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**Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group
meeting**

Wednesday, 7 June 2023

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**MINUTES OF TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL
WAIĀRI KAITIAKI ADVISORY GROUP MEETING
HELD AT THE MOKO MARAE, 1213 TE PUKE HIGHWAY, WAITANGI, TE PUKE
ON WEDNESDAY, 7 JUNE 2023 AT 9.30AM**

PRESENT: Commissioner Shadrach Rolleston (Chairperson), Ms Darlene Dinsdale (Co-Chairperson), Commissioner Bill Wasley, Deputy Mayor John Scrimgeour (Western Bay of Plenty District Council), Mr Jo'el Komene, Mr Manu Pene and Mr Mokoera Te Amo.

IN ATTENDANCE: Carlo Ellis (Manager: Strategic Māori Engagement), Peter Bahrs (Manager: Water Services), Kelvin Hill (Manager: Water Infrastructure Outcomes), Yolande Tipuna (Kaiārahi Māori), Sam Hema (Tangata Whenua Liaison), Rueben Fraser (Consent Manager, Bay of Plenty Regional Council), Chris Nepia (Western Bay of Plenty District Council), Rodney (Water Intake & Treatment Plant Manager), Coral Hair (Manager: Democracy & Governance Services) and Anahera Dinsdale (Governance Advisor).

1 OPENING KARAKIA

Mr Mokoera Te Amo opened the meeting with a mihi/whakatau and karakia.

2 APOLOGIES

APOLOGY

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION WA2/23/1

Moved: Deputy Mayor John Scrimgeour

Seconded: Commissioner Bill Wasley

That the apologies for absence received from Mayor James Denyer and Mr Maru Tapsell be accepted.

CARRIED

3 PUBLIC FORUM

Nil

4 ACCEPTANCE OF LATE ITEMS

MOTION

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION WA2/23/2

Moved: Mr Manu Pene

Seconded: Commissioner Bill Wasley

That Waiari Kaitiaki Advisory Group accept the following late item:

- (a) Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group Update May 2023

CARRIED

5 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS TO BE TRANSFERRED INTO THE OPEN

Nil

6 CHANGE TO ORDER OF BUSINESS

CHANGE THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION WA2/23/3

Moved: Mr Manu Pene

Seconded: Mr Mokoera Te Amo

That the order of business be amended so the next item of business is 9.2 Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group Update May 2023 followed by Item 9.1 Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group – Cultural Recognition Development Update May 2023.

CARRIED

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

7.1 Minutes of the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group meeting held on 8 March 2023

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION WA2/23/4

Moved: Ms Darlene Dinsdale

Seconded: Mr Jo'el Komene

That the minutes of the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group meeting held on 8 March 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

8 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

9 BUSINESS

9.2 Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group Update May 2023

Staff Peter Bahrs, Manager: Water Services

Power point Presentation

Key points

- The Waiāri catchment aerial survey highlights with images were distributed as a separate report to Advisory Group Members.
- The Waiāri stream flow patterns previous report was to January 2023, with the current update until 30 April 2023.
- The actual measurement of the stream flow during a flooding situation was difficult to assess as it was not calibrated properly so as a result, the figures were only indicative. Equally as a result, the Bio Management flow was delayed and was undertaken at a later date. The report was currently in draft form and would be presented at the next Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group meeting.

