



MINUTES

**Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City
Council Committee meeting
Wednesday, 15 February 2023**

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**MINUTES OF TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL
TANGATA WHENUA / TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE WAIMAPU MARAE, 96 WAIMAPU PA ROAD, , HAIRINI, TAURANGA
ON WEDNESDAY, 15 FEBRUARY 2023 AT 9.30AM**

PRESENT: Commission Chair Anne Tolley, Commissioner Shadrach Rolleston, Mr Puhirake Ihaka, Mr Whitiora McLeod, Mr Buddy Mikaere, Ms Destiny Walker, Ms Matire Duncan, Mr Nathan James

IN ATTENDANCE: Christine Jones (General Manager: Strategy, Growth & Governance), Carlo Ellis (Manager: Māori Strategic Engagement), Keren Paekau (Team Leader: Takawaenga Māori), Coral Hair (Manager: Democracy & Governance Services), Robyn Garrett (Team Leader: Governance Services), Anahera Dinsdale (Governance Advisor), Allison Flavell, Leanne Faulkner, Matthew Dawson.

1 OPENING KARAKIA

Mr Lance Waaka opened the meeting with a karakia.

2 APOLOGIES

APOLOGY

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TW1/23/1

Moved: Ms Matire Duncan

Seconded: Ms Destiny Leaf

That the apologies for absence received from Mr Anthony Fisher, Commissioner Bill Wasley, Commissioner Stephen Selwood and Chief Executive Marty Grenfell be accepted.

Noted Christine Jones (General Manager: Strategy, Growth & Governance) was present in Mr Grenfell.

Amended by Tangata Whenua/TCC Committee resolution TW1/23/3 dated 26 April 2023

CARRIED

3 PUBLIC FORUM

3.1 Mr Buddy Mikaere - Fly Tipping

Key points

- Fly tipping – illegal dumping of material.
- Three trailer loads of dumped material found on Pyes Pa corner. Other sites like Kopurererua Reserve used to dump garden waste.
- Staff and volunteers cleaned rubbish from Otamatea cemetery.
- Names were found amongst dumped rubbish found at site.
- Suggested a sufficient regime to discourage fly tipping. Council had good waste management system in place across the city and waste management sites to take rubbish at a reasonable price. Suggested introduction of fines of magnitude (\$2500) and better inorganic service.
- Believed dumping was through sheer laziness.

Attachments

- 1 Presentation - Buddy Mikaere - fly tipping submission - 15 Feb 23

3.2 Ms Leanne Faulkner

Key points

- Provided members with whakapapa of Ngāti Wakaiti and Ngāti Ruahine, which she received from Kōroua, Gordon Rānui.

4 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

4.1 Chairperson Verbal Report

External Mr Puhirake Ihaka

Key points

- Commission Chair Anne Tolley thanked the community and marae committee who opened the marae during flooding and cyclone for evacuees. Paid tribute to the families affected by the storms, flooding and Cyclone Gabrielle.
- Te Matatini, National Kapa Haka Festival, to be held in Auckland, February 2023. Groups from Tauranga Moana who competed regionally in 2021 at both Mataatua and Takitimu Waka Regional Kapa Haka Competitions then went on to Te Matatini to perform.
- Port of Tauranga wanted to extend parts of their operation, which had been challenged by iwi and hapū. Iwi/hapū submitted to the courts and hearings were held 27 Feb – 17 March 2023.
- Significant events as the Port had applied for extension 13 years ago. Tauranga iwi and hapū challenged in court and lost. If the Port of Tauranga extended again, iwi/hapū wanted certain conditions in place.
- Was in final settlement process with Pare Hauraki.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TW1/23/2

Moved: Ms Matire Duncan

Seconded: Commissioner Shadrach Rolleston

That the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee:

- (a) Receives the Chairperson's Verbal Update Report.

CARRIED

5 ACCEPTANCE OF LATE ITEMS

Three Waters Reform Update

The above item was recommended for discussion from a hapū member present at the meeting. All Committee member's and Chairperson agreed to the late item for discuss, no formal resolution was passed.

6 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS TO BE TRANSFERRED INTO THE OPEN

Nil

7 CHANGE TO ORDER OF BUSINESS

Nil

8 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

8.1 Minutes of the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee meeting held on 23 June 2021

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TW1/23/3

Moved: Mr Whitiora McLeod

Seconded: Ms Matire Duncan

That the minutes of the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee meeting held on 23 June 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

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8.2 Minutes of the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee meeting held on 30 November 2022

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TW1/23/4

Moved: Mr Whitiora McLeod

Seconded: Ms Destiny Leaf

That the minutes of the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee meeting held on 30 November 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

9 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

10 DEPUTATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS

10.1 Waimapu Marae Presentation

External Kelly Waaka

Key points

- Ngāti Ruahine hapū was a sub-tribe of Ngāti Ranginui, Takitimu Waka captained by Tamatea-ariki.
- Taiwhanake was a chief who lived on Mauao.
- Spoke about history of Ngāti Ruahine and their establishment in Waimapu.
- Waimapu estuary, Kete-a-Ruahine, was carved by Patupaiarehe who dragged Mauao to where he currently sat.
- Ngāti Ruahine were kaitiaki of Tunakairoro (long fin tuna) which were only found in three other rivers across Tauranga.
- Acknowledged partnership with Crown and Tauranga City Council. Aim to set priorities to maintain customary presence, which Ngāti Ruahine believed was recognised with the wastewater system upgrade completed at Waimapu Marae.
- Thanked Rangapū for their contribution to Ngāti Ruahine.
- Marae Ora funding stage one completed.
- Stage two, which included technical feasibility, was tracking along. Had a Project Manager Darin Grant managing the many different levels of Stage 2.

