

Minutes of the Tauranga Moana Advisory Group meeting held at Classic Flyers, 9 Jean Batten Drive, Mount Maunganui, on Friday, 10 August 2018 commencing at 9.30am

Present:

Chairperson: Cr Norm Bruning (Bay of Plenty Regional Council)

Deputy Chairperson: Charlie Tawhiao (Deputy Chair) (Ngāi Te Rangī)

Members: Cr Andrew von Dadelszen (Bay of Plenty Regional Council)
Cr Kelvin Clout (Tauranga City Council)
Cr Catherine Stewart (Tauranga City Council)
Cr Mark Dean (Western Bay of Plenty District Council)
Te Pio Kawe (Ngāti Ranginui)
Riki Nelson (Ngāti Ranginui)

In Attendance: **Bay of Plenty Regional Council (BOPRC):** Chairman Doug Leeder; Cr Stuart Crosby; Cr Jane Nees.
Sarah Omundsen - General Manager Regulatory Services; Toby Barach - Principal Advisor, Tauranga Catchments; Reuben Fraser - Consents Manager; Heidi Fraser - Programme Coordinator Integrated Catchments; Hamish Dean - Team Leader, Tauranga Catchments; Laverne Mason - Integrated Catchments Programme; Santiago Bermeo - Senior Planner; Ruth Feist - Team Leader - Integrated Planning; Daniel Smith - Consents Team Leader; Harry Singh - Marketing and Communications Advisor; Clarke Koopu - Senior Advisor, Treaty; Merinda Pansegrouw - Committee Advisor
Western Bay of Plenty Regional Council (WBOPDC): Peter Watson - Reserves & Facilities Manager
Tauranga City Council (TCC): Radleigh Cairns - Consents Officer, Growth & Infrastructure; Joel Peters - Principal Strategic Advisor
Other: Kia Maia Ellis - Tauranga Moana Iwi Customary Fisheries Trust
Observer: Jeff Milham - Department of Conservation

Apologies: Cr Matemoana McDonald, Cr Paula Thompson, Cr Peter Mackay, Rehua Smallman, Reon Tuanau, Kahurangi Tapsell and Te Pio Kawe for lateness

With the agreement of members the meeting was chaired by Deputy Chairperson Charlie Tawhiao.

1 **Opening Karakia/Mihi**

Deputy Chair Charlie Tawhiao opened the meeting with a mihi and karakia.

2 Apologies

Resolved

That the Tauranga Moana Advisory Group:

- 1 Accepts the apologies tendered by Cr Matemoana McDonald, Cr Paula Thompson, Cr Peter Mackay, Rehua Smallman, Reon Tuanau, Kahurangi Tapsell and Te Pio Kawe for lateness.

Bruning/Clout
CARRIED

3 Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

Nil.

4 Previous Minutes

4.1 Tauranga Moana Advisory Group Minutes – 25 May 2018

Resolved

That the Tauranga Moana Advisory Group:

- 1 Confirms the Tauranga Moana Advisory Group Meeting Minutes of 25 May 2018, as a true and correct record.

Clout/Dean
CARRIED

5 Update from Partners

5.1 Ngāti Ranginui

Mr Riki Nelson provided the following update:

Key Points

- Ngāti Ranginui had filed a treaty claim following the recent developments with the Crown signing a Deed of Settlement with the Hauraki Collective for their entry into Tauranga Moana.

5.2 Ngāi Te Rangi

Mr Charlie Tawhiao updated members on Ngāi Te Rangi matters, namely:

Key Points

- An activity report provided by Reon Tuanau would be circulated to members under separate cover at the conclusion of the meeting
- The Minister of Treaty Negotiations, Hon Andrew Little, had signed a Deed of Settlement with the Hauraki Collective for their entry into Tauranga Moana as the first step in a legislative process

- Ngāi Te Rangi had consequently reinvigorated their Waitangi Tribunal Claim and was awaiting feedback on the matter
- Ngāti Ranginui, Ngāi Te Rangi and Ngāti Pūkenga had collectively expressed their disappointment. The three iwi partners had met earlier this week and all reaffirmed that they disagreed with the signing of the Deed of Settlement with the Hauraki Collective
- As a next step, the iwi partners needed to decide on a collective way forward
- Options of pursuing provisions in the Resource Management Act 1991 under Mana Whakahono ā Rohe would also be considered.

