

Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority

Ngā Meneti Open Minutes

Commencing: Friday 20 May 2022, 9.30 am

Venue: Council Chambers, Ground Floor, Regional House, 1 Elizabeth Street, Tauranga, and 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)
- Tapuika Iwi Authority
Geoff Rice (Alternate)
- Te Pumautanga o Te Arawa
Rawiri Kingi (Alternate)
- Rotorua Lakes Council
Nick Chater (Lakes Community Board)
Cr Tania Tapsell (Rotorua Lakes Council)
- Western Bay of Plenty District Council
Cr Grant Dally
Deputy Mayor John Scrimgeour (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: Cr Andrew von Dadelszen; Chris Ingle - General Manager Integrated Catchments; Pim De Monchy - Coastal Catchments Manager; Jo Watts - Senior Planner (Water Policy); Reuben Gardner - Senior Planner

(Water Policy); Gemma Moleta - Senior Planner (Water Policy); James Dare - Environmental Scientist - Water Quality; Kirsty Brown - River and Drainage Assets Manager; Rawiri Bhana - Māori Policy Advisor; Riki-Lee Ainsworth - Planner; Jenny Teeuwen - Committee Advisor; Claudia Cameron - Committee Advisor

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

External: Mokoera Te Amo - Tapuika Iwi Authority and Te Kapu o Waitaha; Jane Walden - Co-Governance Secretariat; Elva Conroy and Hemi O'Callaghan - Pataka Kai Project

Ngā Hōnea Apologies:

Commissioner Shadrach Rolleston (Tauranga City Council), Commissioner Bill Wasley (Tauranga City Council), Erin Thompson (Te Tahuhu o Tawakeheimoa Trust) for absence, Deputy Mayor John Scrimgeour (Western Bay of Plenty District Council) for lateness and Cr Tania Tapsell (Rotorua Lakes Council) for early departure from the meeting.

1. Chair's Opening Statement

Chair Dean Flavell formally opened the 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 - Zoom Video Recording - 20 May 2022 - YouTube](#)

2. Karakia Whakatuwhera Opening Karakia

A karakia was provided by Mr Manu Pene.

3. Ngā Hōnea Apologies

Resolved

That Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority:

- 1 Accepts the apologies from Commissioner Shad Rolleston, Commissioner Bill Wasley and Erin Thompson (for absence), Deputy Mayor John Scrimgeour (for lateness) and Cr Tania Tapsell (for early departure from the meeting), tendered at the meeting.**

**Tapsell/Flavell
CARRIED**

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

None declared.

5. Ngā Meneti Minutes

Kia Whakaūngia Ngā Meneti Minutes to be Confirmed

5.1 Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority Minutes - 25 February 2022

Resolved

That Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority:

- 1 Confirms the Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority Minutes - 25 February 2022 as a true and correct record.

Nees/McDonald
CARRIED

6. Whakaaturanga Presentations

6.1 Pataka Kai Project Update

Presentation: Pataka Kai Update: Objective ID A4101453 [↗](#)

Presented by: Elva Conroy and Hemi O'Callaghan (Pataka Kai Project – Tapuika)

Key Points

- The purpose of the project was to enhance habitats for kai awa, and to enable hapū and iwi to demonstrate, in a practical way, kaitiakitanga of ngā awa me ngā taonga of the Kaituna River.
- Work completed to date included desktop research and the formation of a Working Group.
- The focus for the next twelve months was to develop and implement a fisheries monitoring plan and connect whānau, hapū and iwi to the project.
- The monitoring and management programmes would be line with the natural cycles of the tuna (eels), inanga (whitebait), kōura (crayfish), kākahi (freshwater mussels) and watercress.
- Working collaboratively with Tapuika and Waitaha.
- Looking at specific sites to take priority over the next year. One area in particular was the Parawhenuamea Stream.
- Invaluable advice and support had been received from Raponi Wilson (Department of Conservation) and Dr Kura Paul-Burke.

9.56am - Cr Tapsell **withdrew** from the meeting.

In Response to Questions

- The Parawhenuamea Stream was only one of a half dozen options and was chosen as a starting point for the project because of the nature of the stream and the importance of it culturally. What effect, if any, the old Te Puke landfill site had on the stream, was yet to be determined.
- Connecting to other research programmes in the region had not happened to date, but would happen when the project was more established.
- Delays with the Te Wai Māori contract had now been resolved.

Key Points - Members

- Thanks were expressed for the excellent update and getting the project to this point.
- The forum was reminded that Te Maru o Kaituna had a budget and funding from the budget could be made available to assist this project. The forum would be included in any budget decisions.
- It was suggested that the seven hectares of available land belonging to Tapuika and Whakaue just downstream of the Tauranga Eastern Link bridge across the Kaituna river, on the eastern side, would make a suitable area for a research station and would be a great place for learning.

7. Whakahoutanga Kōrero Verbal Updates

7.1 Chairperson's Report - Verbal Update

Presented by: Chair Dean Flavell

Key Points

- The Chair welcomed Jane Waldon who had been appointed to the newly formed Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority and Rangitāiki River Forum Co-governance Secretariat position.
- AFFCO had advised that they were working through the issues raised at the first resource consent pre-hearing as well as working on draft conditions. These would be presented and discussed with submitters at a second pre-hearing meeting to be held on 24 May 2022.
- Regional Policy Statement (RPS) Change 5 (Kaituna River) hearing dates had been set for 11 - 13 October 2022.
- Last week, NZ Landcare Trust had facilitated an online discussion for the North Island on building meaningful catchment partnerships and hearing from Māori-led catchment groups about their mahi and insights. The Chair had been invited to sit on the panel for this discussion.
- An invitation to attend the DairyNZ and TAML Farm Wetland Environment Field Day at Maketū on 26 May 2022 from 11am to 1pm was extended.
- The work that Te Maru o Kaituna was doing would be promoted at the Te Kete o Matariki event at Te Puke on Thursday 23 June (education day with local schools), and Friday 24 June (community celebration day).

