

Western Bay of Plenty District Council

**Minutes of Meeting No. PF8 of the Tauranga Moana / Te Arawa
Ki Takutai Partnership Forum held on 19 February 2019
in the Council Chamber, Barks Corner
commencing 10.00am**

Present

Iwi Representatives

Anthony Wihapi (Ngati Moko) (Co-Chairperson), Reon Tuanau (Ngai Te Rangi) (Co-Chairperson), Te Awa Anderson (Ngati Whakahemo - Alternate), Carlton Bidois (Ngati Ranginui), Raiha Biel (Tapuika Iwi Authority), Tiki Bluegum (Ngai Tamawhariua), Matire Duncan (Ngā Potiki), Maria Horne (Ngati Whakaue), Roland Kingi (Ngati Pikiao), Nessie Kuka (Ngai Tuwhiwhia), Bob Leef (Ngati Taka), Buddy Mikaere (Ngati Pukenga), Riki Nelson (Ngati Te Wai), Hemi Paki (Ngati Tauaiti), Julie Shepherd (Te Runanga o Pirirakau), Kevin Tohiariki (Te Whanau o Tauwhao) and Tania Turner (Ngati Whakahemo)

Councillors

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

In Attendance

P Tapsell (Workforce Development and Cultural Advisor), C Nepia (Māori Relationships and Engagement Advisor), K Hill (Utilities Manager), C Ertel (Asset and Capital Manager), E Watton (Policy and Planning Manager), M Leighton (Senior Policy Analyst) and M Parnell (Governance Advisor)

Others

Two members of the public and as mentioned in the minutes.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Scrimgeour and Members Elva Conroy (Ngati Tuheke) and Manu Wihapi (Tuhourangi) and an apology for lateness from Buddy Mikaere (Ngati Pukenga).

Resolved: Mr Tuanau / Mr Kingi

THAT the apologies for absence from Councillor Scrimgeour and members Elva Conroy and Manu Wihapi and for lateness from Buddy Mikaere be accepted.

The meeting opened with a karakia from Mr Tuanau and a mihi from Mayor Webber.

PF8.1 **Minutes of Meeting No. PF7 of the Tauranga Moana / Te Arawa Ki Takutai Partnership Forum Held on 20 December 2018**

The Tauranga Moana / Te Arawa Ki Takutai Partnership Forum considered the minutes of meeting no. PF7 of the Tauranga Moana / Te Arawa Ki Takutai Partnership Forum held on 20 December 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

Mr Bob Leef raised issues regarding Tahataharoa and was advised that this Forum was not the correct place to raise these issues.

Resolved: Mayor Webber / Ms Duncan

THAT the minutes of the Tauranga Moana / Te Arawa Ki Takutai Partnership Forum meeting PF7 held on 20 December 2019 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

PF8.2 **Infrastructure Update**

The Partnership Forum received a verbal update from the Infrastructure staff regarding Te Puke and Katikati Wastewater Treatment Plan Discharge consent renewal and the Eastern Stormwater Catchment Management Plan.

The Utilities Manager spoke to a tabled powerpoint presentation and advised the following regarding the Te Ohu Waiora - Katikati Wastewater Discharge Alternatives:

- Who the members of the reference group were and that they had last met in January 2019.
- The group had been set up to look at alternatives to disposing of wastewater into local water ways.
- The group assessed cultural values, community needs, health and wellbeing of water bodies and economic viability for the community.
- Cost was not a driver in the assessment of alternatives at this stage.
- A continuum of beneficial reuse was discussed.
- The group would like assistance in ring-fencing areas that were culturally significant to Māori so they could be discounted as options for disposal of wastewater to land.
- The Utilities Manager had learned much from the process they were engaged in and had found much respect between parties.
- Concerns were raised about the land based solution and the water table being contaminated with treated water.

Members of the Forum made the following comments:

- Staff were commended for their work in this area and the process followed to date.
- Members of the reference group commented that they had been happy with the outcomes and that they were happy for a land based solution from a cultural perspective. There was also a greater understanding of the issues from a cultural perspective.

In response to questions, staff confirmed the following:

- Resource consents from the Regional Council had been tightened regarding bacteria in the water. Discharge at the moment was not drinking quality but well within the guidelines of the resource consent.
- The plant treating water would continue to be upgraded so the quality of water would always be improving.

10.32am

Mr Bidois entered the meeting.

- Cultural impact studies would be completed regarding alternate solutions for Katikati.

The Utilities Manager spoke to a tabled powerpoint presentation and advised the following regarding Te Puke Wastewater Discharge Alternatives:

- The reference group in Te Puke had started six months after the group in Katikati.
- The main issue for the Te Puke group was discharge into the Waiari stream.
- Who the members of the reference group in Te Puke were and that they had last met in February 2019.
- 63 sites had initially been identified as potential wetland areas.
- Treatment of waste water occurred on the top level of the soil so land that was largely clay was not suitable for this purpose.
- Council would prefer to use its own land to dispose of waste water but was not opposed to working in long term partnership with private land owners.

Members of the Forum made the following comments:

- It needed to be considered that there were limitations on being able to export fruit that had been watered with treated water.
- Central Government was driving a standard for waste water that could be upheld by environmental protection groups.

In response to questions, staff advised the following:

- There were complications associated with Rangiuuru Industrial Park being required to deal with their own waste but this option was being explored.
- The role of the reference groups was to explore all possible options and comprehensively report back to Council.
- It was clarified that although staff formed part of the reference groups, they were not voting members and that the final decision regarding these alternatives would be made by Council.

- While cost of alternatives was not being considered at this stage, it would be included in all decision making documents. The reference groups were currently focused on finding the best outcomes for communities and not just the most affordable.

10.55am Mr Mikaere entered the meeting.

- The reference groups were looking at solutions for bio-liquids not bio-solids.

10.59am Ms Shepherd left the meeting

- The Te Puke Wastewater Treatment Plant had won an award.
- Existing alternative options in Tauranga were not being considered.
- A resource consent had been applied for to keep the Te Puke Wastewater Treatment Plant operational as the consent would lapse in six months. This was a process driven application and did not mean that alternatives presented by the reference group would not be seriously considered.

11.04am Ms Shepherd entered the meeting.

- The Te Puke Alternative Wastewater reference group had been established in 2015 and had endeavoured to engage with as many parties as possible regarding the topic.
- There was no pre-treating of wastewater at homes. Bio-solids were removed and the grey water pumped away.
- The group could look at geothermal options in the area.
- Staff would check to see if there were any geothermal options in the area.

The Asset and Capital Manager gave an update on the Eastern Stormwater Catchment Management Plan. She spoke to a tabled powerpoint presentation and advised the following:

- The background and purpose of the Catchment Management Plan were explained.
- A summary of the feedback received was provided.
- Public notification was expected around August 2019 with submissions closing in November 2019.

Members of the Forum commented that a cultural monitoring plan that all hapū and iwi could feed into would be more economically viable than each individual hapū or iwi monitoring each point.

In response to questions, staff advised at industrially zoned properties would be required to apply for consent for their own stormwater.

Resolved: Ms Duncan / Ms Horne

THAT the verbal update from the Infrastructure staff be received.

11.25am The meeting adjourned for morning tea.

11.43am The meeting reconvened.

Public Forum

Resolved: Ms Kuka / Ms Turner

THAT the meeting be adjourned for the purpose of holding a public forum.

Mr Lance Waka of Ngati Ruahine introduced himself to the Tauranga Moana / Te Arawa ki Takutai Partnership Forum and explained his concerns about water quality in the Western Bay of Plenty District Council area.

Staff advised that Ngati Ruahine had not taken the opportunity to take a seat in this forum and explained to Mr Waka how the iwi might go about doing this.

Resolved: Mayor Webber / Mr Tuanau

THAT the meeting be re-convened in formal session at 11.54am.

PF8.3 Te Ara Mua Nga Kaihoe (Work Programme) Update

The Partnership Forum considered a report from the Māori Relationships and Engagement Advisor dated 4 February 2019 as circulated with the agenda. The report was taken as read, and the Māori Relationships and Engagement Advisor spoke to a tabled powerpoint presentation and advised the following:

- The actions that had been completed through Te Ara Mua were outlined.
- Staff were looking for direction as to when Te Ara Mua should be reviewed next.
- It was noted that the budget for many of the Te Ara Mua actions had been increased in the 2018-28 Long Term Plan, which was specifically allocated to support papakainga, the healthy whare programme and care of Marae in the district.
- The Marae Toolkit would be continually reviewed to make sure it was relevant and useful.

Members of the Forum made the following comments:

- There had been a previous joint effort by Tauranga City Council, Western Bay of Plenty District Council and Bay of Plenty Regional Council to map sites of significance for iwi and hapū in the region but there had been difficulties keeping this information confidential when ratepayers would make Official Information Requests questioning the significance of sites.
- It was important the cultural heritage was preserved. Proactivity was required regarding the District Plan.

- There was a discussion about the size of designated sites of significance and whether a ridgeline could be considered one site.

12.14pm Mr Bluegum left the meeting.

12.16pm Mr Bluegum entered the meeting.

- It was suggested that rather than mapping the exact locations of sites of significance, that some areas be designated "hot spots" for cultural significance.

12.20pm Mr Mikaere left the meeting.

In response to questions, staff advised the following:

- The Partnership Engagement Agreement approved at the previous meeting related to operational matters and Mana Whakahono was a central government tool particularly regarding the Resource Management Act.
- The Māori language app was being designed by Kiwa Digital. They had also developed similar apps for the Waikato Regional Council and a Council in the South Island, providing a good template to work from. The app would be tailored to the needs of this Council and there would be opportunity for the Forum to give feedback regarding the app.
- A Rangitahi forum was best progressed by iwi and hapū.
- A candidate had been selected for the TUIA Programme. Her name was Te Manaws Tumoana from Te Arawa and she was the first female candidate we have had participate in the TUIA programme. She would receive mentoring from the Mayor and insight into the workings of Local Government.
- There was some funding available to help iwi and hapū map sites of significance.
- Sites of significance should be registered with Heritage New Zealand.
- Council's Resource Management Manager would be best suited to provide more detailed advice about the cultural heritage protections within the District Plan and how these can be strengthened, particularly in light of upcoming work to review the District Plan.
- The Western Bay of Plenty District Council had committed to sending two people per annum to the Making Good Decisions Course.

12.26pm Councillor Murray-Benge left the meeting.

Resolved: Mr Bidois / Councillor Williams

THAT Nessie Kuka and Julie Shepherd be enrolled in the Making Good Decisions Course for 2019.

12.27pm Mayor Webber left the meeting.

In response to questions, staff advised the following:

- Work is being carried out to assess the suitability of the Hot Springs Road site that had been identified as a potential Urupā site for Ngai

Tamawhariua. This work had only just been commissioned, Council will keep Ngai Tamawhariua up to date as the work progresses.

12.29pm Ms Duncan left the meeting.

- A workshop regarding the sites of significance could be organised for the Partnership Forum.

12.32pm Ms Duncan entered the meeting.

- In a discussion regarding the review of Te Ara Mua, it was agreed that it was a living document and needed to be reviewed as soon as possible.

Resolved: Ms Turner / Mr Bluegum

THAT the Māori Relationships and Engagement Advisor's report dated 31 January 2019 titled "Te Ara Mua Ngā Kaihoe (Work Programme) Update" be received

Resolved: Mr Tohiariki / Mr Kingi

THAT a review of Te Ara Mua be initiated prior to the 2019 Local Government elections and staff organise a workshop for this purpose.

The Chairperson took a moment to introduce Te Awa Anderson who was the Community Constable in Te Puke. He was in attendance at the meeting to meet local leaders.

PF8.4 **Upcoming Consultation**

The Partnership Forum considered a report from the Policy and Planning Manager dated 4 February 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

12.46pm Councillor Lally left the meeting.

Members of the Forum commented that this forum and Te Ara Mua directly linked Māori to Council processes and was an opportunity to be informed of issues as they arose.

In response to questions, staff advised the following:

- A Special Consultative Procedure of a month was required for the Long Term Plan amendment and the document had to be adopted by 30 June 2019.
- Elected Members and staff had organised seven events around the district to discuss the Annual Plan, the amendment to the Long Term Plan and several bylaw reviews.

Members of the Forum made the following comments:

- Lack of enforcement of bylaws was causing public arguments and Council did not appear to want to take responsibility.
- Te Puna has issue with rubbish for reserves.

In response to questions, staff advised the following:

- Once these items were adopted staff could run workshops with the Partnership Forum to update them of any substantial changes to the bylaws.
- There was not currently a consultation event organised for Pukehina but this could be considered.
- Submissions could be received in written and verbal form. There would also be a more formal style event running over two days in the Council Chamber that submitters could register to attend and present at.
- A workshop could also be organised to seek feedback from the Forum. This would need to be done during the prescribed consultation period. Members were also invited to speak to their submissions at the Have Your Say events at the Council Chambers.
- Staff would distribute the dates for the Have Your Say Events to Forum members.

Resolved: Mr Kingi / Mr Tohiariki

THAT the Policy and Planning Manager's report dated 4 February 2019 and titled Upcoming consultation be received.

Resolved: Mr Kingi / Mr Bluegum

THAT the Partnership Forum requests staff organise workshops that Forum members may give feedback to during the Have Your Say events and also after adoption of the Annual Plan, amended Long Term Plan and various bylaws to advise Forum Members of changes.

Riki Nelson requested to speak to the Tauranga Moana / Te Arawa ki Takutai Partnership Forum regarding iwi, hapū and whanau aspirations and made the following points:

- He noted the vision and mission of the Forum as presented on page 3 of the agenda.
- He advised that Māori were over-represented in many negative societal aspects such as youth suicide and unemployment.
- He believed that the Forum needed to focus more on outcomes for Māori people.
- He explained how Ngati Te Wai had contributed to the review of the Reserves and Facilities Bylaw.
- He proposed a workshop with local parliament members to discuss better outcomes for Māori people in this district and funding for this purpose.

Members of the Forum made the following comments:

- Councillor Williams challenged members of the Forum to consider running for election and offered to mentor anyone who was interested.
- It was suggested that hapū be given the opportunity to present to the Forum moving forward.

1.08pm Ms Shepherd left the meeting.

1.09pm Mr Leef withdrew from the meeting.

Resolved: Mr Bidois / Mr Kingi

THAT a workshop with local Ministers of Parliament be convened for the purpose of discussing Māori aspirations.

1.13pm Mr Kingi left the meeting.

There being no further business, Mr Bluegum closed the meeting with a karakia at 1.14pm.

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