



# **DRAFT MINUTES**

**Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City  
Council Committee meeting  
Wednesday, 25 February 2026**

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**MINUTES OF TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL  
TANGATA WHENUA / TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MAREANUI, L1, 90 DEVONPORT  
ROAD, TAURANGA  
ON WEDNESDAY, 25 FEBRUARY 2026 AT 9:30 AM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr Anthony Fisher (Chair), Cr Hautapu Baker, Ms Matire Duncan, Mr Puhirake Ihaka, Mr Whitiora McLeod, Mr Buddy Mikaere, Cr Hēmi Rolleston, Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular.

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Te Rangapū Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana Members:

- Steven Te Kani – Ngai Tukairangi hapu rep
- Pine McLeod – Ngāti Kaahu hapu rep
- Cheryl Hayes – Ngati Hangarau
- Arthur Flintoff – Nga Potiki
- Ray Wihapi - Waitaha
- Pare Kuka – Nga Kahu Ke Te Wairoa Marae
- Russell Packer - Waitaha

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Marty Grenfell (Chief Executive), Paula Naude (Head of Community Outcomes & Emergency Management), Keren Paekau (Acting Head of Strategic Māori Engagement), Cynthia Hamel (Acting Team Leader: Takawaenga Māori), Leonie Cairns (Kaiārahi Māori), Tuana Kuka (Kaiārahi Māori), Anahera Dinsdale (Governance Advisor), Caroline Irvin (Governance Advisor)

Timestamps are included at the start of each item and signal where the agenda item can be found in the recording of the meeting held on 25 February 2026 at [Tauranga City Council's YouTube Channel](#).

## 1 OPENING KARAKIA

Cr Hautapu Baker opened the meeting with a karakia.

## 2 APOLOGIES

### APOLOGY

#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TW/26/0/1

Moved: Ms Matire Duncan

Seconded: Cr Hēmi Rolleston

That the apology for absence received from Mayor Mahé Drysdale, Member Destiny Leaf and Cr Kevin Schuler 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 3 December 2025

#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TW/26/0/2

Moved: Mr Puhirake Ihaka

Seconded: Mr Whitiora McLeod

That the Minutes of the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee meeting held on 3 December 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

### 8 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

### 9 DEPUTATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS

Timestamp: 9 minutes

#### 9.1 Verbal Update on Recovery for the Tropical Low 05F Event on 22 January 2026

**Staff** Paula Naude, Head of Community Outcomes & Emergency Management

The Head of Community Outcomes & Emergency Management provided an update on the transition from response to recovery after January weather events, noting the response had ended and a recovery notice was issued for 28 days in terms of finishing the response and planning for

the long term recovery:

- There had been 42 slips on Mauao, with 12 severe and 12 moderate to severe. There was a trigger action response plan (TARP) in place monitored by WSP with technical equipment and cameras. A TARP was also in place for the Mount Maunganui Surf Club.
- Four council-owned properties had been red stickered, and sixteen had been yellow stickered. The Surf Club had been red stickered due to the slope risk behind it.
- Residents at Mangatawa and Whareroa had been displaced. Staff were waiting on Geotech reports for this area.
- 2600 tonnes of silt and debris were being stored at the airport, pending a decision on relocation.
- Police family liaison officers were supporting families of the deceased and temporary accommodation services were also assisting.
- Natural hazards specialists and Bay of Plenty Regional Council were reviewing slips citywide.
- The business navigation support team had been aiding affected businesses who had been severely impacted, with foot traffic down 55%. The Mayoral Relief Fund had been largely expended, mostly on business relief.
- The transition notice would be extended due to ongoing/unknown risks and statutory powers needed in terms of evacuating people and road closures.

#### **In response to questions:**

- There were ongoing discussions regarding cost recovery for these displaced families, including temporary accommodation support.
- The Chief Executive clarified that placards had been initiated by the regulatory/building team, not the Emergency Operations Centre. Staff would come back with more clarification around this.

