

Western Bay of Plenty District Council

**Minutes of Meeting No. PF3 of
the Tauranga Moana / Te Arawa Ki Takutai Partnership Forum held on
13 March 2018 in the Council Chamber, Barkes Corner
commencing at 10.00am**

Present

Iwi Representatives

Reon Tuanau (Ngai Te Rangī) (Presiding Co-Chairperson), Anthony Wihapi (Ngati Moko) (Co-Chairperson), Tiki Bluegum (Ngai Tamawhariua), Matire Duncan (Ngā Potiki), Roland Kingi (Ngati Pikiāo), Bob Leef (Ngati Taka), Wiremu Matthews (Ngai Tamarāwaho), Buddy Mikaere (Ngati Pukenga), Riki Nelson (Ngati Te Wai), Julie Shepherd (Te Runanga o Pirirakau), Kevin Tohiariki (Te Whanau o Tauwhao), Raiha Biel (Tapuika Iwi Authority), Elva Conroy (Ngati Tuheke), Carlton Bidois (Ngati Ranginui), Maru Tapsell (Waitaha), Nessie Kuka (Ngai Tuwhiwhia), Hemi Paki (Ngati Tauaiti)

Councillors

His Worship the Mayor G J Webber (Deputy Chairperson), G Dally, M Dean, M Lally, P Mackay, D Marshall, M Murray-Benge, J Palmer, D Thwaites and M Williams

In Attendance

M Taris (Chief Executive Officer), R Davie (Group Manager Policy, Planning and Regulatory Services), E Holtsbaum (Group Manager Technology, Customer and Community Services), E Watton (Policy and Planning Manager), S Parker (Reserves and Facilities Projects and Assets Manager), P Hennessey (Strategic Advisor), P Tapsell (Workforce Development and Cultural Advisor), C Nepia (Māori Relationships and Engagement Advisor) and F Sweeney (Democracy Management Advisor).

Others

As listed in the minutes.

The meeting opened with a karakia from Tiki Bluegum, and a mihi from Reon Tuanau.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Marsh and Scrimgeour, and for lateness from Matire Duncan.

Resolved: Julie Shepherd / Cr Murray-Benge

THAT the apologies for absence from Councillors Marsh and Scrimgeour and for lateness from Matire Duncan be accepted.

PF3.1 **Minutes of Meeting No. PF2 of the Tauranga Moana / Te Arawa Ki Takutai Partnership Forum held on 10 November 2017**

The Tauranga Moana / Te Arawa Ki Takutai Partnership Forum considered the minutes of meeting PF2 of the Tauranga Moana / Te Arawa Ki Takutai Partnership Forum held on 10 November 2017 as circulated with the agenda.

Resolved: Crs Mackay / Marshall

THAT the minutes of Meeting No. PF2 of the Tauranga Moana / Te Arawa Ki Takutai Partnership Forum held on 10 November 2017 are confirmed as a true and correct record.

PF3.2 **Sub-Regional Policy for Tangata Whenua Consultation on Resource Consents**

The Partnership Forum considered a report from the Māori Relationships and Engagement Officer dated 26 February 2018 as circulated with the agenda. Shad Rolleston, Tu Pakari Advisor to SmartGrowth was in attendance together with Keren Paekau of Tauranga City Council and Clarke Koopu of the Bay of Plenty Regional Council and he tabled and gave a powerpoint presentation in support of the report.

In response to a question Shad Rolleston advised that the policy did not determine who would be consulted with but rather the how of the consultation process.

Concerns were raised in regard to the intrusion of other iwi into this area which needed to be addressed and could be considered in the policy. Carlton Bidois had concerns that Regional Council was requiring consultation with iwi that have not had any recognised interests in Tauranga as they had not yet settled their Treaty claims with the Crown, and said that despite the Crown insisting that Council do so, Councils should resist in solidarity with the views of local iwi and hapū. In response the Mayor suggested that the responsibility for identifying appropriate mana whenua to be consulted with would lie with Tangata Whenua as opposed to the Councils.

In further comment it was noted that the policy referred to mana whenua but there was confusion in regard to who was mana whenua, and there was a suggestion that at times this confusion was created by Councils approaching specific iwi and hapū which may not necessarily have a recognised relationship (by the Crown) as mana whenua.

Riki Nelson said that Tangata Whenua could identify a process in the interim to work through to address the mana whenua issues and advise Councils accordingly.

It was suggested that a definition of permitted activities be added to the policy.

The Forum was advised as follows:

- Each of the Western Bay, Tauranga City and Bay of Plenty Regional Councils had their own policies and procedures for approaching resource consent consultation under the Resource Management Act and this was a proposal to take a more consistent and co-ordinated approach shared by all of the Councils.
- Councils needed this policy in response to applications made under the Resource Management Act for resource consents.
- The policy was written specifically to address matters of Resource Consent applications only and did not address a number of other statutory planning processes such as plan changes or Mana Whakahono a Rohe agreements.

