

Minutes of the Komiti Māori Meeting held at Tōrere nui ā Rua Marae, 2218 State Highway 35, Tōrere on Tuesday, 19 June 2018 commencing at 9.30 a.m.

Present:

Chairman: Cr T Marr (Deputy Chair)

Councillors: A Tahana (Komiti Māori Chair), W Clark, M McDonald

Ex Officio: Chairman D Leeder

In Attendance: Bay of Plenty Regional Council: N Poutasi (General Manager Strategy & Science Acting), K O'Brien (Strategic Engagement Manager), N Ridler (Community Engagement Advisor), K Gosling (Community Engagement Team Leader), A Vercoe (Maori Policy Team Leader), S Hohepa, R Bhana, R Gardiner, (Māori Policy Advisors), M Stensness, N Capper (Pou Ngaio (Cultural/Technical Advisors)), C Koopu, H Simpson (Senior Advisors, Treaty), T Senior (Land Management Officer), K Boreham (Marketing and Communications Advisor), E Sykes (Community Engagement EEF Coordinator), L Tauroa (Internal Services Officer), M Pansegrouw, S Kameta (Committee Advisors)

External Presenters: R Tukaki (REDTIDE - Toitōi Manawa), B MacLennan, C Lee (Toi EDA), M Heitia (REKA Trust)

Tangata whenua and members of the public: B Maxwell, B Hickman, A Davis, T Herewini, M Jones, (Ngāi Tai), R Paora (Te Ehutu, Te Kaha), Ngāi Tai Iwi Authority: D Peters (Chairman), T Hillier (Chief Executive), K Tapuke (Administrator); S McKay (Whakatane District Council), N Heitia (Department of Conservation), S Heitia (REKA Trust), D Lee (Tamati Coffey MP Waiariki Electorate Office), H Collier, P van Kampen (Paerata Ahu Whenua Trust)

Apologies: Crs L Thurston, D Love

1 **Pōhiri/Welcome**

A pōhiri took place at 9.30 am before the start of the meeting at 10:40 am.

2 **Opening Karakia**

Provided by Kaumatua Mr Bill Maxwell.

3 **Apologies**

Resolved

That Komiti Māori:

- 1 **Accepts the apologies of Councillors: Lyall Thurston and David Love and member of the public Carla Prior tendered at the meeting.**

Tahana/Leeder
CARRIED

4 Acceptance of Late Items and General Business

Nil

5 Declaration of conflicts of interest

Nil

6 Previous Minutes**6.1 Komiti Māori Minutes - 24 April 2018****Resolved****That Komiti Māori:**

- 1 **Confirms the Komiti Māori Minutes of 24 April 2018, as a true and correct record.**

Clark/Tahana
CARRIED

7 Order of Business

The Chair advised that Item 9.2, Presentation from Mr Ray Tukaki would be taken next to accommodate his early departure.

8 Presentations**8.1 Ray Tukaki: REDTIDE Indigenous Climate Action Summit**

Refer Movie Clips Objective IDs A2899410 and A2890519.

REDTIDE Action Climate Summit Director Mr Ray Tukaki reported on the major success of the REDTIDE Indigenous Climate Action Summit that was held at Te Kaha on 1-6 May 2018. Two video clips were played from the Youth Summit and Day 2 of the Rangatahi Roopu Group.

Key points:

- 375 participants attended including whānau rangatahi (youth), pakeke (adults) and manuhiri (visitors);
- A two-day wananga held for rangatahi included topics on: maramataka (Māori lunar calendar), civil defence, water testing and ecology, spoken word and GIS mapping;
- Adult workshops ran over four days included a range of topics with over 50 speakers from around Aotearoa and overseas.
- A number of strategic work streams had eventuated following the Summit, including the REDTIDE Rangatahi Roopu launched at Te Whānau-a-Apanui.

- Ongoing focus was occurring on community engagement and hapū needs.
- Climate change was seen as the greatest threat facing humanity, which was an opportunity for all to create a more sustainable world, if communities acted now.

Mr Tukaki thanked the Regional Council for providing funding and support for the Summit, with acknowledgement made to REDTIDE sponsors, partners and supporters.

In Response to Questions:

- REDTIDE Rangatahi Roopu were meeting on a weekly basis and currently undergoing pest control training that was linked to NZQA certification.
- A range of other opportunities were being explored to involve more rangatahi and pakeke to grow and strengthen skills in a range of areas. Mr Tukaki advised communication was occurring with the Regional Council on supporting initiatives.