5.3 Western Bay of Plenty District Council

Refer PowerPoint Presentation Objective ID 2935612

Western Bay of Plenty District Council Reserves & Facilities Manager Peter Watson outlined current works, as follows:

Key Points

- Ruamoana Place - Slip Management: process had been a joint approach with residents and had followed a different approach to procuring contract services. Directional drilling and chimney drains had been used
- Construction was well underway with Omokoroa to Tauranga Cycleway, Newnham Paper Road and Lothead Paper Road
- New technology - an application called "STRAVA HEAT MAPS" had been used as a guideline to demonstrate high usage areas to assist with planning and could also be applied to aquatic activities
- Other Projects currently underway:
 - Matahui Esplanade Reserve slips
 - Ongare Point Wastewater Scheme - Treatment plant completed; tank installation currently underway
 - Te Puna West Wastewater Scheme complete – all stages of the mains reticulation were now live
 - Omokoroa Domain and Esplanade: Following consultation process, the next step was to assess feedback and prepare a revised concept plan.

9:48 am Te Pio Kawe **joined** the meeting.

5.4 Tauranga City Council

Cr Catherine Stewart highlighted TCC key work streams as follows:

Key Points

- The Comprehensive Stormwater Consent five yearly review report was now being reviewed by the BOPRC. The report would be provided to Tangata Whenua and made available to stakeholders and the community shortly
- The 2018-28 LTP had included a budget for potential initiatives to start addressing the findings of the report
- Potential initiatives included: enabling further investigative sampling of discharge points catchments; potential green infrastructure mitigation such as raingardens; floating wetlands and swales in key sub catchments such as the CBD, CBD to Greerton, Oropi/Maleme and Mount Industrial; resource for the review of the seven Stormwater Catchment Management Plans, and the development of two further plans for the CBD and the Tauriko/Lakes area over the next two-three years

- Southern Pipeline Project: drilling had been completed in late June and the steel containment pipe had been successfully pulled through from Memorial Park to Matapihi. As the next step, the wastewater polyethylene pipe would be pulled through inside the steel pipe and connected over the next few months with the pipeline expected to take flows to Te Maunga before the end of 2018
- Construction of Te Maunga's Dewatering and Sludge Thickening Plant was well underway with a completion date towards the end of 2018. Desludging of the primary oxidation pond was underway to create capacity until the plant was operational
- As part of the Kulim Park redevelopment project, 4500m³ of port dredged sand would be used to improve the beach front in early 2019.

5.5 Bay of Plenty Regional Council

Cr Norm Bruning outlined BOPRC priorities, namely:

- Draft On-Site Effluent Treatment Plan Change 14 was now available for comment until the end of October. It covered septic tanks, greywater, composting toilets and aerated wastewater systems
- Plan Change 9 Hearing Panel for the region-wide water quantity had advised that the deliberations period had been further extended and would be completed by the end August. The Recommendations Report would be presented to Regional Council on 18 September 2018
- Air quality in the Mount Industrial area: six new monitoring stations had been planned for the industrial area and would be in place this month. The monitoring stations would collect data on a number of contaminants that the three existing stations did not collect
- Since reporting at the last meeting that NIWA had found the invasive Asian paddle crab in Tauranga Harbour, 200 traps had been set up; however, no additional paddle crabs had been caught
- Kaimai Mamaku Catchment Forum would meet on 17 August 2018 to discuss the pest animal control discussion document as well as forum representation and governance. It was envisaged establishing a Steering Group as well as three Project Groups for People, Biodiversity & Water.

6 Presentations

6.1 National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management – Te Mana o Te Wai

Verbal submission

Bay of Plenty Regional Council Senior Planner Santiago Bermeo outlined the following key points:

Key Points

- Purpose was to improve the management of freshwater in the Tauranga Moana area
- The current two main priorities for BOPRC were: developing a solid database to inform freshwater management decisions to help with the development of the Plan Change and to build a constructive working relationship with tangata whenua and the community
- BOPRC was continuously gathering science and industry information from various sources to support future decisions that enhanced cultural values
- Next steps would include looking at freshwater impacts in the coastal areas

- Six initial meetings with tangata whenua had been conducted
- A consistent message received was that iwi and hapū wanted to play a more active role in decision making. Tools within the Resource Management Act such as Mana Whakahono ā Rohe could enable this.

