



# **MINUTES**

**Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City  
Council Committee meeting  
Wednesday, 26 April 2023**

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**MINUTES OF TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL  
TANGATA WHENUA / TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE MAUNGATAPU MARAE, 25 WIKITORIA STREET, MAUNGATAPU, TAURANGA  
ON WEDNESDAY, 26 APRIL 2023 AT 9.30AM**

**PRESENT:** Mr Anthony Fisher (Chairperson), Commission Chair Anne Tolley, Commissioner Shadrach Rolleston, Commissioner Bill Wasley, Mr Puhirake Ihaka, Mr Whitiara McLeod, Ms Destiny Leaf, Mr Nathan James

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Marty Grenfell (Chief Executive), Carlo Ellis (Manager: Māori Strategic Engagement), Coral Hair (Manager: Democracy & Governance Services), Robyn Garrett (Team Leader: Governance Services), Sarah Drummond (Governance Advisor), Anahera Dinsdale (Governance Advisor), Keren Paekau (Team Leader: Pou Takawaenga, Tuana Kuka (Kaiarahi Māori), Cynthia Hamil (Kaiarahi Māori, Yolande Tipuna (Kaiarahi Māori), Mita Ririnui, Des Heke, Angela Webster.

## 1 OPENING KARAKIA

Mr Mita Ririnui opened the meeting with a karakia.

## 2 APOLOGIES

### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TW2/23/1

Moved: Mr Whitiara McLeod  
Seconded: Commissioner Bill Wasley

That the apologies for absences by Commissioner Stephen Selwood and Ms Matire Duncan for absence and from Buddy Mikaere for lateness be received.

**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 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

### 7.1 Minutes of the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee (Informal Forum) meeting held on 2 December 2021

#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TW2/23/2

Moved: Mr Whitiora McLeod

Seconded: Mr Puhirake Ihaka

That the minutes of the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee (Informal Forum) meeting held on 2 December 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

### 7.2 Minutes of the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee meeting held on 15 February 2023

Correction - Add Commissioner Stephen Selwood as an apology.

#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TW2/23/3

Moved: Commission Chair Anne Tolley

Seconded: Ms Destiny Leaf

That, subject to the foregoing correction, the minutes of the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee meeting held on 15 February 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

## 8 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

## 9 DEPUTATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS

### 9.1 Ngāti Hē presentation

**External** Mita Ririnui and Des Heke

#### Key points

- Noted this was first time the Committee and the Commissioners had been to Maungatapu Marae.
- Noted Commission Chair Tolley's political experience in central government.
- Noted that the Commission was not a permanent arrangement; and were thanked for their mahi.
- Ngāti Hē estate over time had shrunk and was now just the peninsula.
- Noted Ngāti Hē interest in the properties on Wikitoria Street and had obtained independent valuations for the properties. Ngāti Hē had thought an agreement was already in place with Council around disposal of those parcels of land to be returned to Ngāti Hē. Noted the technical issues as the area was declared a flood plain and there were some restrictions on the land but this was not reflected in the valuations. Wanted to re-engage in discussions with Council about those properties!
- Customary marine title awarded to five local hapū of Rangataua. An application went in for entire area and Ngāti Hē application was only for discrete areas associated with Ngāti Hē

whakapapa and seeking waahi tapu order for those areas to Council. Yet to engage with Council on what those waahi tapu orders might look like and queried how Council would address these matters.

- Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011 (MACA) applications for deep sea area customary rights with minimal impact on Council.
- Hairini Link/Turret Rd/Maungatapu roundabout consultation with Waka Kotahi and Council resulted in cultural and environmental recognition in the resource consent
- Noted pressure on the water main being at full capacity
- Noted interest in other historical pā sites and their return to mana whenua ownership.
- Expressed concern regarding impact on climate change on this marae. Queried what Council was planning in terms of climate change action and mitigation. Noted the need to plan and manage the impact of global warming/climate change on waterfront Maungatapu marae.
- Maungatapu marae had moved in the past for various reasons and as a result Ngāti Hē had cultural knowledge of uplifting and moving marae.

### **In response to questions**

- Policy to deal with disposal of council land had been reviewed recently and included a right of first refusal (RFR) provision. Ngāti Hē had a commitment from Council to re-engage on the Council-owned Wikitoria St properties. Ngāti Hē, as a hapū committee, would like to have that discussion with the Commissioners as well as staff.
- Rangataua MACA title starts from the Maungatapu point, goes over to Matapihi and covers the whole Rangataua Inlet area which impacts five hapū. The original application was for the whole area to be declared waahi tapu but Ngāti Hē disagreed and wanted only discrete areas declared waahi tapu.
- Management of Te Pahou reserve - the site was handed over but Ngāti Hē believed the maintenance and capital development/infrastructure should sit with council. Noted iwi management in terms of resource consent for cultural mitigation and wetland management. Once these were in place, further discussions on the responsibilities between iwi, council and Waka Kotahi would take place. Wanted to make management easier for iwi in future generations, not for the site to be an encumbrance. Concern was raised around issues with slope stability and the extension of the urupa.
- Useful to understand Council's role in terms of central government's climate change adaptation legislation. Would need to discuss and consider risk management at hapū level as well to be provided through to Council.
- Need to link in with Te Rangapū climate change action and adaptation representatives.
- Managed retreat considered by the marae committee, hapū trustees and whanau as Ngāti Hē to work with Council to consider/manage erosion around the marae. Concerned about koiwi/bone remains falling into the harbour. Noted need to consider resilience of all parts of the whenua.
- Introduced Mrs Angela Webster as local Ngāti Hē contact.

