



MINUTES

**Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City
Council Committee meeting
Wednesday, 16 August 2023**

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**MINUTES OF TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL
TANGATA WHENUA / TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL, GROUND FLOOR MEETING ROOMS 1 & 1B,
306 CAMERON ROAD, TAURANGA
ON WEDNESDAY, 16 AUGUST 2023 AT 9.30AM**

PRESENT: Mr Anthony Fisher (Chairperson), Commission Chair Anne Tolley (Deputy Chairperson), Commissioner Stephen Selwood, Commissioner Bill Wasley, Mr Puhirake Ihaka, Mr Whitiora McLeod, Mr Buddy Mikaere, Ms Matire Duncan, Ms Destiny Leaf, Mr Nathan James

IN ATTENDANCE: Christine Jones (General Manager: Strategy, Growth & Governance), Carlo Ellis (Manager: Māori Strategic Engagement), Keren Paekau (Team Leader: Takawaenga Māori), Tuana Kuka (Kaiārahi Māori), Cynthia Matthews (Kaiārahi Māori), Yolande Tipuna (Kaiārahi Māori), Coral Hair (Manager: Democracy & Governance Services) and Kura Martin (Te Rangapū Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana)

1 OPENING KARAKIA

Mr Puhirake Ihaka opened the meeting with a karakia.

2 APOLOGIES

APOLOGY

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TW4/23/1

Moved: Commissioner Bill Wasley

Seconded: Mr Puhirake Ihaka

That the apology for absence received from Commissioner Shadrach Rolleston and Marty Grenfell (Chief Executive) be 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

Nil

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

7.1 Minutes of the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee meeting held on 21 June 2023

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TW4/23/2

Moved: Mr Whitiora McLeod

Seconded: Commission Chair Anne Tolley

That the minutes of the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee meeting held on 21 June 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

8 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

9 BUSINESS

9.1 Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Anthony Fisher

Key points

- The Council showed a willingness to embrace mātauranga Māori in the work being undertaken with the Rangapū and the development of Te Manawataki o Te Papa. The use of cultural values, connections to the whenua and narratives benefit everybody.
- In his day job with the Ministry of Justice, the Chairperson stated that they were experiencing the value of working with hapū and their application of mātauranga Māori to inform the design and development of the new multi-million-dollar courthouse for Tauranga Moana. A presentation by hapū representatives on how *houhou te rongo* translated into building design and how the court should be operating to put people and their whanau at the centre, was made to the Chief District Court Judge and senior members of the judiciary, the Secretary for Justice and senior member of the ministry and they were impressed.

Discussion points raised

- The presentation of the design and operation of the new courthouse was available from Te Kahui Hapū o Te Papa and it would be good to have a copy of this presentation when it was ready to be shared.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TW4/23/3

Moved: Mr Anthony Fisher

Seconded: Ms Matire Duncan

That the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee:

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

CARRIED

9.2 Te Rangapu Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana Report

External Matire Duncan – Chair Te Rangapū Mana Whenua o Tauranga

Key points

- The Tauranga Moana Climate change and biosecurity team were noticing more slips and landslides in Tauranga Moana.
- Acknowledged the urgent need to deal with climate change.
- Acknowledged Ngāti He and Ngāti Kuku being immediately affected by climate change.
- Myrtle rust was detected on Pohutukawa trees on Mauao in 2017. Various groups were involved in limiting the spread of the myrtle rust on Mauao.
- Te Rangapū had been busy the last two years with continuing pressure from Council on various matters requiring representatives time and attention. A strategic planning session had identified priorities that were achievable.
- Māori housing on Māori owned land was a key area of concern. Housing on four to five Māori owned blocks was presented to the Minister by Tangata Whenua and Senior Leadership Group members.
- Elections in 2024 was a key focus for Te Rangapū.

Discussion points raised

- Representation of Te Rangapū and Tangata Whenua members continued to grow and this was good to see.
- Noted that Western Bay of Plenty District Council would consider Māori wards on the 17 August 2023.
- Noted that the Commissioners had made decisions on the proceeds from the sale of elderly housing with \$1.5 million in development contribution grants approved for papakāinga housing over the next three years. The Council wanted to send the message that the barrier to housing from development contributions would be reduced significantly. The balance would roll over as it was understood housing projects were in the pipeline.
- Acknowledged the papakāinga funding grants for development contributions was greatly appreciated by staff and tangata whenua and the Council showed an understanding of the pace of Māori housing development. The Ministry of Housing and Urban Development was confirming support for infrastructure for papakāinga housing in Tauranga.
- Noted that the reality of building houses on Māori land, even with the combination of grants from Council and support from MHUD, was often unaffordable.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TW4/23/4

Moved: Ms Matire Duncan

Seconded: Mr Puhirake Ihaka

That the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee:

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

CARRIED

9.3 Tangata Whenua Presentations Updates

Staff Carlo Ellis, Manager: Strategic Māori Engagement
Keren Paekau, Team Leader: Takawaenga Māori

Key points

- The change in trustees for Mangatawa Marae would require the current three projects (new onsite effluent treatment system, decommissioning the wharenuī and rebuild and emergency evacuation plan) to be paused until the Te Pou Takawaenga could establish relationships with the new trust and continue providing information about the projects.
- Noted the progress with installation of gate at the landing near Whareroa Marae. Next step was to plan for consultation with community and local iwi/hapū.
- Productive meetings were held with Waimapu marae regarding the pros and cons on options for footpaths, streetlights and traffic calming on Waimapu Pa Road. Noted the need for further discussion with surrounding land blocks on various options. Some short-term initiatives were being carried out.
- The pressure on iwi/hapū representatives to provide input into Council projects was recognised. Te Pou Takawaenga was working with Council project managers to ensure they understood iwi/hapū protocols and the importance of developing relationships rather than being transactional in their dealings.
- Council staff were working towards a system that joined all projects within the LTP into a project on a map, where iwi/hapū could see clearly what projects were impacting on them. This would enable a joined-up conversation to be undertaken. Now there was no one repository within Council to enable that to occur easily and staff were relying on conversations with staff across different departments to pull together that overview.
- Remuneration for iwi/hapū representatives providing input into council projects was highlighted. As an example, the Mount Maunganui/Mauao area had 30 projects and the pressure on two hapū to provide input into this huge work programme was enormous.
- One proposal was to change the model of funding iwi/hapū representatives' time. Instead of retrospective meeting fees representatives would be funded upfront through an agreement.

In response to questions

- The Executive was looking at a pilot scheme to identify those projects in the Long Term Plan that were complex, multi-million dollar and multi-year. The proposal to change the model of funding of tangata whenua representatives time and input into these projects was being discussed. It would be a learning curve and there needed to be an understanding that the Council may not get it right first time.

Discussion points raised

- It had been a key focus for Commissioners to visit all the Marae Council have relationships with, to provide opportunities for wider engagement with our Māori communities through the joint standing committee. This was achieved in June 2023 when the Tangata Whenua/TCC Committee met at Whakaue Marae in Maketu.
- A discussion was held by the Committee "where to from here?" as this was an unprecedented situation. The pros and cons of visiting marae again were considered, and it was decided that the Committee would visit all the marae again.
- It was agreed to consider different proposals to remunerate iwi/hapū representatives. The capital works programme of Council had increased from \$126 million in 2021 to \$360 million in 2023/24 and with this expansion came pressure on iwi/hapū to provide input into those capital works.
- Providing Māori businesses an opportunity to grow to a level of capacity that they could take advantage of the capital works programme was discussed. The Commission had pushed to get support for the Māori business association through the infrastructure group to develop that capacity.

- The current target for the Council to prioritise social procurement was 2-3%, whereas the central government target was 5%. While there was an action in the current Sustainability Strategy to review the social procurement policy it was agreed that a recommendation from this Committee for the Council to reconsider the policy and increase to 5% would provide a clear message that this would be beneficial for Māori businesses.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TW4/23/5

Moved: Commission Chair Anne Tolley

Seconded: Commissioner Bill Wasley

That the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee:

- (a) Receives the “Tangata Whenua presentations update report”.
- (b) Recommends to Council that the social procurement target in the Sustainability Strategy be reconsidered and be set at 5%, the same rate as central government.

CARRIED

10 DISCUSSION OF LATE ITEMS

Nil

11 CLOSING KARAKIA

Mr Puhirake Ihaka closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 10:30 am.

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 February 2024.

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Anthony Fisher
CHAIRPERSON