



MINUTES

**Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City
Council Committee Meeting
Wednesday, 16 February 2022**

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**MINUTES OF TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL
TANGATA WHENUA / TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE TE WHETŪ O TE RANGI MARAE, 612 WELCOME BAY ROAD, WELCOME
BAY, TAURANGA
ON WEDNESDAY, 16 FEBRUARY 2022 AT 9.30AM**

PRESENT: Commission Chair Anne Tolley, Commissioner Shadrach Rolleston, Commissioner Bill Wasley, Mr Puhirake Ihaka, Mr Whitiara McLeod, Mr Buddy Mikaere, Ms Irene Walker, Ms Matire Duncan, Mr Nathan James

IN ATTENDANCE: Marty Grenfell (Chief Executive), Coral Hair (Manager: Democracy Services), Robyn Garrett (Team Leader: Committee Support), Anahera Dinsdale (Committee Advisor), Carlo Ellis (Manager: Strategic Māori Engagement), Keren Paekau (Team Leader: Te Pou Takawaenga), Ms Verna Ohia Gates, Ms Rondell Reihana, Mr Des Heke, Mr Rehua Smallman.

1 OPENING KARAKIA

Mr Puhirake Ihaka opened the meeting with a karakia.

2 APOLOGIES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TW1/22/1

Moved: Commissioner Shadrach Rolleston

Seconded: Mr Whitiara McLeod

That the apologies for absence received from Commissioner Stephen Selwood and Ms Parewhakarau Rahiri be received and accepted. Ms Irene Walker advised her departure at 11:30am.

CARRIED

3 PUBLIC FORUM

Nil

4 ACCEPTANCE OF LATE ITEMS

Nil

5 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS TO BE TRANSFERRED INTO THE OPEN

Nil

6 CHANGE TO ORDER OF BUSINESS

Nil

7 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

8 BUSINESS

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TW1/22/2

Moved: Ms Matire Duncan

Seconded: Commission Chair Anne Tolley

That the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee:

- a) Moves into informal session.

CARRIED

8.1 Ngati Pukenga presentation - Wetlands Restoration Programme

External: Ms Verna Ohia Gates

Key Points

- Te Kapua was the land block which was returned to Ngati Pukenga at the Treaty Settlement. Te Kapua encompassed two cultural heritage pā sites with archaeological discoveries which was significant for Ngati Pukenga as it meant that ancestors lived on the land.
- There was a Puna (Fresh Water Spring) on Te Kapua. The Te Kapua Wetlands Restoration Team had worked to restore this puna as it was found to be the vital water source for the restoration of the wetlands. With the success of the puna restoration, came riparian life to the puna and the wetlands.
- Ngati Pukenga had successfully obtained a licence to grow an Organic Gold Kiwifruit Orchard on Te Kapua. An organic orchard would have better environmental outcomes.
- Cultural heritage, wetlands restoration and orchard development were under way on Te Kapua and Ngati Pukenga was striving to create a successful land restoration model which might be of help to other hapu/iwi.
- Rapid city-wide development brought hidden economic and environmental strain to Ngati Pukenga. Stormwater, infrastructure and road works run off after heavy rainfall were some of the negative impacts that had affected Te Kapua Wetlands Restoration.
- Ngati Pukenga had expressed frustration over the current Council margin between Western Bay Of Plenty District Council and Tauranga City Council.

In response to questions

- Te Kapua was fifteen hectares in total. There were two pā sites, five hectares were wetlands and riparian, nine hectares for the organic gold kiwifruit orchard and an open area for utilities, parking and storage.
- Te Kapua's Organic Orchard faced challenges due to the surrounding orchards not being fully organic. Spray residue from surrounding orchards was expected to affect the organic orchard.

