



AGENDA

Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee (Informal Forum) Meeting

Thursday, 2 December 2021

**I hereby give notice that a Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council
Committee (Informal Forum) Meeting will be held on:**

Date: Thursday, 2 December 2021

Time: 9.30am

**Location: Hangarau Marae
219 Bethlehem Road
Bethlehem
Tauranga**

<https://maorimaps.com/marae/hangarau-peterehema>

**Marty Grenfell
Chief Executive**

Terms of reference – Tangata Whenua/Tauranga City Council Committee

Common responsibilities and delegations

The following common responsibilities and delegations apply to all standing committees.

Responsibilities of standing committees

- Establish priorities and guidance on programmes relevant to the Role and Scope of the committee.
- Provide guidance to staff on the development of investment options to inform the Long Term Plan and Annual Plans.
- Report to Council on matters of strategic importance.
- Recommend to Council investment priorities and lead Council considerations of relevant strategic and high significance decisions.
- Provide guidance to staff on levels of service relevant to the role and scope of the committee.
- Establish and participate in relevant task forces and working groups.
- Engage in dialogue with strategic partners, such as Smart Growth partners, to ensure alignment of objectives and implementation of agreed actions.
- Confirmation of committee minutes.

Delegations to standing committees

- To make recommendations to Council outside of the delegated responsibility as agreed by Council relevant to the role and scope of the Committee.
- To make all decisions necessary to fulfil the role and scope of the Committee subject to the delegations/limitations imposed.
- To develop and consider, receive submissions on and adopt strategies, policies and plans relevant to the role and scope of the committee, except where these may only be legally adopted by Council.
- To consider, consult on, hear and make determinations on relevant strategies, policies and bylaws (including adoption of drafts), making recommendations to Council on adoption, rescinding and modification, where these must be legally adopted by Council.
- To approve relevant submissions to central government, its agencies and other bodies beyond any specific delegation to any particular committee.
- To appoint a non-voting Tangata Whenua representative to the Committee.
- Engage external parties as required.

Terms of reference – Tangata Whenua/Tauranga City Council Committee

Membership

Independent chairperson

Deputy chairperson

To be appointed by the Committee

Tauranga City Council members

Commission Chair Anne Tolley
Commissioner Shadrach Rolleston
Commissioner Stephen Selwood
Commissioner Bill Wasley

Tangata Whenua members 6 members from the Tauranga Moana Tangata Whenua Collective

Ms Matire Duncan
Mr Puhirake Ihaka
Mr Whitiora McLeod
Mr Buddy Mikaere
Ms Irene Walker
Mr Nathan James

Quorum

Half of the members physically present, where the number of members (including vacancies) is even; and a majority of the members physically present, where the number of members (including vacancies) is odd

Meeting frequency

Formally three times per year at Council Chambers
Informally meet three times a year on marae with all members of both the Council and all members from the Tangata Whenua Collective

**Rapua te huarahi whanui hei ara whakapiri
i nga iwi e maha i te whakaaro kotahi**

**Seek the broad highway that will unite the multitude of peoples
toward a common goal.**

Membership

Partners Tauranga City Council and "nga hapu me nga iwi o Tauranga Moana" representing Tangata Whenua within the Tauranga City Council rohe (boundaries).

Tangata Whenua representatives are to be those with signed hapu protocols. One of the six Tangata Whenua representatives is to be a Kaumatua. Kaumatua representation is to have the ability to be shared between two Kaumatua if required.

Background

Council is committed to establishing and monitoring appropriate links with Tangata Whenua to enable effective relationships to develop and meet a number of legislative requirements including those under the Resource Management Act 1991 and the Local Government Act.

1. Tangata Whenua are deemed to be the respective Iwi and Hapu of Tauranga Moana.
2. The Local Government Act 1974 and Local Government Act 2002 contain provisions relating to the exercise of the powers, functions and duties of the Tauranga City Council.

