

Minutes of the Te Awanui Tauranga Harbour Advisory Group meeting held in the Cruise Deck, Club Mount Maunganui, 45 Kawaka Street, Mt Maunganui, on Friday, 24 February 2017 commencing at 9:30 am.

Present:

Chair: Councillor N Bruning

Members: Councillor A von Dadelszen, (Bay of Plenty Regional Council), Councillor C Stewart (Tauranga City Council), Councillors P Mackay, M Dean (Western Bay of Plenty District Council), R Smallman (Ngāti Pūkenga), C Tawhiao (Ngāi Te Rangi)

In Attendance: Councillors J Nees, J Cronin (BOPRC), Councillor L Baldock (Tauranga City Council), C Ingle (General Manager, Integrated Catchments), E Grogan (General Manager, Regulatory Services), N Moore (Committee Advisor), S Omundsen (Manager Tauranga Catchments), C Koopu (Māori Policy Advisor), L Mason (Integrated Catchments Programme Manager), D Phizacklea (Regional Integrated Planning Manager), R Feist (Senior Planner (Regional Integrated)), R Lawton (Environmental Scientist), B Gardner (Project Manager/Technical Advisor), S Craig (Communications Manager), H Singh (Marketing and Communications Advisor), P Whiting (Western Bay of Plenty District Council), T Barach (Pollution Prevention Officer, Tauranga City Council), Dr C Battershill (Environmental Research Institute), C Taiapa

Apologies: Chairman D Leeder, Councillors P Thompson, K Winters (Bay of Plenty Regional Council); Councillor K Clout (Tauranga City Council)

1 **Karakia – R Smallman**

2 **Introductions**

Councillor Norm Bruning welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited introductions. A welcome was made to the new members: Councillor Andrew von Dadelszen (Bay of Plenty Regional Council), Councillor Catherine Stewart (Tauranga City Council) and Councillor Mark Dean (Western Bay of Plenty District Council) who were appointed following the 2016 triennial elections. An overview was provided on the purpose of the advisory group, participation and roles.

3 **Attendance**

It was noted that:

- Councillor Kelvin Clout was unable to attend so Councillor Larry Baldock was in attendance from Tauranga City Council.

- Councillor Jane Nees was in attendance from the Bay of Plenty Regional Council until an appointment was made to fill the Mauao Māori seat vacancy. The by-election voting closes on 11 April 2017 and if there were no issues then the successful candidate can be declared and formally sworn into position at the next full Council meeting on 20 April 2017. The new member would be in place by the next Advisory Group meeting on 26 May 2017.

4 **Conflicts of Interest**

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

5 **Previous Minutes**

Resolved

That the Te Awanui Tauranga Harbour Advisory Group:

1. **Confirms the minutes of the Te Awanui Tauranga Harbour Advisory Group meeting held on 26 August 2016.**

**Mackay/Bruning
CARRIED**

6 **Electing a Chairman**

Councillor Norm Bruning vacated the Chair position and General Manager, Integrated Catchments Chris Ingle called for nominations for the position of Chairman of the Te Awanui Tauranga Harbour Advisory Group.

- a) Councillor Norm Bruning (Bay of Plenty Regional Council) was nominated by Councillor Peter Mackay (Western Bay of Plenty District Council) and Charlie Tawhiao (Ngāi Te Rangi) seconded the nomination.

There being no further nominations Mr Ingle announced that nominations were closed and declared that Councillor Bruning was duly elected as Chairman of the Te Awanui Tauranga Harbour Advisory Group.

Councillor Bruning assumed the Chair position.

7 **Alternates for Tauranga Moana Iwi Collective Members**

Charlie Tawhiao recommended that additional members be appointed for the Tauranga Moana Iwi Collective members to:

- Allow iwi representation to be maintained if a member was unable to attend meetings;
- To support succession planning for the Iwi Collective to develop replacement members;
- To formalise an attendance process that supported continuity and full attendance for all participants to the Advisory Group

Members were supportive of appointing additional members to the Advisory Group, and recommended that additional membership be in place. It was recommended that nominations for additional members be provided to the next meeting.

8 **General Business**

Resolved

That the following items be considered under General Business:

- 1. Update on Ministerial Announcement from the Minister of Environment.**

**Bruning/Tawhiao
CARRIED**

9 **Update from Partners**

9.1 **Tauranga Moana Iwi**

Refer to PowerPoint Presentation (Objective ID A2554006, A2566142)

The Tauranga Moana Iwi Collective acknowledged the passing of Councillor Awanui Black, an iwi leader of Tauranga Moana. Members acknowledged the loss felt by all, but supported the many accomplishments that Awanui had achieved during his life time. A quote given by Charlie Tawhiao was "as each day passes the sun, the blackness lessens more and then goes, and the legacy lives on".

Charlie Tawhiao (Ngāi Te Rangi) provided an overview and presentation on the Tauranga Moana Treaty Landscape and why the harbour was a particular focus for the Iwi Collective.

A general update was provided on Treaty settlements for Tauranga Moana Iwi (Ngāti Ranginui, Ngāi Te Rangi and Ngāti Pūkenga) that were currently negotiating with the Crown. Key features of the redress being sought were outlined in the Tauranga Moana framework document, Ngā Tai ki Mauao, and the acknowledgement that "if the harbour is well, the people will be well".

The presentation was well received by members who stated that the presentation should be shared across the region.

9.2 **Western Bay of Plenty District Council**

Activities summarised were:

- An update on sewerage projects;
- An update on wastewater system and discharges;
- Harbour margin clean-ups;
- Pressure on recreational structures due to rapid growth;
- An update on cycleway progress and proposed crossings.

9.3 **Tauranga City Council**

Updates provided on:

- Southern pipeline, contract now let with completion at the end of 2017;
- Upgrade of stormwater pipes at the Port of Tauranga to mitigate flooding;
- Wastewater review ongoing with construction commencing in 2018;
- Summer intern students carrying out audits of industrial areas;
- Marine precinct and waterfront upgrade.

9.4 Bay of Plenty Regional Council

Highlights were:

- Regional Navigation Safety Bylaw changes to come into effect on 1 July 2017 and include the mandatory wearing of lifejackets on vessels 6m and under, registration of jet skis, closing of Hunters Creek ski area two hours either side of low tide for safety, and boaties not permitted to anchor in the same area (Tauranga Harbour) for more than 14 consecutive days;
- Staff were working on Water Quantity Plan Change 9 summaries and will notify for further submissions in May 2017;
- Hovercraft operations commence from 1 March 2017;
- Opureora channel dredging project – Council approved an increase in budget and a contract for works has been signed. Site preparation and survey work will commence in mid-March with dredging planned for April 2017.

Resolved

That the Te Awanui Tauranga Harbour Advisory Group:

1. **Receives the update reports, from Advisory Group members.**

**Bruning/Stewart
CARRIED**

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10.55 am and reconvened at 11.10 am.

10 Presentations: Health of the Harbour

10.1 Manaaki Te Awanui

Powerpoint Presentation (Objective ID A2554007)

Caine Taiapa presented on Manaaki Te Awanui, the capacity and capabilities of kaitiakitanga and how Mātauranga Māori could provide future expression to kaitiakitanga, while growing support for hapū and whānau development.

Members supported the Mātauranga Māori framework and how it may be applied.

10.2 Coastal Marine Field Station – Coastal Science Sustainability and Innovation

Powerpoint Presentation (Objective ID A2556211)

Dr Chris Battershill presented on the University of Waikato Coastal Field Station and its activities, outlining how it provided a platform for research across a diverse array of habitats, biophysical sciences, and solutions-oriented approach to coastal sustainability.

Members acknowledged the collaborative approach for applied coastal science and the urban impacts on coastal ecosystems.

10.3 **Tauranga Harbour Science Research Programmes**

Powerpoint Presentation (Objective ID A2552063)

Coastal Scientist Rebecca Lawton presented on the priority areas for science: water quality, sediment dynamics and ecosystem health and research activities. Projects were targeted to address specific knowledge gaps and ongoing regular monitoring programmes provided data that enabled long-term baseline data analysis. Graphs were presented that captured trends from 2003 to 2012.

Resolved

That the Te Awanui Tauranga Harbour Advisory Group:

- 1. Receives the presentations: Health of the Harbour.**

Von Dadelszen/Stewart
CARRIED

Attendance

Councillor Larry Baldock left the meeting at 12.30 pm.

11 **Communications Framework**

Powerpoint Presentation (Objective ID A2556221)

Communications Manager Sue-Ellen Craig presented on the communications framework for the Tauranga Harbour and promotion: "Tauranga Moana - The Happy Harbour" event on 12 March 2017.

12 **Reports**

12.1 **Te Awanui Tauranga Harbour Programme update**

The report was taken as read and questions taken from the members.

Resolved

That the Te Awanui Tauranga Harbour Advisory Group:

- 1. Receives the report – Te Awanui Tauranga Harbour Programme update.**

Mackay/Tawhiao

CARRIED

13 **General Business**

13.1 **Update on Ministerial Announcement from the Environment Minister**

Communications Manager Sue-Ellen Craig provided an update on the Environment Minister Dr Nick Smith's recent announcement that the Government has set a target of 90 per cent of rivers and lakes meeting swimmable water quality standards by the year 2040.

It was noted that:

- Some areas around the Tauranga Harbour were noted as 'not swimmable'. Staff were assessing the data and will provide a report to the next meeting;
- The mapping information did not reflect all the work being done to improve water quality;
- Current activities to improve water quality standards were being implemented;

Members requested an update on monitoring and issues for Methyl bromide around the Port of Tauranga. It was recommended that an overview report of monitoring around the Port of Tauranga be provided by Nick Zaman at the next meeting.

14 **Next meeting – 26 May 2017**

15 **Karakia whakamutu**

The meeting closed with a karakia/prayer by R Smallman.

The meeting concluded at 12:45 pm.