6.2 Tauranga Moana Iwi Customary Fisheries Trust Update

Refer PowerPoint Presentation Objective ID A2935601

Tauranga Moana Iwi Customary Fisheries Trust Project Manager Kia Maia Ellis presented an update, outlining the following:

Key Points

- Tauranga Moana Iwi Customary Fisheries Trust was a pan-tribal iwi group consisting of Ngati Ranginui, Ngai Te Rangi and Ngati Pukenga, primarily working alongside the Ministry for Primary Industries under fisheries legislation
- The core focus was on sustainable development of fisheries in the rohe moana “Mai i Ngā Kurī a Whārei ki Wairākei”
- Was formed in 1999 as a joint initiative by Tauranga Moana Iwi, mandated by hapu/marae of Tauranga Moana to manage customary fishing rights of tangata whenua
- Rohe Moana:
 - Under the K-Regulations, only Tauranga Moana Tangata Kaitiaki could authorise customary fishing in this rohe
 - Forum linked to the Mai i Ngā Kurī a Whārei ki Tihirau BOP Forum
 - Tauranga Moana started with two Kaitiaki per marae
 - Currently trialling smartphone application Kohi Kai
 - Would greatly assist accessibility of Kaitiaki and catch data reporting
- Te Awanui Tauranga Harbour Iwi Management Plan 2008:
 - Had observed the decline of fisheries in the rohe and was seeking solutions to remedy
 - Trust provided governance to the original pan-tribal iwi plan for this purpose
 - Had maintained a close connection with Manaaaki Te Awanui in the development of monitoring and research in relation to the Port dredging consent
- Cultural monitoring of the project:
 - Coastal kaimoana and its sustainability had been the core focus of the trust
 - The results from the past three years of monitoring had helped to inform future customary fisheries management decisions and research and enhancement projects
- Te Wai Māori:
 - Was imperative that Te Mana o Te Wai was upheld to ensure that Te Wai Māori and freshwater taonga species Māori were sustained and enhanced
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 - Management of water would directly affect fishery
 - To support the implementation of Mātauranga Māori in decision making and encourage council to work directly with tangata whenua to initiate that
 - Wanted to see happy and healthy eels
- Rohe Awa

- Was seeking to establish rohe awa which would enable hapu/marae to customarily manage their wai, Maori kai and potentially establish their own Mahinga Mataitai
- The first step would be to take the discussion to the people to decide what that would look like
- Key message was that effective management was critical to ensure healthy sustainable kai.

In response to Questions

- Noted that the Environment Court had found that fishing was having an adverse effect on identified areas of outstanding natural heritage value within the Motiti Natural Environment Area and that a prohibited activity rule would be appropriate. Tauranga Moana Iwi Customary Fisheries Trust had not been approached in this regard but would be willing to participate in the discussion and provide input.

6.3 Department of Conservation Update

Refer PowerPoint Presentation Objective ID A2935610

Deputy Chair Charlie Tawhiao extended a warm welcome to Department of Conservation District Manager Jeff Milham who would henceforth be attending meetings as an Observer.

Jeff Milham provided an update from the Department of Conservation (DOC), outlining the following:

Key Points

- Overview of Te Papa Atawhai / Department of Conservation:
 - All Crown land in New Zealand was designated for conservation and protection, managed by DOC as the “face” of the Crown
 - Celebrated DOC’s 30th birthday in 2017
 - Vision and outcome statement focussed on four outcomes as main driving points
 - Was a “living Treaty partnership based on shared values for the benefit of Aotearoa New Zealand”
- Tauranga District – DOC office was located in Greerton
- Passionate and knowledgeable staff; set to grow following recent budget announcement
- Local DOC Teams partnering with tangata whenua, Regional Council, local territorial authorities and community groups
- Mahi within Tauranga Moana
- Projects focussed on the protection and supporting of the environment
- Supported connection to the kaupapa.

In response to Questions

- DOC was proactively involved in initiatives to help prevent the spread of kauri dieback in the Kaimai. Since there was currently no proven cure / treatment for kauri dieback, kauri could only be saved by stopping the disease from spreading. There were a number of tools DOC used to help stop the spread of the disease, such as track upgrades and rerouting.

