

Minutes of the Komiti Māori Meeting held in Hei Marae, 147 Manoeka Road, Te Puke on Wednesday, 22 August 2018 commencing at 9.30 a.m.

Present:

Chairperson: Cr Matemoana McDonald - Host-Chair

Councillors: Cr Arapeta Tahana - Komiti Māori Chair
Cr Lyall Thurston
Cr David Love
Cr Bill Clark

Ex Officio: Chairman Doug Leeder - attendance in part

In Attendance: Bay of Plenty Regional Council: Fiona McTavish - Chief Executive, Namouta Poutasi - Acting General Manager Strategy & Science, Kataraina O'Brien - Strategic Engagement Manager, Pim de Monchy - Kaituna Catchments Manager, Courtney Bell - Senior Projects Officer (Kaituna Catchments); Nassah Steed - Programme Leader (Statutory Policy); Alex Miller - Compliance Manager - Primary Industry & Enforcement, Clark Koopu - Senior Advisory (Treaty), Rawiri Bhana, Reuben Gardiner - Māori Policy Advisors, Katrina Knill – Communications Partner, Jo Watts - Senior Planner (Water Policy), Wiki Ngawaka - Strategic Engagement Coordinator, Lisa Tauroa - Internal Services Officer, Shari Kameta - Committee Advisor.

External: Shad Rolleston – SmartGrowth Tu Pakari Advisor; Te Kapu O Waitaha: Vivienne Robinson - General Manager, Parekura Whareaorere, Geoff Rice, Wharekonehu Te Moni, Maru Tapsell, Harry Whareaorere, Ted Whare, Des Heke, Aroha Ririnui; Ngāro Wikepa, Wehipoti Blake – Ngāi Te Ahi; Delwyn Little – Ngāi Tauranga Moana, Arthur Flintoff – Ngā Potiki RMU, Parewhati Taikato, Danae Lee - MP Tamati Coffey Waiariki Electorate Office.

Apologies: Cr Tīpene Marr, Chairman Doug Leeder (early departure), Fiona McTavish - Chief Executive (early departure)

1 **Mihi Whakatau/Welcome**

A mihi whakatau took place at 9:40am before the start of the meeting at 10:54am.

A karakia was provided by Kaumatua Wharekonehu Te Moni.

2 **Host-Chair to preside**

Komiti Māori Chair Councillor Arapeta Tahana acknowledged the host Iwi and marae and explained that Councillor Matemoana McDonald would host-chair the meeting.

3 **Apologies**

Resolved

That the Komiti Māori:

- 1 **Accepts the apologies tendered at the meeting from: Councillor Tipene Marr; and Chairman Doug Leeder and Chief Executive Fiona McTavish for early departure.**

Thurston/Love
CARRIED

4 **Acceptance of Late Items**

Nil

5 **General Business**

Nil

6 **Confidential Business to be transferred into the Open**

Nil

7 **Declaration of Conflicts of Interest**

Nil

8 **Previous Minutes**

8.1 **Komiti Māori minutes - 19 June 2018**

Resolved

That Komiti Māori:

- 1 **Confirms the Komiti Māori Minutes of 19 June 2018, as a true and correct record.**

Clark/Thurston
CARRIED

9 **Presentations**

9.1 **Waitaha-A-Hei: Te Kapu O Waitaha Cadetship Programme**

Refer PowerPoint Presentation (Objective ID A2946797).

Te Kapu O Waitaha General Manager Vivienne Robinson gave a presentation on Waitaha's cadetship programme. Ms Robinson introduced Waitaha cadet Parekura Wharearere who spoke briefly about the programme and her future plan to undertake environmental management studies in 2019.

Key Points:

- Overall goals of the cadetship programme were to: develop and future proof iwi capability outcomes and support the development and aspirations of rangatahi.
- The one-year cadetship programme provided: on the job learning, skills development, leadership, experiences, relationships, knowledge, mentoring and career pathways with learning requirements comprising: Waitaha areas of interest, legislation, values, whakapapa and history.
- Parekura's aspirations and learnings included: legislative instruments, whakapapa, history and archives, environmental conservation and biodiversity, involvement in projects such as: kokako release, myrtle rust training, seed banking programme, wāhi tapu deforestation, resource consent and urban development processes and organisational structure, administration and investments.
- Te Kapu o Waitaha had submitted on Council's Long Term Plan, valued and acknowledged their relationship with Toi Moana and were interested in Council's summer student internship programme.

