

# Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority

## Ngā Meneti Open Minutes

**Commencing:** Friday 19 November 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

Erin Thompson (Alternate)

Te Pumautanga o Te Arawa

Rawiri Kingi (Alternate)

Rotorua Lakes Council

Nick Chater (Lakes Community Board)

Western Bay of Plenty District Council

Cr Grant Dally

Tauranga City Council

Commissioner Shadrach Rolleston

**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: Chris Ingle – General Manager, Integrated Catchments, Pim De Monchy – Coastal Catchments Manager, Jo Watts – Senior Planner (Water Policy), Moana Boyd – Senior Planner (RIN), Rawiri Bhana – Māori Policy Advisor, Gina Mohi – Pūtaiao Mātauranga, Anaru Vercoe – Pou Whaingā, Principal Advisor, Jenny

Teeuwen – Committee Advisor, Merinda Pansegrouw – Committee Advisor.

Western Bay of Plenty District Council: Matthew Leighton – Senior Policy Analyst

External: Elva Conroy – Consultant, Vance Skudder – Tapuika Iwi Authority, Vivienne Robinson – Waitaha, Te Poari (John) Newton – Komiti nui o Ngāti Whakaue, Karla Kereopa – Ministry for the Environment

External Presenters: Niketi Toataua, Scott Stephens, Darcel Rickard and Jordan Luttrell – NIWA, Scott Hamilton and Mel Manley – Quayside Holdings Ltd

## **Ngā Hōnea Apologies:**

Mr Piki Thomas (Te Pumautanga o Te Arawa), Commissioner Bill Wasley (Tauranga City Council), Cr Tania Tapsell (Rotorua Lakes Council), and Cr Scrimgeour (Alternate, Western Bay of Plenty District Council) (for absence), Cr White (for early departure)

## **1. Chair’s Opening Statement**

Chairperson Dean Flavell formally opened the Zoom hui and advised that the hui was being recorded and that the recording would be uploaded to the Bay of Plenty Regional Council website and could be accessed via this link: [Te Maru o Kaituna Public Meeting - Zoom Video Recording - 19 November 2021 - YouTube](#)

## **2. Karakia Whakatuwhera Opening Karakia**

A karakia was provided by Chairperson Dean Flavell.

## **3. Ngā Hōnea Apologies**

### **Resolved**

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

- 1 Accepts the apologies from Mr Piki Thomas, Commissioner Bill Wasley, Cr Tania Tapsell, Cr Scrimgeour (for absence), and Cr White (for early departure) tendered at the meeting.**

**Pene/McDonald  
CARRIED**

#### **4. Ngā Take Tōmuri Items not on the Agenda**

The Chair advised that as part of Item 9.1 - Chairperson's Report, Chris Ingle - General Manager Integrated Catchments, would provide an update on the Kaituna Catchments Control Scheme Advisory Group's work, and the links to the Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority.

#### **5. Raupapa o Ngā Take Order of Business**

There was no change to the order of business.

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

None declared.

#### **7. Ngā Meneti Minutes**

##### **Kia Whakaūngia Ngā Meneti Minutes to be Confirmed**

##### **7.1 Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority Minutes - 27 August 2021**

##### **Resolved**

That Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority:

- 1 Confirms the Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority Minutes - 27 August 2021 as a true and correct record.**

**Nees/Rolleston  
CARRIED**

#### **8. Whakaaturanga Presentations**

##### **8.1 NIWA - Transforming coastal lowland systems threatened by sea-level rise into prosperous communities**

Presented by: Niketi Toataua and Scott Stephens - NIWA

*Presentation: Transforming coastal lowland systems threatened by sea level rise into prosperous communities: Objective ID A3978329* [⇒](#)

**Key Points:**

- The National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research Limited's (NIWA) Future Coasts Aotearoa research programme had received funding from the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment's (MBIE) Endeavour Fund - \$2.7 million per year for 5 years.
- The funding proposal stated that if successful, plans for a Kaituna River case study on programme start up would be finalised.
- The challenge of rising seas required new thinking of what needed to be done to change things to benefit the whole of society for the future.
- A lot of work had already been done around the built environments but there was a big gap in the rural landscape – lowland farms and wetlands.
- The research programme had three aims:
  - Exposure - how the freshwater, saltwater interface was going to change and coastal squeeze – wetland and intertidal evolution;
  - Consequences - look at the four well-beings and build non-monetary values into a dynamic economic model to stimulate the future; and
  - Adaptation – use serious games (gaming tool designed for training purposes) to develop a behavioural model and then use that to develop a virtual reality tool.
- There was already an existing research partnership in place with Te Puuaha o Waikato hapū/whānau.
- NIWA would welcome the opportunity to co-develop research which aligned with the Te Maru strategic priorities within the scope of the Future Coasts Aotearoa research.

