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**Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group
Meeting**

Wednesday, 30 March 2022

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**MINUTES OF TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL
WAIĀRI KAITIAKI ADVISORY GROUP MEETING
HELD AT THE MAKAHAE MARAE, 16 TE KAHIKA ROAD WEST, TE PUKE
ON WEDNESDAY, 30 MARCH 2022 AT 9.30AM**

PRESENT: Commissioner Shadrach Rolleston (Chairperson), Ms Darlene Dinsdale, Commissioner Bill Wasley, Mayor Garry Webber (Western Bay of Plenty District Council), Deputy Mayor John Scrimgeour (Western Bay of Plenty District Council), Mr Jo'el Komene, Mr Manu Pene, Mr Maru Tapsell, Mr Liam Tapsell

IN ATTENDANCE: Nic Johansson (General Manager: Infrastructure), Carlo Ellis (Manager: Strategic Māori Engagement), Peter Bahrs (Team Leader: Water Services), Kelvin Hill (Manager: Water Infrastructure Outcomes), Claudia Hellberg (Team Leader: City Waters Strategy & Planning), Sam Hema (Tangata Whenua Liaison), Reuben Fraser (Consent Manager, BoP Regional Council), Keren Paekau (Team Leader: Takawaenga Māori), Jennifer Pearson (Community Engagement Advisor: Infrastructure Delivery), Robyn Garrett (Team Leader: Committee Support), Sarah Drummond (Committee Advisor), Anahera Dinsdale (Committee Advisor), Helen Biel, Rawiri Biel, Ngaire Dinsdale, Rereamanu Wihapi, Mokoera Te Amo, Heeni Potene, Keith Paul, John Dinsdale, Anthony Wihapi, EJ Wentzel (WBoPDC).

1 OPENING KARAKIA

Mr Rereamanu Wihapi opened the meeting with a karakia.

2 APOLOGIES

Nil

3 PUBLIC FORUM

Nil

4 ACCEPTANCE OF LATE ITEMS

4.1 Three Waters Western Bay of Plenty

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION WA1/22/1

Moved: Commissioner Bill Wasley

Seconded: Ms Darlene Dinsdale

That the Three Waters Western Bay of Plenty report be received.

CARRIED

5 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS TO BE TRANSFERRED INTO THE OPEN

Nil

6 CHANGE TO ORDER OF BUSINESS

Nil

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

7.1 Minutes of the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group meeting held on 24 November 2021

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION WA1/22/2

Moved: Mayor Garry Webber

Seconded: Ms Darlene Dinsdale

That the minutes of the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group meeting held on 24 November 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

8 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

9 BUSINESS

9.1 Waiāri Water Supply Scheme - Project Update

Staff Kelvin Hill - Manager: Water Infrastructure Outcomes

Key points

- Report taken as read

In response to questions

- District Health Board was in the process of putting together a timeframe for plan of delivery for cultural recognition. Covid had caused a delay.
- Tangata Whenua involvement in environmental management feedback was to consider the use of Maramataka (Māori lunar calendar) and how that might enhance ecological monitoring. The bait used for trapping was not usual Māori bait. Tangata whenua believed there would be a more accurate picture of life in Waiāri if Māori traditions were to be employed for monitoring the Waiāri.
- Members requested a regular report on works included and scope of the Waiāri Water Supply Scheme. Concern raised around implementation and completion of expected works and the expectation on cultural aspects to be completed on specific dates.
- Concern raised whether the report was comprehensive enough and explained in full the work that was being done.
- Waiāri life force and Mauri was part of the appeal to the Environment Court.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION WA1/22/3

Moved: Mayor Garry Webber

Seconded: Mr Jo'el Komene

That the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group:

- (a) Receives the Waiāri Water Supply Scheme: Project Update report.

CARRIED

9.2 Water Planning Update

Staff Claudia Hellberg, Team Leader: City Waters Strategy & Planning

Key points

- Recognised that Council needed to do better to understand the involvement between water and the environment.
- There was development of a Fresh Water Management tool to model and analyse normal stream flow and connection between stream flow and ground water. Tauranga City Council was working with Western Bay of Plenty District Council and Bay of Plenty Regional Council to better understand the system throughout the region. The first step was data collection.
- The importance of a holistic view and the connection from mountains to the sea was emphasised.
- Included the Waiāri Catchment as of specific interest for Tauranga City Council.
- Anticipated to build the model and complete data collection by end of 2023.
- Engagement with Tangata Whenua for desired cultural outcomes was vital. There was value in having a certain stream flow and a certain clarity; this should be built into the model.
- The model was in the early stages of development. TCC was seeking feedback on the model with certain scenarios added to the model to be meaningful and significant to the different partners involved.