Mr Tukaki and the REDTIDE organisers were congratulated on the Summit's success and opportunities they were providing to rangatahi and their communities. Councillors expressed their interest for Regional Council to support REDTIDE and mana whenua initiatives within the taiao (environment) and on the ground.

8.2 **Ngāi Tai Iwi Authority and Tōrere nui ā Rua Marae: Activity Update**

A verbal report was provided by kaumatua and Ngāi Tai Iwi Authority Chief Executive Tracey Hillier and Chairman David Peters on matters of interest to Ngāi Tai Iwi.

Matters of Interest:

- Rising sea level impacts on Tōrere Marae, the community and neighbouring communities was of significant concern:
 - Ngāi Tai Iwi Authority had submitted to Regional Council's Long Term Plan raising the issue of global warming and foreshore and seabed impacts;
 - Current impacts were evident on the community's water table and services;
 - Questions were raised on what Regional Council proposed to do to address climate change impacts and whether funding could be provided to assist with coastal planting as a natural barrier.
- Changes in stormwater run-off requirements and how this would be addressed in the community was queried.
- Ngāi Tai Iwi Authority wished to be involved and consulted on resource consent applications within their rohe, particularly matters relating to forestry, waterways, wilding pines and other projects and issues that were occurring.
- Ngāi Tai Iwi Authority wished to strengthen its relationship with Regional Council's Māori Policy team and Komiti Māori going forward.

In response to Questions:

- Acting General Manager Strategy & Science Namouta Poutasi advised a number of submissions to Regional Council's Long Term Plan (LTP) had sought consideration of climate change effects and that the adoption of the LTP on 28 June 2018 would provide direction on next steps.
- Environmental Enhancement Fund Coordinator Eddie Sykes would follow-up with Ngāi Tai Iwi Authority's Chief Executive Tracey Hillier regarding funding assistance for coastal planting.
- Strategy Engagement Manager Kataraina O'Brien acknowledged and welcomed Ngāi Tai Iwi Authority's desire to strengthen relationships; and advised that Nathan Capper (Pou Ngāio - Technical/Cultural Advisor) would follow-up with Ngāi Tai Iwi Authority on resource consent matters and opportunities for resource management training.

8.3 Taiohi Taiao: Youth Jam 2018

Refer PowerPoint Presentation and Video Clip Objective ID A2899293, A2899288.

Community Engagement Advisor Natalie Ridler gave a presentation on the Taiohi Taiao Youth Jam event held at Ōhope Beach in mid-May 2018. She advised the annual event was run for Year 13 students from across the Bay of Plenty region, with every event held at different locations and focused on different themes.

Key points:

- This year's event focused on emergency preparedness and community resilience, with key objectives to: train youth as civil defence ambassadors, increase knowledge of natural hazards within the rohe, explore the 4R's of emergency response; and to network and have fun with other students within their rohe.
- 16 out of 28 secondary schools had participated in the event, including students from Te Maru special needs unit from Western Heights High School.
- Regional Council input had included collaboration between Emergency Management Bay of Plenty and the Community Engagement team with input from the Ministry for Primary Industries around animal welfare, NZ Fire Service and the Minister of Civil Defence.
- Key highlights were: whanaungatanga, high volume of enthusiasm, positivity and output demonstrated by students and their commitment to take action plans back into their schools and whanau.

In response to Questions:

- Year 13 rangatahi from Bay of Plenty schools were invited to attend, but not all had participated.
- Due to the success and interest generated, Regional Council were looking to run civil defence preparedness training as an annual event for rangatahi.
- CDEM staff welcomed the opportunity to talk to schools and marae that wanted to hold wananga, as an added option.

8.4 Mate Heitia (Chair, REKA Trust): Māra Kai

Refer PowerPoint Presentation Objective ID zA218290.

REKA Trust Chair Mrs Mate Heitia gave a presentation on REKA Trust's initiatives to implement food sovereignty strategies to reconnect whānau and hapū with their lands to rebuild wellbeing, revitalise traditional values and support economic opportunities.

