

Minutes of the Te Awanui Tauranga Harbour Advisory Group meeting held in the Mauao Meeting Room, Bay of Plenty Regional Council, 87 First Avenue, Tauranga, on Friday, 26 May 2017 commencing at 9:30 am.

Present:

Chair: Councillor N Bruning

Members: Councillors P Thompson, A von Dadelszen, M McDonald, (Bay of Plenty Regional Council); Councillors C Stewart, K Clout (Tauranga City Council); Councillors P Mackay, M Dean (Western Bay of Plenty District Council); R Smallman (Ngāti Pūkenga), R Tuanau (Ngāi Te Rangi)

In Attendance: C Ingle (General Manager, Integrated Catchments), E Grogan (General Manager, Regulatory Services), S Omundsen (Acting General Manager Integrated Catchments), L Mason (Integrated Catchments Programme Manager), D Phizacklea (Acting Manager Strategy and Science), N Poutasi (Water Policy Manager), A Wills (Biosecurity Officer), P Scholes (Environmental Scientist), R Irving (Senior Regulatory Project Officer), S Weiss (Senior Regulatory Project Officer), T Barach (Pollution Prevention Officer, Tauranga City Council), C Walker (Environmental Planner, Tauranga City Council), N Moore (Committee Advisor), K Ellis (Ngāi Te Rangi)

Apologies: C Tawhiao (Ngāi Te Rangi), R Nelson (Ngāti Ranginui), K Tapsell (Ngāti Pūkenga), T Kawe (Ngāti Ranginui), Councillor P Thompson (early departure)

1 **Karakia – R Smallman**

2 **Introductions**

Councillor Norm Bruning welcomed meeting attendees particularly new iwi member Mr Reon Tuanau (Ngāi Te Rangi). An overview was provided including iwi affiliation and roles.

3 **Attendance**

It was noted that due to technical issues, iwi member Mr Riki Nelson (Ngāti Ranginui) was unable to attend via teleconference.

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 24 February 2017.**

**Von Dadelszen/Mackay
CARRIED**

6 Electing a Deputy Chairman

Chairman Norm Bruning called for nominations for the position of Deputy Chairman of the Te Awanui Tauranga Harbour Advisory Group.

- Mr Charlie Tawhiao (Ngāi Te Rangi) was nominated by Mr Rehua Smallman (Ngāti Pūkenga) and Mr Andrew von Dadelszen (Bay of Plenty Regional Council) seconded the nomination.

There being no further nominations Chair Bruning announced that nominations were closed and declared that Mr Tawhiao would be duly elected as Deputy Chairman of the Te Awanui Tauranga Harbour Advisory Group, subject to his acceptance.

7 Update from Partners

7.1 Tauranga Moana Iwi

Highlights were:

- An update on engagement between Tangata Whenua and Council. Cultural plans were being developed that included landscaping to enhance the ecology and water quality of the Wairakei Stream;
- Interest in how the Navigation Bylaw Review changes would be communicated out to Iwi was acknowledged.

7.2 Western Bay of Plenty District Council

Activities summarised were:

- An update on the two sewerage projects;
- An update on wastewater system and discharges resource consent application. Alternative discharge options are being investigated. It was clarified that consultation with Tangata Whenua had been engaged early in the process;
- An update on cycleway progress and proposed crossings.

7.3 Tauranga City Council

Updates were provided on:

- Southern pipeline, second largest project;
- Preparation work underway at Memorial Park for harbour crossing. Project to be completed by December 2017;
- Monitoring report for comprehensive storm water consent application;
- Establishment of new Environment Committee and Strategy;
- Marine precinct to open in November 2017 includes a 350 tonne travel lifter;
- Adjustments being made to the Te Maunga UV Plant;
- Review underway of wastewater coastal structures;
- Landscaping enhancements planned at Wairakei Street Corridor Project.

7.4 **Bay of Plenty Regional Council**

Highlights were:

- The Environment Court has released an interim decision in relation to leaving the wreck of the MV Rena on Astrolabe Reef. The Court determined that consent should be granted with conditions. The parties are to consult further on the appropriate conditions and report back to the Court;
- The new Regional Coastal Environment Coastal Plan has become operative, with exception to two rules that are under appeal relating to structures in high value biodiversity areas. Staff are working on implementation guidance;
- Dredging delayed on the Opureora Channel due to problems with contractor equipment. Once problems are resolved, works should commence in mid-to-late June 2017. Project completion targeted within the current consent window which ends at the end of August 2017;
- The Navigation Safety Bylaw Review has been completed with effect from 1 July 2017. Additional patrols would be scheduled, inclusive of the Tauranga Harbour, to help communicate the changes to the public.
- The new multi-purpose maritime vessel is scheduled to arrive in July 2017. This will increase our spill response capability and enable additional support for biosecurity, compliance and Emergency Management in the Tauranga Harbour.

Members requested that further reports and/or presentations be provided on:

- a) mitigation methods for adverse stormwater effects to the Tauranga Harbour;
- b) Kopurererua Stream water quality and monitoring
- c) Assessment of 'best' harbour indicators.