6.4 Reserves and Facilities Bylaw – horses at Tuapiro Spit

Refer PowerPoint Presentation Objective ID 2935612

Western Bay of Plenty District Council Reserves & Facilities Manager Peter Watson provided an update, outlining the following:

Key Points

- Background to Tuapiro Point and Reserves and Facilities Bylaw 2018 Review:
 - Current Reserves and Facilities Bylaw had permitted horse riding in certain areas, including Tuapiro Point
 - Current Bylaw was last reviewed in 2012 and horse riding provisions had been significantly changed in that review
 - Ngāti Te Wai had long held concerns on the impact of horse riding and had presented a report to the Partnership Forum in March seeking a review of the bylaw and removing Tuapiro Point as a place where horse riding was permitted
 - The report had initiated the review and current public consultation process being undertaken
- Two sides to a story
 - Waahi Tapu sites, Kai Moana
 - Horse rider's recreational asset
- Facts and Figures
 - Seven week consultation period with- 597 written submissions received
 - 96% opposed ban on horses at Tuapiro Point
- Policy Committee to make decision on 27 September 2018

In response to Questions

- The main support for banning horses on Tuapiro Point Beach were based on the following key principles: was a cultural sensitive site and a traditional Kai Moana collection site; it required environmental protection due to the detrimental effect up to 50 horses per day could have on the health and well-being of the environment.

11:00 am The meeting **adjourned**.

11:15 am The meeting **reconvened**.

6.5 Draft Plan Change 14 (OSET)

Refer PowerPoint Presentation Objective ID A2925394

Bay of Plenty Regional Council Team Leader – Integrated Planning Ruth Feist provided an update on the On-site Effluent Treatment (OSET) Draft Plan Change 14 (PC14), Tauranga Moana catchment, outlining the following:

Key Points

- OSET PC14 applied where sewage was managed by some kind of on-site system, such as septic tanks, aerated wastewater systems, composting toilets, greywater (wastewater from bathrooms, laundries and kitchens), alternative toilet systems (incinerating toilets and other new technologies) or long drops
- There were permitted activity conditions around each type of on-site effluent treatment system and where it was located
- The rules were currently in the On-site Effluent Treatment Regional Plan, but this would be replaced with OSET Draft PC14
- OSET PC14 would update current rules, provide an improved understanding of the risks to the environment and people, and include targeted rules for communities where discharges from on-site effluent treatment systems were affecting water quality
- Communities involved: Tanners Point / Ongare Point / Te Puna commercial

- Draft PC14 had been mailed out 31 July 2018, with consultation and communication to follow.

6.6 Tauranga City Council Environment Strategy

Refer PowerPoint Presentation Objective ID A2935609

Tauranga City Council Principal Strategic Advisor Joel Peters provided an outlined on progress made with the development of the Environment Strategy as follows:

Key Points

- Since the last update provided to the Advisory Group in November 2017, a number of consultation session had been undertaken:
 - May to July - consultation on the Zero Carbon Bill / low emissions economy
 - 11 - 17 June - to facilitate sufficient consultation with tangata whenua, Māori and youth, workshops/surveys were undertaken during the week of Matariki ki Mauao with school groups and families
 - 29 June - Hui with tangata whenua collective
- a breakdown of issues that had been raised and discussed at the hui, including the moemoea/dreams included:
 - Seven realms identified: Tangaroa (sea/rivers/lakes/fish), Rongamatāne (cultivation and peace), Haumia-tiketike (uncultivated food/plants), Ruaumoko (earthquakes, volcanoes, seasons), Tāwhirimātea (weather), Tāne Mahuta (trees/forests and birds) and Tūmatauenga (humans)
 - Majority of issues related to Tūmatauenga and Tangaroa
 - A lot of issues started with people, processes and systems; whilst this affected all, the most concentrated concern was around Tangaroa
 - Moemoea primarily focused on Tāne Mahuta and Tangaroa
- The Environment Strategy would mainly focus on the three biggest realms: Tangaroa, Tāne Mahuta and Tūmatauenga
- TCC staff were currently drafting the Environment Strategy based on all information obtained.

Next steps

- Follow-up consultation with tangata whenua to confirm outcomes/understanding of the recent hui on 29 June 2018
- Further discussions with the Tauranga City Council
- Follow-up with all other stakeholders.

Comments by Members

- Recommended that English terminology also be included in the slides along with the Te Reo Māori terms
- From a Māori perspective the slide provided an excellent overview/representation of values and would be a good planning tool/starting point to inform the strategy.

