

# Minutes of the Tauranga Moana Advisory Group meeting held at the Cruise Deck, Club Mount Maunganui, 45 Kawaka Street, Mount Maunganui, on Friday, 16 November 2018 commencing at 9.30am

## Present:

**Chairperson:** Cr Norm Bruning - Bay of Plenty Regional Council

**Deputy Chairperson:** Charlie Tawhiao - Ngāi Te Rangi

**Members:** Cr Andrew von Dadelszen - Bay of Plenty Regional Council  
Cr Paula Thompson - Bay of Plenty Regional Council  
Cr Catherine Stewart - Tauranga City Council  
Cr Mark Dean - Western Bay of Plenty District Council  
Cr Peter Mackay - Western Bay of Plenty District Council  
Riki Nelson - Ngāti Ranginui  
Piatarihi Bennett - Ngāi Te Rangi

**Observer:** Jeff Milham - Department of Conservation

## In Attendance:

### **Bay of Plenty Regional Council (BOPRC):**

Cr Jane Nees; Sarah Omundsen - General Manager Regulatory Services; Sam Rossiter-Stead - Communications Manager; Toby Barach - Principal Advisor, Tauranga Catchments; Heidi Fraser - Programme Coordinator Integrated Catchments; Hamish Dean - Team Leader, Tauranga Catchments; Santiago Bermeo - Senior Planner; Glenys Kroon Senior Policy Analyst (Water Policy); Harry Singh - Marketing and Communications Advisor; Josie Crawshaw - Environmental Scientist; Braden Rowson - Land Management Officer; Merinda Pansegrouw - Committee Advisor

### **Tauranga City Council (TCC):**

Joel Peters - Principal Strategic Advisor

### **Other:**

Elva Conroy and Nessie Kuka - Conroy and Donald Consultants; Dr Rebecca Lawton - Senior Research Fellow University of Waikato; John Burke, Lawrie Donald and Dr Peter Maddison - Te Mania Catchment Community Group, Uretara Estuary Managers

## Apologies:

Te Pio Kawe - Ngāti Ranginui; Kahurangi Tapsell - Ngāti Pūkenga; Cr Matemoana McDonald - Bay of Plenty Regional Council and Cr Kelvin Clout - Tauranga City Council

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## 1 Opening Karakia/Mihi

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

New alternate for Ngāi Te Rangi Piatarihi Bennett was welcomed to the table.

## 2 Apologies

### Resolved

That the Tauranga Moana Advisory Group:

- 1 Accepts the apologies tendered by Te Pio Kawe, Kahurangi Tapsell, Cr Matemoana McDonald and Cr Kelvin Clout.

Bruning/Von Dadelszen  
CARRIED

## 3 Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

Nil.

## 4 Previous Minutes

### 4.1 Tauranga Moana Advisory Group Minutes – 10 August 2018

#### Resolved

That the Tauranga Moana Advisory Group:

- 1 Confirms the Tauranga Moana Advisory Group Meeting Minutes of 10 August 2018, as a true and correct record.

Tawhiao/Von Dadelszen  
CARRIED

## 5 Update from Partners

### 5.1 Ngāi Te Rangi

Mr Charlie Tawhiao updated members on Ngāi Te Rangi matters:

#### Key Points

- Ngāi Te Rangi iwi had received a letter on 9 November 2018 confirming that the Waitangi Tribunal had agreed to hear their urgent claim against the Crown, submitted by the iwi in March 2017. Twelve claims had been submitted and six had been accepted for urgent hearings.

### 5.2 Ngāti Ranginui

Mr Riki Nelson provided the following update:

#### Key Points

- Ngāti Ranginui's urgent claim against the Crown has also been approved to be heard by the Waitangi Tribunal
- It was unfortunate that there were some applications, such as Hauraki's, that would not be heard although they had good cases; Hauraki's application contained specific kōrero that would have supported Ngāti Ranginui's case

- Recent kaupapa engagement, involving cross-negotiations with Ngāti Hinerangi, could possibly offer a successful template for future cross-claims negotiations.

### 5.3 Ngāti Pukenga

Further updates to be provided at the next meeting.