Principles of the partnership

The Partners:

- Recognise the Treaty of Waitangi as the founding document of Aotearoa NZ.
- Will work with respect, goodwill, honesty, trust and integrity toward the other party and celebrate cultural diversity.
- Recognise that the relationship is a mutual two-way relationship and any changes of the agreement need to involve discussions and agreement between the partners.
- Recognise the need for Tauranga City Council to work within a legislative framework.
- Recognise the independence of each partner, including
 - a) The tangata whenua representatives as a voice for the Maori communities;
 - b) Recognise the independence of hapu and iwi;
 - c) The Council as a democratic decision maker, responsible to the community as a whole.

Role and scope

- To forge an ongoing effective and meaningful partnership between the Tauranga City Council and Tangata Whenua.
- To facilitate meaningful understanding of future impacts on key issues affecting Tangata Whenua and Māori that Council can influence.

The functions and key tasks are:

- (a) To bring to the other partner's attention issues / concerns in respect of existing strategy or policy.
- (b) To exchange information of mutual interest.
- (c) To discuss new initiatives approaches and directions.
- (d) Agree agenda topics for the following 3 consecutive meetings.

Communication

- To educate the wider community on Tangata Whenua issues.
- To establish and maintain communication and consultation channels within the Council organisation and Tangata Whenua groups.

Monitoring

- To regularly monitor projects, policies and strategies managed or under development by Council which affect Tangata Whenua.
- To regularly monitor progress of key issues identified by Tangata Whenua through reporting of Council and the Tangata Whenua Collective.
- To monitor the on-going development and process of the Standing Committee.

Power to recommend

- To Council or any Standing Committee as it deems appropriate.
- Reports to Council.

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- 1 OPENING KARAKIA**

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4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee (Informal Forum) meeting held on 14 October 2021

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RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Minutes of the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee (Informal Forum) meeting held on 14 October 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Minutes of the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee (Informal Forum) meeting held on 14 October 2021**



MINUTES

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UNCONFIRMED

MINUTES OF TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL

**TANGATA WHENUA / TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE (INFORMAL FORUM)
MEETING**

**HELD AT THE HUNGAHUNGATOROA CLUB, 16F HUNGAHUNGATOROA ROAD, MATAPIHI,
MOUNT MAUNGANUI
ON THURSDAY, 14 OCTOBER 2021 AT 9.30AM**

PRESENT: Mr Huikakahu Kawe, Commission Chair Anne Tolley, Commissioner Shadrach Rolleston, Commissioner Stephen Selwood, Commissioner Bill Wasley, Mr Puhirake Ihaka, Mr Whitiora McLeod, Mr Buddy Mikaere, Ms Irene Walker and Mr Nathan James

IN ATTENDANCE: Anaru Timutimu (Chair of Ngāi Tukairangi hapū), Helen Te Kani Matenga (Chairperson, Hungahungatoroa Marae Committee), Aroha Kopae (Te Rangapū Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana alternate member), Henry Hayden and Des Heke (Te Rangapū Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana members), Marty Grenfell (Chief Executive), Wally Potts (Director: City Waters), Carlo Ellis (Manager: Strategic Māori Engagement), Keren Paekau (Team Leader: Takawaenga Māori), Cynthia Hamel (Kaiarahi Māori), Kayla Tukaki (Kaiarahi Māori) and Coral Hair (Manager: Democracy Services)

1 OPENING KARAKIA

Mr Anaru Timutimu opened the meeting with a Karakia.

2 APOLOGIES

APOLOGY

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TWI4/21/1

Moved: Mr Puhirake Ihaka
Seconded: Ms Matire Duncan

That the apology for lateness received from Buddy Mikaere be accepted.

CARRIED

3 CHANGE TO ORDER OF BUSINESS

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COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TWI4/21/2

Moved: Mr Huikakahu Kawe
Seconded: Mr Puhirake Ihaka

Amends the order of business so that Item 6.2 is brought forward and considered before Item 6.1.