6.7 2018 Tauranga Moana Perception Survey

Refer PowerPoint Presentation Objective ID A2935497

Bay of Plenty Regional Council Marketing and Communications Advisor Harry Singh provided a summarised update on the outcome of the recent Tauranga Moana Perception Survey, outlining the following:

Key Points

- Project background: Survey was conducted in 2015 and repeated in 2018
- Survey included residents in Tauranga, Western Bay of Plenty and Wider Bay of Plenty to ascertain perceptions of the harbour and its catchment
- Harbour visitation: Just under one third of residents (32%) reported using or visiting the harbour at least weekly, a similar level of use as 2015
- Harbour use: In 2015, the primary activities that the harbour was used for related to walking/cycling, passive enjoyment and recreational activities. 2018 has seen a drop in the proportions for these activities across the board suggesting that people were less active
- Improvements: areas that residents mentioned would improve the harbour related to the removal of sea lettuce, reduced pollution and better facilities
- A significant change in the response from 2015 has seen an increase in comments relating to parking and access. Only 9% of people saw this as an issue in 2015 but that number had increased to 28% in 2018
- Biggest issues facing the harbour in 2018 were the balance of growth and the environment, pollution and sea lettuce. These issues were similar to those that were seen in 2015, however residents had also mentioned the impact of more people using the area, the increased presence of rubbish in the area and the expansion of the Port of Tauranga.

In response to Questions

- In 2015 a telephone only survey was used; in 2018 BOPRC the survey was administered using online and telephone methods.

Item for Staff Follow-up

- Staff to circulate the full Report on the Bay of Plenty Regional Council Tauranga Moana Perception Study dated May 2018 to members of the Advisory Group for information.

6.8 **Consenting Process – climate change**

Refer PowerPoint Presentation Objective ID A2935431

Bay of Plenty Regional Council Consents Team Leader Daniel Smith provided an update on consenting processes and the impact of climate change, outlining the following:

Key Points

- Effects of climate change were: a rise in sea level (projection of 0.5m relative to 1999 by 2090); an increase in average temperature (0.9°C by 2040, 2.1°C by 2090); more rain in the west and less in the east and an increase in extreme weather events
- The planning framework would be used to drive outcomes and set directions to achieve the RMA
- Mitigation - Central Government had completed engagement on the Zero Carbon Bill proposals. The Bill would set a framework including emissions targets and the climate commission. The Bill would be drafted later this year and was aimed to be passed by mid-2019
- A national adaptation plan and a national risk assessment were likely to be part of the Zero Carbon Bill. Government direction to councils could be a new National Policy Statement (NPS)
- Climate change in planning:
 - Resource Management Act: S6 directed councils to look at natural hazards; S7 directed councils to specifically consider climate change, benefits of renewable energy and efficiency of energy use

- Regional Policy Statement: alternative sources of water, natural hazards, promotion of renewal energy, sea level rise
- Regional Plans: methods, policies, consenting and guidelines – identifying natural hazards (excluded 104E Applications relating to discharge of greenhouse gases)
- District Plans: district consents required hazard mapping
- Consenting processes - important to consider what the plans were indicating
- Engage specialists - in particular engineering teams for those activities that related most to the potential effects of climate change
- Vital for development to be managed in such a way that it enabled the recognition of the future effects of climate change.

Item for Staff Follow-up

- Staff to circulate the consents process diagramme to members of the Advisory Group for information
- Information on the Storm Water Retention Pond in Hastings Road, Pyes Pa to be provided to the Tauranga Moana Advisory Group at its next meeting.

7 Reports

7.1 Tauranga Moana Programme Update – August 2018

Bay of Plenty Regional Council Team Leader, Tauranga Catchments Hamish Dean presented the Programme Update report that was taken as read.

In response to Questions

- Since one of the priorities for the 2018/19 Tauranga Moana Programme included the development of a plan of action to make the Kaiate Falls and stream swimmable again, BOPRC had identified Kaiate Falls as a special management area. As a result, more funding had been allocated and on-going consultation with the five landowners in the area had commenced. Installation of fencing had been scheduled for over the summer period and an agreement had been reached with land-owners to relocate grazing in the area.

That the Tauranga Moana Advisory Group:

- 1 **Receives the report, Tauranga Moana Programme Update – August 2018 containing the Tauranga Moana Programme Dashboard dated August 2018 and the 2018/2019 Annual Work Plan.**

Von Dadelszen/Stewart
CARRIED

8 Consideration of General Business

Nil.

9 Next Meeting – 16 November 2018

Members noted that the next meeting had been scheduled for 16 November 2018.

10 **Closing Karakia**

Te Pio Kawe closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting concluded at 12:14 am.

Confirmed

Chair, Tauranga Moana Advisory Group

Date