (Water Policy) and Shane Grayling, Team Leader – Catchment Management provided an outline of the report

Key Points of Presentation:

- Regional Pest Management Plan (RPMP)
- March-November 2017
- December 2017-September 2018
- By 30 September 2018
- Pests included in the next RPMP determined by:
 - Legislative requirements
 - Whether the pest can be effectively managed by provisions in the RPMP
- RPMP Pests – How will we manage different pests
- We will need to recognise that there are pests that:
 - The community expects to be managed
Aare so well established we can't achieve programme outcomes?
 - Managed by someone else (e.g. community groups, landowners, MPI, industry) or through another programme (e.g. Biodiversity programme)?
 - Managed by other legislation?
- Strategic Direction
- Matters of interest for Māori
- Māori Engagement.

Key Points:

- In instances of multiple-owned Maori land, it could at times be challenging for Council to identify who to work with to carry out pest management.

That the Komiti Maori:

- 1 Receives the report, Update on development of the next Regional Pest Management Plan;**

- 2 Notes that any feedback provided by Komiti Maori on Maori engagement will inform the consultation plan that will be presented to full Council in September 2018 for approval.**

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13 **Brown Bullhead Catfish - Incursion Update**

Refer Power Point Presentation Objective ID A2857212

Lisa Power, Senior Planner (Water Policy) and Shane Grayling, Team Leader – Catchment Management provided an outline of the report.

Key Points of Presentation:

- Catfish Incursion response update
- Brown bullhead catfish – the story to date
- Operation work – Jan to April 2018
- So what does the future hold – Let's try and keep positive here
- A massive thank you – we could not do this without you.

Key Points:

- Since January 2018, more than 20,000 catfish had been caught
- Majority of the catch was supplied to the University of Waikato for research to gain a better understanding of the catfish's impact on the environment
- Catfish was edible and considered a delicacy in some countries, e.g. United States of America.

Key Points – Chair and Councillors

- Main concerns regarding the catfish was impact on local species, in particular the freshwater shellfish
- The Maturanga Māori framework had recently been adopted and was an important step towards incorporating Maori perspective in Council processes.

That the Komiti Maori under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Brown bullhead catfish - incursion update.**

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14 **Rotorua Catchments - Lake and Stream Water Quality**

Refer Power Point Presentation Objective ID 2856870

Helen Creagh, Rotorua Catchment Manager provided an outline of the report.

Key Points of Presentation:

- Purpose of Report
- Update on Funded TALT Work
- Rotorua Catchment Work
- Rotorua Water Management Area
- Funding for Tangata Whenua Projects
- Sediment Build Up Stream Mouths
- Waiteti Aerial Photos
- Waiteti Sampling

- Sediment Removal.

That the Komiti Maori under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Rotorua Catchments - Lake and Stream Water Quality.**

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15 **General Manager Strategy and Science Update Report**

James Graham, General Manager: Corporate Solutions and Kataraina O'Brien, Strategic Engagement Manager provided an outline of the report.

Key Points

- Provided an outline of the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 process, with completion of the LTP hearings. Deliberations would take place in May 2018 prior to final adoption in June 2018.
- A number of submissions related to the impact of climate change
- Had sympathy and understanding for the challenges smaller iwi and hapū faced when being involved in resource-demanding Council processes
- Encouraged those who wanted to be involved in strategic processes affecting Maori to contact Moana Stensness, Maori Policy, Toi Moana BOPRC for information.

Key Points – Raewyn Bennet

- Provided an outline of the time-consuming process of preparing and presenting a submission to the Long Term Plan
- 10 minutes to speak to a submission was often an inadequate time allocation to provide a fair representation of the views and thoughts of the submitter.

Key Points - Chair

- Council had approached Central Government for funding towards the establishment of co-governance forums.

That the Komiti Maori under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, General Manager Strategy and Science Update Report.**

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16 **Consideration of General Business**

Key Points – Peter Staite

- Was significantly impacted by sawdust being blown across his property from the sawmill next door
- Had recently painted his roof and it was being damaged by the sawdust, which clung to the fresh paint
- Concerned regarding the potential damage to human health and insect life
- Sawdust pollution had been ongoing for five years and he had repeatedly approached Toi Moana BOPRC for help
- Sought assistance from Komiti Maori for Toi Moana BOPRC to monitor and rectify the situation
- Concerned regarding the Rotorua air quality which was categorised as the worst in New Zealand.

Action for Staff:

- The concerns raised by Mr Staite regarding lack of monitoring of air quality and the sawdust pollution on his property to be brought to the attention of the Toi Moana BOPRC monitoring and consents teams.

17 Public Forum

Āe Eru George – Chairperson Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Kea Ngāti Tuara suggested that the process around multiple-owned Maori land and engagement with Council, might be a matter best decided by the Courts.

Action for staff:

- Penny Doorman, Geothermal Programme Manager to follow up with Ngati Kea Ngati Tuara regarding significant geothermal areas within their rohe.

18 Closing Karakia

Āe Eru George – Chairperson Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Kea Ngāti Tuara closed the meeting with a Karakia.

The meeting closed at 12.56pm.