**In Response to Questions:**

- NIWA would work with researchers who would ensure the Māori world view was captured and understood.
- Serious gaming was more about economic modelling but it could enable farmers to make decisions about their land.
- There was also a challenge with low-lying coastal marae. An invitation was extended to NIWA to present to the Regional Council's Komiti Māori to share this information with other hapū outside of Te Maru that would be dealing with this issue.
- As much as possible, the research programme would connect into other existing research programmes.
- The consequences to Māori and marginal land had been identified as a key gap. The research programme would be looking at building Māori perspectives into the modelling but this was difficult to do. The idea was to start at a local level by developing research programme partnerships.

The Chair thanked Scott Stephens and the team from NIWA for their presentation.

## **8.2 Ranguru Business Park - an overview, a short history on the journey to date, the vision for the Park and engagement with iwi**

Presented by: Scott Hamilton and Mel Manley - Quayside Holdings Ltd

*Presentation: Ranguru Business Park: Objective ID A3978694* [⇒](#)

**Key Points:**

- Quayside Holdings Ltd was a Council Controlled Organisation (CCO) and the commercial arm of the Bay of Plenty Regional Council.

- The Rangiuru Business Park was a significant investment for Quayside Holdings Ltd.
- Rangiuru is both an ancestor and maunga of significance to Tapuika.
- The business park was within the Western Bay of Plenty District Council catchment and covered an area of approximately 226 hectares. It would yield 148 hectares (net) of industrial development. 45% of the industrial development land was owned by Quayside Holdings Ltd (Stage One). The business park would be commensurate with the size and quality of the Tauriko Business Estate.
- The vision – “Rangiuru Business Park will be a modern, high quality, vibrant, connected, industrial development”.
- A site blessing with Tapuika had occurred and earthworks had started for Stage 1A. Work on the interchange ramps would begin at the end of the earthworks season.
- There were a number of existing operative consents. Two consents were subject to renewal. Engagement with local iwi would continue for further support and consideration as the consent renewals were worked through.
- Quayside Holdings could be contacted for further information or discussion via their website [www.Rangiuru.co.nz/contact-us/](http://www.Rangiuru.co.nz/contact-us/).

#### **In Response to Questions:**

- There may be smaller land blocks within the industrial park that would be foreign owned.
- The design process for the interchange had been completed. Some work would be undertaken at the end of the summer season in readiness for Stage 1A. The interchange was expected to be completed mid to end 2023.

The Chair thanked Scott Hamilton and the team from Quayside Holding Ltd for their presentation.

10.41am - Cr White **withdrew** from the meeting.

## **9. Ngā Pūrongo Reports**

### **9.1 Chairperson’s Report**

As part of the Chairperson’s report, Chris Ingle - General Manager, Integrated Catchments, provided a verbal update on the Kaituna Catchments Control Scheme Advisory Group’s work, and the links to the Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority.

#### **Key Points:**

- Regional Council had four river schemes and each scheme had an advisory group made up of targeted ratepayers. Regional Council consulted with the advisory groups twice a year.
- The work undertaken in the river scheme was funded 80% from targeted rates and 20% from general funds.
- Whakatōhea iwi had submitted to the Regional Council’s Long Term Plan requesting to be involved in the Waioeka-Otara Rivers Advisory Group. As non-targeted ratepayers they did not fit into the Terms of Reference for the Advisory Group, so Regional Council were looking to change these.

- The Terms of Reference for the Kaituna Catchments Control Scheme would not be changed as Te Maru already existed and had a statutory responsibility to be the voice for the river.
- It was noted that Te Maru had a voice on the Kaituna Catchments Control Scheme Advisory Group as Cr Nees, Cr McDonald and Nick Chater were members.

**Key Points - Members:**

- Whilst Cr McDonald, Cr Nees and Nick Chater were part of the Kaituna Catchments Control Scheme Advisory Group, it was noted that their membership was as Regional Council and Rotorua Lakes Council representatives and not Te Maru representatives; therefore, it would be beneficial to have a tangata whenua representative from Te Maru to raise the cultural understanding and awareness of the Kaituna at the Advisory Group table.

