

# Komiti Māori

## Ngā Meneti Open Minutes

**Commencing:** Tuesday 14 December 2021, 9:30am

**Venue:** via Zoom (Audio Visual Meeting)

**Heamana  
Chairperson:** Cr Matemoana McDonald

**Heamana Tuarua  
Deputy Chairperson:** Cr Toi Kai Rākau Iti

**Ngā Kopounga  
Members:**

- Cr Bill Clark
- Cr Paula Thompson
- Cr Lyall Thurston
- Cr Te Taru White
- Chairman Doug Leeder
- Cr Norm Bruning
- Cr Kevin Winters
- Cr Jane Nees
- Cr David Love
- Cr Stuart Crosby
- Cr Andrew von Dadelszen

**In Attendance:** Kataraina O'Brien (Director, Strategic Engagement), Fiona McTavish (Chief Executive), Chris Ingle (General Manager, Integrated Catchments), Stephanie Macdonald (Community Engagement Team Leader), Danni Manderson (Community Engagement Advisor), Akira McTavish-Huriwai, Anaru Palmer, Summer Bell, Te Rua Wallace, Te Waikamihī Lambert (Summer Students), Herewini Simpson (Kaihautu, Te Amorangi Lead), Anaru Vercoe (Pou Whaingā - Principal Advisor), Reuben Gardiner (Senior Planner - Water Policy), Rawiri Bhana, Sandy Hohepa (Māori Policy Advisors), Michelle Hingston (Advisor - Kaupapa Māori), Clarke Koopu (Senior Advisor Treaty), Ashleigh Grant (Kaikarere - Communications Partner), Gina Mohi (Putaiāo Matauranga), Paula Chapman (Project Manager), Shari Kameta (Committee Advisor)

External Presenters: Piatarahi Bennett (Kaiarataki, Te Ohu Kaupapa Taiao, Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Te Rangi), Elva Conroy (SmartGrowth Tu Pakari/Kai Arahi - Technical Advisor), Victoria Carroll (Director, Papakāinga Solutions Ltd), Scott Hamilton (Chief Executive, Quayside Holdings Limited)

## **Ngā Hōnea Apologies:**

Cr Stacey Rose, Cr Jane Nees (short departure), Cr Stuart Crosby (late arrival) and Chairman Leeder (late arrival)

## **Declaration of Public Recording**

Committee members and the public were reminded that the public section of the meeting was being recorded and would be made available on the Bay of Plenty Regional Council website and archived for a period of three years as noted on page 4 of the agenda.

Recording of Meeting: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pHwE2oCmNJs>

### **1. Opening Prayer Karakia Whakatuwhera**

Cr Te Taru White.

### **2. Apologies Ngā Hōnea**

#### **Resolved**

**That the Komiti Māori:**

- 1 Accepts the apologies from Cr Stacey Rose, Cr Jane Nees (short departure), Chairman Leeder (late arrival) and Cr Stuart Crosby (late arrival) tendered at the meeting.**

**Thurston/White  
CARRIED**

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

None declared.

### **4. Minutes Ngā Meneti**

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

#### **4.1 Komiti Māori Minutes - 19 October 2021**

#### **Resolved**

**That the Komiti Māori:**

- 1 Confirms the Komiti Māori Minutes - 19 October 2021 as a true and correct record.**

**Iti/Thurston  
CARRIED**

## 5. Presentations Whakaaturanga

### 5.1 Tauranga Moana ko WAI mātou Programme Update

Presented by: Piatarahi Bennett - Kaiarataki, Te Ohu Kaupapa Taiao | Natural Resources & Environment Unit, Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Te Rangī

Pia Bennett presented an update on the progress of the Tauranga Moana WAI mātou programme following the presentation provided to Komiti Māori in December 2020.