### **Discussion points raised**

- Requested a brief history of the Ngāti Hē connection with Rotary Park and Te Wati Park to add a better understanding to Council moving forward.
- Noted that actions and concerns raised were recorded and response tracked by Council's Pou Takawaenga team.
- Requested a separate report back on the Ngāti Hē whare and whenua status directly to Ngāti Hē rather than in the committee minutes.

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TW2/23/4**

Moved: Commissioner Shadrach Rolleston

Seconded: Commission Chair Anne Tolley

That the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee:

- (a) Receives the Ngāti He presentation.

**CARRIED**

**10 BUSINESS****10.1 Chairperson Report**

**Chairperson** Anthony Fisher

**Key points**

- Provided a reflection after three meetings as Chairperson.
- Noted the sheer amount of work and issues that tangata whenua were having to deal with and were inundated with work primarily in the environmental space for iwi/hapū.
- Noted the positive relationship between Te Rangapū and the Council.
- Posed question of whether tangata whenua were getting maximum benefit of the arrangements and enough of a bedrock to make the relationships enduring going forward.
- Highlighted the importance of the impact of climate change.

**Discussion points raised**

- Noted that all Tangata Whenua/TCC committee meetings were held on marae and had an ongoing report of decisions made and actions tracked. Could refine further by providing a specific report back to each marae outlining the issues raised and actions taken.
- Noted Māori overwhelmed and undermined by growth. Noted the need to have robust mechanisms in place to ensure voices were heard.
- Could sometimes raise korero/discussion at hapū and iwi level about an issue which does not get raised back to Council or tabled at a committee meeting so lacks visibility.
- Had been a successful 12 months for iwi/tangata whenua with a number of goals achieved. Noted the next 12 months would be about embedding gains and forward progress.
- A query was raised as to what would happen with membership of this committee once elected governance was restored, would this make all Councillors responsible for the korero at these committee meetings. Queried whether it would be a committee of the whole with all Rangapū members as well as all Councillors, so that the group would not have to rely on selected individual members reporting back or keeping full Council informed.
- Noted the establishment of the Māori ward and what role Te Rangapū could take in the upcoming election. Should look at wider mana whenua representation and voter turnout as well.
- Value of having an independent Chairperson was highlighted with a move towards a more strategic Committee view.
- Noted it was important not to treat Te Rangapū as a tick box consultation exercise and that hapū engagement was also required.
- All Council Action and Investment Plans had been to Te Rangapū with involvement at Council strategy level.

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TW2/23/5**

Moved: Ms Destiny Leaf

Seconded: Commissioner Bill Wasley

That the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee:

- (a) Receives the report "Chairperson Report".

**CARRIED**

**10.2 Te Rangapu Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana Report**

Mr Puhirake Ihaka presented the report on behalf of Matire Duncan, the Chairperson of Te Rangapu Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana.

**Staff** Carlo Ellis, Manager: Strategic Māori Engagement

**Key points**

- Rangapū had a very busy time with many workshops, meetings and kaupapa that the Rangapū had to spread its talents over to respond and be involved.
- Noted work of Rangapū members outside of attending standard Rangapū meetings.
- Noted the National Māori Housing Conference held in Rotorua and different housing needs and infrastructure responses across the country. "Give us the resources and let us get on with it" was common theme from the conference. Noted the work of Rotorua Boys and Girls Colleges with their local trades academies.
- Noted the changes to Three Waters reform with the move to 10 water entities.
- Governance professional development (Institute of Directors) for Te Rangapū representatives ongoing.
- Noted that the 2024 Tauranga City Council elections was one of the key priorities as was the local government reform.

**Discussion points raised**

- Government very keen to partner with iwi in relation to housing. Noted it could be challenging for Council to partner with central government and the many agencies involved. Local iwi and housing trusts were seeking to collaborate and work together.
- Noted that the pōhiri for the new Museum Director was a powerful message of partnership.
- Needed to ensure that the feedback and learnings from the Māori Housing Conference were fed back into Council e.g. papa kainga development.
- Nga Pōtiki had been active in a trades training role. Discussed the Commission meeting with Tauranga College principals and Chairpersons.

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TW2/23/6**

Moved: Mr Puhirake Ihaka

Seconded: Commissioner Shadrach Rolleston

That the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee:

- (a) Receives the Te Rangapu Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana Report.

**CARRIED**

### 10.3 Tangata Whenua Presentations Updates

#### Staff

Carlo Ellis, Manager: Strategic Māori Engagement

#### Key points

- Noted the importance of keeping track of decisions and actions and would consider how information could be provided back to marae.
- Noted successful installation of noise wall at Wairoa Marae.
- Memorandum of Understanding with Wairoa Marae re: cycleway project had been signed and the Licence to Occupy was signed off on 19 April 2023.
- Whareroa Marae next priority was the emergency exit, with some private land access to be resolved.
- Work would start at Mangatawa Marae on 26 May 2023.
- Waiāri wananga held on 12 April 2023 there was discussion about what access to the Waiāri means to the various iwi involved.
- Transport staff would visit Waimapu Marae in June 2023 to discuss footpath/roading/lighting along Waimapu Pa Road.

#### Discussion points raised

- Suggested a “traffic light” column be added to the report – green/orange/red – to indicate progress on track/delayed or stalled/completed.

#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TW2/23/7

Moved: Commissioner Bill Wasley

Seconded: Mr Nathan James

That the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee:

- (a) Receives the Tangata Whenua Presentations Updates.

**CARRIED**

### 11 DISCUSSION OF LATE ITEMS

Nil

### 12 CLOSING KARAKIA

Mr Puhirake Ihaka closed the meeting with a karakia.

**The meeting closed at 12:30pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed as a true and correct record at the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee meeting held on 21 June 2023.**

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**CHAIRPERSON**