



# **MINUTES**

**Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City  
Council Committee meeting  
Wednesday, 21 June 2023**

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**MINUTES OF TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL  
TANGATA WHENUA / TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE WHAKAUE MARAE, 721 MAKETU ROAD, MAKETU  
ON WEDNESDAY, 21 JUNE 2023 AT 10AM**

**PRESENT:** Mr Anthony Fisher, Commission Chair Anne Tolley, Commissioner Shadrach Rolleston, Commissioner Stephen Selwood, Commissioner Bill Wasley, Mr Puhirake Ihaka, Mr Whitiara McLeod, Mr Nathan James

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Marty Grenfell (Chief Executive), Carlo Ellis (Manager: Māori Strategic Engagement), Keren Paekau (Team Leader: Pou Takawaenga), Tuana Kuka (Kaiārahi Māori), Yolande Tipuna (Kaiārahi Māori), Brad Bellamy (Project Leader: Urban Planning), Anahera Dinsdale (Governance Advisor), Roana Bennett (Ngāti Whakaue ki Maketu), Manu Pene (Ngāti Whakaue ki Maketu), Helen Biel (Tapuika), Mokoera Te Amo (Waitaha), Rewi Toi-Corbett, Kahi Hanara and Jimi O'Callaghan.

### **1 OPENING KARAKIA**

Mr Kahi Hanara opened the meeting with a karakia.

### **2 APOLOGIES**

#### **APOLOGY**

#### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TW3/23/1**

Moved: Mr Whitiara McLeod

Seconded: Commissioner Bill Wasley

That the apology for absence received from Ms Destiny Leaf and Ms Matire Duncan be accepted.

Notes the apologies received from Mr Rawiri Biel and Mr Petera Tapsell.

**CARRIED**

### **3 PUBLIC FORUM**

Nil

## 4 ACCEPTANCE OF LATE ITEMS

### MOTION

#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TW3/23/2

Moved: Commissioner Shadrach Rolleston

Seconded: Commissioner Stephen Selwood

That the Chairman's written report be accepted.

**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 Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee meeting held on 26 April 2023

#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TW3/23/3

Moved: Commission Chair Anne Tolley

Seconded: Mr Whitiara McLeod

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

**CARRIED**

## 8 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

## 9 DEPUTATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS

### 9.1 Ngati Whakaue ki Maketu presentation

**External** Roana Bennett (Ngāti Whakaue ki Maketu)

Power point Presentation

#### Key points

- Presented the award winning Maketu Climate Change Action Plan.
- The purpose of the Maketu Climate Change was to ensure Maketu and it's community were prepared, could adapt and would be resilient to a changing climate.
- It was noted that an area which was a drain had recently been restores as a wetland.
- Acknowledged the koeke of local iwi and hapu for their strength, work and support of the

#### Climate Change Action Plan.

- It was noted that koiwi/bones were exposed when a cliff face in Maketu fell due to rain.
- It was noted that 40 properties were in the flood zone in Maketu and the cliff side properties had a life expectancy of approximately 30 years before they were affected by climate change.
- It was noted that Climate change impacts were irreversible with 40% of the world's population being vulnerable to climate change.
- Ngati Whakaue ki Maketu prepared a strategic plan which included five interconnecting priorities.
- A series of five iwi and community wananga were held to develop the core value for an iwi lead climate change action plan.
- The third of the five wananga included representatives from Bay of Plenty Regional Council, Western Bay of Plenty District Council, Ministry for Environment, Department of Conservation, NIWA and Tauranga City Council.
- The Maketu Climate Change Action Plan received a Supreme Planning Award at the New Zealand Planning Institute Awards held in Christchurch in early 2023.
- It was noted that the Maketu Community and local iwi worked to clean and restore the Maketu estuary.
- Raised concern about the proposed new development at Te Tumu Kaituna as it was a highly sensitive area for iwi environmentally and culturally.

#### In response to questions

- The final plan was an iwi lead community plan.

#### Discussion points raised

- It was noted that the Waiāri Stream leads into the Kaituna River which exits through the Maketu estuary.
- It was discussed that in the future, Whakaue marae may need to be moved in land due to climate change.
- It was noted that Ngati Whakaue were mindful of artificial lines of the Council boundaries and how Maketu was affected by this.

#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TW3/23/4

Moved: Mr Puhirake Ihaka

Seconded: Commissioner Shadrach Rolleston

That the Tangata Whenua/Tauranga City Council Committee:

- (a) Receives the Ngati Whakaue ki Maketu presentation.

**CARRIED**

At 12:04 pm, Commissioner Shadrach Rolleston left the meeting.

## 10 BUSINESS

### 10.1 Chairperson Verbal Report

**Chairperson** Anthony Fisher

#### Key points

- Acknowledged events of Te Ranga and the commemoration held the morning of 21 June 2023.
- Acknowledged Tauranga City Council and Otamataha Trust receiving the Waka Hourua award which was a Māori-Council relationship award at the Taituarā Local Government Excellence Awards.
- Acknowledge TCC for their work and relationship held with tangata whenua with Te Manawataki o Te Papa project.

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TW3/23/5**

Moved: Mr Whitiara McLeod

Seconded: Commissioner Stephen Selwood

That the Tangata Whenua/Tauranga City Council Committee:

- (a) Receives the Chairperson's verbal report.

**CARRIED**

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

**External** Puhirake Ihaka – Te Rangapu Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana

**Key points**

- The Chair of Otamataha Trust was part of team that worked with Commission/Council on Te Manawataki o Te Papa.
- Spoke to highlights of the report.
- Discussed working alongside the Commissioners to encourage quality tangata whenua candidates to stand for both the Māori ward and the general seats at the Tauranga City Council local government elections proposed for July 2024.
- It was noted that Te Rangapu Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana had completed a two part Governance development course.
- Key priorities of Rangapu – diverse mixture of different progress and topics.

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TW3/23/6**

Moved: Mr Puhirake Ihaka

Seconded: Mr Nathan James

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**

- Mr Ellis noted the traffic light system in his report. Green meant the project was steaming ahead, and moving forward, yellow meant the project was moving in the right direction and red highlights there were a few issues found with the project.
- Mr Ellis spoke to his report and highlights
- Wairoa cycleway relationship beneficial for both parties and was proceeding to plan.
- The Waimapu marae playground placement was at a halt, but Council staff had connected hapu with the right people.
- Follow-up around the gateway due to behavioural issues at Whareroa Marae and the boat ramp. This was being investigated and staff had suggested this be rectified before this summer fisherman used the boat ramp.
- Whareroa Marae emergency exit was a work in progress that was why it was highlight yellow in

- the traffic light system. A concern was raised by HukaPak that was referred to TCC legal team.
- A steady stream of 15 applications had been received for the development contributions grant, which had shown to be a great help to reduce costs for applicants.
  - The TCC Papa Kāinga advisor was engaging in combined conversations with land blocks across Tauranga Moana and have estimated a total of 200 plus homes be built. They were currently working towards creating a document to present to various entities to assist with costs of building Papa Kāinga.
  - The TCC Community and Papa Kāinga Grants were up to \$3M in total for three years. A discussion was held about extending the grants for a further three years.

#### **In response to questions**

- It was noted that the hapu was driving and informing the work on the Matapihi Community Plan.

#### **Discussion points raised**

- It was discussed whether it would be useful if staff from TCC shared the research that was undertaken for identification and preservation of archaeological sites at Te Tumu with iwi and hapu.

#### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TW3/23/7**

Moved: Mr Puhirake Ihaka

Seconded: Commissioner Bill Wasley

That the Tangata Whenua/Tauranga City Council Committee:

- (a) Receives the report "Tangata Whenua presentations updates".

**CARRIED**

#### **11 DISCUSSION OF LATE ITEMS**

Nil

#### **12 CLOSING KARAKIA**

Mr Manu Pene closed the meeting with a karakia.

**The meeting closed at 12:37pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed as a true and correct record at the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee meeting held on 16 August 2023.**

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**CHAIRPERSON**