Key points:

- The Trust was created in 2008 in response to death rates within whanau from diabetes, cancer and heart disease being linked to poor nutrition;
- Marae-based wananga were launched in 2009 at Rangataua Marae and Tuteao Marae to teach whanau and hapū about food sovereignty strategies: building raised mara, permaculture techniques, sustainable and healthy living practices;
- Wānanga were extended to other pan-tribal marae, Te Kura o Te Paroa, Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Te Oriini, regeneration of mara in Edgecumbe and supporting Whanau Awhina Womens' Refuge, kuia and kaumatua;
- REKA Trust had engaged with Te Whare Wananga o Awanuiārangi and had aspirations to: implement further initiatives within REKAKura, develop a hapū resource management plan, along with eco-tourism and papakāinga initiatives;
- REKA Projects were based on research undertaken with the NZ Health Council and utilising Bay of Connections Māori asset values;
- Funding was being sought from Te Ahu Whenua Trust and Regional Council's Community Initiative Funding to support the Trust's projects;

- Mrs Heitia thanked the Regional Council for their past support and welcomed the opportunity to share their template with others.

Councillors thanked Mrs Heitia for her presentation and acknowledged REKA Trust's philosophies, initiatives and aspirations.

8.5 **Toi EDA: Workforce Development Programme**

Refer PowerPoint Presentation Objective ID A2897541.

Project Manager Barbara MacLennan and Coordinator Cindy Lee gave a presentation on Toi EDA's Workforce Development programme and its focus to foster growth and employment in the Eastern Bay of Plenty.

Key points:

- Substantial economic growth was anticipated in the Eastern Bay of Plenty over the next 10 years within the sectors of: forestry and wood products, aquaculture, kiwifruit and manuka and honey;
- A high level of inter-generational unemployment and disengagement from the workforce made it a challenge for rangatahi and whanau to enter the workforce;
- Toi EDA was taking a place-based approach on multiple initiatives to support cross-sector efforts and mana whenua and community-led development to enable pathways to grow the workforce;
- The LinkUp and License-to-Work programmes were outlined and had been developed to inspire and support rangatahi to become work ready;
- Keen to work with community networks that were interested in participating;
- Toi EDA's quarterly update was provided in the meeting agenda and outlined what was on offer, including details of how to contact Toi EDA for further information.

In response to Questions:

- Toi EDA were building on their statistical information and evaluation and monitoring programme and were working in partnership with agencies to support long-term employment gains for Māori;
- Noted a number of driver licensing programmes operated in the Eastern Bay of Plenty and recognised the need to link up and provide additional resource for programmes on the ground.
- Welcomed the opportunity to engage with the Tōrere community and confirmed Toi EDA was interested in supporting all ages.

Councillors commended Toi-EDA for their work and place-based approach, instead of using one-size fits all.

9 **Report**

9.1 **General Manager Update**

Acting General Manager Strategy & Science Namouta Poutasi provided highlights from the report.

Key points:

- Acknowledged the presentations received by external presenters;
- Noted actions underway in response to air quality issues at Ngāpuna in Rotorua, which had been raised at the previous Komiti Māori meeting by Mr Chris Staite;
- Recognised the efforts of Ngāi Tai Iwi Authority and other Iwi who had lodged a submission to Council's Long Term Plan (LTP) in regard to climate change issues and building Māori capacity and capability;

- Pou Ngāio (Technical/Cultural Advisor) Nathan Capper gave an overview of facilitated RMA workshops that the Regional Council had held for tangata whenua and. Iwi that were interested in the workshops could contact Mr Capper.

In response to Questions:

- The use of digital media to deliver RMA workshops was noted for consideration;
- Making geospatial data held by Regional Council accessible to Iwi and tangata whenua had been progressed, however further work was needed to provide the data in a more cohesive format;
- A question was raised from the floor about how Mātauranga Māori contributions were being acknowledged. Response was provided that this was still a work in progress that needed to be improved.

Resolved

That Komiti Māori:

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

**Tahana/McDonald
CARRIED**

10 Open Forum

The following matters were raised in the Open Forum:

- Inward sea movements and tidal surge impacts on the Tōrere community were raised as a concern. It was acknowledged that climate change issues were a significant concern that was being discussed and considered at a national level and locally by councils.
- Funding assistance for eradication of privet and other invasive plants was queried, with concerns raised on the health impacts on the community. Land Management Officer Tim Senior advised he would liaise with Regional Council's Biosecurity team to arrange a meeting with the marae and community.
- Advice was provided that an activity update from Tōrere Marae would be provided for information following the meeting.

11 Closing Karakia

Provided by Kaumatua Mr Bill Maxwell.

The meeting closed at 12:35 pm.

Confirmed

Chairperson

Date