Comments:

- Councillors commended the presentation and Waitaha's cadetship programme to support Māori capability and rangatahi development.
- Strategic Engagement Manager Kataraina O'Brien thanked Waitaha for taking the time to make a submission to Council's Long Term Plan and noted the opportunity to discuss further with Waitaha, engaging in Council's Iwi RMA training workshops and the summer student internship programme.

In response to Questions:

- Ms Robinson provided context for Waitaha's decision not to participate in pathogen testing of seedlings, which was based on the Iwi's value systems, beliefs and relationship with the ngahere (forest and bush).

Actions for Staff Follow-up:

- Provide information to Waitaha on Council's Iwi RMA training workshops and the summer student internship programme.

9.2 **Combined Presentation from Waitaha-A-Hei and Kaituna Catchments Team**

Two presentations were provided by Kaituna Catchments Manager Pim de Monchy and Senior Projects Officer (Kaituna Catchments) Courtney Bell on operations within the Kaituna catchment and a new project, Te Whakarauoratanga o Te Rae o Pāpāmoa (Revitalising the Papāmoa Hills).

Kaituna Operations Update

Refer PowerPoint Presentation and Movie Clips (Objective ID A2946802).

Key points:

- Highlights for 2017/18 included: completion of the Kaituna River Document, protection of priority biodiversity sites and 33km of waterways, creation of nearly 10 hectares of new wetland, commencement of the Kaituna re-diversion project construction, Te Pourepo o Kaituna wetland restoration project investigations, Ford Road pump station optioneering and planting at Papahikahawai Island;

11:40 am – Chairman Leeder and Fiona McTavish **withdrew** from the meeting.

- Three movie clips were shown of the Kaituna re-diversion project site blessing held on 12 June 2018, archaeological site investigations at Otaiparia Pa site and a flyover of the re-diversion project.
- Waitaha kaumatua Maru Tapsell noted that the archaeological findings aligned with historical accounts that the sites were places of seasonal living used for kaimoana gathering.

In response to Questions:

- Regarding sea level rise, it was confirmed that plant varieties at Papahikahawai Island had been selected to adapt to saltwater intrusion.

Te Whakarauoratanga o Te Rae o Pāpāmoa (Revitalising the Papamoahills)

Refer PowerPoint Presentation, Movie Clip (Objective IDs A2946786, zA226788).

Key points:

- The project's focus was to revitalise the Pāpāmoa Hills Regional Park after the park's closure in October 2016 for forest harvesting;
- Forest harvesting had significantly altered the park's outlook and visitor experience however, had presented a collective opportunity for the Regional Council, Waitaha, Ngāti He, Ngāti Pūkenga and Ngā Potiki to revitalise the park;
- Project Stage 1 (site rehabilitation) was complete and had focused on revegetation, rebuilding walking tracks and acquiring land for Stage 2. Two successful planting days were held in June 2017 and June 2018, which had provided opportunity for community involvement and re-introduction to the park;
- Outlined timeframes for Stage 2 (Design & Consenting) and Stage 3 (Construction), which would involve redevelopment and increasing carpark capacity to alleviate challenges of competing uses by the public and quarry; and working with designers and local experts to highlight the cultural significance of the park with new walking tracks and a potential welcome centre.
- A video highlighted the project and its goals to connect people with the environment and its history. Further information was available at www.papamoahills.co.nz.

Comments:

- Waitaha Kaumatua Maru Tapsell provided background on the park that acknowledged the sale of the land by Barry McNaughton had placed it back into public reserve.
- The Chair acknowledged Iwi representatives, such as Des Heke and Aroha Ririnui who were involved in the projects.

Change to Order of Business

With the leave of the Komiti, the Chair advised that item 10.4, 'Urban Growth and Development in the Western Bay of Plenty Implications for Māori' would be taken next.

10 Reports

10.1 Urban Growth and Development in the Western Bay of Plenty Implications for Tangata Whenua

Refer PowerPoint Presentation (Objective ID A2945335)

SmartGrowth Tu Pakari Advisor Shad Rolleston gave a presentation on tangata whenua perspectives to urban growth and development within Tauranga and the Western Bay of Plenty sub-region.

Key points:

- Challenges for tangata whenua included: balancing growth pressures with conservation and preservation, Maori demographics, developing aspirations during a changing post-settlement landscape, which was overlaid by Central Government instruments, such as Te Mana Whakahono arrangements and National Policy Statements (NPS);
- The NPS on Urban Development Capacity (NPS-UDC) aimed to identify and free up land for residential and urban development over the next 30 years, which presented challenges for local authorities and tangata whenua in regard to land availability, development complexities and funding and affordability constraints;
- Growth responses had included: collaboration of SmartGrowth partners to manage growth, understand and realise Iwi aspirations for development and papakāinga development through the WBOP Māori Housing Forum and Joint Agency Group for Papakainga;
- Growth opportunities to consider were: taking an inter-generational view on limited land supply and looking at potential scope to provide housing development for Māori communities, mata-waka (Māori that were from outside the sub-region) and the wider community;
- Further discussion was needed by iwi, hapū and Māori landowners on: managing kaitiakitanga and urban development, whether Māori land could be used to accommodate growth, while subsidising housing for tangata whenua, land ownership models, size and scale of papakāinga, viability of intensification and how mata-waka would be engaged.

Comments:

- Acknowledged the growing challenges, constraints and need for solutions, which would require a change from large to small scale housing, alignment of legislation and consenting processes and a supply of land and finance.
- Noted that Western Bay of Plenty policy frameworks and the Papakāinga development toolkit had been driven by the need for solutions to the low number of papakāinga and issues for Māori landowners dealing with multiple agencies and consenting process.
- Considered one of the biggest challenges was multiple-owned Maori land, as an ongoing issue.

In response to Questions:

- Mr Rolleston noted the success of papakāinga development across the sub-region and the need to upscale to meet increasing demand.
- Two initiatives were being undertaken by Tauranga City Council and Western Bay of Plenty District Council:
 - A Future Development Strategy looking at population growth and potential areas for investigation over the next 30 years, would be released for public consultation and feedback in November 2018.

- A SmartGrowth facilitated symposium on urban development was being arranged for 30 October to discuss Māori development and aspirations over the next 30-50 years.

Resolved

That Komiti Māori:

- 1 Receives the report, Tangata Whenua Perspective on Urban Growth in the Western Bay of Plenty.**

**Thurston/Love
CARRIED**

10.2 Toi Moana Long Term Plan (Te Mahere Wa-Roa) 2018- 2028: Decisions relating to Maori Outcomes

The report summarised Toi Moana's Long Term Plan 2018-2028 decisions relating to Māori participation and community funding and recommended options for implementation of the decisions. The report was taken as read and accepted without further discussion.

Resolved

That Komiti Māori:

- 1 Receives the report, Long Term Plan 2018 to 2028 (LTP): Decisions relating to Māori Outcomes;**
- 2 Requests that staff prepare a 2019 budget on the approved funding (\$3,000 per agreement) for Mana Whakahono a Rohe and report back to the Komiti;**
- 3 Notes the LTP funding approved to implement He Korowai Matauranga (Matauranga Māori Framework) in years 2-3 (\$40,000) and requests that staff develop and present a draft implementation plan to the December 2018 Komiti Māori hui;**
- 4 Requests that staff explore the establishment and Terms of Reference of a Māori Advisory/Reference Group to oversee the implementation and monitoring of He Korowai Matauranga;**
- 5 Requests that staff prepare a proposal for endorsement by Toi Moana Māori Councillors and Komiti Māori on options to hold regional wananga/hui;**
- 6 Requests that staff will report to a future Komiti Māori hui on the scope and proposed content for a Toi Moana Māori Responsiveness Report.**

**Tahana/Love
CARRIED**

10.3 General Manager Update Report

Acting General Manager Strategy & Science Namouta Poutasi highlighted the following points from the report:

- Bus services between Te Puke and Tauranga had been increased, noting Waitaha had made a submission to Council's Long Term Plan on vehicle emissions and increasing bus patronage. Ms Poutasi advised that a study was planned to identify solutions to increase behavioural change and bus patronage.
- Regional Council had been directed by Central Government to focus on how it managed freshwater, which would result in a change to the Regional Natural Resources Plan. A draft plan change for the Kaituna-Pongakawa-Waitahanui and Rangitāiki Water Management Areas (Plan Change 12) would be released in 2019 and Council staff were keen to meet with Waitaha prior to its release.

Members' Comments:

- A trial on free school buses was taking place in Term One of 2019 for the Welcome Bay area, which if successful would be rolled out across the region.

In response to Questions:

- Further to the National Policy Statement for Land Transport, a focus on road safety across the region was raised and noted as a key priority within the Regional Land Transport Plan and Regional Public Transport Plan.

