

Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority

Ngā Meneti Open Minutes

Commencing: Friday 27 August 2021, 9.30 am

Venue: via Zoom (Audio Visual Meeting)

**Heamana
Chairperson:** Dean Flavell (Tapuika Iwi Authority Trust)

**Heamana Tuarua
Deputy Chairperson:** Cr Matemoana McDonald (Bay of Plenty Regional Council)

**Ngā Kopounga
Members:**

Bay of Plenty Regional Council
Cr Jane Nees (Alternate)

Te Tāhuhu o Tawakeheimoa Trust
Nicki Douglas
Erin Thompson (Alternate)

Te Pumautanga o Te Arawa
Piki Thomas

Rotorua Lakes Council
Nick Chater (Lakes Community Board)
Cr Tania Tapsell (Alternate)

Western Bay of Plenty District Council
Cr Grant Dally
Deputy Mayor John Scrimgeour (Alternate) – late arrival

Tauranga City Council
Commissioner Shadrach Rolleston
Commissioner Bill Wasley (Alternate)

Informal Members:

Te Komiti Nui o Ngāti Whakaue
Maru Tapsell
Manu Pene (Alternate)

Bay of Plenty Regional Council
Cr Te Taru White

Te Hunga i Tae Ake

In Attendance:

Bay of Plenty Regional Council: Pim de Monchy - Coastal Catchments Manager, Jo Watts - Senior Planner (Water Policy), Nassah Rolleston-Steed - Principal Advisor, Policy and Planning, Gemma Moleta - Senior Planner (Water Policy), Ashleigh Grant - Kaikarere (Communications Partner), Reuben Gardiner - Senior Planner (Water Policy), Moana Boyd - Senior Planner (RIN), Anaru Vercoe - Pou Whaingā - Principal Advisor, Fiona Wood - Programme Coordinator Integrated Catchments, Clarke Koopu - Senior Advisor, Riki-Lee Ainsworth - Planner, Tone Nerdrum Smith - Committee Advisor

Western Bay of Plenty District Council: Katy McGinity - Senior Recreation Planner, Peter Watson - Reserves and Facilities Manager, Matthew Leighton - Senior Policy Analyst

External: Karla Kereopa - Ministry for the Environment Te rohe o Te Arawa waka - Relationship Manager

Apologies:

Geoff Rice (Alternate, Tapuika Iwi Authority Trust), Rawiri Kingi (Alternate, Te Pūmāutanga o Te Arawa Trust), , Cr Matemoana McDonald (Bay of Plenty Regional Council - early departure from subsequent workshop), Cr Te Taru White (Bay of Plenty Regional Council - early departure from subsequent workshop), Deputy Mayor John Scrimgeour (Alternate, Western Bay of Plenty District Council - late arrival)

1. Karakia Whakatuwhera Opening Karakia

A karakia was provided by Dean Flavell.

2. Chair's Opening Statement

Dean Flavell formally opened the Zoom hui, advised that public section of the hui was being recorded and that the recording would be uploaded to the Bay of Plenty Regional Council website: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NnX2TKSWJ-w>

3. Ngā Hōnea Apologies

Resolved

That Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority:

- 1 Accepts the apologies for early departure from the subsequent workshop from Cr Matemoana McDonald and Cr Te Taru White, for late arrival from Deputy Mayor John Scrimgeour and for absence from Member Geoff Rice (Alternate) and Member Rawiri Kingi (Alternate) tendered at the meeting.**

**Flavell/White
CARRIED**

4. Ngā Take Tōmuri Items not on the Agenda

5. Raupapa o Ngā Take Order of Business

Noted that although there were no new items for the agenda, an email had been received from Tapuika Iwi Authority confirming the appointment of Dean Flavell as its current representative and Geoff Rice as the alternate. This would be covered under the Membership Appointment agenda item.

6. Whakapuakanga o Ngā Take Whai Taha-Rua Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

Maru Tapsell noted his status as a Ngāti Whakaue informal member.

