

# **Minutes of the Komiti Māori Meeting held in Omaio Marae, Omaio Pa Road (off State Highway 35), Omaio on Tuesday, 12 December 2017 commencing at 11.00 a.m.**

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**Chairman:** A Tahana

**Deputy Chairman:** T Marr

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

**In Attendance:** Toi Moana-Bay of Plenty Regional Council: F McTavish (General Manager Strategy and Science), K O'Brien (Strategic Engagement Manager), A Vercoe (Māori Policy Team Leader), S Hohepa, K Pihera-Ridge, R Gardiner (Māori Policy Advisors), N Capper (Pou Ngāio Technical/Cultural Advisor), N Steed (Strategy Policy Advisor), N Heitia (Assistant, Mātauranga Māori Framework), E Sykes (Community Engagement Environmental Enhancement Fund Coordinator), M Stensness (Committee Advisor)

Tangāta Whenua: D Green, M Boyd, D Pochigi, L Parekura, F Cameron, O Barlow-Tukaki, C Ngāmoki, M Houia; Toi Ohomai: E Biddle, A Morrison, L Winder; Evolution Networks: M Simpson; MPI: C Stephenson; Toi EDA: F Pauwels

**Apologies:** Chairman D Leeder, S Henry, M Insley, TO Hemo, R Cameron, G Cooper, Dr K Paul-Burke, Councillor D Love (lateness)

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## **1 Pōhiri/Welcome**

A pōhiri took place at 10.00 am prior to commencement of the meeting at 11:00 am.

## **2 Karakia**

Kaumātua Mr D Green opened with a karakia.

## **3 Apologies**

### **Resolved**

- 1 That the Komiti Māori: Accepts the apologies of Chairman D Leeder, S Henry, M Insley, TO Hemo, R Cameron, Dr K Paul-Burke, G Cooper, and Councillor D Love (for lateness) tendered at the meeting.**

**Thurston/Love  
CARRIED**

## **4 General Business - Open Forum**

Kōrero by Ms O Barlow-Tukaki on Te Hikorukutai Hapū Development and Red Tide Conference.

## 5 Declaration of conflicts of interest

No conflicts of interest declared.

## 6 Previous Minutes

### 6.1 Komiti Maori minutes - 10 October 2017

#### Resolved

That the Komiti Māori:

- 1 Confirms the Komiti Maori minutes - 10 October 2017 as a true and correct record.

Marr/Macdonald  
CARRIED

## 7 Presentations

### Ōmaio Sustainability – Mr K Insley

*Refer Power Point Presentation Objective ID A2778325*

Mr Insley and partnership service providers gave members an overview of sustainable development within Ōmaio and Te Whānau ā Apanui, supported by a letter addressed to members. Mr Insley highlighted the key achievements thus far:

- Successful installation of high-speed Wi-Fi broadband in Ōmaio that would benefit whanau using the technology moving forward f;
- Ahi kaa – an intensive four month Governance and Leadership program progressing whānau towards sustainability and economic viability;
- Zespri had shown interest in the area, and commented that it held highly fertile soil and was one of the best growing climates for high value kiwifruit yields;
- Whānau and hapū were working together for better health and wealth for the whanau which would result in a strong and vibrant hapu, iwi, and community;
- Tino Rangātiratangā – assisting land trusts and whanau to develop self-sustainability; recycling benefits back into their own land and whānau.

### Ōmaio Broadband and Technology Strategy – Mr M Simpson (Evolution Networks)

Mr Simpson explained to members that Evolution Networks assisted in providing wireless internet in Ōmaio one year ago and were keen for opportunities to provide broadband to more challenging areas in the Bay of Plenty (i.e Ōpape, Matahina, Edgecumbe). Mr Simpson expressed gratitude to Mr Insley and his team in forging a great partnership with whanau around the East Coast. High-speed internet included Wi-Fi hotspots, and free Wi-Fi for marae and the school, where it would be available to the children and adults alike. This service allowed whanau, service providers and stakeholders to remotely teach, run training courses, facilitate meetings, and importantly, connect whanau back to their marae and the community. Members were

advised that Evolution Networks continued to work in partnership with whanau to provide robotic devices/sensors that would assist whanau to measure water quality and temperature with minimal running costs.