- Stream flows were improving, however it was difficult to ascertain the baseline of the stream flow due to the weather events/rain fall. A dry period was needed before establishing a true baseline. It was hoped that the ground water and aquifers had recharged and stream flows would increase as a result of the amount of rainfall over the summer.
- It was noted that Tauranga City Council (TCC) had been recording day to day stream flow data since January 2023. The National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research (NIWA) only undertakes flow gaging and flow collaboration.
- It was noted that the water extraction level from the Waiāri was an average of 60 litres per second.
- The weather event during Auckland Anniversary weekend in January 2023 caused a 100 times stream flow capacity of approximately 428,000 litres per second. The current recorded stream flow average was 28,000 litres per second.
- The rainfall during Cyclone Gabrielle had no effect on Waiāri.
- A survey was undertaken after the extreme weather events on the Waiāri with a 25 square kilometre catchment area. It was noted that while some areas may not have been captured accurately, the main features were. The survey also highlighted how steep the stream margins were at certain points in the catchment.
- It was noted in the survey that the prevailing land use was mainly kiwifruit orchards and dairy farms with forestry towards the top end of the catchment.
- There were 13 plus slips noted upstream of the Waiāri water intake site which caused some discharge of silt into the Waiāri. There were also several downstream of the water intake site. The report identified actions for staff to follow up and for TCC to work with the Bay of Plenty Regional Council.
- It was noted that the Wastewater Treatment Plant building was not affected during flooding events.
- It was noted that the three land slips near Waiāri water intake site were on private land, however TCC did own the bottom section where there were riparian plantings along the bankside of the Waiāri.

Amended by Waiāri
Kaitiaki Advisory Group
resolution WA3/23/2
dated 6 September 2023

In response to questions

- It was noted that the 2023 rainfall was a one in 50 rainfall event, where the Waiāri stream rose in one hour and equally decreased within forty minutes.
- It was noted that the instruments TCC use to measure and monitor the Waiāri were more accurate than those used by NIWA as they were free of sediment.
- Staff believed that the land was soaking up the water from the rain fall which had recharged the ground water as the land had become waterlogged.
- The protection wall at the Waiāri water intake site was to protect the building during flooding. The sediment on the inside of the protection wall was a build-up of silt from the flooding.
- Repairs to the damage and the clean-up of Intake site post weather event was done in May 2023.
- It was noted that the data records held by TCC for the Waiāri stream flow rates go back to 2021.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION WA2/23/5

Moved: Commissioner Bill Wasley

Seconded: Ms Darlene Dinsdale

That the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group:

- (a) Receives the report "Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group Update May 2023".

CARRIED

Attachments

- 1 Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group TCC Update Report 7 June 2023 video removed pdf

9.1 Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group - Cultural Recognition Development Update May 2023

Staff Kelvin Hill, Manager: Water Infrastructure Outcomes

Power point Presentation

Key points

- The two membership meetings held before this meeting were acknowledged for helping staff better understand the cultural recognition.
- Mr Hill noted he presented his report on behalf of Tauranga City Council and he could not speak for Bay of Plenty Regional Council and Western Bay of Plenty District Council. He also noted that the three councils would need to hold some inhouse discussions on some of the items highlighted in the report.
- The purpose of the report was to provide a status on the Cultural Recognition document.
- Prioritisation of the six initiatives were based on time, commitment and a reality on what was achievable.
- Dr Kepa Morgan's involvement in the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group with the Mauri Model Application was noted and how important it was to get an iwi point of view on the health of the Waiāri stream.
- There was a possibility of a business case for three initiatives - the Rest Area restoration, Tohu Māori and the River access points. The other three, Mauri Model applications, - Regeneration Programmes and Education and Employment pathways could be initiated immediately.

Mauri Model Application:

- A number of constraints were dually noted by staff.
- Staff recognised the interagency involvement with the Department of Conservation (DoC), Maiora Consultants, Dr Kepa Morgan, and the Bay of Plenty Regional Council (BoPRC).
- There was a desire within the document to appoint cultural monitors which should be a collaborative approach.
- The need for a mauri model management plan to be written between iwi and the councils was noted.
- Discussions within and between the various councils regarding cost estimates needed to occur and staff were hopeful of returning to the next Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group with confirmed figures.

Rest area restoration

- It was noted that the various iwi and councils (Western Bay/TCC) were to meet and discuss a co-design plan for the Waiāri bridge and carpark.
- The work to be done to get the design in place and commenced was noted.
- The need for a working group for Cultural Recognition outside of the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group was also noted.