- Mana o te wai – Waimapu strived to protect and enhance Kete-a-Ruahine/Waimapu estuary. It had been polluted in the past. Hapū wished to manage and protect their waterways and long fin tuna.
- Explained Ngāti Ruahine’s stance on their need for freshwater management. Discussed navigating connections that helped manage water to remain fresh.
- Trees falling in river caused dams and eroded river bank, urgently aware of bank erosion close to Waimapu Marae urupa. Discussed working together for solutions to manage planting/vegetation and trees along river bank.
- Rangatahi walked along Waimapu Pa Road to catch the school bus. The transport depot was at the Poike Rd end of Waimapu Pa Road. Road believed to be unsafe to walk without a footpath as it had three hidden corners and no signage for speed or pedestrians walking.
- Mentioned it was dark along the road, especially with sun setting earlier in winter. Suggested at least four lamp posts be installed along Waimapu Pa Road.
- Aspirations for a safe access way to Polytech to be built one day.
- Requested guidance in relation to water management to feed the hapū houses.
- Aware that water sources needed to be re-consented in the next 5-10 years.
- Tauranga City Council team in charge of resource consent renewals worked with Rangapū. Opportunity for hapū to work with Council to discuss joint resource consents.
- Waimapu Marae were in the process of being fully set up for emergency management functions.

In response to questions

- Waimapu Pa Road was council owned.

Discussion points raised

- Ground erosion at Waimapu Maraes urupa. Concerns raised for the future of the urupa with the current rate of erosion.
- Marae access was a concern.
- Pou Takawaenga would work with transport to assess the road and safety. Plan and hui with Ngati Ruahine and Council resources.
- Log jam was a Bay of Plenty Regional Council (BOPRC) matter, TCC would team up with BOPRC to explore the issues and actions.
- Chair Tolley explained to attendees that actions from today would be taken and put into report for action.
- Noted there was another land trust closer to Ohauiti.
- Noted childhood memories and the importance of recognising the contribution of Waimapu whenua/awa and kaumatua to the Tauranga community.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TW1/23/5

Moved: Ms Destiny Leaf

Seconded: Mr Whitiora McLeod

That the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee:

- (a) Receives the “Waimapu Marae presentation.”
- (b) Requests staff follow-up on the below:
 - (i) Infrastructure team survey for a possible footpath the length of Waimapu Pa Road including the installation of four lamp posts.
 - (ii) Assess reserve for provision of playground and playground equipment.
 - (iii) Work with Bay of Plenty Regional Council on trees falling into river, clearance of log jams and river bank vegetation/planting.

CARRIED

Attachments

- 1 Waimapu Marae Presentation - 15 Feb 23

11 BUSINESS

11.1 Tangata Whenua Presentations Updates Report

Staff Carlo Ellis, Manager: Strategic Māori Engagement

Key points

- Gave an update of actions from previous hui.
- Poteriwhi – 6 March evening hui with Ngati Kahu.
- Noted Matapihi Southern Pipeline Advisory Group inaugural hui next month, March 2023.
- Managed entry to Whareroa and renaming road. Emergency exit via airport hoped to limit impact on Māori land.
- Te Pou Takawaenga attended the pōhiri for Ngā Potiki new CEO. He was meeting with the TCC Commission February 2023.
- Wairoa cycleway progress tracked nicely.

In response to questions

- Mangatawa effluent system – marae wished to schedule a meeting with TCC to discuss.

Discussion points raised

- Presentation today from Waimapu Marae would be included in the Te Pou Takawaenga Updates Report table in future hui.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TW1/23/6

Moved: Ms Matire Duncan

Seconded: Mr Buddy Mikaere

That the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee:

- (a) Receives the “Tangata Whenua Presentation Updates” report.

CARRIED

11.2 Te Rangapu Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana Report

External Matire Duncan – Chair, Te Rangapū Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana

Key points

- Report taken as read.
- Rangapū Three Waters reform submission included seven principles for the bill.
- Acknowledged Rangapū members for their continued work and involvement in the process for the Action and Investment Plans.
- Noted Local Government Reform coming up
- Professional development for Rangapū members in 2023.
- Refreshed Rangapū website which included update of photos on the site.
- Housing conference 2023 held in Rotorua.
- TCC Elections – Stacey Te Puehe-Rose, community advisor for the Electoral Commission, worked with Rangapū on outcomes for low voter turnout, how to attract quality candidates, resourcing material, road shows, hui on marae, upping voter registrations. Mentioned the Electoral Commission would be busy with central government elections.

Discussion points raised

- Spatial planning bill – provision for Rangapū to submit on draft spatial planning legislation.

Discussion held on the national planning framework and ten year transition to new system. Current planning framework remained until the new framework was formally in place.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TW1/23/7

Moved: Ms Matire Duncan

Seconded: Commissioner Shadrach Rolleston

That the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee:

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

CARRIED

12 DISCUSSION OF LATE ITEMS

12.1 Three Waters

A brief discussion was held on Tauranga City Council and Rangapū positions on Three Water reforms progress. Rangapū and Tauranga City Council had both submitted. First bill had passed through Parliament to set up the regional entities for Three Waters (Entity B for this region). There were two bills before select committee. Commissioners and staff were preparing the organisation for change.

13 CLOSING KARAKIA

Mr Lance Waaka closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 12:31pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed as a true and correct record at the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee meeting held on 26 April 2023.

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CHAIRPERSON