**Resolved**

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

- 1 Receives the report, Chairperson's Report.**
- 2 Appoints Dean Flavell and Maru Tapsell (as alternate) as representatives of Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority on 'Te Ohu Parawai o te Waiari' and the 'Wastewater Advisory Group'.**
- 3 Appoints Dean Flavell as a member of the Kaituna Catchments Control Scheme Advisory Group.**

**Pene/Dally  
CARRIED**

**Ngā Whakatau e Hiahiatia Ana  
Decisions Required**

**9.2 Essential Freshwater Policy Programme - vision setting, values and environmental outcomes**

Presented by: Jo Watts - Senior Planner (Water Policy)

*Presentation: Freshwater - Vision, Values and Environmental Outcomes: Objective ID A3981942* [↗](#)

**Key Points:**

- A number of freshwater values had already been mapped for the Kaituna through the creation of the Kaituna River document and the work towards former plan change 12.
- The draft Freshwater Management Unit (FMU) for the Kaituna followed the Kaituna co-governance area and aligned with the river document.
- Vision setting was very prescriptive in the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management (NPSFM) legislation. The vision would sit in the Regional Policy Statement (RPS) as an objective and would cover the whole of the Kaituna River and its tributaries. The vision was the goal for the catchment and could be ambitious but reasonable. It could take, for example, 30, 40 or 50 years to be achieved depending on the extent of change required. The actual timeframe would be set involving the

community and tangata whenua. The science work currently being undertaken, as well as social and economic information, would help inform an appropriate timeframe.

- Next steps included offering to discuss the draft vision with iwi and hapū and receiving feedback, followed by seeking wider public engagement via online methods.

#### **In Response to Questions:**

- Some of the key themes for the vision had been sourced directly from the river document and iwi management plans. Legislation was very prescriptive around vision statements and whilst the example vision shown in the presentation appeared 'wordy', care would be needed to reflect aspirations in relevant documents as the starting point for further discussion.
- Part of the process going forward was to involve tangata whenua. How they would like to be involved would be part of the kōrero. TMoK would also be part of the process as the draft vision was worked up.

### **Resolved**

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

- 1 Receives the report, Essential Freshwater Policy Programme – vision setting, values and environmental outcomes.**

**Rolleston/Pene  
CARRIED**

11:16am - The meeting **adjourned**.

11:24am - The meeting **reconvened**.

### **Hei Pānui Anake Information Only**

#### **9.3 Te Tini a Tuna - Kaituna Action Plan 2020-2022 Status Report**

Presented by: Pim de Monchy – Coastal Catchments Manager

#### **Key Points:**

- Feedback was sought for the Status Report and the following feedback was provided:
  - Headers on each page of status report.
  - Horizontal lines between projects to clearly define each project.
  - Align everything to the top of each project line, rather than have wording centred in the line.
  - Funding partners did not reflect non-monetary contributions. These needed to be added in.
  - Need a clearer picture on the work that had been funded and was underway.
  - Planned completion dates – add indicative milestones as well as planned completion dates, especially for those projects with completion dates 10 years out.
  - From a governance point of view, the report was not particularly digestible in the current format. A visual presentation of a portion of the

report each meeting, picking out key things to be aware of was suggested.

- Use video/pictures as well as the written.
- One project per page. It was acknowledged that this would result in an 18 page report.
- The Status Report detail could be separated out as a stand-alone or supplementary document outside of the agenda.
- To provide a balance between detail and summary, a one page report with a summary of projects up front with project status detail appended, or provide electronic links in a summary page report for each of the projects status detail. Further detail could then be accessed in the meetings via the link if required.

The Chair thanked Pim De Monchy, Fiona Wood and any others involved, for all their work in getting this project stabilised to now be able to move the project forward.

The Chair provided a brief update on the secretariat role for the Rangitāiki and Kaituna governance entities. A role description had been drafted and comparative and due diligence work for the role was currently being undertaken. It was hoped that a further update would be provided soon.

## **Resolved**

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

- 1 Receives the report, Te Tini a Tuna - Kaituna Action Plan 2020-2022 Status Report.**

**Rolleston/McDonald  
CARRIED**

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

Presented by: Moana Boyd

## **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.**

**Nees/Pene  
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	Public Excluded Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority Minutes - 27 August 2021	As noted in the relevant Minutes.	As noted in the relevant Minutes.	To remain in public excluded.

McDonald/Rolleston  
CARRIED

## 11. Ngā Take Tūmataiti Hei Whakapuaki Tūmatanui Public Excluded Business to be Transferred into the Open

### 11.1 Public Excluded Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority Minutes - 27 August 2021

#### Resolved

That Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority:

- 1 Confirms that the only business transacted in the public excluded section of the meeting was to confirm the Public Excluded Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority Minutes - 27 August 2021.

Rolleston/Chater  
CARRIED

## 12. Karakia Kati Closing Karakia

A karakia was provided by Manu Pene.

**12.06pm- the meeting closed.**

**CONFIRMED**

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Dean Flavell  
Chairperson, Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority