

Minutes of the Komiti Māori Meeting held in the Wharenuī, Te Papaīouru Marae, Mataīawhea Street, Ohinemutu, Rotorua on Thursday, 27 April 2017 commencing at 9.30 a.m.

Present:

Chairman: Councillor A Tahana

Deputy Chairman: Councillor T Marr

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

Ex Officio: Chairman D Leeder

In Attendance: Bay of Plenty Regional Council: Councillor K Winters; D Phizacklea (Acting General Manager, Strategy & Science); N Poutasi (Water Policy Manager); K O'Brien (Strategic Engagement Manager); C Naude (Director, Emergency Management Bay of Plenty); A Vercoe (Maori Policy Team Leader); C Stephenson (Relationship Manager); C Koopu (Maori Policy Advisor); G Moleta (Policy Analyst); L Tauroa (Internal Services Officer); M Harrex (Manager, Planning and Development); N Capper (Pou Ngaio (Technical/Cultural Advisor)); P Howe (Senior Advisor (Treaty)); R Burton (Senior Planner (Water Policy)); R Keno (Emergency Management Advisor); R Garrett (Committee Advisor)

Rotorua Lakes Council: J Riini (Partnership Advisor); A Morgan

Tangata Whenua: M Tapsell, J Tahana, T Bidois, P Bennett, R Bennett, D Hayward

1 Opening karakia

Komiti Chairman Tahana opened the meeting with a karakia and welcomed Councillor Matemoana McDonald as a new member of Komiti Māori.

2 Apologies

Resolved

That the Komiti Māori under its delegated authority:

- 1 Accepts the apologies of M MacLeod, E Grogan and F McTavish tendered at the meeting.**

**Thurston/Love
CARRIED**

3 Declaration of conflicts of interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

4 Chairperson's announcement

4.1 Change to order of items

With the leave of the Komiti, the Chairman requested a change to the order of items to allow for staff and member commitments; with the order being:

- Agenda item 7.1,
- Agenda item 7.7,
- Agenda item 7.6;

then a return to the order as published.

5 Komiti Māori minutes - 03 March 2017

Resolved

That the Komiti Māori under its delegated authority:

- 1 Confirms the minutes of the Komiti Maori meeting held on 3 March 2017

Thurston/Tahana
CARRIED

6 Reports

6.1 He Matapuna Akoranga - Options to Memorialise the late Te Awanuiarangi Black

Māori Policy Advisor Clarke Koopu updated members on progress towards the establishment of a long-term initiative to commemorate the late Councillor Awanuiarangi Black. Mr Koopu noted Councillor Black's commitment to developing young Māori and his dedication to environmental protection and enhancement. Mr Koopu outlined five possible options which had been identified that would foster Māori capacity and contribution to environmental decision-making and sought direction from the Komiti regarding choice of option and quantum; and advised that the timing of a decision would need to be aligned with Council's Annual and Long Term Plan processes.

Members asked questions of clarification regarding timing, cost and precedents. An indicative maximum quantum of \$50,000 was discussed; and staff were requested to bring a more detailed report to Council's Long Term Plan workshop in May following consultation with appropriate whānau.

Resolved

That the Komiti Maori under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, He Matapuna Akoranga - Options to Memorialise the late Te Awanuiarangi Black.

Marr/Love
CARRIED

6.2 Bay of Plenty Civil Defence Emergency Management Update

Refer Tabled Document 1: Draft Group Plan as at 26 April 2017

Director, Emergency Management Bay of Plenty Clinton Naude, Manager, Planning and Development Matthew Harrex and Emergency Management Advisor, Community Resilience Rupana Keno presented to the Komiti on the Bay of Plenty Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Plan review and the progress made on Marae Preparedness Planning.

Mr Naude summarised the review to date and the next steps in the process, and noted that the draft Group Plan had been approved for public consultation which was due to start in May. Submissions on the draft plan would be heard by a hearing panel of three members of the Joint Committee. Mr Naude outlined the key implications for Māori and noted that the principles and objectives included in the draft plan sought to increase Māori participation and involvement in regional civil defence emergency management and recognised the key role played by marae as response centres. Mr Naude and Mr Keno also provided an update on the role of marae in the recent Edgecumbe event at the request of members.

Members queried Māori representation on the Joint Committee and in the Group Plan review process. Staff explained that the Joint Committee membership was dictated by statute and there was no provision for specific Māori membership and noted that Te Puni Kokiri did provide input. Staff undertook to investigate the possibility of co-opting a Komiti Māori member onto the hearing panel for the draft plan.

In response to a question from the floor, staff clarified the process for marae to claim back their expenses from their response to the Edgecumbe event; marae should submit invoices to their local district authority e.g. Whakatāne District Council which would co-ordinate a claim to central government.

Members congratulated staff on the excellent work put into the plan review, and also acknowledged the work required of staff during the Edgecumbe event both in response and recovery phases.

