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**Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group
meeting**

Wednesday, 8 November 2023

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**MINUTES OF TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL
WAIĀRI KAITIAKI ADVISORY GROUP MEETING
HELD AT THE TUHOURANGI MARAE, 1443C TE PUKE HIGHWAY, TE PUKE
ON WEDNESDAY, 8 NOVEMBER 2023 AT 9.30AM**

PRESENT: Commissioner Shadrach Rolleston (Chairperson), Ms Darlene Dinsdale, Commissioner Bill Wasley, Mayor James Denyer, Deputy Mayor John Scrimgeour (WBoPDC), Mr Jo'el Komene, Mr Manu Pene (via audio visual link), Mr Maru Tapsell, Mr Mokoera Te Amo

IN ATTENDANCE: Carlo Ellis (Manager: Strategic Māori Engagement), Peter Bahrs (Manager: Water Services), Kelvin Hill (Manager: Water Infrastructure Outcomes), Sam Hema (Tangata Whenua Liaison), Keren Paekau (via audio visual link) (Team Leader: Takawaenga Māori), Coral Hair (Manager: Democracy & Governance Services) and Anahera Dinsdale (Governance Advisor).

Western Bay Staff Chris Nepia, Jason and Cedric.

Iwi Members Dr Kepa Morgan, Elva Conroy, Raponi Wilson and Helen Biel.

1 OPENING KARAKIA

Mr Jo'el Komene opened the meeting with a karakia.

2 APOLOGIES

APOLOGY

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION WA4/23/1

Moved: Mayor James Denyer

Seconded: Ms Darlene Dinsdale

That the apology for absence received from Mr Reuben Fraser 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

CHANGE THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION WA4/23/2

Moved: Commissioner Bill Wasley
Seconded: Deputy Mayor John Scrimgeour

Amends the order of business so the next item of business is 10.2 Operation Report followed by 10.1 Cultural Recognition.

CARRIED

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

7.1 Minutes of the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group meeting held on 6 September 2023

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION WA4/23/3

Moved: Commissioner Bill Wasley
Seconded: Ms Darlene Dinsdale

That the minutes of the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group meeting held on 6 September 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

8 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

9 DEPUTATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS

9.2 Elva Conroy – River Access Project Update

External Elva Conroy, Conroy Consultants

PowerPoint presentation

Key points

- Ms Conroy spoke to her power point and identified key points
- River access points were identified along Waiāri Stream and parts of Kaituna River to enhance swimming, mahi kai, waka launching and water quality monitoring.
- The preliminary findings were three priority areas which included Te Kopua Bell Road previously Ōtūmatawhero, Waiāri Landing and Rangiuru Reserve in Waitangi.
- The overview map showed other areas for enhancement work.

Te Kopua - Bell Road boat ramp

- The Te Kopua site was identified as a priority area with cultural heritage as there were Tapuika Paa sites located nearby. These Pa Sites included Te Karaka, Te Kapua and Te Paroa along the Kaituna River.

- There were wetlands also located near Te Kopua which were found to be individually owned by different entities and iwi.
- The Project Group looked at the Te Kopua area as a whole and not just upgrades to the Bell Road Boat ramp.
- The next steps included co-develop a concept plan with all the involved entities (BOPRC, Western Bay of Plenty District Council, DOC, TCC and Iwi Members) The concept plan would include safe access point for swimming, wharepaku, picnic facilities and recognition of cultural contexts areas.
- There will be some workplan coming in the next six months on safety and enhancements due to some issues and basic enhancements.
- It was noted that Resource Consents may be required for areas of this concept plan, and it is recommended that regional council is involved in the working group.

Waiāri Landing

- The presentation focused on Challenges, opportunities and next steps for the priority areas.
- There were significant erosion issues found at Waiāri Landing and limitations due to stock banks.
- The Waiāri Landing Area was a well-used swimming area which many opportunities for enhancement. Ultimately, the access for swimming needed to be addressed.
- High level next steps was to co-develop an area wide concept plan that included access to swimming, picnic facilities, connectivity to marae and walkways and cultural recognition and historical context.
- It was noted that Resource Consents may be required for areas of the concept plan.

Waitangi Area

- This area was currently in an idea stage and it was identified that it needed more time and discussion to elaborate on what was possible.
- The Project Group identified this area as a priority due to this space being an ideal area for swimming as it already had carparks and picnic facilities. The erection of a jetty would create a safe access for swimming.
- It was noted that there was a possibility for a concept plan or an easy work
- These other areas Otaiparia, Muriwharau, Maungarangi Road, Te Matai Marae, WTP Plant, WKAG Cultural Recognition Report were identified.

In response to questions

- Scope of upgrades not determined for Bell Road boat ramp but possibly basic repairs needed
- There were further six areas identified for the Waiāri, next steps and this were to be reported in December and this will include data on water quality from a swimming prospective.
- There hasn't been any swimming since the waste water treatment plant has been implemented.
- The work Ms Conroy was doing included District council, Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group and Te Maru o Kaituna.

Discussion points raised

- Report should include social and cultural responsibilities with shared resources with other groups. A copy of this presentation would be distributed to Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group Members.

Attachments

- 1 PowerPoint presentation - Conroy_River Access Project Update

9.1 Waiāri Mauri Model - Dr Kēpa Morgan

External Dr Kēpa Morgan

Key points

- Dr Kēpa Morgan spoke and presented to Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group the Mauri Model website and all the details.
- The indicators on the website were identified at a Waiari Kaitiaki Advisory Group and Project Working Group workshop held in 2023.
- The Mauri Model currently identified the swimming ability at the Waiāri Landing was not feasible due to shallow waters.
- The next steps for the implementation of the Waiari Mauri Model would be discussed in a further workshop meeting.

10 BUSINESS

10.2 Waiāri Operational Report

Staff Peter Bahrs, Manager: Water Services

Key points

- The Waiāri water flow remained significantly higher than normal average. Staff were unsure how long as the weather was forecasted to be a dry 2023/2024 Summer.

In response to questions

- The planning for climate change was underway. Council staff were also preparing a Fresh Water Management Plan which would also include Mountain to the seas.
- The flat red line in the graph indicated the water being extracted from the Waiari Stream was 50L per second.
- The yellow line in the graph presented in the report indicated the stream flow when Council had to notify Tapuika Iwi Authority.
- The rain fall in 2023 had recharged the water aquifers and ground water. It was noted that the weather patterns was unpredictable during this time.
- TCC introduced a number of measures to ensure water was used efficiently which included the TCC Water Watches Plan. It was believed to be a good water management plan in terms of Te Mana o Te Wai.

Discussion points raised

- The Chairperson, Commissioner Shadrach Rolleston, thanked Peter and staff on their works with the Water Watches Plan which won an award at the National Water Conference.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION WA4/23/4

Moved: Commissioner Bill Wasley

Seconded: Mr Jo'el Komene

That the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group:

- (a) Receives the report "Waiāri Operations Report".

CARRIED

10.1 Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group - Cultural Recognition Development Update November 2023

Staff Kelvin Hill, Manager: Water Infrastructure Outcome
Sam Hema

PowerPoint presentation

Key points

- It was noted that the Cultural Recognition working group only managed to have one group meeting since the last Waiari Kaitiaki Advisory Group meeting.
- It was noted that staff to spend time with Dr Kepa Morgan for discuss the Mauri Model for the Waiāri.
- Mr Hema provided an update on the Project Working Group.
- The indicators of the Waiari Mauri Model were set at the last Project Working Group meeting.

Mauri Model LTP Application

Waiāri Rest Area

- The suit of enhancements contained within the report was \$520,000.
- This project presented with opportunity for funding from outside funding sources.

Tohu Māori – Storytelling

- There was currently budget available from TCC to begin the storytelling project.
- Engagement of some sort needed with tangata whenua to identify key information needed for this project.

River Access Point

- \$100,00 draft budget across the six areas to develop plans and understand the scope further.

Regeneration Programme & Education and Employment Pathways

- It was noted these were both a work in progress with organising plans underway.

Summary & Next Steps

- It was estimated the six cultural recognition initiatives would cost approximately \$1.4M.
- It was identified that items will require a resource consent and timing would need to be considered.
- Requested a letter from iwi members to send each letter in support of the six cultural initiatives
- Based on today's presentation, a recommendation should be incorporated in to the Resolutions in support of the draft budget.

In response to questions

- This application benefits Waiāri and Kaituna. Potential to “kill two birds with one stone” working with BOPRC.
- Time frame, potential allocation of funding, helpful in terms of getting a sense.
- Not aware of LTP but potentially an AIP.
- Western Bay requested a priority list of initiatives.

Discussion points raised

- Acknowledged staff and externals for their presentations today.
- It was clear that the cultural recognition project would benefit the community and tangata whenua.
- Tangata whenua recognised that the six cultural recognition initiatives were a priority and the progress of these initiatives felt unattainable.
- Context was given by staff of costings for the infrastructure and pipework for water intake and this was compared to the six initiatives that tangata whenua had proposed.

- It was noted that the outcomes were for the community. Support was shown by the Group that funding would be sourced by other entities e.g. TECT and Waka Kotahi.
- Western Bay noted that their LTP was tight and that it was not only tangata whenua proposals that looked at possible denial.
- The Marae water supply ultimately sat with Western Bay as they were responsible to Tapuika/Waitaha/Tuhourangi marae.
- The Marae water supply initiative wasn't included in the TCC Draft LTP application budget.
- It was suggested to keep the marae water supply separate to the Cultural Recognition process.
- It was noted that the volumetric charge for water was free for marae in Tapuika/Waitaha/Tuhourangi.
- Tangata whenua didn't compare their cultural recognition initiatives with monetary value.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION WA4/23/5

Moved: Commissioner Bill Wasley

Seconded: Ms Darlene Dinsdale

That the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group:

- Receives the report "Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group - Cultural Recognition Development Update November 2023".
- Requests a workshop be held with Western Bay of Plenty District Council staff, Tauranga City Council staff and tangata whenua on the draft policy for providing free water to marae.
- Supports a submission from Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group to the three councils (Bay of Plenty Regional Council, Tauranga City Council and Western Bay of Plenty District Council) Long Term Plan processes, in support of the proposed draft budget for the six prioritised cultural recognition programmes for the Waiāri, as set out in the table below: noting that some funding arrangements will come from external sources and also noting that timeframes, prioritisation and approval for these projects are yet to be determined by each Council:

Name of cultural recognition programme	Budget \$
Mauri Model Application	\$210,000
Rest Area Restoration (Waiāri Bridge)	\$620,000
Tohu Māori - Storytelling cultural interpretation options	\$100,000
River Access Points	\$100,000
Regeneration Programmes	\$150,000
Education and Employment Pathways	\$220,000
Total	\$1,390,000

- Delegates authority to the Co-Chairs to approve the submission.

CARRIED

Attachments

- Presentation - Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group

11 DISCUSSION OF LATE ITEMS

Nil

12 CLOSING KARAKIA

Mr Mokoera Te Amo closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 1:05pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed as a true and correct record at the Waiāri Kaitiaki Advisory Group meeting held on 6 March 2024.

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Commissioner Shadrach Rolleston
CHAIRPERSON