#### **Key Points:**

- The vision of the programme was supported by principles and objectives to honour, protect, support and enhance the mana and mauri of their awa, wai taonga, and all life within, so that they could continue to sustain us all
- The term 'Ko Wai Mātou' related to descending from the wai and honouring the whakapapa connections to wai by honouring the Atua, tūpuna (ancestors) and mokopuna (future legacy)
- A key objective was to establish and restore (tangata whenua) connections to wai, which would be integral to some of the work to implement the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management (NPSFM)
- Progress made thus far had included: cultural flows and environmental assessments, a literature review, Mātauranga protocols, regional wānanga, Te Mana o Te Wai (TMoTW) funding application, a Tauranga Moana NPSFM Action Plan and formulating a position on TMoTW
- Five kaitiaki freshwater management areas (koawa) had been established that would be supported by a framework of kaitiaki, hapū project leads, technicians and a focus group to support work priorities. Each koawa would identify their own priorities based on their belief systems and aspirations
- Key programme priorities encompassed: Wai taiao, knowledge systems, practice, validation and visualisation
- Highlighted the challenges and differences between Council and national reform processes and timeframes, tangata whenua intergenerational drivers, the need to recognise the different measures and rulers used.
- The Tauranga Moana Freshwater Action Plan had been prepared with the support of a focus group and BOPRC, endorsed by whānau
- Outlined key phases and timelines for engagement, policy development and implementation, which had been aligned as best as possible with Essential Freshwater Policy Programme
- The position of Tauranga Moana iwi/hapū was to lead the development of TMoTW principles, strategy and key values for Tauranga Moana as required by the NPSFM, in partnership with Council
- Outlined capacity and capability needs, including the cooperation needed from Councils for the Tauranga Moana programme to succeed.

10:06 am – Cr Nees **withdrew** from the meeting.

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

- Eliminating equities in iwi capability/capacity and being able to defend the plan change alongside Council at appeals stage was an ultimate goal.
- Daily operational and capacity challenges for tangata whenua involved dealing with multiple Council departments/staff on various matters.

- The collection of Mātauranga Māori would come from the cultural flow assessment stage using well reputed models among Māoridom, but would not be embedded within policy in the same or original form.

**Key Points - Members:**

- Congratulated Pia and the team on their mahi and acknowledged the depth of focus and importance placed on upholding and honouring whakapapa connections to wai, as well as the desire and aspiration to work and partner with Council, which would be an important discussion going forward.

**Key Points - Staff:**

- Acknowledged Pia and Kelly Palmer's mahi in the freshwater space, along with staff's contribution to support Tauranga Moana iwi to design their Wai Māori programme/strategy, which aligned with Council's Māori partnership statement to support Māori in this space.
- Acknowledged Council's approval of Long Term Plan budget to support the input of Ngāi Te Rangī iwi, which would be factored into the plan in due course.

## 5.2 Iwi Spatial Planning

*Presentation - Iwi Spatial Planning: Objective ID A4002968* ⇨

Presented by: Elva Conroy, Conroy and Donald Consultants Limited – SmartGrowth Tu Pakari / Kai Arahi (Technical Advisor)

**Key Points:**

- Two Tu Pakari Advisor roles (employing Elva Conroy and Te Pio Kawe) had been established in May 2021 to support and guide the SmartGrowth Combined Tangata Whenua Forum (CTWF) members
- Iwi-led spatial planning was currently in the design and planning phase and had been initiated to enable tangata whenua to participate and articulate their aspirations and areas of interest within SmartGrowth planning
- Illustrated a snapshot of the current state of Te Taiao (natural) and Ngā Tangata (social & built) environments
- Goal was to develop multi-general spatial layers over a 50 to 100 year horizon
- A set of draft outcomes had been developed to assist and guide the gathering of information, which would be collated, refined and led by tangata whenua, i.e. each Iwi, hapū, Māori land trust, post-settlement governance entities and marae community. Tangata whenua would decide what information would be shared and protected.
- Layering of information would vary for each tangata whenua grouping
- Highlighted the challenges that tangata whenua had to navigate and some approaches to ensure success through the use of parallel processes, clear communication, agreed protocols, council/agency support, resourcing and building capability.

**In Response to Questions:**

- Current work included connecting with the councils to understand current and future projects. Next steps would be to liaise with other agencies (i.e.

Te Waka Kotahi, Kāinga Ora) to understand other projects in play across sub-region

**Key Points - Members:**

- Pleasing to receive an insight into the work taking place in the SmartGrowth iwi spatial planning space
- Iwi/hapū/tangata whenua needed to be ahead of the game and prepared to participate in spatial planning
- Noted the Ōhinemutu wellbeing decision tool that had been developed by the University of Canterbury might be of use and benefit
- Supported wānanga to build capability of tangata whenua

10:38 am – Chairman Leeder **entered** the meeting.

### **5.3 Papakāinga Māori Housing - Supporting Iwi Capability**

*Presentation - Papakainga Maori Housing - Supporting Iwi Capability: Objective ID A4006579* [⇒](#)

Presented by: Victoria Carroll - Director, Papakāinga Solutions Ltd, Kainga Ora Board member and General Manager of Manawa Community Housing Trust

**Key Points:**

- Negative statistics for Māori in housing were at their recorded worst
- Outlined central government drivers and opportunities that were available to enable additional housing and partnering with Māori/Iwi to produce better housing outcomes

10:55 am – Cr Crosby **entered** the meeting.

