



MINUTES

**Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group
meeting**

Wednesday, 5 June 2024

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**MINUTES OF TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL
WAIĀRI KAITIAKI ADVISORY GROUP MEETING
HELD AT THE TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL, GROUND FLOOR
MEETING ROOMS 1 & 1B, 306 CAMERON ROAD, TAURANGA
ON WEDNESDAY, 5 JUNE 2024 AT 9.30AM**

PRESENT: Commissioner Shadrach Rolleston (Chairperson), Ms Darlene Dinsdale, Commissioner Bill Wasley, Deputy Mayor John Scrimgeour (WBoPDC), Mr Jo'el Komene, Mr Manu Pene, Mr Maru Tapsell, Mr Raponi Wilson

IN ATTENDANCE: Peter Bahrs (Manager: Water Services), Kelvin Hill (Manager: Water Infrastructure Outcomes), Keren Paekau (Team Leader: Takawaenga Māori), Rueben Fraser (Consent Manager, BoP Regional Council), Coral Hair (Manager: Democracy & Governance Services), Anahera Dinsdale (Acting Team Leader: Governance Services).

WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY: EJ Wentzel

BAY OF PLENY REGIONAL COUNCIL : Reuben Fraser

1 OPENING KARAKIA

Mr Manu Pene opened the meeting with a karakia.

The Chairperson acknowledged Mr Manu Pene for his karakia and welcomed Mr Raponi Wilson to his first meeting.

2 APOLOGIES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION WA2/24/1

Moved: Deputy Mayor John Scrimgeour

Seconded: Commissioner Bill Wasley

That the apologies from Mayor James Denyer, Mr Chris Nepia and Mr Sam Hema be received and accepted.

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

CHANGE THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION WA2/24/2

Moved: Commissioner Shadrach Rolleston

Seconded: Ms Darlene Dinsdale

Amends the order of business so the item of business 9.1 is after Item 9.2.

CARRIED

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

7.1 Minutes of the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group meeting held on 6 March 2024

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION WA2/24/3

Moved: Commissioner Bill Wasley

Seconded: Mr Manu Pene

That the minutes of the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group meeting held on 6 March 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

8 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

9 BUSINESS

9.2 Waiari - Operational Report Period Ending March 2024

Staff Peter Bahrs, Manager: Water Services

Key points

- The report was taken as read.
- The flow of the stream was still above the long term average but was beginning to trend downwards.
- An additional ecological monitoring report had been completed and was going to be presented at the next Waiari Kaitiaki Advisory Group meeting.
- An additional resolution was added requesting staff circulate the Ecological Monitoring Report to Waiari Kaitiaki Advisory Group members.

In response to questions

- The report did not include the recent weather events and the flooding that had occurred along the Waiari stream. It was noted that this weather event was not as exceptional as the 2023 severe weather event.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION WA2/24/4

Moved: Ms Darlene Dinsdale

Seconded: Mr Raponi Wilson

That the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group:

- (a) Receives the report "Waiari - Operational Report period ending March 2024".
- (b) Requests that staff circulate the Waiari Ecological Monitoring Report to the members of Waiari Kaitiaki Advisory Group.

CARRIED

9.1 Waiari Kaitiaki Advisory Group - Cultural Recognition Development Update June 2024

Staff Kelvin Hill, Manager: Water Infrastructure Outcomes

Power Point Presentation

Key points

- There had been a lot of discussion around the cultural initiatives in the past two years. Staff were keen to progress these, noting that some matters would require one unified organization.
- Part of the journey of the Waiari Kaitiaki Advisory Group (WKAG) was to see the benefit of the initiatives and share them.
- It was noted that the timing of Tauranga City Council (TCC), Western Bay Of Plenty District Council (WBOPDC) and Bay Of Plenty Regional Council (BOPRC) Long Term Plans were different, which had complicated and extended timeframes around funding arrangements.
- During a site visit, Tawakepito and the Waiari Bridge Landing area were identified as two areas of significance.
- Staff looked to WKAG for direction to begin the work.
- Tauranga City Council had committed \$750K over three years. There was \$250K in the current financial year and it was noted that this financial year finished in three weeks' time.
- A Long Term Plan submission had been made to BOPRC, and one would be put to WBOPDC from the Co-Chair's on behalf of the Waiari Kaitiaki Advisory Group.
- A meeting was held with BOPRC but due to low attendance, a new meeting would be scheduled to discuss a Iwi/Mauri Monitor.
- An action from the last WKAG meeting held in March 2024 was to hold a meeting of the Chairs of Te Ohu Parawai and Te Maru o Kaituna. The focus of this meeting was to gain an understanding of projects across the three groups and facilitate better coordination, alignment and resourcing. A lot could be gained from a collaborative approach and sharing of knowledge. The outcome of the meeting was for all the staff/technicians to seek alignment around all projects along the catchment.
- A follow-up meeting would be scheduled for late June 2024.
- It was noted that this was the last meeting with Commissioners. Elections would be held on 20 July 2024. The next WKAG meeting would not be held until at least September 2024.

In response to questions

- Staff agreed they were keen to leave today's meeting with a clear resolution in terms of the allocation of funding to begin work on the cultural initiatives.
- Staff advised that consultants would be remunerated for their cultural input and guidance.

Discussion points raised

- It was noted that the direction was for better alignment between Council's cultural recognition projects such as environmental enhancements.
- It was agreed that the three Councils worked in isolation from each other due to little understanding and everyone could do a lot better in this space.
- The benefits of the Waiari river were important to both the regional and national economy.
- It was noted that Tawakepito was an area of focus where iwi and hapū would see traction immediately.
- It was suggested that staff work with Ms Elva Conroy to assist with the delivery and alignment of the projects along the catchment.
- The need to start the project and identify the gaps and fill them was significant. It was necessary to prioritise projects to enable the start of the works and to allocate funding.
- Discussions were held at a recent Te Puke Community Board meeting about how they could assist with the construction of a foot bridge over the Waiari river that would link to Makahae Marae. To date, there had been no outcome of this.
- The group agreed to add additional resolutions to assist with the commencement of the projects.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION WA2/24/5

Moved: Commissioner Bill Wasley

Seconded: Ms Darlene Dinsdale

That the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group:

- (a) Receive the report "Waiari Kaitiaki Advisory Group - Cultural Recognition Development Update June 2024".
- (b) Approves the prioritisation and implementation of following cultural recognition projects:
 - (i) Tawakepito River Access Site - \$100,00 – pathway leading behind the marae to the awa to connect both Makahae and Tawakepito to the Waiari
 - (ii) Waiari Bridge River Access site - \$100,000 – improving safer access and the development of a rest area.
- (c) Recommends to Council that the unspent money from the 2023/24 financial year be carried over to the 2024/25 Financial Year.

CARRIED

Attachments

- 1 TCC PowerPoint Template June 2022 pdf

10 DISCUSSION OF LATE ITEMS**Western Bay of Plenty District Council Updates and Issues**

Western Bay Of Plenty's water supply was from bores. Council had installed a UV light to upgrade the water to drinking water standard, but found there was a degree of sand in the water that nullified the effect of the UV light. The UV light would not be operational until a filter had been installed to reduce the sand and sediment in the water.

Mr Maru Tapsell

Mr Tapsell noted that there would be a literary review on Te Rae o Papamoa. There were over 124 streams that linked to the Waiari Stream from the Papamoa Hills. The literary review would tell the history of aquifers from Otanewainuku. This would also provide a good overview of the Waiari Stream.

Commissioner Bill Wasley

Commissioner Wasley valued being a member of this group and had learnt a lot. He wished the group well in the future and was glad the cultural initiatives were underway. He acknowledged the work of staff. He closed by noting that this group helped him understand the significance of the Waiari river to tangata whenua.

The Group thanked the Commissioners for all their mahi and the relationship held with tangata whenua. Concern was expressed around the future of these relationships and the protection of tangata whenua interests.

Ms Darleen Dinsdale

Ms Dinsdale requested support and direction on how to create the seventh initiative to formalise free water for marae.

Commissioner Shadrach Rolleston

Commissioner Rolleston advised the Commission would write a report to the incoming Council to provide guidance to Elected Members on the work Commissioners had done during their term.

11 CLOSING KARAKIA

Mr Manu Pene closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 10:36am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed as a true and correct record at the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group meeting held on _____ 2024.

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Commissioner Shadrach Rolleston
CHAIRPERSON