### 5.4 Western Bay of Plenty District Council

*Refer PowerPoint Presentation Objective ID A3047470 and A3047455*

Western Bay of Plenty District Council Councillors Peter Mackay and Mark Dean provided an update highlighting the following:

#### Key Points of Presentation

- Reserves & Facilities Bylaw 2018 Review
  - Following a review, the updated Bylaw came into effect 9 November 2018
  - Horse riders would be able to continue to use the majority of the area previously allowed, but would no longer be permitted beyond the small island located on the estuary side of Tuapiro Point as this has been identified as a kaimoana gathering area
  - Thanked everyone from the Ngati Te Wai Hapū and the equestrian community for finding a compromise that would enable horse riding to continue while protecting the ecologically and culturally significant areas
  - Council would work with hapū to develop more signage around the Point to share the history and significance of the treasured place
- Kaitikaiti/Waihi Beach Reserve Management Plan review
  - Council to adopt Reserve Management Plan at the December 2018 meeting
- Katikati Boating Club storage facility
  - Needed a site near the harbour for boat storage; area off the end of Beach Road was most suitable
  - Boating Club was in process of obtaining necessary consents to establish a storage facility on site
- Omokoroa Domain
  - Comprehensive community engagement had been undertaken (decision story available on Council's website)
  - Required increased accessibility and parking but needed to maintain green space, recreational values and character of the area
  - Funding in 2019/20 Annual Plan for Destination Playground, Boardwalk and new signage
  - Long term harbour launching options and access would be considered in harbour access study
- Omokoroa to Tauranga Cycleway
  - Section between Mangawhai Estuary rail bridge and Huharua Park – under construction (Pats Lane section)
  - Katikati – Park Road Reserve to Preston Drive cycleway under construction
  - Waihi Beach – various trails under construction

#### Points Raised by Members

- It was mentioned that a unique law applied to the intertidal zones within the Tauranga Harbour area: as an exception to most parts of New Zealand where regional councils were responsible for intertidal zones. In the case of Tauranga City and the Western Bay District, the City and the District Council were responsible for the administration of the intertidal zones. Since there was a difference in the

understanding of the law, it was agreed that further clarification be obtained in this regard.

#### Items for Staff Follow-up

- Clarification of the legal requirements relating to the roles and responsibilities of intertidal zones within the Tauranga area
- To provide an update on the value of possibly reconstituting the Northern and Southern Tauranga Harbour Recreation Users Forums.

## 5.5 Tauranga City Council

Cr Catherine Stewart highlighted Tauranga City Council's (TCC) key work streams as follows:

#### Key Points

- The Southern pipeline under the Harbour was currently operational; staff were testing the pipeline and the Te Maunga plant. Flows into Te Maunga have increased with a corresponding drop in flows to the Chapel Street plant
- The thickening and dewatering plant construction was progressing well. The forecasted completion date was still April 2019
- As part of City Water's drive to reduce wastewater blockages in the network, a wet wipe campaign "Save our pipes from wipes" had gone live. Wet wipes were currently marketed as 'flushable' and 'biodegradable'. However, data showed that on average 30% of blockages within the TCC network each year were caused by wipes. The campaign was aimed at getting people talking publically about a private behaviour, creating awareness in the community that would see a behaviour change
- A new timber sea wall had been completed at Kulim Park, designed to increase the size of the high tide beach enabling an increase in use of this popular harbour reserve
- The updated Beaches Bylaw was on track to come into effect 1 December 2018
- The Dog Bylaw deliberations were ongoing with the bylaw anticipated to come into effect 1 March 2019
- Upgrades to Durham Street and Durham Lane streetscapes were currently underway. These upgrades included stormwater treatment in the form of raingardens to improve the stormwater quality discharging to the harbour at Spring Street
- Further investigative stormwater monitoring was ongoing in a number of catchments such as the Mount Industrial catchment to identify possible sources of contaminants reported in the five-yearly monitoring report, and identify preferred areas for mitigation / treatment
- TCC was collaborating with BOPRC on a summer industrial audit programme aimed at identifying potential stormwater contamination risks from industrial sites, potential sites requiring discharge consents and improving stormwater discharge quality.