In response to questions

- The Fresh Water Management tool would reflect different values associated with water. The set-up of this tool would inform and provide clarification to all.
- A Tapuika Iwi Authority representative met with TCC Chief Executive Marty Grenfell, and discussed the current pressure on infrastructure and water supply within the Tauranga City area.
- Concern raised on understanding total draw from aquifers and the effect of storm water and waste water on stream flow.
- The water source that fed Waiāri also fed other streams. It was a matter of understanding what the overall supply was.
- Tangata Whenua should be involved in the early stages of the tool development conversation. The key next step for Tauranga City Council was to identify an engagement strategy with Tangata Whenua. It was identified that there were a lot of iwi/hapu across Bay of Plenty to engage with.
- Bay of Plenty Regional Council had Te Hononga engagement tool and were seeking to engage with hapu across Bay of Plenty and to understand how and when iwi and hapu would like to be involved. 2023 was predicted to be a busy year for engagement to help understand those values.
- There was a balancing act with individual policies and different consultative bodies; a pathway should be identified to connect the different workstreams. Recognition was needed for Waiāri mana whenua to be informed and consulted.
- Concern raised regarding water being over-allocated and over consented; giving away water that did not exist. This was a serious issue for the Waiāri Stream, with a declining rate of flow happening since August 2021 being of major concern for Tangata Whenua.
- There should be a mechanism from council to ensure over allocation did not happen, and robust discussion about allocation of surface and sub-surface water bodies.
- The integration of Three Waters management was discussed. Tauranga City Council and Western Bay of Plenty District Council worked to expand and bring wastewater and storm water together with a holistic view. A sub regional approach was needed for integrated water management.
- Discussion was needed on how secondary use of water was acceptable and appropriate e.g. rain water captured and used for watering garden etc.

Discussion points raised

- The process could be quite complex. A map of how the 30-year Infrastructure Strategy and the water reforms connected was being developed. Staff were working to find a better way to demonstrate projects and simplify the complex system for engagement with the community.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION WA1/22/4

Moved: Commissioner Bill Wasley

Seconded: Mayor Garry Webber

That the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group:

- (a) Receives this Water planning Update report.

CARRIED

9.3 Bay of Plenty Regional Council - Resource consenting and water allocation

External Reuben Fraser, Consents Manager

Key points

- Report taken as read.
- Concern raised for grey areas found in water consents. There seemed to be different issues between interested parties and affected parties.

In response to questions

- The majority of the water take consented was issued a long time ago. When consents were issued, there was no view of future pressures on water source. The focus for Bay of Plenty Regional Council was to work towards fixing the resulting over-allocation; it was noted there were no new consents available for this area.
- Te Mana o te Wai was put in place to look after the water bodies.
- More specific information was needed in terms of water allocation e.g. whether and how often the water take was being used. Allocations were generally not being realised, actual use of water tended to be 40% of what was allocated.
- Tangata Whenua members requested there be a review of consents and requested Bay of Plenty Regional Council seek a recommendation that Tangata Whenua were part of the decision making for consents.
- Tangata Whenua believed they needed to be at the forefront of projects.
- Review of consents was aimed at improving the performance of a consent holder.
- Worked to understand water and stream flows across Bay of Plenty region. Waterways were all interconnected. Everyone needed to understand what was going on at a sub-regional level.

Discussion points raised

- Tapuika iwi members struggled to keep up with water rates bill.
- Water bores were not consented. A better management tool with thorough information of where and what water was being used was needed.
- Bay of Plenty Regional Council did not capture information about ethnicity in water consents issued; knowledge of ethnicity was important to Tangata Whenua.
- Concern raised about Tautau and Waiorohi, Mangoreawa and Paraiti stream flow rates decreasing. Believed the water flow issue was a lot bigger than just Waiāri.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION WA1/22/5

Moved: Mayor Garry Webber

Seconded: Commissioner Bill Wasley

That the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group:

- (a) Receives the Bay of Plenty Regional Council – resource consenting and water allocation report.

CARRIED

9.4 Joint Tangata Whenua Representative Report

Members Joel Komene, Tapuika Iwi Authority Representative
Mokoera Te Amo, Te Kapu o Waitaha Representative
Manu Pene, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whakauē ki Maketū Representative
Darlene Dinsdale, Mokopuna Tia me Hei Representative

Amended by Waiari Kaitiaki
Advisory Group resolution
WA2/22/2 dated 18 May 2022

In response to questions

- Correction was noted: report should read 1.1 cubic metres not litres.

Discussion points raised

- Scope of Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group was to monitor the resource consents for the Waiāri Water Supply Scheme.
- Tauranga City Council had responded to the recommendations directly to tangata whenua.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Mayor Garry Webber

Seconded: Deputy Mayor John Scrimgeour

That the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group:

- (a) Receives the Joint Tangata Whenua Representative report.

CARRIED

9.5 Three Waters Western Bay of Plenty

External EJ Wentzel – Western Bay of Plenty District Council

Key points

- The report was a project update report from Western Bay of Plenty District Council and was taken as read.

In response to questions

- Tangata Whenua wanted information and an update report for Waiāri matters, not all projects of Western Bay of Plenty District Council.

Discussion points raised

- Iwi and hapu corrections to the report. Tia Marae - Ngati Marukukere, Ngati Kuri – Te Matai, Hei Marae - Waitaha.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION WA1/22/6

Moved: Commissioner Bill Wasley

Seconded: Deputy Mayor John Scrimgeour

That the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group:

- (a) Receives the Three Waters Western Bay of Plenty report.

CARRIED

10 DISCUSSION OF LATE ITEMS

Considered as part of business at Item 9.5

11 CLOSING KARAKIA

Mr Anthony Wihapi closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 11:10am

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed as a true and correct record at the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group meeting held on 18 May 2022.

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CHAIRPERSON