CARRIED

4 CHAIRPERSON'S VERBAL REPORT

Chairperson Mr Huikakahu Kawe

Key points

- The passing of Chief Kihī Ngatai was a huge loss for the people of Tauranga Moana as he was long acknowledged as the chief spokesperson for Ngāiterangi and other Tauranga Moana iwi; and was a prominent businessman and a leader in the kiwifruit industry.
- The challenge remained to increase the vaccination rates in Tauranga Moana.
- There was a petition circulating in the community asking the government to recognise and endorse the Fourth Article of the Treaty of Waitangi to enshrine religious freedom.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TWI4/21/3

Moved: Mr Puhirake Ihaka

Seconded: Mr Whitiara McLeod

That the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee receives the Chairperson's Verbal Update Report.

CARRIED

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 Minutes of the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee (Informal Forum) meeting held on 15 April 2021

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TWI4/21/4

Moved: Mr Whitiara McLeod

Seconded: Commissioner Shadrach Rolleston

That the minutes of the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee (Informal Forum) meeting held on 15 April 2021 be received.

CARRIED

Discussion on matters raised in the minutes

- The fourth bullet point of Wairoa Marae's presentation was highlighted, where land taken for the State Highway was not returned after it was not required for construction. It was acknowledged that the new policy (Property Acquisitions and Disposals) was an important milestone as it included a right of first refusal for mana whenua to buy land classified by the Council as surplus to their needs.
- Commissioner Anne Tolley stated that presentations made to this Committee were valuable in that they triggered a number of workstreams within the Council to progress matters raised. As an example, as a result of the presentation from Wairoa Marae on 15 April 2021, the Council included Ngāti Kahu representatives in the discussions on the development of housing at Parau Farms; as it was recognised the land was of cultural significance and Ngāti Kahu were interested in housing opportunities the development offered. The Council was supporting Ngāti Kahu by providing them with a list of options regarding the cycleway.
- Commissioner Tolley suggested that a mechanism was needed to provide feedback to the Committee on the outcomes generated from the presentations at these informal meetings to ensure these were visible to all Committee members.

6 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

7 BUSINESS

6.2 Te Rangapū Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana - verbal update

External Matire Duncan, Chairperson of Te Rangapū Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana

Update on RMW key priorities / workshops

- The Chairperson of Te Rangapū Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana (Te Rangapū) acknowledged and appreciated the workshops that had been held with Te Rangapū members to assist them to navigate the issues and policies before local government, including:
 - Consultation with mana whenua on resource consents
 - Property Acquisitions and Disposals Policy
 - Council Controlled Organisations
 - Three Waters Reform
 - Representation Review
 - Sustainability Strategy
 - Community events
 - Tsunami awareness
 - Naming Policy
 - Māori roadways

Key points

- Te Rangapū was keen to participate in the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) reforms and in ongoing workshops around the partnership arrangements of the new water entities as part of the Three Waters reform.
- Te Rangapū was interested in the outcome of the Local Government Futures report, which provided an opportunity to rethink local government for the next 30 years. The emphasis on improving community wellbeing and embodying treaty partnerships was a unique opportunity for the Council and iwi to work together to support iwi and hapū aspirations; and deal with the issues of inequality, climate change, housing, employment, racism and discrimination as well as environmental degradation. The lack of cultural understanding, which has made it difficult to form effective partnerships between tangata whenua/mana whenua and the Council, would continue to be a challenge for the Council. Increasing cultural capacity for both elected members and staff was needed to ensure that the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi can be reflected throughout the organisation.
- Te Rangapū was worried about the impact of the 2022 elections on the Council's relationships with iwi and hapū. It was recognised that Te Rangapū had worked well with the Commissioners.

In response to questions

- The Commission Chair Anne Tolley advised that the Commission's Terms of Reference included developing an exit strategy for the return to full democracy in October 2022 for the Minister of Local Government to consider. Their role was to lay a foundation and pathway for the incoming Council to follow.
- Chair Tolley advised that the Commission had requested to speak to the Local Government Futures Panel and encouraged tangata whenua to actively engage with the Panel. The role of Māori in decision making and how the Treaty partnership would influence decisions would be

critical matters to be addressed.