## **Toi-EDA and Ōmaio Development – Mr F Pauwels**

Mr Pauwels' key message was to assist whanau, trusts and hapu in the transformation of Maori Land development on the East Coast. Mr Pauwels highlighted that Toi-EDA:

- Offered a free intensive four month programme, held locally, tailored to Māori Trustees and delivered by expert tutors with regular guest lecturers;
- Assisted the Ōmaio community to realise the potential of their land and micro climate, that allowed for growth of A grade produce;
- Focussed on social return including key education, employment and continual training. They wanted to invest in people and promote the return of whanau members back to the coast;
- Acknowledged Toi Moana-BOPRC for contributions towards producing the programmes's documents.

## **Toi Ohomai Ōmaio Training and Development – Ms A Morrison and Mr L Winter**

Ms Morrison spoke about the honongā between the East Coast communities and Toi Moana. Members were provided with the strategic view that focussed on shifting the model of delivery on to rural communities such as Omaio and acknowledged Evolution Networks for the service of high-speed broadband as this connection played a major part of what Toi Ohomai wanted to deliver in terms of values, not just products. It was noted that Toi Ohomai were motivated to work with whanau, trusts and hapū to plan out training programmes to assist and guide people through the learning opportunities.

Mr Winter informed members that Toi Ohomai were connected with the University of Waikato that offered a "think local but act global" approach as a key factor of self-sustainability. Mr Winter reiterated that Toi Ohomai programmes covered multiple industries, including; cultivation, fruit production, and Kaitiakitanga, that could lead to degrees in Environmental Science, Soil Science and Environmental Management. It was noted that Toi Ohomai were progressing plans to offer a five year training programme in the East Coast and that a letter requesting the reopening of the Ōmaio primary school was vital to providing these educational services.

## **Omaio Governance and Leadership Development Programme – Mr K Insley**

Mr Insley reported that 60 whānau in total had completed the programme with high calibre lecturers such as the well-respected Mr Whai Dewes, Mr P Morgan and Mr D Stone of Kāhui Legal. Mr Insley acknowledged the mahi (work) in producing a high level governance programme and stated that the current four month intensive training was a "game changer" for East Coast Trusts, hapu and whanau because it provided the skills required to manage Trusts and practice good Kaitiakitangā.

## **What's changed with the Omaio Development Programme – Mr K Insley**

It was noted that:

- No other entity had detailed development plans for the East Coast;
- Programmes were owned and led by whanau and the community;
- Focus was on high-value strategy and people, rather than money;
- Progress was being made towards creating 100 local whanau jobs (500 region-wide);
- Use of two land blocks was available for development;
- Actively engaged in discussions with New Zealand investors;
- Were keen to explore Quayside Holdings involvement;
- Acknowledged Toi Moana-BOPRC contributions thus far, and requested further consideration and support for the eastern catchments future programmes.

## **Te Rau Aroha Document – Tukua Mai kia Piri – Nōku te Whenua**

Members were presented with the Te Rau Aroha Business Plan Document and a background kōrero on the soldiers that fought in Europe in the 28th Maori battalion (brief) which was the foundation on which the document was derived; . Members were asked to note that a risk management plan around irrigation, to sustain orchards, was needed, and that more investment to progress Te Rau Aroha to fruition was needed. Mr Insley acknowledged the support received from Toi Moana-BOPRC Maori Policy team thus far, however asked members to consider further assistance with the Te Rau Aroha Plan.

Members extended a mihi – ngā mihi nui kia koe hoki Karamea e whakapau werawera ana koutou kia tū ai tēnei kaupapa whakahirahira, it was acknowledged that much work had been invested in the business plan and it was a model that could be shared with other hapū and iwi. Members noted that Quayside Holdings offered to review the document; however the key point for consideration, was the requirement of \$3 million to commence the business plan.

## **8 Reports**

### **8.1 Toi Moana Komiti Maori 2017**

#### **Resolved**

**That the Komiti Maori under its delegated authority:**

- 1 Receives the report, Toi Moana Komiti Maori 2017.**

**Tahana/Marr  
CARRIED**

## 8.2 Regional Policy Statement Implementation - Mauri Model and Iwi Perceptions Survey

Staff sought approval to deploy a second Iwi Perceptions Survey for the Operative Bay of Plenty Regional Policy Statement, and to develop a Mauri model toolkit.

### Resolved

That the Komiti Maori under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Regional Policy Statement Implementation - Mauri Model and Iwi Perceptions Survey;
- 2 Approves staff deploying the second Iwi Perceptions Survey for three months from 1 February 2018;
- 3 Approves making the Boffa Miskell *'Method 44 Developing Mauri Models'* project report and literature review available on Council's website and notifying project participants of its availability;
- 4 Directs staff to develop and report back a toolbox of examples of existing models and frameworks used to assess the mauri of natural resources to be made available on Council's website;
- 5 Acknowledges separate iwi and hapu will have their own preferences for assessing mauri of natural resources within their rohe;
- 6 Notes feedback on the Boffa Miskell project report and Mauri Model Toolbox proposal will be part of the next iwi perceptions survey in February 2018; and
- 7 Confirms that the decision has a low level of significance.

Marr/Love  
CARRIED

## 8.3 Update on Te Mana o Te Wai

### Resolved

That the Komiti Maori under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Update on Te Mana o Te Wai.

Thurston/Macdonald  
CARRIED

## 8.4 Update on Treaty claims and settlements in the Bay of Plenty

Members were updated on the Treaty Landscape.

## Resolved

That Komiti Maori under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Update on Treaty claims and settlements in the Bay of Plenty.

Thurston/Macdonald  
CARRIED

## 8.5 General Manager Strategy and Science Update

F McTavish (General Manager Strategy and Science) updated members on matters of interest.

## Resolved

That the Komiti Maori under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, General Manager Strategy and Science Update;
- 2 Receives the presentation and report, Formal Lodgement of Te Harawaka Hapu Management Plan 2017;
- 3 Formally receives Te Harawaka Hapu Management Plan 2017.

Thurston/Macdonald  
CARRIED

## 9 Open Forum

**Fresh water is a precious resource that our hapu wishes to build capacity and capability to manage and protect - Ms O Barlow-Tukaki of Te Whānau ā Hīkarukutai**

*Refer Power Point Presentation Objective ID A2775163*

Ms O Barlow-Tukaki highlighted to members the importance of freshwater to whanau and hapu as households were heavily reliant on pumping wai (water) from local streams by hoses or bore holes. Te Whanau a Hīkarukutai voiced concern around the degradation of those streams from high levels of e-coli flowing down into Haupoto Stream near the kura (school). Ms Barlow-Tukaki explained that there was shared values in protecting the wai (water) such as Wai ora (healthy waters); mahingā kai (traditional and customary food sources); ki uta ki tai (mountain to the sea); wāhi tapu (protection of our historic and significant sites).

Ms Barlow-Tukaki sought support from Toi Moana-BOPRC with Te Harawaka Hapu Management Plan 2017 and information that could assist them in becoming proactive in protecting the fresh water. It was noted that Toi Moana-BOPRC regularly monitored the Mōtū River and could assist whanau and hāpu by providing them with data collected from the local monitoring centre and reporting on fishing some areas utilised by Hīkarukutai.

Members were invited to a six day climate action summit between 1-6 May 2018, named Red Tide to be hosted by Te Whānau ā Apanui. Ms Barlow-Tukaki announced that the first and second days were set aside specifically for the youth conference.

Members supported the kaupapa (topic) (Red Tide) and requested that Toi Moana-BOPRC staff liaise with Ms Barlow-Tukaki with the initiative.

## 10 **Closing karakia**

Kaumatua Mr D Green gave the closing karakia.

**The hui closed at 1.00pm**