Resolved

That the Komiti Maori under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report Bay of Plenty Civil Defence Emergency Management Update.**
- 2 Recommends that consideration be given to the appointment of Councillor McDonald to the panel to hear submissions on the draft Bay of Plenty Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Plan.**

**Love/Thurston
CARRIED**

6.3 Update on the Pou Ngaio Role

Māori Policy Team Leader Anaru Vercoe and Pou Ngaio Nathan Capper updated members regarding the role of Pou Ngaio, outlined progress to date and noted key highlights of the first year of the role. The role was established after a recommendation

from this Komiti, and Mr Capper was appointed to the position in February 2016. Mr Vercoe noted that very positive feedback had been received from iwi regarding the work carried out by Mr Capper in this role. Mr Capper outlined the opportunities and challenges of the role and noted that the aim was to get to the point of being able to be pro-active not reactive. Mr Capper also noted that demand for his advice and support had significantly increased and expressed concern that the waiting time for a response to inquiries would increase as well.

Members expressed strong support for the role and its utility in building council and community capacity, and several noted that they also had received positive feedback regarding the position. The need for further resourcing for the role and its expansion was discussed, and the need to align this with the Annual Plan process was highlighted.

Resolved

That the Komiti Maori under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report Update on the Pou Ngaio Role.**
- 2 Recommends that Council considers additional resourcing for the Pou Ngaio role through the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan process.**

**Tahana/Marr
CARRIED**

6.4 Te Mana Whakahono a Rohe/Iwi Participation Agreements

Māori Policy Team Leader Anaru Vercoe provided the Komiti with an analysis of Te Mana Whakahono a Rohe (Iwi Participation Agreements), a new mechanism to facilitate iwi participation in Council resource management and decision-making processes, introduced by the Resource Management Amendment Act 2017. Mr Vercoe outlined the process involved, the key provisions of Te Mana Whakahono a Rohe and the implications for Council. Mr Vercoe noted that the agreements are formal agreements binding on both sides that establish clear expectations between iwi and Council; and observed that, as Council will receive multiple invitations to participate in Te Mana Whakahono a Rohe, there will be resourcing implications for consideration.

Members asked several questions regarding the scope of the agreements, and emphasised the need for the process to be particularly well-managed in light of the number of agreements that could be involved. Members noted the possible resourcing implications of the process for both Council and iwi.

Resolved

That the Komiti Maori under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Te Mana Whakahono a Rohe/Iwi Participation Agreements;**
- 2 Requests that a report be prepared to the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee outlining the key implications of Te Mana Whakahono a Rohe for Council and Iwi.**

**Tahana/McDonald
CARRIED**

Attendance

Chairman Leeder left the meeting at 12.05 pm.

6.5 Remediation Project at Ruha Road, Rotorua

Pou Ngaio Nathan Capper updated the Komiti regarding progress on the remediation of the asbestos contaminated soil at a culturally significant site on Ruha Road, Rotorua. Mr Capper informed members that the remediation of the site was complete, with the site being confirmed as now “acceptable for all uses” and registered as a remediated contaminated site. Local hapū representatives are investigating further enhancement of the site.

Members congratulated staff on the successful outcome of the work, and noted that the project represented an example of multiple councils and agencies working together productively. Staff acknowledged the contribution of Rotorua Lakes Council to the project.

Resolved

That the Komiti Maori under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Remediation Project at Ruha Road, Rotorua.**

**Tahana/Clark
CARRIED**

6.6 Update on Proposed Plan Change 10 - Lake Rotorua Nutrient Management

Water Policy Manager Namouta Poutasi, Policy Analyst (Water Policy) Gemma Moleta and Senior Planner (Water Policy) Rebecca Burton updated the Komiti on Proposed Plan Change 10 progress to date and key issues identified by submitters and the Hearing Panel, and outlined next steps and timeframe. Ms Moleta summarised key issues for Māori raised by submitters and the hearing panel.

Members asked questions of clarification regarding under-utilised Māori land, likely allocations for forestry, flexibility within rules relating to forestry and other allocation models considered.

Resolved

That the Komiti Maori under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Update on Proposed Plan Change 10 - Lake Rotorua Nutrient Management.**

**Love/Thurston
CARRIED**

6.7 General Manager Strategy and Science Update

Acting General Manager Strategy & Science David Phizacklea updated the Komiti on various matters of interest including:

- Progress with proposed Plan Change 9 – Mr Phizacklea noted that 25% of submissions received came from Māori;
- Updated financial reports from the Environmental Enhancement Fund, Iwi Management Plan Fund, and Te Hapai Ora - Regional Community Outcomes Fund;
- The implications of Te Ture mō Te Reo Maori 2016 – Council's Te Reo policy would be updated and a project team established to implement bi-lingual signage; and
- The proposed name “Awanui” for the new Council vessel to be based in Tauranga Harbour.

Members raised the importance of resourcing being provided for the implementation of iwi and hapū management plans as well as for development. Members expressed support for more use of Te Reo in Council agenda and meetings.

Resolved

That the Komiti Māori under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report General Manager Strategy and Science Update.**
- 2 Endorses the use of the name “Awanui” for the new Regional Council vessel based in Tauranga Harbour, subject to agreement from the late Councillor Black’s whānau.**

**Tahana/Love
CARRIED**

7 Open Forum

No matters were raised.

The meeting closed at 12.30pm.