Tohu Māori

- Acknowledged that Te Pou Takawaenga had started a Tohu Māori document in 2022 and the document had initiated the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group cultural recognition wananga held prior to the meeting.
- The six cultural recognition initiatives and development discussions came from tangata whenua. Storytelling was significant to whanau/iwi/hapu and two issues were raised by tangata whenua in terms of what information was to be provided from the iwi to the community, and what was considered tapu and knowledge only to be held by iwi/hapu.
- Members wanted to ensure that the full history and the entirety of the Waiāri was captured.

- Cultural values to be installed in all six initiatives.

River access points

- Noted strategic land spots for wider community and iwi access. It was also noted that a masterplan of all items be on one pictorial picture and outlining the importance of recognising access to the Waiāri stream.

Regeneration Programme

- It was noted the environmental enhancement for the Waiāri and the need for footpaths, access ways, planting and the linking of maraes to the Waiāri. Staff worked to mitigate the various barriers.
- BoPRC noted their involvement and assistance with wetlands and riparian plantings. It was suggested that this would be a project for a tangata whenua member on the working group to lead so that it was not just staff.

Education & Employment Pathways

- There was the possibility of an initiative to develop a scholarship for an iwi representative to be trained in water quality which was fully supported by TCC.
- The key priorities would need a work programme to be completed between June to December 2023. This would assist in a better understanding and to provide feedback for what needed to occur.
- The next steps and moving forward with the Cultural Recognition plan was noted.

In response to questions

- . Recognised that TCC had a dollar value set aside within the project for cultural recognition.
- In terms of understanding the current level of pledge funding, the report mentioned the on-going annual funding through the annual plan, and what could be accommodated in the Long Term Plan.

Discussion points raised

- BoPRC noted the potential for the Freshwater planning process over the next 18 months and were willing to be a part of the conversations for the Cultural Recognition application.
- In order for the mauri model application to move forward, Dr Kepa Morgan noted he would like to complete the outstanding issues.
- Members supported the alignment with Te Maru o Kaituna Action Plan Te Tini a Tuna Catchment Plan as it focused on working with iwi/hapu/owners and the further catchment.
- An understanding to identify partners and potential funding sources to support the regeneration programme was needed.
- The relationship between TCC and Waikato University was noted with the recruitment of planners through a scholarship programme to cover the shortfall of staff in that area.
- It was noted that there may be an opportunity for the Education and Employment cultural recognition initiative to cross over into the TCC scholarship pathways initiative. BOPRC noted they also had an established scholarship for water and environmental management studies within the region.
- Western Bay supported the programme in principal and were fully committed to the cultural recognition framework. Their staff had discussed it and were putting a plan together looking at how they would support the framework.
- Members and councils supported the idea of establishing a working group to assist staff with the implementation of the Cultural Recognition framework.
- Mr Jo'el Komene and Mr Manu Pene were nominated for the Waiāri Cultural Recognition Working Group which would also include Mr Reuben Fraser from BOPRC and Mr Kelvin Hill from TCC.
- Matters were raised in report in relation to water supply for marae. The Western Bay had a new process where marae were not charged for the consumption of water but were still charged for the infrastructure and services component of the water service. Confirmation letters were sent

out in July 2022, as a result of the korero that had occurred around the table. A remitting consumption charge process was underway.

- Each of the councils were to further investigate the possibility of providing free water to the various marae impacted by the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION WA2/23/6

Moved: Commissioner Bill Wasley

Seconded: Mr Mokoera Te Amo

That the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group:

- (a) Receives the report "Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group - Cultural Recognition Development Update May 2023".
- (b) Requests a follow up report on cultural recognition development that includes scope of each initiative, costings and funding sources and priorities and timeframes for implementation.
- (c) Agrees to a proposed funding model that requires each of the parties, Tauranga City Council (TCC), Western Bay of Plenty District Council (WBOPDC), Bay of Plenty Regional Council (BOPRC) to seek funding via their individual Long Term Planning process.

CARRIED

Attachments

- 1 Presentation - Waiāri Water Supply Scheme pdf

10 DISCUSSION OF LATE ITEMS

Nil

11 CLOSING KARAKIA

Mr Mokoera Te Amo closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 11:16am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed as a true and correct record at the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group meeting held on 6 September 2023.

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CHAIRPERSON