



MINUTES

**Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City
Council Committee meeting
Wednesday, 25 June 2025**

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**MINUTES OF TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL
TANGATA WHENUA / TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT MERCURY BAY PARK
ON WEDNESDAY, 25 JUNE 2025 AT 9.30AM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr Anthony Fisher, Cr Hautapu Baker, Mayor Mahé Drysdale, Mr Puhirake Ihaka, Ms Destiny Leaf, Mr Whitiora McLeod, Cr Kevin Schuler, Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular, Cr Kura Martin, Cr Hēmi Rolleston, Mr Buddy Mikaere.

IN ATTENDANCE: Christine Jones (General Manager: Strategy, Growth & Governance), Stacey Mareroa-Roberts (Manager: Strategic Māori Engagement), Cynthia Hamel (Kaiārahi Māori), Yolande Tipuna (Kaiārahi Māori), Tuana Kuka (Kaiārahi Māori), Anahera Dinsdale (Governance Advisor), Caroline Irvin (Governance Advisor).

EXTERNAL: Spencer Webster (Ngā Pōtiki a Tamapahore Trust)

Timestamps are included beside each of the items and relate to the recording of the meeting held on 25 June 2025 at [Tauranga City Council You Tube](#).

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

1 OPENING KARAKIA

Karakia was given during the Whakatau.

2 APOLOGIES

APOLOGY

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TW/25/2/1

Moved: Mr Puhirake Ihaka

Seconded: Ms Destiny Leaf

That the apology for absence received from Member Matire Duncan 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 26 March 2025

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TW/25/2/2

Moved: Mr Whitiora McLeod

Seconded: Cr Kura Martin

That the Minutes of the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee meeting held on 26 March 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

8 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

9 DEPUTATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS

TIMESTAMP: 5:45

9.1 Presentation - Ngā Pōtiki a Tamapahore Trust

Mr Spencer Webster spoke to a PowerPoint presentation (see attached) that provided the Committee with a present snapshot of the Trust and its aspirations:

Ngā Pōtiki	Spatial Plan
Rangataua	Restoration and enhancement of oxidation ponds
Engagement on Infrastructure	Long Term plan for infrastructure and growth
Housing	Funding for development contributions for Papakāinga
Marae	Emergency management

In response to questions:

- The percentage breakdown between affordable housing for hapū and other public/community housing was approximately 70/30 – 30 being community housing.
- The aspiration was to approach Council with a consolidated management/hapū plan on behalf of Ngā Pōtiki in terms of its needs and goals.
- The environmental plan (Tūhoromatanui Ngā Pōtiki Environmental Plan) was completed in 2019. Council contributed to the drafting of this plan. In order to implement this fully, there needed to be a higher level conversation about the future of infrastructure, its location and its nature.
- The implementation of the environmental plan was always going to be a multi decade process, and started with a conversation around what the future held. This was a work in progress.
- The government was introducing some national directions around more flexibility for freehold Māori land.
- Ngā Pōtiki were open to a park'n ride on Tara Road. Communities were trying to be built and amenities were a positive thing. Conversation had taken place with Council and people in the community around access to amenities. Some of these things were trying to be developed, however there needed to be a bigger push collaboratively with central Government to make some of this happen.

The Chair thanked Ngā Pōtiki for their presentation and acknowledged the comments from Ngā Pōtiki and committee members around hapū working together.

Attachment

- 1 Ngā Pōtiki Presentation

10 BUSINESS

TIMESTAMP: 55:42

10.1 Tangata Whenua/Tauranga City Council Committee - Chairperson's Report - 25 June 2025

Chairperson Mr Anthony Fisher

Key Points

- The Chair reiterated the sentiment from his report that Matariki was a time for remembrance, togetherness, reflection and hope.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TW/25/2/3

Moved: Cr Hautapu Baker

Seconded: Mr Puhirake Ihaka

That the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee:

- (a) Receives the report "Tangata Whenua/Tauranga City Council Committee - Chairperson's Report - 25 June 2025".

CARRIED

TIMESTAMP: 57:10

10.2 Te Rangapū Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana Report - June 2025

In Member Matire Duncan's absence, Member Whitiora McLeod took the report as read.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TW/25/2/4

Moved: Ms Destiny Leaf

Seconded: Mr Whitiora McLeod

That the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee:

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

CARRIED

Attachments

- 1 Te Rangapū Man Whenua o Tauranga Moana Report to Tangata Whenua/TCC Committee Meeting 25 June 2025
- 2 Local Waters Done Well Update Report for Te Rangapū Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana

TIMESTAMP: 59:18

10.3 Tangata Whenua Presentation Updates - June 2025

Staff Stacey Mareroa- Roberts, Manager: Strategic Māori Engagement

The Manager: Strategic Māori Engagement began by acknowledging the presentation from Ngā Pōtiki and reiterated the importance of working together in a partnership with Tauranga City Council.

The report was taken as read, with the main points summarised to the Committee.

ACTION

- Ms Destiny Leaf requested that, even though the Wairoa Marae item had no further action at this time, it was not taken off the 'matters raised' reporting/action table to ensure it did not get lost, as it was of cultural importance.

Comments from Committee members and staff:

Local Waters Done Well (LWDW):

- Cr Hēmi Rolleston stated that the LWDW decision was a big decision that was happening very quickly. The role of the Takawaenga team was acknowledged in advocating the need for engagement to be prioritised.
- Mayor Drysdale advised that Council was in the process of organising a hui for as many iwi and hapū that would come along and participate, to ensure that everyone knew where LWDW was heading as there were some big decisions to be made. It was acknowledged that Council needed to understand different iwi/hapū relationships and what they needed to do to ensure it worked for all parties.
- The General Manager: Strategy, Growth & Governance advised there was still a lot of work to be done for the LWDW process around governance arrangements, representation,

engagement, statement of expectations, accountability relationships and the role of Council and the CCO, and how tangata whenua engaged at each of those levels. This included potential partnering councils as well.

At 11.30am, Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular withdrew from the meeting.

- Mr Buddy Mikaere advised that the resilience of the actual resource – water – had to be considered.
- Mr Puhirake Ihaka advised it was important, in terms of the governance discussions that would arise, that this reached right down to the hapū/landowners who were the kaitiaki for the water resource.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TW/25/2/5

Moved: Mr Puhirake Ihaka

Seconded: Mayor Mahé Drysdale

That the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee:

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

CARRIED

11 DISCUSSION OF LATE ITEMS

Nil

12 CLOSING KARAKIA

Mr Puhirake Ihaka closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 11.38.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed as a true and correct record at the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee meeting held on 17 September 2025.

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Mr Tony Fisher
CHAIR