7. Ngā Meneti Minutes

Kia Whakaūngia Ngā Meneti Minutes to be Confirmed

7.1 Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority Minutes - 21 May 2021

Resolved

That Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority:

Confirms Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority Minutes - 21 May 2021 as a true and correct record

**McDonald/Chater
CARRIED**

8. Whakahoutanga Kōrero Verbal Updates

8.1 Chairperson's Report

*Tabled Document 1 - Kaituna Mole Concept Design - TMoK 27 August 2021:
Objective ID A3923471 [⇒](#)*

*Tabled Document 2 - Kaituna Mole Landscape cultural design constructability -
TMoK 27 August 2021: Objective ID A3923468 [⇒](#)*

Verbal Update by Dean Flavell, supported by Pim de Monchy - Coastal Catchments Manager.

Key Points:

- A submission presented to the BOPRC Long Term Plan 2021-2031, seeking funding towards a Secretariat to jointly support the River Authority and the Rangitāiki River Forum, had been successful. The next step would now be to formulate the scope of the Secretariat's responsibilities.
- A submission on behalf of the River Authority on Plan Change 5 had been lodged under the signature of Dean Flavell and a copy distributed to Members
- Provided an update on the AFFCO resource consent and noted that a pre-hearing discussion, which would involve River Authority Members, would take place
- Noted that the Kaituna Mole was undergoing an upgrade, and as part of that a culturally appropriate design for the new concrete surface had been prepared by Te Kaiamo Okeroa (refer tabled items 1 and 2)
- The Tukutuku component of the design was provided for within the existing budget, but there was some uncertainty about the extra section, which Council would try to include.

Key Points - Members:

- The Kaituna Mole design, name and description should reflect its purpose as well as being cognisant of the surrounding environment
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Items for Staff Follow Up:

- Members to advise the Chair if they would like to be part of the discussion on the establishment and parameters of the Secretariat.

8.2 Nicki Douglas - Te Tāhuhu o Tawakeheimoa Trust: Verbal Update

Key Points:

- Noted funding had been secured towards the Pātaka Kai Project and recognised the support of the team involved, in particular Elva Conroy.

8.3 Cr Grant Dally - Western Bay of Plenty District Council: Verbal Update

Key Points:

- Noted that Council had adopted its Long Term Plan 2021-2031 including approval of \$50k funding per annum for three years towards the Kaituna Action Plan
- Bell Road access and walking/cycling strategy had both been granted funding, and noted that the draft walking/cycling strategy action plan included Kaituna connections.

9. Ngā Pūrongo Reports

Ngā Whakatau e Hiahiatia Ana Decisions Required

9.1 Membership Appointments

This item was presented by Pim de Monchy - Coastal Catchments Manager.

Key Points:

- Noted the letter received from Tapuika Iwi Authority Trust, appointing Dean Flavell (Primary) and Geoff Rice (Alternate) as their representatives
- Noted that the Trust nominated Dean Flavell as the Chairperson of the Authority
- Noted that the Informal Members of the Authority were entitled to vote, but did not count towards a quorum.

Resolved

That Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Membership Appointments;**
- 2 Confirms the appointment of Dean Flavell (Member) and Geoff Rice (Alternate) representing Tapuika Iwi Authority Trust;**

**Douglas/White
CARRIE**

A nomination to reappoint Dean Flavell as the Chairperson was received from Dean Flavell and Nicki Douglas.

- 3 Agrees that nominations close as no further nominations were received;**

**White/Tapsell
CARRIED**

- 4 Notes that as there is only one nomination, there is no requirement to choose a voting system.**

- 5 Appoints Dean Flavell as Chairperson of the Authority for a term of three years pursuant to the Act.**

**Pene/Dally
CARRIED**

9.2 Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority Annual Report and Budget

This item was presented by Pim de Monchy - Coastal Catchments Manager.

Key Points:

- Provided an outline of the budget and proposed allocations as set out in the agenda.

Key Points - Members:

- Sought clarification regarding funding of the Secretariat, i.e. whether the primary funding was allocated through the Regional Council's Long Term Plan 2021-2031, with any operational expenditure being allocated via the Authority budget
- Te Mana o Te Wai budget allocations could be added, e.g. for conference attendance and travel costs
- The current direction of Te Tini a Tuna was more operationally focussed around the Action Plan
- Suggested that communication and engagement could fall within the Secretariat's role and responsibilities.