- The Local Government Futures report sets out a series of questions and principles but did not include options for local government reorganisation at this stage. This presented both a challenge and an enormous opportunity to ensure better decision making at community, regional and central government levels and to get better alignment and interaction between local and central government.
- Aligning the three waters, RMA and local government reforms may prove challenging with the different timelines for each of these reforms.
- The draft Infrastructure Strategy had been released by the New Zealand Infrastructure Commission and was the first time that a long-term view of infrastructure in New Zealand had been considered. This offered an opportunity for iwi to influence the Strategy. Te Rangapū members advised they were attending an upcoming webinar.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TWI4/21/5

Moved: Mr Huikakahu Kawe

Seconded: Mr Puhirake Ihaka

That the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee accepts the verbal report by the Chairperson of Te Rangapū Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana.

CARRIED

6.1 Hapū presentation - Ngāi Tukairangi and Ngāti Tapu

External - Anaru Timutimu, Hayden Henry and Puhirake Ihaka

Refer to the PowerPoint presentation "Te Papa o Matapihi - Ngāi Tukairangi and Ngāti Tapu". Note this was circulated to Members after the meeting.

Mr Timutimu translated the mihimihi and outlined a brief history of Matapihi which included:

- two marae (Waikari and Hungahungatoroa)
- three urupa
- Te Kura o Matapihi
- Te Kohanga Reo o Matapihi
- Papakāinga; and
- whanau land utilisation including dairying, market gardens, kiwifruit, and avocado orchards.

Mr Timutimu stated that keeping Matapihi as a greenbelt was the responsibility and challenge for their generation to hold onto the land, use it in an economic but responsible way, and provide benefits associated with land utilisation.

Mr Timutimu spoke about the following historical factors:

- forced retreat from the Mount peninsula onto Matapihi.
- alienation of land.
- the impact of the airport, residential development, and Port of Tauranga development over traditional kainga and kai resources.
- Tauranga harbour bridge impact on significant shellfish beds.
- Rail corridor and new cycleway encroachments on their whenua.

Update on Southern Pipeline Matapihi Representation Group

Key points

- The Southern Pipeline was the worst thing to happen to Matapihi, as from a wairua perspective it desecrated the land.
- Their premonitions and fears had eventuated with problems with drilling, deaths as a result of works, significant intrusion on the community, odour issues that continued to occur especially right outside the Kura, and multiple spills that reached the harbour.
- The Southern Pipeline Matapihi Representation Group (the Group) members are Hauata Palmer and Josh Gear for Ngāti Tapu and Ngareta Timutimu and Anthony Fisher for Ngāi Tukairangi. They are a mix of Kaumatua and hapū professionals. The initial focus was to meet with the Commissioners and discuss the terms of reference and objectives of the Group.
- It was now up to the Council to make sure that this Group had meaning, and the Council improved the way the pipeline was managed to keep the community safe.

In response to questions

- Following the spill into the harbour a hui was held, and the suggestion from the floor was to form a Group to work alongside the Council. The delay in forming the Group was related to the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act (MACA) hearings and Covid-19.

Discussion points raised

- The test now was for the Group to be part of the solution and not become a talk fest.
- Working alongside the Commissioners to develop the terms of reference for the Group was key to its success.
- Rather than the Tauranga City Council coming up with solutions it was important to have a joint Group working on short, medium and long-term solutions.
- Encouraging greater involvement by the community and regular communications and reporting to the community were key messages for the Council to take away from the presentation.

Ngāi Tukairangi & Ngāti Tapu position on Whareroa situation

Key points

- Supported the mahi of Whareroa whanau and the representatives involved.
- Supported the aspiration to clear out all industry in the priority area (the area south of Hewletts Road from the harbour bridge to the Gull service station and backed by the airport land) within 10 years, as well as a review of the wider industrial area.
- Priority action list – immediate actions included:
 - Planting programme on all council reserve areas to enhance air quality.
 - Council reserves to be redesigned to prevent parking, camping and illegal activities.
 - Removal of freedom camping from Whareroa boat ramp.
 - Build an emergency exit for the Whareroa community.
 - Re-route open water drains to prevent direct runoff of pollution into the harbour.
 - Implement a kaitiaki programme for the Whareroa area.
- Priority action list - medium term actions included:
 - Decline any further resource and building consents in the priority area.
 - Change the zoning in the priority area from industrial to prevent further industrial development.
 - Proactively oppose any activities that compromised the air shed.
 - Support and facilitate a dedicated Whareroa Community Plan with all agencies collaborating to protect the Whareroa community.
 - Plan for industrial zoning within Tauranga City that had dedicated areas, appropriate infrastructure and buffer zones.

- Priority action list – long term actions included:
 - Exit industry from the priority areas as soon as possible.
 - Return the airport to Tangata Whenua as soon as it was no longer practical to have a regional airport in the middle of a city.
 - Return any parts of the land taken under the Public Works Act that were not used for airport purposes e.g. leased land.
 - Consider co-governance or co-management of reserves with mana whenua.
 - Work with Whareroa marae to identify and provide protection from the impacts where hapū estates had been forcibly and illegally removed.

In response to questions

- Kaumatua had korero with people who turned up at the Whareroa boat ramp, and monitored how long freedom campers stayed. The issue of shift workers and RSE workers using the reserve needed to be addressed.

Discussion points raised

- Good to see the support for Whareroa.
- Clear message to get on with improving the Whareroa situation.
- Potential to co-design the response to deal with freedom campers and others using the Whareroa boat ramp reserve.

Resource Matapihi Community Plan Update

Key points

- The Matapihi Land Use Plan and the Joint Hapū Management Plan between Ngāi Tukairangi and Ngāti Tapu were outdated.
- Te Papa o Matapihi needed an updated Community Plan.
- Many things had changed significantly e.g. Southern Pipeline, focused support on papakāinga, cycleway upgrades, surrounding urbanisation and intensification.
- Increasing pressure with land values, urban/rural interface and the use of Matapihi as a thoroughfare.
- Must consider the unique situation Matapihi faced, where in the midst of all the above pressures, it retained its place as the last bastion of a significant area of Māori owned land within the city boundary and Tauranga's greenbelt.
- Council should consider a special character zone that took the above impacts into account and showed the Matapihi community that there was a commitment to a fair allocation of resources.
- Need to recognise and allow for people to return to their ancestral land and build homes.
- Matapihi was often quoted as a "jewel in Tauranga's Crown" but was almost always an afterthought.
- Often forced to beg for investment that aligned with community aspirations and often subject to desires of the wider community that impacted on the local community.
- It had been a difficult year with Kihi Ngatai's passing; wished to acknowledge and build on both Kihi and his wife Maria's legacies and follow their example to work together to make Tauranga a better place.

In response to questions

- Commissioner Tolley reiterated that the presentation showed a need for a mechanism to report back to hapū on the actions taken to address the concerns raised such as tabling actions at the formal meeting of the Committee.

Discussion points raised

- As there was likely to be a different list of concerns following each presentation to the Committee, it raised the question about how these lists were dealt with, separately or

collectively, and if they were to be reported back to Te Rangapū Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana.

- The development of a Matapihi Community Plan led to a discussion on a wider Iwi Spatial Plan and what that could look like. An Iwi Spatial Plan could include matters such as people and place; contemporary and historic matters; cultural dynamics; recognising and providing for communities impacted by growth; impacts of opening up cultural landscapes and loss of cultural heritage; supporting papakāinga housing development on Māori land; and development contributions and grants for infrastructure development. Māori had the land available but red tape continued to stop Māori building housing on their own land.

8 CLOSING KARAKIA

Commissioner Shadrach Rolleston closed the meeting with a Karakia.

The meeting closed at 11:35 am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed as a true and correct record at the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee meeting held on 2 December 2021.

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ACTING CHAIRPERSON

5 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

6 BUSINESS

6.1 Hapū/iwi presentation - Ngāti Hangarau/Ngāti Ranginui

6.2 Tangata Whenua Presentation Followup Updates

File Number: A13087781

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Authoriser: Susan Jamieson, **General Manager: People & Engagement**

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To update the Joint Standing Committee on matters raised by tangata whenua at previous presentations.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee (Informal Forum):

- (a) Receives the Update Report regarding the following meetings:
 - (i) The meeting held on 15 April 2021 at Wairoa Marae, Tauranga.
 - (ii) The meeting held on 14 October 2021 at Hungahungatoroa Clubrooms, Matapihi.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Issues requiring followup from the meeting at Wairoa Marae are being progressed.
3. Issues requiring followup from the meeting at Hungahungatoroa Clubrooms have been resolved or are being progressed.

BACKGROUND

4. At the informal meeting held at Wairoa Marae, Tauranga on 14 April 2021 Ngāti Kahu raised a number of issues in their presentation requiring followup by Tauranga City Council. These issues were set against a longstanding and steady stream of injustices encumbered upon the marae, the hapū and their lands and resources.
5. Firstly, the proposed cycleway route was seen as an affront to the marae causing safety concerns for the marae as well as the wider community;
6. Since then, Council staff have engaged with a sub-committee from Ngāti Kahu mandated to progress discussions on an alternative route for the cycleway that addresses the safety concerns.
7. Progress has required regular meetings as well as feedback to and from Ngāti Kahu hapū and landowners regarding aspects of the alternative route. Some aspects have required discussions with third parties such as Waka Kotahi. The alternative route is on the opposite side of the state highway from the marae and includes safety measures that support the new route.
8. This has culminated in a draft memorandum of understanding that is with Ngāti Kahu for final approval pending a site visit scheduled for Friday 26 November 2021.
9. Secondly, road noise was raised as a significant nuisance and an obstruction to cultural practices at the marae.
10. Council staff have gathered further detail on the noise issues and established a range of possible mitigations including advocating alongside Ngāti Kahu for Waka Kotahi to investigate better road sealing as well as sound barriers and other noise mitigating resources. In addition, Council will look to compliment any actions Waka Kotahi may take with roadside planting.

11. Council has already started discussions with Waka Kotahi who are investigating options and Council will work in a collaborative manner together with the hapū and others to implement any possible solutions.
12. Thirdly, housing was raised as a priority for Ngāti Kahu.
13. Council staff, alongside Kāinga Ora, have actively maintained an opportunity for Ngāti Kahu to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the development of what Council refers to as Parau Farms but that has been known to the hapū as Pōteriwhi.
14. Ngāti Kahu have advised that they will consider this opportunity once agreement has been finalised on the rerouting of the cycleway away from the marae and whānau entrances.
15. Council staff have actively engaged with hapū members on other papakāinga opportunities and discussions are ongoing.
16. Fourthly, the need for a hapū spatial plan and the lack of capacity and capability were raised.
17. Council staff have met with hapū representatives to make clear the funding opportunities for hapū planning and the processes and pathways to access that funding.
18. The hapū has identified that they will take that opportunity in due course once current demands on their time have eased.
19. At the informal meeting held at Hungahungatoroa Clubrooms, Matapihi on 14 April 2021 Ngāi Tūkairangi and Ngāti Tapu presented issues requiring followup by Tauranga City Council.
20. Firstly, the Southern Pipeline was raised as a significant and ongoing burden on the community. Described as the worst thing that has happened to Matapihi in recent memory involving intrusion, offensive odours especially outside the kura, multiple spillages of raw sewerage, most recently seeing raw sewerage spilling directly into the harbour, among many other aspects.
21. An update was provided that the two hapū had nominated their representatives and since then, an initial meeting has taken place with Commissioners at Waikari Marae, Matapihi on 23 November 2021. At that meeting Commissioners heard an update on hapū membership, key priorities for hapū and established the start of the relationship. A followup meeting is planned for December 2021 to consider a terms of reference and get an update on improvements to the vent outside the kura including possibilities for relocating the vent should current measures not resolve the issues.
22. Secondly, Ngāi Tūkairangi and Ngāti Tapu signalled their strong support for Whareroa alongside fellow hapū Ngāti Kuku and all of the issues that have been raised by the marae and its advocates. A range of actions were presented that were consistent with what Whareroa has been raising in various forums and Council was challenged to progress action for the Whareroa community.
23. The ten year timeframe for the exit of heavy industry from the priority area was heavily supported by Ngāi Tūkairangi and Ngāti Tapu and remains the ultimate outcome.
24. Subsequently, Whareroa Marae Chair Manea Ngatai called a meeting with Council staff on 21 October 2021 to discuss short term actions to address the pollution and vagrant behaviour in the Council reserves within the priority area and to facilitate an emergency exit through the Tauranga airport.
25. Council staff have prioritised maintenance on the Council reserves between Taiaho Place and the unnamed roadway leading to the Whareroa boat ramp as well as the reserve between CRS and Ngāi te Rangī Iwi offices.
26. The former will see replanting to lift and clear the undergrowth so vagrants cannot hide their unwanted behaviour in there and a fence will be erected around the reserve to prevent vehicles entering the reserve. Whareroa Marae Chair Manea Ngatai has requested that he monitor and oversee these works and Council staff support that.