#### **Actions Requested:**

That staff

- Provide a schematic of the role and accountability of the various entities that have been brought into play in the recent events at Mauao, Mangatawa, and Whareroa on 22 January 2026, at the next Committee meeting.
- Follow up with the controllers and the regulatory team regarding the reasoning for the yellow stickered properties at Mangatawa.

Timestamp: 27 minutes

## **9.2 Verbal Update: The New Community Outcome: A Vibrant City that Embraces Events**

Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular

- Deputy Mayor Scoular provided the Committee with an overview of the adoption of the new community outcome: "A vibrant city that embraces events," added to the existing five outcomes.
- The revised outcomes included combining "well planned city" and "city we can move around easily" into "well planned and connected."

#### **Noted:**

- The team requested correct Māori nomenclature and narrative for the new outcomes, seeking input from Te Rangapū Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana which also involved hapū in consultation and translation.
- Te Rangapū Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana would continue to work on this project.

## 10 BUSINESS

Timestamp: 35 minutes

### 10.1 Tangata Whenua/Tauranga City Council Committee - Chairperson's Report - February 2026

#### Chair Tony Fisher

- The Chair acknowledged the recent tragic events and their impact on the community, noting marae preparedness as an area for improvement.

#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TW/26/0/3

Moved: Mr Buddy Mikaere

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular

That the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee:

- (a) Receives the report "Tangata Whenua/Tauranga City Council Committee - Chairperson's Report - February 2026".

**CARRIED**

Timestamp: 38 minutes

### 10.2 Te Rangapū Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana Report - February 2026

#### Ms Matire Duncan

- Ms Duncan summarised recent submissions to reforms, highlighting the strain on resources and time constraints.
- The emergency events at Mauao and Pāpāmoa were acknowledged, emphasising the need for genuine partnership and early influence for tangata whenua.
- The importance of fit-for-purpose marae for emergency management was highlighted, referencing Mangatawa's capacity and infrastructure needs.
- Infrastructure funding impacts were being felt. There was a need for investment in affected communities.
- There was a call for improved relationships and partnership with Council, especially given upcoming national elections and ongoing reforms.

#### Discussion and comments:

- The Committee discussed emergency management submissions, investment needs for marae preparedness, the vulnerability exposed by recent events, the irony of evacuating marae which were normally places of refuge and the need for status reports beyond placard removal.
- The Chief Executive and the Head of Strategic Māori Engagement explained the improved processes for tracking and prioritising submissions and the inclusion of mana whenua.
- Emphasis on the need for Te Rangapū Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana to decide their involvement, for a collaborative approach with Council and for improved systems to avoid missing important submissions.

**Action Requested:**

- That staff include a table of upcoming submissions, the day they were informed and to who, as a standard item on the agenda. Submissions on Local Water Done Well should be a standard item on this table.

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TW/26/0/4**

Moved: Cr Hēmi Rolleston

Seconded: Mr Whitiara McLeod

That the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee:

- (a) Receives the report "Te Rangapū Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana Report - February 2026".

**CARRIED**

Timestamp: 56 minutes

**10.3 Tangata Whenua Presentations Previous Completed Actions - February 2026**

**Staff** Keren Paekau, Head of Strategic Māori Engagement

- The Head of Strategic Māori Engagement acknowledged Mr Maru Taspell as one of the founding members of this Committee and other committees.
- The report provided today focused on completed actions removed from the issues list.
- A workshop would be held before the next meeting to prioritise other outstanding actions.

**Request**

- Deputy Mayor Scoular requested input from iwi/hapū before the workshop to ensure Elected Members had sufficient information to make effective progress.

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TW/26/0/5**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular

Seconded: Ms Matire Duncan

That the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee:

- (a) Receives the report "Tangata Whenua Presentations Previous Completed Actions - February 2026".

**CARRIED**

**11 CLOSING KARAKIA**

Cr Hautapu Baker closed the meeting with a karakia.

**The meeting closed at 10.38am.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed as a true and correct record at the Tangata Whenua / Tauranga City Council Committee meeting held on 23 April 2026.**