## 5.6 Bay of Plenty Regional Council

Cr Norm Bruning outlined BOPRC priorities, namely:

#### Key Points

- Consultation on the draft On-Site Effluent Treatment plan change was now closed. Feedback on the Draft Plan Change would be used to develop a Proposed Plan Change which would be publicly notified in mid-2019

- Hearings on Proposed Plan Change 13 (air quality) took place through October; the Hearings Panel was currently in deliberations
- On 18 September, Council made decisions on recommendations from the hearing committee for the region-wide water quantity plan change (Plan Change 9). These decisions were publicly notified in October and any appeals needed to be lodged with the Environment Court by 21 November 2018
- Air quality in the Mount Industrial area: six new monitoring stations were now live and collecting data. New monitoring stations had also been deployed at De Havilland Drive / Aerodrome Rd where there had been ongoing concerns about nuisance dust
- The Kaimai Mamaku Forest Forum met in August and agreed on a new management structure. This included a steering group and three project groups focusing on biodiversity, water and people. The Biodiversity project group would meet in November.

#### Points raised by Members

- The Ministry of Transport was currently seeking public and sector input into a decision on whether New Zealand should sign up to an international treaty restricting air emissions from ships.

## 6 Conservation Update

### 6.1 Department of Conservation

*Refer PowerPoint Presentation Objective ID A3047485*

Department of Conservation District Manager Jeff Milham provided an update, outlining the following:

#### Key Points of the Presentation

- Department of Conservation's (DOC) Kauri Dieback Management in the Kaimai Mamaku Conservation Park
- Background:
  - DOC was responsible for protecting kauri on the land it managed
  - Supported the multi-agency response to protect Kauri, with its work led by the *Kauri Dieback Recreation Project*
  - Kauri forests faced the threat of extinction from the devastating Kauri dieback disease
- What was Kauri Dieback / Spreading / Symptoms
- Why do we care
  - Kauri were ancient species, alive when dinosaurs roamed earth. They were among the longest-living tree species, reaching ages of more than 2000 years, as well as being the largest trees in the world
  - Kauri forests once covered 1.2 million ha when the first people arrived in NZ around 1000 years ago. Today, there were about 7000 ha left
  - The iconic species were an important part of NZ's history
  - Kauri deserved every effort of protection to ensure they survived for generations to come
  - Cultural significance
- What we could do to help: required the support of our communities to win the fight against Kauri dieback disease.

#### Item for follow-up by DOC

- Confirmation of the percentage of trees dying from kauri dieback in the Northern Forests diagnosed with kauri dieback as opposed to those surviving.

## 7 Presentations

### 7.1 Project Parore

*Refer PowerPoint Presentation Objective ID A3046121*

Bay of Plenty Regional Council Land Management Officer Braden Rowson and representatives from Te Mania Catchment Community Group, Uretara Estuary Managers, John Burke, Lawrie Donald and Dr Peter Maddison outlined the following key points:

#### Key Points of the Presentation

- Overview of members and Uretara Estuary Managers Inc.
- Why Project Parore was necessary
  - Native herbivore fish, also known as luderick or black bream was previously abundant but habitat degradation has led to decline
- Project Vision
  - Te Mania catchment to be a place where people enjoyed; an engaged community that cared for and had a sense of pride in the environment in which they lived
  - Landowners and residents to manage the ecosystems that provided livelihoods in a sustainable way and would collaboratively take action to restore and maintain the health and quality of the catchment's land, water and native wildlife entity relationships
- Overarching Outcomes
  - Improved environmental stewardship
  - Implementation of good management practices for all land uses
  - Enhanced water quality and greater, more stable native biodiversity
  - A community ecological monitoring system in place
- Successful implementation of Project Parore in Te Mania would serve as a blueprint for other catchments feeding the Tauranga Moana – Te Mania was the pilot project
- Progress to date
- Catchment focus
- Community engagement process
- Tackling the issues: water quality, native flora & fauna restoration.

#### In response to Questions

- The project could potentially be applied as a blueprint across all 17 catchments feeding into Tauranga Harbour
- Communities working together were critical.

#### Item for staff Follow-up

- Consideration of the value that future field trips by members of the Tauranga Moana Advisory Group to particular sites of interests in the catchment area could add.

## 7.2 National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management – Te Mana o Te Wai

Refer PowerPoint Presentation Objective ID A3034426

Bay of Plenty Regional Council Senior Planner Santiago Bermeo and Glenys Kroon Senior Policy Analyst (Water Policy) provided an update on ongoing work under the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management, outlining the following:

### Key Points of the Presentation

Central government's *Essential Freshwater* announcements:

- Objectives
  - To stop further degradation & loss: material improvement within 5 years
  - To reverse past damage: waterways in a healthy state within a generation
  - To address water allocation issues (water takes and nutrient discharges):
- The main work streams
  - NPS-FM amendments
  - National Environmental Standard - Freshwater Management
  - Resource Management Act amendments
  - Allocation
  - Alignment with other policies (e.g. Billion Trees, 3 Waters, Climate Change, stock exclusion)
- The players and a new approach to Māori-Crown relationship on fresh water
- Timeframes and implications for Tauranga Moana freshwater management

### Plan Change 9 - Region-wide Water Quantity

- Purpose was to hold the line, to fix problems and help ensure that better information about water use could be gathered
- As a next step a more detailed process was required. The intent to deliver that process was clearly documented in Council plans and was already underway. PC9 was a step in that direction
- Outcomes from PC9
- Compliance and PC9 requirements
  - All permitted activities to be registered within 12 months of the rule becoming operative
  - New controlled activity rules established for existing unauthorised dairy shed water takes and for existing previously permitted takes that now required a resource consent
- Metering and consents
- Web based groundwater accounts: soon to be available on line with live groundwater accounts that would enable communities/applicants to see how much water was available.

11:05 am The meeting **adjourned**.

11:20 am The meeting **reconvened**.

### Points raised by Members

- A question was raised regarding the web based groundwater accounts which would soon be available on-line and whether Māori values and the potential effect on tangata whenua values and interests had been taken into consideration in the development.

### Item for Staff Follow-up

- To circulate web links to members of the Tauranga Moana Advisory Group, providing additional information on Central Government's recent freshwater announcements.

Minute note: The following links were circulated to members providing additional information on Freshwater Announcements by Central Government:

- <https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/taking-action-improve-water-quality>
- <https://www.boprc.govt.nz/media/786898/ai-85-supporting-document-essential-freshwater.pdf>
- <https://www.boprc.govt.nz/media/786899/ai-85-supporting-document-shared-interests-in-freshwater.pdf>
- <https://www.boprc.govt.nz/media/786896/regional-direction-and-delivery-committee-public-meeting-agenda-30-october-2018.pdf> (starting at page 75).

### 7.3 State of the Environment Summary

*Refer PowerPoint Presentation Objective ID A3047086*

A PowerPoint presentation outlining the State of the Environment was presented to the Tauranga Moana Advisory Group. Contributors were Conroy and Donald Consultant Elva Conroy, Bay of Plenty Regional Council Marketing and Communications Advisor Harry Singh, Nessie Kuka, Senior Research Fellow Dr Rebecca Lawton from the University of Waikato and Bay of Plenty Regional Council Team Leader, Tauranga Catchments Hamish Dean.

11:35 am Chairperson Norm Bruning **withdrew** from the meeting.

Deputy Chairperson Charlie Tawhiao **assumed** the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

#### Key Points of the Presentation

- Partnership approach: Integrating the Māori Perspective – tangata whenua viewpoints
- State of Tauranga Moana: Science Summary
- Bringing the State of the Environment Report to life to tell the stories of our environment
- Final report to be available early 2019.

#### Points raised by Members

- The Executive Summary of the State of the Environment Report required more refinement as it was too generalist in approach. Consideration should be given as to who the target audience should be and the purpose/message of the publication
- The final executive summary should only be published once the Tauranga Moana Advisory Group has familiarised itself with the contents of the full report and were comfortable with the outcomes/conclusions
- Incorporating a dashboard to provide a trend analysis would be helpful – statistical data should clearly support statements made
- The final report needed to be real, credible and transparent. Ultimately, the final Executive Summary should be a call to action
- Communication should focus on story telling – telling the stories of Tauranga's magnificent harbour – sharing the cultural, historical and ecological treasures and be inspirational.

#### In Response to Questions

- The purpose of the presentation on the State of the Environment was to make members of the Tauranga Moana Advisory Group aware of current ongoing work in the development of the final report due early 2019. The detailed report and final recommendations would follow at the next hui scheduled for February 2019
- Trends would be developed going forward since there was now a baseline in place to build on
- The goal of the communications plan would be to have levels of information available for the public to drill down should they require more detail
- The ultimate goal would be to raise the cultural awareness and scientific understanding of our community, uniting Māori and non-Māori around common values, collaborating from the start of projects rather than consulting at the end and giving considered weighting to cultural concerns and perspectives.

#### 7.4 Reserves and Facilities Bylaw

*Refer PowerPoint Presentation Objective ID A2935610*

Addressed under item 5.4.