11:03 am – Cr Nees **entered** the meeting.

- Manawa Community Housing Trust was Ngā Potiki's community housing provider and delivery entity, who were implementing their full housing strategy and construction programme for the next three years
- The Manawa residential subdivision at Pāpāmoa would provide thirty percent of its house sites to Ngā Potiki members, with additional areas for kaumātua housing, commercial and social amenities
- Development was at Ngā Potiki's own cost and based on the values of manaakitanga, whanaungatanga and rangatiratanga. The sub-division's design was influenced by Hobsonville Point, reflective of Ngā Pōtiki culture and utilised innovative housing designs that were versatile and interchangeable
- Two other pieces of land were being prepared for subdivision development, with the potential of future land swaps and collaboration
- The Trust would be engaging with the Regional Council and local councils on stormwater consenting.
- Encouraged Council to consider utilising the previous joint agency approach to set a strategy for papakāinga housing in the region.
- Welcomed the opportunity to engage further to maximise on opportunities in the central government space and share development learnings and ideas.

**In Response to Questions:**

- Ensuring success required a clear vision, due diligence and decision-making, taking time to engage the right partnerships and people, managing the challenges and innovation.

**Key Points - Members:**

- Congratulated and commended the work of Victoria and Ngā Pōtiki and the offer made to share their experience and successes with others
- The approach by Ngā Pōtiki to place-making and putting people first should be the approach taken by all.

11:22 am – the meeting **adjourned**. Cr Love and Cr Clark **withdrew** from the meeting.

11:33 am – the meeting **reconvened**.

**5.4 Rangiuru Development Update**

*Presentation - Rangiuru Business Park: Objective ID A3999629* ➡

Presented by: Scott Hamilton - Chief Executive, Quayside Holdings Limited

**Key Points:**

- Quayside Holdings Limited (QSHL) was Toi Moana's Council Controlled Organisation (CCO) and had a significant asset base that supported the four wellbeings of the Toi Moana
- Development of the Rangiuru Business Park would support growth and prosperity in the region by providing for the demand of high quality industrial land, which supported existing strategic initiatives, and business and employment opportunities for people living in the area
- Comprising approximately 150 hectares, the park had a strong and important connection for Tapuika and Te Arawa.
- The vision for the park was for a modern, high quality, vibrant, connected industrial development that was intergenerational, benefited the whole community, respected the environment and supported kaitiaki to protect the land for today and the future
- Outlined the timeline for the park's development. Significant earthworks had recently commenced on site with work on an interchange (Stage 1A) to commence this summer. Stage 1A and 1B would provide approximately 30 hectares of new industrial land to the market in a 2-3 year timeframe
- The relationship, engagement, inputs and agreements put in place with Tapuika as kaitiaki of the area and whenua were an important part of the park and to support this, QSHL had recently engaged Rawiri Waru to guide long term engagement and tikanga through the park's development and on a number of other QSHL projects.

11:41 am – Cr von Dadelszen **withdrew** from the meeting.

- Park benefits would bring employment, training and development, themed industries to support high quality jobs and clean industries, opportunity for multi-modal transport, proximity to the Port, an important connector to industrial areas in Tauranga and Whakatāne, and working with different stakeholders and iwi across the region.

11:44 am – Cr Clark **entered** the meeting.

**In Response to Questions:**

- Management of the interchange rested with QSHL and would be carried out in accordance with NZTA design standards.

**Key Points - Members:**

- Commended the work being undertaken alongside Tapuika iwi.

## **6. Reports Ngā Pūrongo**

### **6.1 Chairperson's Report**

*Presentation - Youth Involvement Project: Objective ID A4006583*

Presented by: Kataraina O'Brien, Director Strategic Engagement

Kataraina O'Brien took the report as read and introduced summer students who provided a summary of their current studies and work experience in the Toi Moana Summer exchange programme, followed by a presentation on the Youth Involvement Project from Stephanie Macdonald, Community Engagement Team Leader and Danni Manderson, Community Engagement Advisor.