The following verbal updates were also provided

- Mr Nick Chater – Lakes Community Board
 - Rotorua Zipline project - involved working with local mana whenua on the restoration of the land bordering the Kaituna River with a long term aim of turning three hectares in to twelve hectares of reserve. Projects to date including putting in 750 metres of stock fencing, removal of feral goats, and the planting of around 10,000 plants. The zipline was officially opened on 5 May 2022. Feedback to date, particularly from local iwi, was positive.
- Cr Te Taru White – Bay of Plenty Regional Council
 - Following the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Quayside Holdings Ltd and Tapuika, work was forging ahead with the expressway connection to the Rangiuuru Industrial Park.
 - Provided a brief update on the Waihi Estuary restoration project.

10.36am – Deputy Mayor John Scrimgeour **entered** the meeting.

- Cr Grant Dally – Western Bay of Plenty District Council (WBOPDC)
 - WBOPDC had progressed well with the marae wastewater project. Work needed to be completed by 30 June 2022.
 - Te Puke/Maketu Reserve Management Plan was due to be adopted by WBOPDC on 14 June 2022.
 - The Te Puke History and Cultural Heritage Signs project was looking to provide new signage around Te Puke as part of a heritage trail.
- Mr Geoff Rice – Tapuika Iwi Authority Trust
 - A riparian project was underway on Otukawa farm. The farm bordered the Kaituna in parts on the northern side of Pah Road. The project included refencing and replanting with the aim to improve the waterways in the area.
- Cr Jane Nees – Bay of Plenty Regional Council
 - Regional Council's Environmental Enhancement Fund was open for applications. \$300,000 would be available in the new financial year.

8. Ngā Pūrongo Reports

Hei Pānui Anake Information Only

8.1 Te Maru o Kaituna Action Plan March - May 2022 Status Report

Presentation: [Te Tini a Tuna March - May Quarterly Report: Objective ID A4101299](#)

Presented by: Pim de Monchy, Coastal Catchments Manager

Key Points

- An overall status update of projects showed that 10 of the 18 projects were on track, six projects had some slippage and two projects were yet to start.
- Updates were provided for Project 1 (Output 1B) – Upgraded pump station at Ford Road, Project 4 – Waitepuia Focus Catchment, Project 7 (Output 7A) – Te Pā Ika Wetland, and Project 11A – Kaituna River access.

- Operations Update:
 - The Bay of Plenty Regional Council (Regional Council) Maritime team had been working with Kaituna River locals and landowners to install “Slow Down for Swimmers” signage at identified swimming ‘hot spots’.
 - Regional Council had made an offer to Western Bay of Plenty District Council of \$250,000 to undertake hardscape/landscaping at the Kaituna Mole with initial conversations indicating a new public toilet, carpark resurfacing and general landscaping in the carpark area being considered.

Resolved

That Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority:

- 1 **Receives the report, Te Maru o Kaituna Action Plan March - May 2022 Status Report.**

**Dally/Flavell
CARRIED**

8.2 Essential Freshwater Policy Programme Update

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

Key Points

- Regional Council’s online engagement tools Participate and WET (Water Ecology Tool) were demonstrated.

In Response to Questions

- All submissions entered via the Participate tool were considered and evaluated. The tool was an opportunity for anyone to have their say.
- Trend analysis for WET attributes included ten years of data. If ten years of data was not available, this was noted on the attribute.
- Most Territorial Authorities (TA) in New Zealand were reporting trends on a ten yearly basis. This provided trend information that was still relevant, but went beyond the variability that could occur over short terms.
- There were four sites within the Kaituna Freshwater Management Unit (FMU).
- Data collected from WET would also be available via the Land, Air, Water Aotearoa (LAWA) platform so the Ministry for the Environment (MfE) could also access the data through LAWA.
- The WET tool was in its second iteration. It was expected that the tool would go through a number of further iterations in the future so that as much feedback as possible could be obtained.

Key Points - Members

- It was suggested that staff consider providing demonstrations of the online engagement tools at the Te Kete o Matariki event at Te Puke (23 - 24 June 2022).

Resolved

That Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Essential Freshwater Policy Programme Update.**

**Flavell/Dally
CARRIED**

8.3 Kaituna Catchment Control Scheme Advisory Group Update

Presented by: Kirsty Brown – Rivers and Drainage Assets Manager

Key Points

- The purpose of the report was to facilitate better communication flow between the Kaituna Catchment Control Scheme Advisory Group and Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority.
- The report provided an overview of key topics discussed at the advisory group's recent meeting on 4 April 2022.

In Response to Questions

- Capacity review modelling for the Te Puke Stormwater project had been completed. The project was now moving into the next stage looking at possible mitigation options or solutions to offset any adverse effects on the scheme from development in Te Puke.
- Riparian planting provided a number of benefits for flood protection and maintenance of drains, and staff continued to support and work in this area.
- Staff were working closely with the Rangiuru Industrial Park as part of their resource consent application and the park's drainage issues would be included in this.

Key Points - Members

- Concern was expressed regarding the further delay in the Ford Road Pump Station project with the cultural assessment. The project was longstanding and with many delays and every delay was costing the ratepayers more money.

Resolved

That Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Kaituna Catchment Control Scheme Advisory Group Update.**

**Flavell/Kingi
CARRIED**

9. Karakia Kati Closing Karakia

A karakia was provided by Mr Geoff Rice.

12.00 pm - the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED

Dean Flavell
Chairperson, Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority