

Minutes of the Komiti Māori Meeting held at Waiteti Marae, 30 Waiteti Road, Ngōngōtaha, Rotorua on Tuesday, 10 October 2017 commencing at 9.30 a.m.

Chairman: A Tahana

Deputy Chairman: T Marr

Councillors: L Thurston, M McDonald, D Love, W Clark

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 Heitia (Strategic Engagement Coordinator), S Hohepa, K Pihera-Ridge (Māori Policy Advisors), N Capper (Pou Ngaio Technical/Cultural), N Heitia (Assistant Mātauranga Māori Framework), E Sykes (Community Engagement EEF Coordinator) L Tauroa (Internal Services Officer), S Grayling (Biosecurity Team Leader), A Bruere (Lakes Operation Manager), S Kusabs (Land Management Officer), J Mackle (Regulatory Compliance Officer), H Ngatai (Marketing & Communications Advisor), N Ridler (Community Engagement), M Stensness (Committee Advisor)

Tangata Whenua: E George, G Ngatai, T Conwell, M Ngatai, T Palmer, WH Colbert, L Bidois, U Fairhall, S Tana, J Tahana, R Clarke, TP Newton, M Tapsell, W TeMoni, R Hona

Te Arawa Lakes Trust: N Douglas (Manager Environment), R Meha (Te Tatau o Te Arawa, Te Puni Kokiri)

Rotorua Lakes Council: J Riini, D Bly, R Hiha-Agnew

Apologies: Chairman D Leeder (late arrival), W Haumaha (Chairman of Te Waiteti Marae), G Mohi, K Biddle

1 **Pōhiri/Welcome**

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

2 **Karakia**

Mr Eru George opened with a karakia.

3 **Chairman's Mihi**

Councillor Tahana acknowledged Mr G Ngatai of Ngāti Ngārarānui, Ngāti Rangiwhewehi and te hau kainga for hosting the Komiti Māori hui. Councillor Tahana emphasised the importance of the wai-water for Te Arawa whānui – he taonga nui tenei mea te wai,

ehara ma Ranginui raua ko Papatūanuku te raru, ma tatou katoa e whakatika i te wai.
He korero whakatauaki - Ko wai koe, ko te wai koe - Ko Au te Wai, Ko te Wai ko Au.

4 Apologies

Resolved

That the Komiti Māori:

- 1 Accepts the apologies of Chairman Leeder (late arrival), W Haumaha (Chairman of Te Waiteti Marae), G Mohi and K Biddle tendered at the meeting.

Tahana/Thurston
CARRIED

5 General Business and Tabled Items

It was noted that Toi Moana-BOPRC Lakes Operation Manager A Bruere requested to update members and tangāta whenua on phosphorous locking and resource consents consultation.

6 Declaration of conflicts of interest

Nil

7 Previous Minutes

Resolved

That the Komiti Māori:

- 1 Confirms the Komiti Māori minutes of 23 August 2017 as a true and correct record.

Clarke/McDonald
CARRIED

8 Presentations

8.1 Ngāti Ngārarānui – Hapu development on the Waiteti Stream

Refer Power Point Presentation Objective ID A2723945

Mr G Ngatai provided insight into the whakapapa-genealogy interconnect between Ngāti Ngārarānui, the whenua-land, awa-river and traditional taonga; i.e localised streams, waahi tapū-sacred pā sites and waahi tūpuna-ancestral cultural site within their rohe-area. Mr Ngatai highlighted the following concerns:

- environmental and cultural degradation of the Waiteti and Waimihia streams due to discharge of phosphorus and nutrient run off;
- consequential 100 metre radius of thick sediment build up at the mouth of Waitetī stream;

- restricted access to waahi tapu-sacred areas (i.e six sacred pā), waahi tūpuna-ancestral areas (i.e Wai oro toki) and waahi puna wai-spring water areas;
- negative impact of biodiversity of the awa-river including loss of customary fishing grounds and kai - tau koura-freshwater crayfish, tau kupenga, tau hohorō and tau inanga (juvenile fish);
- loss of flora and fauna within four (4) key wetlands (Okuraroa, Te Kopua, Te Akaaka, Te Pohue);
- requested proactive monitoring, more data collection and access to scientific evidence to identify the source of paru-pollution/degradation; and
- lack of putea-money/funding.

Mr Ngatai recognised the mahi-work undertaken by Toi Moana-BOPRC but expressed a desire for direct and meaningful consultation with regard to co-management solutions around conservation and protection of taonga, the taiao-environment and the wai-water. It was noted that other hapū in attendance agreed with Ngāti Ngārarānui's position.

Councillor Tahana and members acknowledged Ngāti Ngārarānui for the "on the ground" korero filtered through to Komiti Māori. Members re-iterated their commitment to empower hapū and iwi to protect the wai and taonga but that it could take between 60 and 100 years to restore. It was noted that Councillor Tahana be notified of the next hui to be held by Ngāti Ngārarānui and that General Manager Strategy and Science Ms F McTavish would provide an updated report of the above matters for the next Komiti Māori hui.

8.2 Te Kōmiro o te Ūtuhina – A collective approach to restore Te Ūtuhina Stream

Refer Power Point Presentation Objective ID A2723942

Ms L Kereopa and Mr G Allen of Te Kōmiro o te Ūtuhina Kaitiaki Roopu provided members with some historical background of life growing up in Ōhinemutu, Te Tokaparua, Te Puaranga and Te Ūtuhina streams in comparison with life now. Ms Kereopa and Mr Allen summarised the issues as:

- Sediment build up and paru-pollution of the awa-river in 2016 (blockage from kuirau park, released into Te Ūtuhina)
- Two summers tangāta whenua had been unable to swim in the awa-river - Te aukati ki te kaukau kurupae – cautionary/no swimming signs;
- Degradation of customary fishing and gathering grounds - kāpata kai-food source non-existent in Te Ūtuhina stream (i.e koura);
- Kai-food had disappeared over two generations - our children have never been able to feed themselves from our awa-river;
- Oil slicks coming from the industrial area and queried what monitoring was in place;
- Management and monitoring practices of water quality and eradication of weeds by Toi Moana-BOPRC;
- Removal of taonga-fishing rocks without consultation;
- Lack of fresh water flowing into Te Ūtuhina stream.

G Allen expressed a desire to work together to find solutions for monitoring water quality, the regeneration of kai moana (i.e koura), the eradication and control of harmful weeds and the restoration of the stop banks along the awa-river.

Councillor Tahana – Tēnei ra te mihi nui kia kōrua mō to kōrua whakāturanga, kei te tika kōrua, karawhiua mai ngā pātai me ngā wero hoki kia mātou, otirā kia tātou, ngā

mihi kia korua mo tera – acknowledged presenters and that Komiti Māori was the right forum to raise those concerns.

The Komiti was informed that Toi Moana-BOPRC regularly monitored Te Ūtuhina stream for ecoli and that swimming was cautionary in that area. Members and tangata whenua were advised that Toi Moana-BOPRC had upcoming environmental projects that included the church and improving biodiversity work, geothermal activity and exploring economic opportunities within Ōhinemutu. It was noted that Mr Allen and Te Kōmiro o Te Ūtuhina be notified of further meetings to be held between Toi Moana-BOPRC and the church.

Resolved

That the Komiti Māori:

- 1 Commission Toi Moana-BOPRC staff to write an urgent status report on all the local urban streams flowing into Lake Rotorua area to be tabled at the next Regional Council Delivery and Direction Committee meeting.**

**Thurston/Tahana
CARRIED**

8.3 Ngāti Rangiwewehi – Ko Te Awahou mātou, ko mātou te awahou

Ms L Bidois from Ngāti Rangiwewehi acknowledged Ngāti Ngārarānui and advised members that:

- whakapapa-genealogy interconnected Te Arawa and hapū to all the local streams and waterways;
- Ngāti Rangiwewehi were working with GNS organisation on the Ka Tu Te Taniwha project – 2nd stage;
- wānanga were held to define kaitiaki - created a model of kaitiakitanga around the protection of the wai-water;
- the Iwi Management Plan ('IMP') included soil quality, water quality expectations and kaitiakitanga - define your own Tino Rangātiratanga;
- Ngāti Rangiwewehi needed more tautoko-support to look after their champions;
- our tamariki-children were instrumental - teaching our tamariki stories of our awa normalised caring for and looking after the taiao-environment and the importance of the wai; and
- A wero-challenge was issued to Toi Moana-BOPRC to start delivering objectives from the IMPs.

Councillor Tahana - ngā mihi atu kia koe Leanne otira kia Gina hoki, mohio nei ana ahau koia tetahi o ngā poutokomanawa mo tenei take te tiaki i to tatou taiao, no reira tēnā koe e Leanne – acknowledged and thanked both presenters in caring for the environment.

8.4 Te Arawa Lakes Trust – Te Tuāpapa o ngā wai o Te Arawa

Refer Power Point Presentation Objective ID A2723944

Te Arawa Lakes Trust ('TALT') trustee Ms R Meha and Manager for Environment Ms N Douglas advised members that they were focussed on achieving a statutory working relationship with Toi Moana-BOPRC. TALT had aspirations to restore Te Arawa kaitiakitanga over the lakes and that the implementation of a co-designed strategic

framework was the way forward for TALT in the leadership space. Ms Douglas identified some of the primary objectives as follows:

- embedding of Te Arawa values, matauranga maori and Te Tuāpapa o Te Wai – into spatial plans, long term plans, consultation;
- proactive role within the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) - Te Mana Whakahono;
- grow capability in freshwater management;
- TALT as the gateway/conduit for some of the hui regarding plan changes, long term plans and consultations,
- meaningful consultation to discuss delivery of Maori outcomes alignment, LTP allocations and iwi and hapu leadership opportunities;
- three kaitiaki wananga to be held.

Members acknowledged TALT were moving in a strategic direction and owning that role. It was noted that iwi and hapu needed to work collectively and strategically to utilise the resources available wisely. TALT acknowledged assistance from Toi Moana to finalise their Iwi Management Plan and how it was successfully used as a guide to establish and implement a sewage reticulation system.

9 Reports

9.1 Te Mana Whakahono a Rohe – Iwi Participation Agreements Resource Management Act 1991 Amendments

Maori Policy Team Leader A Vercoe advised members that the government had introduced several amendments to the Resource Management Act 1991 ('RMA') intended to enhance Māori participation in decision making through the Te Mana Whakahono ā Rohe ('TMWR') provisions. To assist members further Mr Vercoe provided an analysis of the provisions and highlighted the following key points:

- The TMWR provided a mechanism for iwi authorities and local authorities to discuss, agree and record ways in which tangata whenua may participate in resource management and decision making processes under the RMA;
- Iwi authorities that initiated a TMWR invitation would legally compel Toi Moana-BOPRC to enter into iwi participation arrangements;
- Mandatory components of a TMWR must be incorporated into an agreement;
- Invitations could be initiated at any time (with some exceptions) and carried an 18 month statutory timeframe for completion;
- The TMWR provisions allowed for multi-party agreements;
- Implementation of the TMWR required principles and negotiations cognisant of the provisions of the legislation;
- Presented TMWR and the new subpart under the RMA to RDD committee;
- Other requirements included - notification, provision of draft agreement prior to notification, appointment of iwi commissioners on to hearing panels, demonstrated consultation with iwi/hapū;
- Toi Moana-BOPRC had received an invitation from Tapuika on 6 June 2017.

Mr Vercoe re-iterated that Toi Moana-BOPRC were focussed on the initial planning stages and kōrerorero-discussions about how to progress forward noting that it was

critical in the initial stages to understand where each party was placed and that tangata whenua were provided a suitable environment that fostered open discussions.

Councillor Tahana - Ka honohono ngā wai tētehi ki tētehi – the water connects people with each other, noting that the new provisions potentially allowed iwi and hapū to pen their IMP plans suited to those provisions that essentially allowed for iwi and hapū to sit at the table.

Resolved

That the Komiti Māori:

- 1 Confirms the report, Te Mana Whakahono ā Rohe – Iwi Participation Agreements Resource Management Act Amendments**

**Tahana/Thurston
CARRIED**

9.2 Enhancing Resource Management Act 1991 awareness for Māori - RMA Training Workshops

Refer Power Point Presentation Objective ID A2723937

Toi Moana-BOPRC Pou Ngāio Mr N Capper provided members with an update report on the RMA training workshops held specifically for Māori. Mr Capper explained that the workshops were framed as wānanga which sought to complement a transition to the Making Good Decisions training programme while extending RMA knowledge in general for attendees. Key components of the training included:

- RMA 101 and 102 wānanga themed – provided tools and techniques for the kete-knowledge basket to empower participation, grow knowledge base, share knowledge and manaaki whanau,
- Four workshops trialled to improve confidence and understanding and respond in the RMA kaupapa and kōrero, improved planning policy, regulatory framework and documents, improved understanding of legislative context, treaty obligations.
- Treaty settlements the RMA and local government impact;
- RMA 103 would focus on resource consenting applications and questions that come from the wānanga to feed back to whānau.

