

Tauranga Moana Advisory Group

Ngā Meneti Open Minutes

Commencing: Friday 9 June 2023, 9.30 am

Venue: Council Chambers, Regional House, 1 Elizabeth Street, Tauranga and via Zoom

Heamana

Chairperson: Cr Matemoana McDonald - Bay of Plenty Regional Council
Toi Moana (BOPRC) - Appointed at the Meeting

Heamana Tuarua

Deputy Chairperson: Charlie Tawhiao - Ngāi Te Rangī - Appointed at the Meeting

Ngā Kopounga

Members: Pia Bennett - Ngāi Te Rangī
Te Pio Kawe - Ngāti Ranginui
Commissioner Bill Wasley - Tauranga City Council (TCC)
Cr Kat Macmillan - BOPRC
Cr Andrew von Dadelszen (Alternate) - BOPRC (via Zoom)
Cr Allan Sole - Western Bay of Plenty District Council (WBOPDC)
Cr Murray Grainger - WBOPDC
Raponi Wilson - Department of Conservation (DOC) in place of Jeff Milham - Observer

In Attendance:

Reuben Fraser - General Manager, Regulatory Services BOPRC; Radleigh Cairns - Drainage Services Manager TCC; Jim Summers - Environmental Programme Leader TCC; Shadrach Rolleston on behalf of Ministry for the Environment (MfE) (via Zoom); Isabella Wilson and Rohario Murray - MfE (via Zoom); Antoine Coffin - Manager Spatial Planning BOPRC, Tone Nerdrum Smith - Committee Advisor BOPRC

Ngā Hōnea

Apologies: Cr Paula Thompson - BOPRC; Commissioner Shadrach Rolleston - TCC (Attended via Zoom on behalf of MfE); Rehua Smallman - Ngāti Pūkenga; Keepa Smallman - Ngāti Pūkenga; Jeff Milham - DOC Observer

Opening Statement

Reuben Fraser – General Manager Regulatory Services opened the hui, welcomed those present and advised that he would be chairing the hui until the Chairperson had been appointed.

1. Karakia Whakatuwhera Opening Prayer

A karakia was provided by Charlie Tawhiao.

2. Ngā Hōnea Apologies

Resolved

That the Tauranga Moana Advisory Group:

- 1 Accepts the apology from Cr Thompson, Cr Rolleston (attending for MfE), Rehua Smallman (Ngāti Pūkenga) and Keepa Smallman (Ngāti Pūkenga) tendered at the meeting.

Macmillan/Wasley
CARRIED

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

None declared.

4. Ngā Meneti Minutes

Kia Whakaūngia Ngā Meneti Minutes to be Received

4.1 Tauranga Moana Advisory Group Minutes - 16 September 2022

Matters Arising

Noted that the Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority Action Plan was reflected in today's agenda item: Discussion Paper for the Strategic Direction

Resolved

That the Tauranga Moana Advisory Group:

- 1 Receives the Tauranga Moana Advisory Group Minutes - 16 September 2022.

Tawhiao/McDonald
CARRIED

5. Ngā Pūrongo Reports

Ngā Whakataua e Hiahiatia Ana Decisions Required

5.1 New Triennium: Election of Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson and Other Meeting Matters

Reuben Fraser – General Manager Regulatory Services facilitated the process for appointing a Chairperson for the Advisory Group.

Nominations for Chairperson:

Nominations were called for the appointment of the Chairperson.

Cr McDonald was nominated for the position. No further nominations were received.

Resolved

That the Tauranga Moana Advisory Group:

- 1 **Receives the report, New Triennium: Election of Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson and Other Meeting Matters;**
- 2 **Elects Cr Matemoana McDonald as the Chairperson for the 2022-2025 term.**

**Kawe/Tawhiao
CARRIED**

Reuben Fraser **vacated** the chair and Cr McDonald **assumed** the chair.

Nominations for Deputy Chairperson:

The Chair called for nominations for the position of a Deputy Chairperson.

Charlie Tawhiao was nominated for the position. No further nominations were received.

- 3 **Elects Charlie Tawhiao as the Deputy Chairperson for the 2022-2025 term.**

**Kawe/Macmillan
CARRIED**

4 **Resolved**

5 **Notes its membership as:**

- a) **Ngāti Ranginui: Te Pio Kawe and one vacancy;**
- b) **Ngāti Pūkenga: Rehua Smallman and Keepa Smallman;**
- c) **Ngāi Te Rangi: Charlie Tawhiao and Pia Bennett;**
- d) **Bay of Plenty Regional Council: Cr Matemoana McDonald, Cr Kat Macmillan, Cr Paula Thompson, and Cr Andrew von Dadelszen (*alternate*);**

- e) **Tauranga City Council: Commissioner Shadrach Rolleston and Commissioner Bill Wasley;**
 - f) **Western Bay of Plenty District Council: Cr Murray Grainger and Cr Allan Sole;**
 - g) **Observer – Department of Conservation: Jeff Milham.**
- 6 Confirms the following meeting dates for the remainder of 2023:**
- **Friday 8 September 2023;**
 - **Friday 1 December 2023.**

**Kawe/Macmillan
CARRIED**

6. Ngā Whakamārama a Ngā Rōpū Update from Partners

6.1 Ngāi Te Rangi

Charlie Tawhiao - Key Points:

- Settlement progress was currently slow due to the aspects of the settlement that were giving status to Iwi/Hapū outside Tauranga with historical, rather than current relationship/connection with Tauranga
- Kaumatua had presented alternative options to the Minister for Treaty Negotiations that could enable settlement to proceed and at the same time protect local interest, with the Minister expressing a level of interest that provided hope for progress.