**Summer Students - Key Points:**

- Akira McTavish-Huriwai was supporting the regional leadership group who coordinate the Covid-19 response to the community and was grateful for the opportunity to interact with government agencies and iwi leaders across the region
- Anaru Palmer was assisting Ngāi Tamawhariua with environmental project funding and Ngāi te Rangi with their Te Rangihou (Rangatahi) Leadership Forum
- Summer Bell was studying youth development at Te Pūtahi a Toi (Massey University) under a Te Ao Māori/Mātauranga Māori framework, with tertiary experience in health science, mental health and addiction. Summer was supporting the Youth Involvement Project, working to strengthen and lay a foundation for effective rangatahi partnership with Toi Moana
- Te Rua Wallace's time was split between Toi Moana and Te Papa Ahurewa, with a key passion and focus on the taiao (environment)
- Te Waikamihī Lambert was working in the science team with Gina Mohi on Mātauranga Māori science analysis and mauri monitoring tools. IAdditional to her brief outlined within the report, Te Waikamihī had taught free-diving to hapū of Ngāti Porou and had participated in species collection to test for toxicity levels at Whakaari, post-eruption.

The students thanked councillors for the opportunity and privilege to work at Toi Moana, which had been a welcoming and inspiring environment to learn and gain knowledge from staff in their fields of expertise.

**Youth Involvement Project Presentation**

Presented by Stephanie Macdonald, Community Engagement Team Leader and Danni Manderson

**Key Points:**

- YIP had received 56 applications from rangatahi (youth) across the region with 13 representatives selected for the group
- The first meeting on marae had provided the rangatahi the opportunity to form aspirations and values for the project, alongside Council's focus on enhanced engagement with Māori and connecting rangatahi with the work of Council
- YIP would provide opportunities for young people to lead and share their expertise within the rōpu (group)
- Engagement tools were being used to meet and collaborate with each other on youth projects in the current Covid-19 environment
- The rōpu would advise the development of: Council's youth engagement plan, work experience trials within Council, and a problem-solving event in 2022. The rōpu had met recently and were progressing well, which was testament to the support being provided by Danni and Summer.

**Key Points - Members:**

- Commended the summer students and mahi being undertaken by staff and rangatahi on the Youth Involvement Project, which validated the programmes and succession planning for Toi Moana
- Would like to see regular updates on progress of Toi Moana youth programmes across the region
- Cr Crosby provided an update on Local Government New Zealand's (LGNZ) work that was being progressed with Māori:
  - LGNZ was undertaking a restructure to ensure it was fit-for-purpose for the future. Work streams were underway to raise cultural diversity and wellbeing in the organisation, and development growth of LGNZ's young elected members' group
  - An exposure draft of the Water Services Entities Bill was released on 13 December 2021. Three independent working groups had been established to refine areas of the proposed reform structure in relation to: representation, governance and accountability; linkages to resource management reform; and rural water supplies. Drinking water, wastewater and stormwater disposal for marae had been highlighted as significant matter nationally, and progress was underway to establish a separate group to consider the impacts on marae
  - RMA reform - Ministry for the Environment were developing and progressing their engagement programme with iwi across the country
  - Future for Local Government review - an interim report had been released in September 2021, with the next draft report to be issued in 2022. Advisory panel members aimed to ensure feedback received from across the country was noted and iterated back to contributors before the release of the draft report in 2022
- Regarding the erosion control issue reported under key actions (page 18 of the agenda), concern was raised on the inability for staff to carry out erosion control work in Rūātoki North and the lack of progress made to resolve the issue. It was noted that Council's relationship protocol with Te Uru Taumatua (TUT) had impacted the work from being carried out, which posed a flood risk to Waikirikiri Marae and urupa.
- The following were requested to be provided to the next meeting of Komiti Māori: a risk assessment and comprehensive report on the flood risk and possible mitigation options available, with the involvement of Ngāti Hāmua hapū, as mana whenua of the affected land; a report providing background and explanation on the relationship protocol between Council and TUT, and how it was being used to stop work from being carried out.

**Items for Staff Follow Up:**

- Following further discussion and with the direction of the Chair, Council Chairman and Chief Executive, it was agreed that a wider conversation take place to work through erosion control issues at Rūātoki North; and that the matters requested be reported back to a future meeting of Komiti Māori.

**Resolved****That the Komiti Māori:**

- 1 Receives the report, Chairperson's Report.**

**White/Winters  
CARRIED****Information Only  
Hei Pānui Anake****6.2 Toi Moana Komiti Maori 2021 Highlights****Resolved****That the Komiti Māori:**

- 1 Receives the report, Toi Moana Komiti Maori 2021 Highlights.**

**White/Nees  
CARRIED****7. Closing Prayer  
Karakia Kati**

Cr Toi Iti.

**12:32 pm - the meeting closed.****CONFIRMED**

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Cr Matemoana McDonald  
Chairperson, Komiti Māori