Members and tangāta whenua were advised that the 2018 workshop/wānanga plan proposed to include two more per year specifically to strengthen whānau participation, encourage attendees to complete commissioner training and to recognise further training sessions across the region. It was noted that tangata whenua should contact the Māori Policy Officer of their rohe to have a kōrero-discussion about upcoming workshops and to be added to the email mailing list.

Cr Macdonald who participated in all the workshops remarked that the content and delivery of the information was excellent and that the continued roll out of these wananga were necessary to assist our whānau in understanding the RMA process.

Resolved

That the Komiti Māori:

- 1 Confirms the report, Enhancing Resource Management Act 1991 awareness for Māori - RMA Training Workshops**

**Tahana/Macdonald
CARRIED**

9.3 Brown bullhead catfish incursion progress report

Refer Power Point Presentation Objective ID A2723941

Toi Moana-BOPRC Biosecurity Team Leader Mr S Grayling briefed members and tangata whenua on the incursion of the Brown bullhead catfish initially discovered in March 2016. Mr Grayling highlighted the following key information:

- catfish were tough, a predator scavenger that prey on other fish and threatened taonga species including koura-crayfish;
- over 34 nights, 770 nets were set on Rotoiti, Rotorua, Rotoehu and Tarawera – 391 catfish were caught, 381 from Te Weta Bay;
- as water temperatures cool more catfish are caught but tuna and brown trout were known to be natural raiders of catfish.
- Toi Moana-BOPRC held meetings with stakeholders and community for engagement and feedback on the programme;

Mr Grayling emphasised that further meetings and consultation was needed to discuss and research suitable eradication methods; i.e permanent traps, pest tagging programme, pheromone baits and electricity as options. Mr Grayling extended an invitation to tangata whenua to attend scheduled meetings.

Resolved

That the Komiti Māori:

1 Confirms the report, Brown bullhead catfish incursion progress report

**Tahana/Macdonald
CARRIED**

9.4 General Manager Strategy and Science Update

General Manager Strategy and Science Ms F McTavish informed members and tangata whenua that:

- Two new staff members, Katerina Pihera-Ridge and Reuben Gardiner had joined the Maori Policy team; and
- Similarly to last month's report from the Matakana Island hui, an appendix would be attached to next month's report highlighting updates on issues raised from the hui today including the water monitoring data;

Ms McTavish advised attendees and members that many submissions and further submissions had been received in relation to Plan Change 9 (water quantity) and that the plan change would set the stage in terms of water limits in the region, metering, who was using the water and how. It was important to note that the plan change set out new criteria for municipalities regarding re-consenting water takes and that meetings had

progressed with 66 submitters and 33 further submitters, pre-hearing meetings are likely to be extended to February 2018.

Councillor Tahana mentioned he had received good feedback about Toi Moana-BOPRC staff co-governance korero presented to a forum at Gisborne District Council last month and encouraged iwi and hapu to read Te Kawa o Te Urewera.

Resolved

That the Komiti Māori:

1 Confirms the report, General Manager Strategy and Science report

**Tahana/Thurston
CARRIED**

10 Consideration of General Business

Toi Moana-BOPRC Rotorua Lakes Manager A Bruere advised members that:

- Phosphorous locking plants programme – commenced consultation with community and iwi around their views of the lakes;
- Alum dosing plant methods were used to improve lake water quality ensuring the activity in the catchments are sustainable and that those activities are not contaminating the water;
- Plan Change 10 – included rules in place that would manage land use around Lake Rotorua and promote the reduction of nitrogen and phosphorus;
- There was a need to supplement the phosphorus locking programme because of constant changed activities on land;
- Recognised people were concerned regarding the long term effects of dosing - Toi Moana-BOPRC encouraged dialogue and participation in consultation meetings;
- Invitations to attend the first meeting in two weeks had been sent out with plant site visits planned;
- Toi Moana-BOPRC team were reinvigorating the Koura and Kakāhi – best catches of koura were found in Lake Rotorua;

Mr Bruere acknowledged more work was required and that alum dosing was an interim solution not a long term management plan. It was noted that a hapū member of Ngāti Ngārarānui disagreed with Mr Bruere's response regarding algae bloom and closure of areas to swimming.

11 Closing Karakia

Mr Eru George closed with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 1.05pm

