

Minutes of the Komiti Māori Meeting held in the Mataatua Whare, Te Manuka Tutahi Marae, 105 Muriwai Drive, Whakatāne on Tuesday, 20 June 2017 commencing at 10.30 am.

Present:

Deputy Chairman: Councillor T Marr

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

In Attendance: F McTavish (General Manager Strategy and Science), K O'Brien (Strategic Engagement Manager), C Koopu (Senior Advisor Treaty), E Sykes (Community Engagement Environmental Enhancement Fund Coordinator), J Noble (Senior Planner Regional Integrated Planning), J Walden (Internal Services Manager), K Gosling (Community Engagement Team Leader), K Heitia (Strategic Engagement Coordinator), L Tauroa (Internal Services Officer), N Capper (Pou Ngaio Technical/Cultural), N Ridler (Community Engagement Advisor), N Heitia (Office Assistant Mātauranga Māori Framework), S Hohepa (Māori Policy Advisor), S Stokes (Eastern Catchments Manager), N Moore (Committee Advisor)

Tangata Whenua: T O'Brien (Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Awa), E Ratahi-Pryor (Ngāti Awa Social and Health Services), H Brown (Māori Wardens), P Koopu, W Te Moni, M Tapsell, M Glen, T Kingi-Chase, R Shortland, B Williams, D Harawira

Ngāi Tamahaua Hapū, Whakatōhea: P Selwyn, R Selwyn, T Herewini

Apologies: Chairman D Leeder, Councillor A Tahana

1 Karakia

Mr Wharekonehu Te Moni opened the meeting with a karakia.

Deputy Chairman Councillor Marr assumed the Chair in the absence of Councillor Tahana.

2 Apologies

Resolved

That the Komiti Māori under its delegated authority:

- 1 Accepts the apologies of Chairman D Leeder and Councillor A Tahana tendered at the meeting.**

**Thurston/Love
CARRIED**

3 **Order of Business**

Mr Tim Herewini requested to speak on a variety of topics of concern to the Ngāi Tamahaua hapū of Whakatōhea. Mr Herewini was supported by hapū Chairman Mr Peter Selwyn and Mr Robert Selwyn.

The Chairman advised, with the leave of the Komiti, that the items be heard in Public Forum at the end of the meeting to provide for the attendance of presenters and continuity with reporting matters.

4 **Declaration of conflicts of interest**

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

5 **Komiti Maori minutes - 27 April 2017**

Resolved

That the Komiti Māori under its delegated authority:

- 1 **Confirms the minutes of the Komiti Maori meeting held on 27 April 2017.**

**McDonald/Love
CARRIED**

6 **Presentations**

6.1 **Ngāti Awa Social and Health Services – Responses during Cyclones Debbie and Cook**

Chief Executive Ms Enid Ratahi-Pryor and Chairman Mr Tu O'Brien provided an overview of response actions undertaken during the April 2017 flood event in Edgecumbe initiated by Ngāti Awa Social and Health Services and Te Rūnanga O Ngāti Awa. The strength of community based knowledge as an interface during emergency events was highlighted. Both organisations continued to provide support to the community as they moved into the recovery phase.

Opportunities to incorporate Ngāti Awa formally into the Civil Defence plan for the region were encouraged to mitigate weaknesses identified and to support future response efforts in the event of an emergency. Cultural Advisory personnel were recommended to assist response parties, strategic engagement and the coordination response.

Iwi and marae across the region were acknowledged for the integral role they played in supporting communities during, and after, emergency events.

The Civil Defence Emergency Management Act's legislative framework provided for activities to be delivered through local territorial authorities that were governed by a joint committee. Provision for Iwi participation was requested.

An independent review of the infrastructure and activities relative to the flooding of Edgecumbe was being undertaken.

7 **Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act: Applications received in the Bay of Plenty**

Senior Planner Regional Integrated Planning Ms Jo Noble provided an overview of the Takutai Moana (Marine and Coastal Area Act) applications for the Toi Moana (Bay of Plenty) region, noting that over 100 applications were received, many which overlap and cover extensive areas of the region's coastal waters.

If customary marine title were granted under the Act, the implications would be positive for the Iwi and hapū as provisions enable them to influence the regional planning framework and veto consent applications that would otherwise have been granted under the Resource Management Act.

Resolved

That the Komiti Maori under its delegated authority:

- 1 **Receives the report, Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act: Applications received in the Bay of Plenty.**

**Thurston/Marr
CARRIED**

8 **Maori Participation in Council planning processes**

Strategic Engagement Coordinator Ms Kerry Heitia reported on the level of Māori participation in statutory planning processes. An analysis of the past three years had provided consultation trends for the region that showed Māori participation had increased.

Members acknowledged staff efforts to undertake a high level of consultation and engagement with Māori.

Resolved

That the Komiti Maori under its delegated authority:

- 1 **Receives the report, Maori Participation in Council planning processes;**
- 2 **Requests that staff develop tailored engagement/consultation plans to encourage effective Maori participation;**
- 3 **Requests that staff include a Maori Implications section when drafting reports for Council committees;**
- 4 **Endorses the development of Regional Council Engagement Strategy or Statement based on high level principles of engagement/consultation with Maori.**

**Thurston/Marr
CARRIED**

9 **Marae and Iwi-Maori Support : Recent Flood Events**

Strategic Engagement Manager Mrs Kataraina O'Brien and Māori Policy Advisor Ms Sandy Hohepa highlighted the importance and contribution of Iwi and Marae across the region during the recent flood events from Cyclone Debbie and Cyclone Cook in April 2017. The role of Iwi and Māori staff was an important conduit on the ground to supporting the community and response parties.

Members supported a submission being prepared for the Civil Defence Regional Plan review.

Resolved

That the Komiti Maori under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Marae and Iwi-Maori Support : Recent Flood Events;**
- 2 Endorses a submission on behalf of Komiti Maori to the Civil Defence Regional Plan review. Submission points and/or feedback are to reflect Iwi-Maori perspectives. This may be prepared by the Maori Policy team.**

**Marr/Love
CARRIED**

10 **Whakatane District Recovery Project**

Eastern Catchments Manager Mr Simon Stokes provided an update on the Whakatane District Recovery Project for the immediate, medium and long term recovery and regeneration of all affected areas. There were 14 homes in the Edgecumbe urban area that were severely damaged, 258 homes with moderate damage and 221 with light damage. Damage in the rural areas of Tāneatua/Rūātoki and the Plains (including Poroporo) were moderate to light.

Temporary and long-term housing options were being provided to affected families and repairs undertaken for infrastructure and services. Free resource consents and other relief would be available to affected communities, with further assistance provided from the Mayoral Relief Fund.

The role of Iwi in the advisory and recovery phases was queried, as reporting did not reflect tāngata whenua. Staff acknowledged that iwi engagement and recovery planning was in progress.

Resolved

That the Komiti Maori under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report and presentation, Whakatane District Recovery Project.**

**Marr/Love
CARRIED**

11 **Formal Lodgement of Edition 2: Matakana and Rangiwaia Hapū Management Plan March 2017**

Senior Advisor Treaty Mr Clarke Koopu reported that the Matakana and Rangiwaia Hapū Management Plan has been lodged and replaced the original version developed in 2012. The five hapū represented by the Plan were Te Whānau a Tauwhao, Te Ngare, Ngāi Tamawhariua, Ngāti Tauaiti, Ngāi Tuwhiwhia of Matakana and Rangiwaia Islands.

Resolved

That the Komiti Maori under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Formal Lodgement of Edition 2 Matakana and Rangiwaia Hapū Management Plan (March 2017).**
- 2 Formally receives Edition 2 Matakana and Rangiwaia Hapū Management Plan (March 2017).**

**Love/Marr
CARRIED**

12 General Manager Strategy and Science Update Report

General Manager Strategy and Science Ms Fiona McTavish provided an update on post meeting actions and status, Te Puni Kokiri Māuri Ora funding, and the additional amendments to the Resource Management Act specific to provisions relating to Māori.

12.1 Presentation - Youth Jam

Community Engagement Advisor Ms N Ridler and Community Engagement EEF Coordinator Mr Eddie Sykes presented on the Taiohi Taiao Youth Jam event, a youth engagement forum with a focus on sustainability issues. The 2017 theme was 'Stop the Spread' that considered the Regional Pest Management Plan and the importance of biosecurity in the region.

Resolved

That the Komiti Maori under its delegated authority:

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

**Marr/Love
CARRIED**

13 Public Forum

13.1 Representation by Ngāi Tamahaua hapū members

Mr Tim Herewini made a representation on key issues for Ngāi Tamahaua hapū:

- Ad hoc engagement with Council and its consultation processes;
- Draft Whakatōhea Iwi Management Plan prepared in 2015;
- Role of the hapū, Iwi and Whakatōhea Māori Trust Board;
- Alternative mitigation options for flood plans;

- Dumping of rubbish and the zero waste policy of the Ōpōtiki District Council;
- Management of gravel extraction – consent number 61322 dated 24 June 2009;
- Protection of whitebait habitat;
- Assessment of Cultural Values for the Ōpōtiki Harbour development;
- A submission has been made to proposed Plan Change 9 – Region-wide Water Quantity.

Mr Herewini highlighted that the hapū seek participation with the management of its natural resources.

Councillor Bill Clark invited Mr Herewini to attend the next meeting of the Waioeka-River Liaison Group.

General Manager Strategy and Science Ms McTavish advised that the matters raised during public forum would be included in the meeting action schedule. Ngāi Tamahaua would also be advised of the appropriate contact people within Regional Council that may be able to assist.

14 **Karakia**

Mr Wharekonehu Te Moni closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 1.00 pm.