10.30am Matire Duncan entered the meeting.

Keren Paekau said as part of the progression of this policy there was an intention for all the Councils to go out and develop and discuss maps of areas of interest for Tangata Whenua. Clarke Koopu suggested that this process would hopefully provide for identification by Tangata Whenua of their areas of interest and where some boundaries may overlap.

It was noted that once the policy was returned to the Councils for ratification there would be a need to ensure that the underlying District and Regional Plans supported implementation of the policy.

Members were asked to provide any further individual feedback to Shad Rolleston by 11 April which was the date when the Combined Tangata Whenua Forum would consider the final draft.

Resolved: Anthony Wihapi / Mayor Webber

THAT the Māori Relationships and Engagement Advisor's report dated 26 February 2018 and titled Sub-regional Policy for Tangata Whenua Consultation on Resource Consents be received, noting the discussion and comments made at this meeting.

10.55am The hui adjourned for morning tea.

11.20am The hui reconvened.

PF3.3 **Horse Riding at Tuapiro Point / Reserves and Facilities Bylaw**

The Partnership Forum considered a report from the Māori Relationships and Engagement Officer dated 13 February 2018 as circulated with the agenda. The Māori Relationships and Engagement Officer introduced the report and noted that Riki Nelson would address this item as a matter of concern for Ngati Te Wai. Riki Nelson spoke to the concerns of the marae in particular relating to the number of horses (up to 35 in one day) on the foreshore and the ecological effects of these on kaimoana beds at Tuapiro Point, which were an important source of food for the associated marae.

In discussion of the report the following matters were noted:

- The photographs included in the report were taken on various days, mostly in the weekend, and this happened most weekends.
- The horses mostly walked on the beach and on the foreshore.

In comment it was suggested that an immediate review may be more appropriate given the potential environmental damage. It was also noted that horses and riders were coming from other areas such as the Waikato and that whilst local riders may be showing respect this was not true for all horse riders using this part of the foreshore.

In reference to alternative options Riki Nelson noted that there were articles back to the 1990s around concerns and conflicts over the use of Tuapiro Point and these had been brought to Council a number of times including meeting with Council's reserves staff.

Resolved: Mayor Webber / Nessie Kuka

1. *THAT the Māori Relationships and Engagement Advisors report dated 13 February 2018 and titled horse riding at Tuapiro Point/Reserves and Facilities Bylaw be received.*
2. *THAT the Partnership Forum recommend that Council initiate an immediate review of the Reserves and Facilities Bylaw, in relation to the permission to allow horse riding at Tuapiro Point.*

PF3.4 **Capital Projects Update**

The Partnership Forum considered a report from the Group Manager Policy, Planning and Regulatory Services dated 23 February 2018 as circulated with the agenda. The Reserves and Facilities Projects and Assets Manager spoke to a powerpoint presentation on reserves and facilities capital projects across the district. It was noted that on Matakana Island there was considerable erosion with some houses in danger and the question was raised as to how this would rate in relation to Council erosion control work. The Group Manager Policy, Planning and Regulatory Services clarified that the Council policy addressed erosion in relation to Council assets and not privately owned land.

In regard to the Kauri Point Historic Reserve it was noted that there was a high level of community interest in reinstating access, but that the land had a great deal of historic value to Tangata Whenua, and any work would require cultural assessment.

In regard to the Opureora Jetty replacement the Reserves and Facilities Projects and Assets Manager advised that consideration had been given to toilet facilities but the site was very difficult and the current arrangement of a service delivery agreement with the Marae at the top of the hill was a better approach to provide this service to the area.

There was discussion of the sea wall works at Maketu and a history of the original construction of the wall was recounted for information of the Forum members.

There was also discussion of the Waiari water supply and the proposal that Tauranga City Council use the resources created in another Council's area, and a concern was expressed that this was a misappropriation of the water.

In response to a question on works needed at the PanePane Point jetty for safety of children and the elderly using the jetty, the Reserves and Facilities Projects and Assets Manager advised of actions taken to try and address the concerns raised.

Resolved: Julie Shepherd / Hemi Paki

THAT the Group Manager Policy, Planning and Regulatory Services report dated 23 February 2018 and titled Capital Projects Update be received.

PF3.5

Representation Review - Update

The Partnership Forum considered a report from the Customer Relationships Manager dated 26 February 2018 as circulated with the agenda, who was in attendance to answer questions. In response to questions she advised of the process and timetable for the poll about Māori wards for the Western Bay of Plenty District Council. In discussion of the process it was noted that it would be important to continue to use this forum to represent the views and needs of Tangata Whenua regardless of the outcome of the poll.

Resolved: Julie Shepherd / Cr Williams

THAT the Customer Relationships Manager report dated 26 February 2018 and titled Representation Review - Update be received.

12.20pm

The Presiding Chair withdrew from the meeting and Co-Chair Anthony Wihapi assumed the Chair.

PF3.6 Development of a Road Naming Policy

The Partnership Forum considered a report from the Policy Analyst dated 28 February 2018 as circulated with the agenda. The Policy and Planning Manager together with the Māori Relationships and Engagement Advisor presented and spoke to the report.

Resolved: Anthony Wihapi / Mayor Webber

- 1. THAT the Policy Analyst's report dated 28 February 2018 and titled Development of a Road Naming Policy be received.*
- 2. THAT the Tauranga Moana / Te Arawa ki Takutai Partnership Forum endorses the draft Road Naming Policy, as set out in Appendix A to the report and recommends to the Policy Committee that the draft Road Naming Policy be adopted.*

12.25pm The presiding Chair (Reon Tuanau) re-entered the meeting and reassumed the Chair.

PF3.7 Nomination of Partnership Forum Representative to SmartGrowth Leadership Group

The Partnership Forum considered a report from the Māori Relationships and Engagement Officer dated 19 February 2018 as circulated with the agenda. The Māori Relationships and Engagement Officer gave a verbal summary of the report and the purpose which was to confirm or otherwise the representative of this Forum on the SmartGrowth Leadership Group.

In discussion Forum members proposed two nominees for the position being Julie Sheppard or the incumbent, Maru Tapsell. On a show of hands Maru Tapsell was re-confirmed as the Tangata Whenua representative for the Tauranga Moana/Te Arawa ki Takutai Partnership Forum on the SmartGrowth Leadership Group.

In response to a question as to what the role entailed the Forum was advised that this was representation on the governance group for SmartGrowth with the expectation of a report back from the representative to the Forum on the activities of the SmartGrowth Leadership Group.

Resolved: Buddy Mikaere / Kevin Tohiariki

- 1. THAT the Māori Relationships and Engagement Advisor's report dated 19 February 2018 and titled "Nomination of Partnership Forum representative to SmartGrowth Leadership Group" be received.*
- 2. THAT Maru Tapsell is confirmed as the Tangata Whenua representative for the Tauranga Moana/Te Arawa ki Tai Partnership Forum on the SmartGrowth Leadership Group.*

PF3.8 **Long Term Plan Update**

The Policy and Planning Manager was in attendance to update the Forum on the Long Term Plan process by way of a powerpoint presentation. Riki Nelson identified that their hapū needed to develop its management plan and identify hot spots for cultural heritage and protection.

It was noted that alternative funding for papakainga projects had been achieved from the Ministry of Business and Enterprise and other ministries could be considered to be approached, with the recent withdrawal of funding from Te Puni Kokiri.

There was discussion of the use of marae in cases of civil emergency and the Forum was advised of the Regional Council project to assist with marae preparedness for such emergencies. It was noted that there was funding available from the Department of Internal Affairs and Te Puni Kokiri, called the marae oranga fund, put in place to support the upgrading of marae facilities.

It was clarified that the Takawaenga staff would co-ordinate Tangata Whenua members of the forum in terms of submissions to the Long Term Plan.

It was suggested that the use of Te Ara Mua should make the provision of an additional submission on the Long Term Plan unnecessary.

The Group Manager Policy, Planning and Regulatory Services clarified that there were a number of issues included in the Long Term Plan which may not have been considered through Te Ara Mua but that the Forum may wish to comment on.

The question was raised as to whether Māori representation going forward was an appropriate take for the Long Term Plan, and it was suggested that this would be more appropriately considered through the upcoming Council representation review.

The Forum agreed that there would be a Tangata Whenua workshop around Te Ara Mua to bring forward issues for the Long Term Plan, and the Takawaenga unit would co-ordinate this workshop to address this, including any issues brought forward from hapū and iwi which should be forwarded through the Long Term Plan formal consultation process.

PF3.9 **Te Ara Mua Nga Kaihoe (Work Programme) Update**

The Partnership Forum considered a report from the Workforce Development and Cultural Advisor dated 22 February 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

Resolved: Tiki Bluegum / Raiha Biel

THAT the Workforce Development and Māori Advisor's report dated 22 February 2018 titled Te Ara Mua Ngā Kaihoe (Work Programme) Update be received.

PF3.10

General Issues - Waiari Stream, Powerco Developments in Waitangi Village, Maori Ward Poll, Tauriko Development

On invitation from the presiding Chair, Anthony Wihapi noted the following issues.

Waiari Stream

He was concerned that there were proposals that the upper part of the Waiari stream was to be used as a water supply, and the lower part for effluent disposal.

Powerco Developments in Waitangi Village

He was concerned that Powerco was installing two 33KV lines next to the Kaituna river bridge as a designated permitted activity.

Māori Ward Poll

He was encouraging forum members to ensure their hapū and iwi got out to vote on the poll in regard to Māori wards, and to ensure all were registered to vote on the parliamentary electoral rolls.

Tauriko Development

A memorandum was tabled for the Partnership Forum members' information on the proposed Change 4 to the BOP Regional Policy Statement – Tauriko West Urban Limits.

There being no further business, Tiki Bluegum closed the meeting with a karakia at 1.20pm.

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