Resolved

That Komiti Māori:

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

**Tahana/Thurston
CARRIED**

10.4 Update on Marae OSET Project

Compliance Manager – Primary Industry & Enforcement Alex Miller gave an update on progress of the Marae OSET Project within the Tauranga Moana catchment.

Key points:

- The pilot project would assist to identify resource requirements and expected outcomes to support change and rollout of the project across the region;
- Two contractors had been employed to visit Tauranga Moana marae to discuss with tangata whenua what wastewater treatment systems were onsite and whether the systems supported their current activities and future aspirations;
- General findings revealed a range of marae were operating on old systems with some upgraded to biolytic systems. Key concerns for marae were: finding sufficient area for waste disposal and funding upgrades, which would need to be addressed.
- The project had received positive feedback from marae who were keen to share their information and welcomed the support.
- Pending completion of the remaining marae visits, a final report on options for project rollout across region was anticipated to go to the Regional Direction and Delivery Committee before the end of the year.

In response to Questions:

- Regarding marae seeking grant funding for wastewater improvements, it was noted that of the 160 marae across the region, 60 marae had gained resource consent for upgraded systems.

- Challenges highlighted by iwi and hapū included the ability to manage wastewater in an environmentally and culturally sensitive way, which the project hoped to assist through the project process.
- Māori Policy staff were working with the project team to provide support and advice on marae contacts and dynamics across the region.

Members' Comments:

- The potential for Council to work with other agencies to support marae OSET improvements and aspirations was raised for consideration.

Resolved

That Komiti Māori:

- 1 Receives the report, Update on Marae OSET Project.**
- 2 Provides advice around extending the Marae OSET pilot project to the rest of the Bay of Plenty region.**

**Love/Tahana
CARRIED**

10.5 Iwi Perception Survey Results

Programme Leader (Statutory Policy) Nassah Steed gave an overview of the results of the second iwi perception survey in relation to the Bay of Plenty Regional Policy Statement and resource consent processes, noting the report sought approval for the survey results to be made publicly available on Council's website.

Key points:

- Noted a slight increase in respondent feedback from the 2016 survey, with similar results;
- Perceptions had improved in relation to: consultation, engagement and the multiply-owned Māori land objective, however had declined in achieving the kaitiakitanga and Iwi and Hapu resource management plan objectives;
- A number of respondents felt there had been a decline in the mauri of natural resources and considered the Regional Council responded to kaitiaki advice, but that this was not well reflected in its decisions or proposals;
- Outlined general comments from respondents regarding advice provided by Iwi and hapū on plan changes, staff competency with resource consent processes, the need for urgent review of the Regional Water and Land Plan, better resourcing and monitoring of cultural impacts and defending Maori resource management issues;

In response to Questions:

- It was clarified that Section 88 evaluations was a requirement for undertaking an assessment of environmental effects of resource consent applications;
- Survey feedback in regard to ensuring consultation be undertaken with the relevant affected parties that had mana whenua, was an issue that Council was becoming more aware of;

- The survey was sent via a number of Council networks and was opened for four and a half months, with respondents comprising kaitiaki practitioners who had the mandate to provide feedback on behalf of their iwi and/or land trusts;
- Acknowledged the number of respondents (26) had been low, despite staff's best endeavours.

Resolved

That Komiti Māori:

- 1 **Receives the report, Iwi Perception Survey Results;**
- 2 **Agrees to making the survey results publicly available on Council's website;**
- 3 **Notes the survey results contribute to monitoring the efficiency and effectiveness of iwi resource management provisions of the Bay of Plenty Regional Policy Statement and review of iwi/hapu experiences with Regional Council's resource consent processes.**

Tahana/Clark
CARRIED

11 Open Forum

11.1 Des Heke-Kaiawha

- Highlighted the need for more kaitiaki on the ground to support Iwi and hapū work, including collective work with councils and other agencies within Waitaha and Ngāti He areas of interest.
- Acknowledged the leadership and commitment of Waitaha kaumatua, noting the implementation of the Ōtānewainuku municipal water supply, which was testament to Te Whakairinga Kōrero and kaumatua.

11.2 Parewhati Taikoto

- Acknowledged the Chair and those passed on;
- Noted she and colleague Danae Lee were from MP Tamati Coffey's Waiariki Electorate Office and acknowledged the insights gained into constituent issues on the ground.

12 Closing Karakia

Provided by Komiti Māori Chair Councillor Arapeta Tahana.

The meeting closed at 1:33 pm.

Confirmed

A Tahana
Chairperson, Komiti Maori

Date