Resolved

That the Te Awanui Tauranga Harbour Advisory Group:

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

**Bruning/Stewart
CARRIED**

8 **Advisory Group and programme name change**

Discussion was held on the relevancy of the current name of the Advisory Group and programme. Members supported the recommendation to change the Advisory Group's name from Te Awanui Tauranga Harbour Advisory Group to Tauranga Moana Advisory Group and the programme name to Tauranga Moana Programme to better reflect the catchments, rivers and harbours, mountains to sea topography.

9 **Presentations**

9.1 **Oranga Taiao Oranga Tangata Project, Ngāi Te Rangi**

Powerpoint Presentation (Objective ID A2616114)

Ms Kia Maia Ellis¹, (Ngāi Te Rangi) presented on the Oranga Taiao Oranga Tangata project to enhance the foundations of kaitiakitanga practiced within the rohe of Tauranga Moana. Mātauranga Māori would provide the foundation for traditional knowledge of tangata whenua to develop a framework to assist an informed decision making process. Marae currently engaged with the project were:

- Southern Harbour - Hungahungatoroa, Waikari and Whareroa;
- Northern Harbour - Ōtāwhiwhi, Rereatukahia and Tuapiro.

The value of Hapū Management Plans were acknowledged as the development of these plans over the past two decades has enabled hapū to embed the practices of kaitiakitanga in a practical and holistic way.

Members advised an interest in a field trip to view the various hapū projects.

Change to Order

At the direction of the Chair, the meeting agreed to bring forward agenda item Environment Strategy (Tauranga City Council) to accommodate presenters.

9.1 **Environment Strategy, Tauranga City Council**

Powerpoint Presentation (Objective ID A2615615)

TCC Environmental Strategic Planner Ms Celia Walker presented on the establishment of a new committee at Tauranga City Council. The aim of the committee was to develop an environment strategy to understand the state of the environment and create deliverables on outcomes and targets set within the strategy.

¹ Correction, Tauranga Moana Advisory Group Meeting 24 August 2017.

Members acknowledged the potential similarity of functions undertaken by Regional Council. Clarity of roles and responsibilities would assist sustainable management of resources with other stakeholders.

Attendance

Councillor P Thompson left the meeting at 11.00 am.

9.2 Motuopae Island restoration, Ngāi Tamarawaho

PowerPoint Presentation (Objective ID A2615615)

Staff presented on the Motuopae Island restoration programme across six environment management areas. Collaborative efforts are targeted to improve water quality, harbour health and protect cultural values on the island.

9.3 National Policy Statement Freshwater Management

PowerPoint Presentation (Objective ID A2615240)

BOPRC Water Policy Manager Namouta Poutasi presented on the National Policy Statement Freshwater Management. An overview on how rules and actions could provide for the values of our waterways was provided. The plan framework established values, implementation methods and set the rules for implementing the plan. Important issues could be addressed on allocation, swimming, fishing, mahinga kai and discharges through implementing the plan.

Members supported that the indicative work on the Te Awanui Tauranga Harbour WMA commence in July 2017.

9.4 Regulatory Compliance Port of Tauranga Monitoring Report

PowerPoint Presentation (Objective ID A2618331)

Staff presented on discharges to air from the Port of Tauranga and Mount industrial area for methyl bromide, dust, sulphur dioxide and hydrogen sulphide.

An increase in monitoring activity was reported in response to air discharge and community health issues. Compliance monitoring had increased and air discharge mitigation / reduction plans with major industrial players were being implemented. Further controls on discharges would be applied through the consent process. Council had approved funding an expansion in air monitoring equipment, new technology and resources.

9.5 Tauranga Harbour swimmability

PowerPoint Presentation (Objective ID A2610831)

Staff presented on swimmability of beaches and streams and the monitoring framework. In summary, water was generally safe for swimming at open coastal and estuarine sites but there posed some risk to swimmers in rivers. It was recommended that swimming in run-off affected water areas be avoided for 48 hours after rainfall, together with checking the regular updates and warnings provided on websites by Toi Te Ora Public Health, Bay of Plenty Regional Council and LAWA.

Resolved

That the Te Awanui Tauranga Harbour Advisory Group:

1. Receives the presentations:

- **Oranga Taiao Oranga Tangata Project, Ngāi Te Rangi;**
- **Environment Strategy, Tauranga City Council;**
- **Motuopae Island restoration, Ngāi Tamarawaho;**
- **National Policy Statement Freshwater Management;**
- **Regulatory Compliance Port of Tauranga Monitoring Report;**
- **Tauranga Harbour swimmability.**

**Bruning/Clout
CARRIED**

10 Reports

10.1 Te Awanui Tauranga Harbour Programme update

The update on the Te Awanui Tauranga Harbour programme was accepted by the members.

Resolved

That the Te Awanui Tauranga Harbour Advisory Group:

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

**Mackay/Tuanau
CARRIED**

11 General Business

There were no general business matters.

12 Next meeting – 24 August 2017

13 Karakia whakamutu

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

The meeting concluded at 12:30 pm.