Discussion points raised

- In 2008, the rebuild of Te Whetu o Te Rangi wharenuui took place. Building consent required the installation of sprinklers into the wharenuui. Te Whetu o Te Rangi marae sought permission to access the Tauranga City Council pipeline as the water source for the sprinklers. However, as Te Whetu o Te Rangi marae is located on the Western Bay of Plenty District Council border, access was denied. Ngati Pukenga had to purchase two twenty five litre water tanks for the

sprinklers. Access to infrastructure, especially on Māori land, had been a continuing issue for Ngati Pukenga.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TW1/22/3

Moved: Mr Whitiora McLeod

Seconded: Commissioner Shadrach Rolleston

That the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee:

- a) Receives the report “Ngati Pukenga presentation – Wetland Restoration Programme.”

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COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TW1/22/4

Moved: Ms Matire Duncan

Seconded: Mr Whitiora McLeod

That the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee:

- a) Moves back into formal session.

CARRIED

8.2 Terms of Reference for Tangata Whenua/Tauranga City Council Committee

Staff: Coral Hair Manager, Democracy Services

Key Points

- One of the roles of the Tangata Whenua/Tauranga City Council committee was to hear from mana whenua in a familiar environment. As council chambers could be intimidating, it was agreed for meetings to be held on marae. Commissioners believed they would hear more from mana whenua in their familiar surroundings.

In response to questions

- The implementation of a marae meeting programme would be managed by Te Pou Takawaenga. Hapū may choose to relocate to another venue due to marae access. The intention was to hold hui in a comfortable environment for all.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TW1/22/5

Moved: Commission Chair Anne Tolley

Seconded: Ms Matire Duncan

That the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee:

- (a) Receives the report “Terms of Reference for Tangata Whenua/Tauranga City Council Committee.”

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COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TW1/22/6

Moved: Mr Whitiora McLeod

Seconded: Mr Buddy Mikaere

- (b) Removes the distinction of formal and informal meetings (Paragraph 12 Option 2)

CARRIED

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TW1/22/7

Moved: Mr Whitiara McLeod

Seconded: Commissioner Bill Wasley

- (c) Defers appointing a Deputy Chairperson until a new Independent Chairperson is appointed (Paragraph 13 Option 3)

CARRIED

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TW1/22/8

Moved: Mr Whitiara McLeod

Seconded: Mr Buddy Mikaere

- (d) Agrees that both formal and informal parts of meetings will be livestreamed, subject to permission from the host marae (Paragraph 14 Option 2).

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8.3 Tangata Whenua Presentation Updates Report

Staff: Carlo Ellis (Manager: Strategic Māori Engagement)

Key Points

- Relationship with Mana Whenua was improving and traction on projects was moving forward.
- Received 10 year objective plans from hapū/marae.
- Whareroa Marae emergency exit through airport land was available. Currently working on impeding safety issues.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TW1/22/9

Moved: Commissioner Shadrach Rolleston

Seconded: Commissioner Bill Wasley

That the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee:

- (a) Receives the report "Tangata Whenua Presentation Updates Report".

CARRIED

8.4 Chairperson of Te Rangapū Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana

External: Ms Matire Duncan

Key Points

- Te Rangapū Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana members feedback was very welcoming.
- Combined workshops with kaumatua were appreciated and the relationship between Tauranga City Council and mana whenua was developing well.
- Te Rangapū Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana had put together a sub-group to work on the Māori Ward and Commissioners exit plan.
- Te Rangapū Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana and mana whenua supported the Commissioners report to Minister Mahuta.

Discussion points raised

- The Minister was considering the exit plan proposed by the commissioners. Decision expected late March at the latest. The exit plan was available on the Tauranga City Council website. The Minister's decision would be compliant with the relevant local government and electoral law.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TW1/22/10

Moved: Commissioner Shadrach Rolleston

Seconded: Commission Chair Anne Tolley

That the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee:

- (a) Receives the report “Chairperson of Te Rangapū Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana”.

CARRIED

9 DISCUSSION OF LATE ITEMS

Nil

10 CLOSING KARAKIA

Mr Rehua Smallman closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 12:15pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed as a true and correct record at the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee meeting held on 13 April 2022.

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CHAIRPERSON