Resolved

That Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority Annual Report and Budget.**
- 2 Adopts the attached 2020/21 Annual Report, while noting that better status reporting focussed on Te Tini a Tuna's implementation will be available from this year;**
- 3 Notes the current balance set out in the Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority Statement of Financial Position;**
- 4 Adopts the Annual Budget for 2021/22 to achieve its priorities, while considering the role of the new Secretariat;**
- 5 Agrees that Bay of Plenty Regional Council hold and administer the additional funds pursuant to Clause 9 of Schedule 5 in the Tapuika Claims Settlement Act 2014, in the same way that the Authority's current funds are held and administered;**
- 6 Delegates authority to the Chairman and Deputy Chair to jointly review and execute the deeds or contracts to receive the additional funds from Te Wai Māori and Western Bay of Plenty District Council;**
- 7 Agrees to appoint Conroy and Donald Consultants Ltd to lead and manage the projects to be undertaken with the additional funding, and delegates authority to Nicki Douglas and Piki Thomas to negotiate and execute an appropriate agreement. An amount to be discussed and brought back to the Authority for confirmation.**

Pene/Chater
CARRIED

10.38 am – Deputy Mayor Scrimgeour **entered** the meeting.

Hei Pānui Anake Information Only

9.3 Otaiparia Reserve Concept Plan and Name Change

*Tabled Document 3 - Otaiparia Reserve - 1907 Map - TMoK 27 August 2021:
Objective ID A3927723 [⇒](#)*

Katy McGinity - Senior Recreation Planner, supported by Peter Watson – Reserves and Facilities Manager and Matthew Leighton – Senior Policy Analyst, Western Bay of Plenty District Council presented this item.

Key Points:

- Outlined the report in the agenda
- Noted that Council had adopted the draft concept plan and the proposed name change to Otaiparia Reserve
- Engagement on the proposal was currently underway.

Key Points - Members:

- Outlined the history behind the proposed name change and noted that the reserve was a traditional gathering point for fishing
- Noted that there was no wāhi tapu placed on the site that would impact on the current proposal.

Resolved**That the Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority:**

- 1 Receives the report, Otaiparia Reserve Concept Plan and Name Change.**

**Rolleston/McDonald
CARRIED**

9.4 Te Puke Wastewater Treatment Plant Reports 2021

Matthew Leighton – Senior Policy Analyst, Western Bay of Plenty District Council presented this item.

Key Points:

- Provided an outline of the monitoring report
- No major issues had been identified and results were within consent parameters
- The long term alternatives to the current wastewater treatment approach in Te Puke was currently under review.

Key Points - Members:

- The environmental monitoring report was provided under the resource consent conditions
- Looking forward, beyond the need to report on consent conditions, it would be beneficial to hear from kaitiaki on their views and considerations in the context of Mātauranga Māori Plan
- The matter of Mātauranga Māori and Pātaka Kai as part of the Bay of Plenty Regional Policy Statement should be further discussed
- The matter of the appeal by affected parties with regards to consent to releasing wastewater into the Waiari River was raised.

Items for Staff Follow Up:

Western Bay of Plenty District Council to provide a response regarding the relatively high *E.coli* readings in November highlighted in the monitoring report.

Resolved

That the Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Te Puke Wastewater Treatment Plant Reports 2021.**

**Douglas/Thomas
CARRIED**

9.5 Update on Proposed Change 5 (Kaituna River) to the Bay of Plenty Regional Policy Statement

Moana Boyd – Senior Planner (RIN) presented this item.

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Resolved**That Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority:**

- 1 Receives the report, Update on Proposed Change 5 (Kaituna River) to the Bay of Plenty Regional Policy Statement.**

**Flavell/McDonald
CARRIED**

10. Wāhanga Tūmataiti Public Excluded Section

Resolved**Resolution to exclude the public**

- 1 Excludes the public from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting as set out below:**

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

Item No.	Subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Grounds under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution	When the item can be released into the public
10.1	Tangata Whenua nominations for the Freshwater Hearings Panel to hear Proposed Change 5 (Kaituna River) to the Bay of	Withholding the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.	48(1)(a)(i) Section 7 (2)(a).	To remain in public excluded.

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**Flavell/White
CARRIED**

**11. Karakia Kati
Closing Karakia**

A karakia was provided by Chair Dean Flavell.

11.33 am - the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED 19 NOVEMBER 2021

Dean Flavell
Chairperson, Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority