

# Western Bay of Plenty District Council

**Minutes of Meeting No. PF7 of the Tauranga Moana / Te Arawa  
Ki Takutai Partnership Forum held on 17 December 2018  
in the Council Chamber, Barks Corner  
commencing 10.02am**

## **Present**

### **Iwi Representatives**

Reon Tuanau (Ngai Te Rangi) (Co-Chairperson), Anthony Wihapi (Ngati Moko) (Co-Chairperson), Carlton Bidois (Ngati Ranginui), Raiha Biel (Tapuika Iwi Authority), Matire Duncan (Ngā Potiki), Roland Kingi (Ngati Pikiāo), Nessie Kuka (Ngai Tuwhiwhia), Bob Leef (Ngati Taka), Riki Nelson (Ngati Te Wai), Hemi Paki (Ngati Tauaiti), Julie Shepherd (Te Runanga o Pirirakau), Tania Turner (Ngati Whakahemo) and Manu Wihapi (Tuhourangi)

### **Councillors**

His Worship the Mayor G J Webber, G Dally, M Dean, M Lally, D Marshall, M Murray-Benge, J Palmer, J Scrimgeour and D Thwaites

### **In Attendance**

R Davie (Group Manager Policy, Planning and Regulatory Services), G Allis, (Deputy Chief Executive), P Tapsell (Workforce Development and Cultural Advisor), C Nepia (Māori Relationships and Engagement Advisor) and M Parnell (Governance Advisor)

The Chairperson started the hui with a waiata and Mr Paki gave a karakia followed by a mihi from the Chairperson and the Mayor.

### **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mackay, Marsh and Williams and from Tiki Bluegum (Ngai Tamawhariua), Elva Conroy (Ngati Tuheke), Wiremu Matthews (Ngai Tamarawaho), Buddy Mikaere (Ngati Pukenga), Maria Horne (Ngati Whakaue), Kevin Tohiariki (Te Whanau o Tauwhao) and Maru Tapsell (Waitaha)

**Resolved:** Member Nelson / Mayor Webber

*THAT the apologies for absence from Councillor Mackay, Marsh and Williams and from Tiki Bluegum (Ngai Tamawhariua), Elva Conroy (Ngati Tuheke), Wiremu Matthews (Ngai Tamarawaho), Buddy Mikaere (Ngati Pukenga), Maria Horne (Ngati Whakaue), Kevin Tohiariki (Te Whanau o Tauwhao) and Maru Tapsell (Waitaha) be accepted.*

PF7.1 **Minutes of Meeting No. PF6 of the Tauranga Moana / Te Arawa Ki Takutai Partnership Forum Held on 20 November 2018**

The Tauranga Moana / Te Arawa Ki Takutai Partnership Forum considered the minutes of meeting no. PF6 of the Tauranga Moana / Te Arawa Ki Takutai Partnership Forum held on 20 November 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

Mr Matthews noted that his apologies for this meeting had not been received.

**Resolved:** Councillor Murray-Benge / Member Shepherd

*THAT the minutes of the Tauranga Moana / Te Arawa Ki Takutai Partnership Forum meeting PF6 held on 20 November 2018 be confirmed as a true and correct record with the recommended amendment.*

PF7.2 **Marae and Civil Emergencies**

Matthew Harrex and Theo Ursum of Civil Defence Emergency Management were in attendance to give a presentation to the Forum regarding Marae and civil emergencies.

Mr Harrex introduced himself as the Manager of Planning and Development to the Forum, and spoke to a tabled powerpoint presentation and explained as follows:

- The breadth of civil defence management including community groups, utilities components, welfare service agencies and emergency services.
- The structure of Civil Defence in the Bay of Plenty at national, regional and local levels. At each of those levels there was a coordinated structure that reported up to the next level.
- The coordination centre was made up of people who managed intelligence, planning, operations, logistic, communications and welfare as well as iwi liaison, which was currently managed by Petera Tapsell and Chris Nepia for the Western Bay of Plenty District Council for the local co-ordination centre.