#### 7.5 Tauranga City Council Environment Strategy

*Refer PowerPoint Presentation Objective ID A3048394*

Tauranga City Council (TCC) Principal Strategic Advisor Joel Peters provided an outline on progress made with the development of the Environment Strategy:

##### Key Points of the Presentation

- Update on the Environment Strategy
  - Released the Future Development Strategy and the Tauranga Urban Strategy
  - Confirmed the outcomes of work to date with the Tangata Whenua Collective
  - Working with teams in TCC
- Strategy Focus
  - Water, Urban Forest, Changing Climate, Culture, Education and Identity
- Strategy Challenges
  - Working to align big outcomes. land supply, affordable housing, environmental impacts
- Next Steps
  - Submitted a draft for review to the Steering Group
  - Steering Group to determine timelines
  - Look, feel, expectations from partners.

#### 7.6 Overview – Tauranga Moana Wai Māori Strategy

*Refer PowerPoint Presentation Objective ID A3048395*

Ngāi Te Rangi Representative Piatarahi Bennett provided an overview of the Wai Māori Strategy as follows:

##### Key Points of the Presentation

- The importance of adding a Māori viewpoint
- Wai Māori Workshop outcomes
  - Te Puna Wai Māori o Tauranga Moana mandate to advance PC16
  - Agreed to lodge a Wai Māori Statement – to be lodged with Bay of Plenty Regional Council shortly

- Agreed approach to water consents
- Agreed 'Involvement Strategy'
- Initial list of awa and criteria
- Ongoing relationship with Water Policy
- Other – PC9 appeal
- Key Levels of Involvement
- Technical Objectives
  - Effective, equitable and respectful working partnership with BOPRC on all matters concerning Wai Māori in accordance with Te Tiriti o Waitangi
  - Māori relationship with Wai Māori to be recognized and provided for and rights and responsibilities advanced, respected, supported and clearly reflected in PC16
  - Te Mana o Te Wai embedded across all processes and functions and underpinned all decisions concerning Wai Māori and PC16 provisions.

Item for Staff Follow-up

- "Tauranga Moana Wai Māori Strategy Update" to be added to the agenda of the Tauranga Moana Advisory Group as a standing item.

## 8 Reports

### 8.1 State of the Environment Report - Tauranga Harbour

*Refer PowerPoint Presentation Objective ID A3047086*

Bay of Plenty Regional Council Team Leader, Tauranga Catchments Hamish Dean presented the State of the Environment Report – Tauranga Harbour that was taken as read.

#### Resolved

**That the Tauranga Moana Advisory Group:**

- 1 Receives the report "State of the Environment Report Tauranga Harbour" dated 16 November 2018.**

**Thompson/ Von Dadelszen  
CARRIED**

### 8.2 Tauranga Moana Programme Update – November 2018

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

Items for Staff Follow-up

- Future reports to provide more detailed information: preferably with a dashboard approach providing management information from a governance perspective
- Future reports to include information on the Kopurererua Valley Redevelopment Project
- Feedback to be provided on progress made with the Methyl Bromide boundary monitoring at the of Port of Tauranga
- Feedback to be provided on the interpretation of quantitative data available on land and water litter clean-ups.

## Resolved

That the Tauranga Moana Advisory Group:

- 1 Receives the report “Tauranga Moana Programme Update – November 2018” containing the Tauranga Moana Programme Dashboard dated November 2018.

Thompson/Von Dadelszen  
CARRIED

## 9 Consideration of General Business

### Future site visits by the Tauranga Moana Advisory Group

- o Members reaffirmed their support for future site visits as raised under item 7.1 as this would be informative and value adding.

### Tauranga Moana Plan Change 16

- o Noted that Plan Change 16 (Tauranga Moana) planned for 2021 – 2023/24 was still on track as scheduled.

### Change in consultation approach by Central Government

- o Ngāi Te Rangi Representative Charlie Tawhiao noted that following the change in Central Government since the National Elections in 2017, there had been a move towards Māori as the identifier rather than whānau, hapū and iwi. He was concerned that this changed approach could potentially undermine Treaty relationships with whanau, hapū and iwi.

## 10 Next Meeting – 15 February 2019

Members noted that the next meeting had been scheduled for 15 February 2019.

## 11 Closing Karakia

Charlie Tawhiao closed the meeting with a karakia.

**The meeting concluded at 12:28 pm.**

Confirmed

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Chair, Tauranga Moana Advisory Group

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Date