



# **MINUTES**

**Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City  
Council Committee meeting  
Wednesday, 26 March 2025**

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**MINUTES OF TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL  
TANGATA WHENUA / TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE WAIROA MARAE, STATE HIGHWAY 2, BETHLEHEM, TAURANGA  
ON WEDNESDAY, 26 MARCH 2025 AT 9.30AM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr Anthony Fisher, Mayor Mahé Drysdale, Mr Puhirake Ihaka, Mr Whitiora McLeod, Cr Kevin Schuler, Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular, Cr Rod Taylor

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Christine Jones (General Manager: Strategy, Growth & Governance), Stacey Mareroa-Roberts (Manager: Strategic Māori Engagement), Keren Pakeau (Team Leader: Takawaenga Māori), Cynthia Hamel (Kaiārahi Māori), Tuana Kuka (Kaiārahi Māori), Leonie Cairns (Kaiarahi Māori), Tane Brot (Papākainga Advisor), Kurt Graham (Project Manager Transportation), James Jacobs (Service Transformation Lead – Transportation), Coral Hair (Manager: Democracy & Governance Services), Anahera Dinsdale (Governance Advisor) and Caroline Irvin (Governance Advisor).

**EXTERNAL:** Mr Piripi Hikairo (Ngāti Kahu Te Pura Land Trust) and Ms Aniwa Tawa (Te Papa 453 Ahu Whenua Land Trust)

Timestamps are included beside each of the items and relate to the recording of the meeting held on 26 March 2025 at [Council Website](#).

The Committee began with a powhiri and light refreshments before moving into the official meeting.

## **1 OPENING KARAKIA**

Mr Piripi Kairoa opened the hui with a karakia.

### **MAYOR'S WELCOME TO NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER**

Mayor Drysdale welcomed new Tangata Whenua committee representatives and looked forward to working together.

There was some fantastic work being done in building relationships with iwi and the community and he looked forward to working in partnership to achieve common goals.

The Te Awanui Māori Ward by-election was coming up and this was an important seat as it provided more input which helped to make better decisions for the city. It was important to encourage people to vote.

## 2 APOLOGIES

### APOLOGY

#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TW/25/1/1

Moved: Cr Kevin Schuler  
Seconded: Mr Puhirake Ihaka

That the apology for absence received from Cr Hautapu Baker, Member Matire Duncan and Member Buddy Mikaere 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 4 December 2024

#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TW/25/1/2

Moved: Cr Rod Taylor  
Seconded: Cr Kura Martin

That the Minutes of the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee meeting held on 4 December 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

## 8 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

## 9 DEPUTATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS

TIMESTAMP: 15:20

### 9.1 Presentation – Ngāti Kahu at Wairoa Marae

**Presenters** Mr Piripi Hikairo (Ngāti Kahu Te Pura Land Trust) and  
Ms Aniwa Tawa (Te Papa 453 Ahu Whenua Land Trust)

PowerPoint Presentation (see attachment)

#### 1. Mr Piripi Hikairo – Ngāti Kahu Te Pura Land Trust) – Papakāinga Housing

- Mr Hikairo began by confirming that, in terms of Papakāinga housing, the street lighting, bollards and the tidying up of the top soil were being taken care of by Ngāti Kahu.
- He then spoke to a PowerPoint presentation covering the following items:
  - The working relationship between Ngāti Kahu and Tauranga City Council (TCC), in particular the civil defense funding which was a work still in progress;
  - Ngāti Kahu and Te Pura Trust, Stage 1 rental homes completed and the assistance required for Ngāti Kahu for a further 12 homes of a future 39 home development.

#### In response to questions

- There were funding issues holding Ngāti Kahu Te Pura Land Trust back from achieving their Stage 2 housing goals at this time.
- It was felt Stage 2 could be managed and goals achieved by working effectively together with Council. Stage 2 was a two year plan.
- A repayment model whereby payments could be spread out over time as part of the rates would be ideal.

#### 2. Ms Aniwa Tawa – Te Papa 453 Ahu Whenua Land Trust – Papakāinga Housing and Wairoa

- Ms Tawa spoke to a PowerPoint presentation covering the following items:
  - Future aspirations towards housing;
  - Ngāti Kahu Te Pura Trust Papakāinga/map;
  - Wairoa, home to the people of Ngāti Kahu, Ngāti Pango and Ngāti Rangī;
  - Sea level rise mapped model;
  - Driving for success is understanding our environment;
  - Wairoa Bridge – The Severance;
  - The clip on cycleway;
  - Restoration.

#### Actions:

- Working together with the Takawaenga Team, for both parties to find a way forward and look at contribution options needed for the development of Stage 2 of the Papakāinga development.
- That Council looks at the request for the piece of land on Taniwha Place, that is part of Te Papa 453 Ahu Whenua Land Trust, to be returned to hapū.
- That Council assist hapū when dealing with the New Zealand Transport Association in reducing the deterioration and loss of land along the banks under the Wairoa Bridge (The Severance).
- The Trust would like to work in partnership with TCC in managing the move of the clip on bridge to the other side to ensure the safety of the whenua, that people know what is happening and that the changeover is done really well.

#### Attachments

- 1 Wairoa River Presentation to Tangata Whenua/Tauranga City Council Committee - 26 March 2025

## 10 BUSINESS

TIMESTAMP: 45.11

### 10.1 Tangata Whenua/Tauranga City Council Committee - Chairperson's Report - March 2025

**Chairperson** Anthony Fisher

The report was taken as read.

#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TW/25/1/3

Moved: Mr Whitiara McLeod

Seconded: Cr Kevin Schuler

That the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee:

- (a) Receives the report "Tangata Whenua/Tauranga City Council Committee - Chairperson's Report - March 2025".

**CARRIED**

TIMESTAMP: 45:46

### 10.2 Te Rangapū Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana Report - March 2025

**External** Matire Duncan, Chair – Te Rangapū Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana

The report was taken as read.

#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TW/25/1/4

Moved: Mr Whitiara McLeod

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular

That the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee:

- (a) Receives the report "Te Rangapū Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana Report - March 2025".

**CARRIED**

TIMESTAMP: 47:30

### 10.3 Tangata Whenua Presentation Updates - March 2025

**Staff** Stacey Mareroa-Roberts, Manager: Strategic Māori Engagement

#### Key Points

- The relationship with mana whenua and the entities in the area was very good and Council

continued to work towards Papakāinga housing aspirations with a view to providing support in some areas internally and working together.

- There was a Memorandum of Understanding in place for the Wairoa Bridge 'clip on cycleway' which was until 2027, however there would be scope to korero within the MoU to bring this forward, be more proactive and start looking at it now.
- Housing was a priority and so was kaitiakitanga, with a call from mana whenua to look at leading this for the rohe. There would be an opportunity to apply for this in the Annual Plan.

### In response to questions

Te Awanui Ward Byelection:

- The Takawaenga Team were proactively working together with the Governance Team on the byelection for the Te Awanui Ward, to encourage people to come forward, enrol to vote and to be aware of special voting.

Matapihi Land Use Plan:

- Council was waiting on the two hapū, Ngati Tapu and Ngai Tukairangi, to be ready to proceed with the Matapihi Land Use Plan. The Takawaenga Team were actively involved in korero with both hapū on this.

### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TW/25/1/5

Moved: Mr Whitiora McLeod

Seconded: Mr Puhirake Ihaka

That the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee:

- (a) Receives the report "Tangata Whenua Presentation Updates - March 2025".

**CARRIED**

At 12pm, Cr Kevin Schuler withdrew from the meeting.

### 11 DISCUSSION OF LATE ITEMS

Nil

### 12 CLOSING KARAKIA

Mr Piripi Kairoa closed the meeting with a karakia.

**The meeting closed at 12.02.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed as a true and correct record at the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee meeting held on 25 June 2025.**

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Mr Anthony Fisher  
**CHAIRPERSON**