10.19am Mr Bidois entered the meeting.

- Community Response Planning was an important part of the process to enable the community to be prepared in the event of an emergency. Consideration was given to connect key people and services in the community to the operations team in the coordination structure.
- Civil Defence was generally engaged in by motivated individuals and one of the challenges was engaging with the wider community.
- Two years ago the Marae Emergency Preparedness Tool Kit was created, which had been a great resource for Civil Defence regarding what capability Marae had to assist during emergencies. The next step was about supporting Marae to help more as Marae were often the ones to first open their doors to their communities.
- The differences between Civil Defence Centres and Community Led Centres including around formality and funding.
- The Bay of Plenty Civil Defence Emergency Management were looking for opportunities to build partnership and communication networks with leaders and advisors within the Māori Community, more resources for preparedness for Marae, connecting Māori to existing Community Response Teams, building initiatives, and gaining and communicating clarity around funding and training opportunities.

Members of the Forum made the following comments:

- Local Marae had not been well communicated with during emergency events last year and needed assistance in building resilience into Marae during emergencies.
- Marae needed to know what the minimal standard was in order to provide support during emergencies.
- Suggested that Civil Defence Management work with the Members here who ran the hubs and Marae during emergencies, like the Rena.
- Learnings must be taken away from previous emergency events that were not well planned and coordinated.
- It was not practical for Marae to be expected to cover costs during an emergency and then invoice for those after the event and the suggestion was made that Civil Defence Emergency Management Group and iwi approach central government jointly for funding.
- Disasters that require Civil Defence assistance should not be a financial burden to the local government and should be looked at nationally.

In response to questions, the Civil Defence Emergency Management representatives and staff advised as follows:

- There was no funding available through Civil Defence Management to create resilience in Marae but Civil Defence Management could provide support outside of funding and also in directing Marae towards funding sources.
- It was agreed that more support was required for Marae in their role supporting the community during emergencies.
- Civil Defence Emergency Management Group had a list of Marae across the region but none were listed as Community Response Teams.
- A national review had been undertaken and one of the outcomes was that more support was required for iwi during emergencies.

- Mr Ursum's role was to manage the Community Response Team. His predecessor was Māori and not specifically responsible Māori liaison but a need for that role had been identified.
- Marae would make great Community Led Centre's rather than Civil Defence Centres, which required a higher level of training for those who participated.
- The Civil Defence Emergency Management Group was governed by the Mayor's in the region and legislatively, no other members could be added to that group. As such there were no Māori members of that group although there was Māori representation at the Chief Executive Officer level.
- Creating new Community Response Teams within Marae or connecting Marae with existing Community Response Teams would help remove confusion during emergencies.
- Fire and Emergency New Zealand were one of their partners with the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group but did not provide services to the group.

The Chairperson summarised the conversation and spoke to the value Tangata Whenua had added into Civil Defence events over the years and added that the bigger disaster was that we do not learn from the past.

**Resolved:** Members Turner / Nelson

*THAT the presentation from Civil Defence Emergency Management on Marae and civil emergencies be received.*

### PF7.3

#### **Tahataroa**

Julie Shepherd (Te Runanga o Pirirakau) and Deputy Chief Executive were in attendance to update members regarding Tahataroa.

The Deputy Chief Executive and Ms Shepherd spoke to a tabled powerpoint presentation and explained as follows:

- The scope of the Tahataroa Wetland project.
- they identified the land in question in relation to the Wairoa River and railway bridge and how this worked into the planned cycleway project.
- A stopbank had been put in place during the 1950s and 1960s, which meant that the land had not been serving its purpose as a wetland.
- The cultural significance of the site was explained including that there was an important burial in the vicinity.
- A significant arrangement had been made with the land owner that there would be no excavation on the site.
- A starting point for restoration had been established. Water needed to be let in but not so much that the area was flooded.
- The resolution given in Council was referenced including the ownership by Pirirakau Incorporated Society with a joint management by Council and the hapū. The Reserve status of the land would reflect ecological and cultural values.
- The land acquisition funding was discussed.
- The ecological improvements the project would allow were discussed.

- There had been great community support for the project and the hapū looked forward to being able to involve their young people in the restoration work.
- Funding would be raised over time. There was currently \$350K to commence stage one of the project, which required another \$110K. Stage two of the project was budgeted at \$1.25M and external funding would be sought.
- The project had been complicated and several years in the making.

In response to questions, the following was explained:

- They were working in full cooperation with the land owner.
- They were in the process of getting legal advice regarding the reserve status of the area to benefit all parties.
- There were white sand areas on the land that need to be protected for future generations.
- A commercial arrangement had been made with the land owner regarding the land.
- The cycleway extension project was established and would not require excavation to build.

Mr Bidois thanked Ms Shepherd for her role in the project on behalf of the hapū, and the Western Bay of Plenty District Council for their efforts and support. The river to the left of the land was very important culturally and ecologically.

- Consultation had been taking place with all iwi that were connected to this area. The care group to be established to look after the area would include the opportunity for all hapū to be involved and there would be a series of hui to discuss the cultural aspects to represent their stories.

**Resolved:** Member Bidois / Mayor Webber

*THAT the presentation regarding Tahataroa be received*

#### PF7.4

#### **TUIA Leadership Programme**

Cale Borrell was unable to be in attendance to update members regarding the Tuia Leadership Programme. The Māori Relationships and Engagement Advisor spoke to a tabled powerpoint presentation and the Tuia Leadership Programme:

- He explained the origins of the project.
- Many Mayor's had put their hand up to be involved in mentoring young people as a part of the Leadership Programme.
- A previous graduate of the process had gone on to develop important initiative on Matakana Island.
- It was an important project to support young people already contributing to their communities and adding to the kete of knowledge.

11.35am Ms Kuka left the meeting

The Māori Relationships and Engagement Advisor played a video from Cale Borell regarding the Tuia Leadership Programme.

11.40am Ms Kuka rejoined the meeting.

Mr Bidois thanked the Mayor for mentoring Cale and explained that the hapū appreciated the investment into Cale, who was a part of the hapū governance body. He suggested that a tama and wahine both be assigned to the programme moving forward. He also suggested that they be included in the Tauranga Moana / Te Arawa ki Takutai Partnership Forum.

In response to questions, staff advised that the programme organisers were cognisant of not burdening mentors and that because Tauranga City Council and Western Bay of Plenty District Council work so closely together two people from the same area are being mentored.

The Mayor advised that it had been a pleasure to mentor Cale. The programme was very effective especially for smaller district and he encouraged hapū to get applications for their nominees in by the end of January 2019. The Māori Relationships and Engagement Advisor had information if anyone needed it.

**Resolved:** Mayor Webber / Chairperson Tuanau

*THAT the staff presentation regarding the Tuia Leadership Programme be received*

## PF7.5 **Partnership Engagement Agreements**

The Partnership Forum considered a report from the Māori Relationships and Engagement Advisor dated 4 December 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

The Māori Relationships and Engagement Advisor advised that it had been updated since discussions had on 20 November 2018. He explained the updates that had been made as highlighted in the agenda document and asked for feedback if the changes had captured the discussions that had taken place.

11.45am Councillor Murray-Benge left the meeting.

After some discussion, and in light of the fact that the document would be regularly reviewed, the Forum resolved as follows:

**Resolved:** Member Duncan / Member Kuka

*THAT the Māori Relationships and Engagement Advisor report dated 4 December 2018 and titled Partnership Engagement Agreements be received.*

**Resolved:** Member Bidois / Member Shepherd

*THAT the template Partnership Engagement Agreement attached to this document be adopted and used by Council when working with iwi and hapū on Council projects.*

Mr Leef asked that his vote against the motion be recorded.

The Mayor wished all members a safe and good Christmas.

Mr A Wihapi thanked Chairperson Tuanau and Mayor for these support and work in 2019.

Chairperson Tuanau thanked everyone on behalf of iwi.

There being no further business, the Mr Paki closed the meeting with a karakia at 12.13pm.

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