27. The latter will be replanted in collaboration with Ngāi te Rangi Rūnanga to create a natural reserve that is a barrier between industry and the Rūnanga with planting that reflects the cultural outlook.
28. These actions are planned to be completed before Christmas 2021.
29. Whareroa Chair Manea Ngatai restated his longstanding request for some authority from Council to act in a kaitiaki role to monitor any overstayers in the freedom camping area as well as any undesirable behaviour. Council is currently investigating a suitable arrangement to facilitate this role in a safe manner and is due to discuss this further with Manea before the end of November 2021 with a view to piloting the programme over the summer of 2021/22.
30. Tauranga Airport staff have arranged for keys to be provided for gates through the airport should any emergency arise. This option is an improved option should the heavy industries have an incident that blocks Whareroa residents in and/or the Tauranga Harbour Bridge is not viable. These keys have been provided to the Whareroa Marae Chair.
31. Further investigation into emergency exits that would facilitate safe access to the tsunami safe zone in Matapihi will continue.
32. Ongoing actions and actioning the other aspects of the proposed action plan are being facilitated by Te Pou Takawaenga in collaboration with other Council departments.
33. Thirdly, the need for an updated Matapihi Community Plan was raised.
34. This is yet to be progressed. Te Pou Takawaenga will meet with Ngāi Tūkairangi and Ngāti Tapu before the end of 2021 to establish a plan to support the Matapihi Community to undertake this plan in 2022.

STRATEGIC / STATUTORY CONTEXT

35. Recording the issues raised by tangata whenua with updates on actions and progress demonstrates a meaningful partnership between Council and tangata whenua.

OPTIONS ANALYSIS

36. Council is able to:
 - (a) Receive the Update Report.
 - (b) Reject the Update Report.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

37. There are no financial implications in receiving this update report.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS / RISKS

38. There are no legal implications/risks in receiving this update report.

SIGNIFICANCE

39. The Local Government Act 2002 requires an assessment of the significance of matters, issues, proposals and decisions in this report against Council's Significance and Engagement Policy. Council acknowledges that in some instances a matter, issue, proposal or decision may have a high degree of importance to individuals, groups, or agencies affected by the report.
40. In making this assessment, consideration has been given to the likely impact, and likely consequences for:
 - (a) the current and future social, economic, environmental, or cultural well-being of the district or region
 - (b) any persons who are likely to be particularly affected by, or interested in, the matter.

- (c) the capacity of the local authority to perform its role, and the financial and other costs of doing so.

- 41. In accordance with the considerations above, criteria and thresholds in the policy, it is considered that the matter is of low significance.

ENGAGEMENT

- 42. Taking into consideration the above assessment, that the matter is of low significance, officers are of the opinion that no further engagement is required prior to Council making a decision.

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NEXT STEPS

- 43. Further updates will be provided in future Update Reports to the Joint Standing Committee.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

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