6.2 Ngāti Ranginui

Te Pio Kawe - Key Points:

- Ngāti Ranginui were keen to reach agreement and settle the claims negotiations
- Noted that that the Deed of Settlement could not progress into law unless there was support from Ngāi Te Rangi, which could not yet be achieved
- Noted that Ngāti Pūkenga had already reached a satisfactory settlement.

In Response to Questions:

- Supported the mana whenua issue raised by Ngā Te Rangi, and recognised that the Tauranga Moana management framework could not be established/implemented until agreement had been reached with the Crown
- Information circulated by BOPRC Toi Moana regarding the Iwi/Hapū Management Plans provided a strong starting point for the strategic discussion.

6.3 Western Bay of Plenty District Council

Cr Murray Grainger - Key Points:

- Council was currently undertaking ground testing in preparation for replacing the wharf/jetty at Pane Pane Point
- Had recently commenced pine tree harvesting at the Point
- The draft Long Term Plan 2024-2034 and Representation Review were both in their early engagement phase to seek community feedback.

Cr Allan Sole - Key Points:

- Work was progressing on the development at the end of Beach Road, Katikati to increase access to the harbour, with the existing jetty being replaced
- Noted the significant weather damage to Kauri Point Historical Reserve
- There was budget allocation in the 2024 financial year to enhance and provide information regarding the history of the Reserve
- The recent major weather event in Waihi Beach had had a significant impact on the community and the natural environment, e.g. silt deposits
- Acknowledged the damage to coastal structures and loss of land due to erosion.

6.4 Tauranga City Council

Radleigh Cairns Drainage Services Manager - Key Points:

- The Kopurererua Stream alignment was progressing on schedule, with two bridges having been installed
- Wetland development as part of the alignment project would take place the coming planting season
- Interpretive story boards for Gordon Carmichael Reserve had been ordered and would be brought to a future meeting of the Advisory Group for information.

Commissioner Bill Wasley- Key Points:

- Noted the recent changes to the Three Waters model from four to 10 entities
- Tauranga City Council would deliver an early LTP 2024-2034, with consultation taking place in November/December 2023, and adoption in March/April 2024
- Water conservation had not been required this summer due to the wet weather. However, Council's water conservation plan focussed on long-term behaviour change in preparation for dry weather conditions, and such change commenced during the wet seasons
- Significant work progressing at Te Maunga waste treatment plant to increase capacity and efficiencies
- The interface between the Mount Industrial area and the surrounding residential area was being reviewed and monitored
- A legal opinion had been received by Council regarding the change of land use in the Mount Industrial area, with this matter being an item for the next meeting of the Advisory Group (an action from the April 2023 SmartGrowth Leadership Group meeting). The legal opinion had also been provided to Whareroa Marae.

6.5 Bay of Plenty Regional Council

Cr McDonald - Key Points:

- Recognised the updates from the partners and the importance of a collaborative approach
- Such collaboration should be extended beyond the Advisory Group Members to ensure the community was well informed and included. This was particularly important when Members fulfilled more than the role on the Group.

Reuben Fraser - General Manager Regulatory Services - Key Points:

- Noted the discussion document prepared for today's strategic direction workshop
- Noted the freshwater management drop-in public session taking place in the Chambers foyer at 12.00 pm
- BOPRC Toi Moana was enhancing its ability to respond to oil spill through its marine services by establishing new and fit for purpose facilities at end of The Strand (by the Matapihi rail bridge)

- Focus on improving water quality was supported by 11 new Active Environmental Plans across the Bay of Plenty region
- Had worked with Tauranga City Council to remove and dispose of two large, deteriorating vessels at Tauranga Marina that represented an environmental risk.

Action for Next Meeting:

- Waihi Beach remediation work update/information to be provided at the next meeting, including visual updates/illustrations of the damage.

10.26 am – The meeting **adjourned**.

10.49 am – The meeting **reconvened**.

7. Ngā Whakamārama Te Papa Atawhai Conservation Update

7.1 Department of Conservation

Raponi Wilson (in place of Jeff Milham) - Key Points:

- Would be replacing Jeff Milham, who would for a period of time be seconded to another role, as the Department of Conservation Observer
- Attendance today was primarily to listen and learn, with the intent to continue and grow the existing foundation
- Noted the ongoing environmental impact of the current extreme weather events.

Key Points - Members:

- Noted and looked forward to the continued cooperation between the Advisory Group and the Department of Conservation.

8. Whakaaturanga Presentations

8.1 Presentation: Resource Management Reforms Ministry for the Environment)

Presentation - Resource Management Reforms MfE - 9 June 2023: Objective ID A4406138 [↗](#)

Presented by: Shadrach Rolleston, Isabella Wilson and Rohario Murray - Ministry for the Environment (via Zoom)

Key Points:

- Would normally attend the meeting in his capacity as a Tauranga City Council Commissioner, however, was supporting the Crown in upholding the treaty settlement, and was accordingly stepping away from the Advisory Group for the time being to ensure there was no conflict of interest.

Key Points - Presentation:

- Resource Management Reforms

- New Legislation
- Comparison with the RMA System
- Plan making in the new system
- Tauranga Moana Framework
- Potential transition to the new system
- Amending the Tauranga Moana Iwi Collective Settlement Deeds.

Key Points - Members:

- Noted that the new structure would mirror that of the Rangitāiki River Forum and Tarawera Awa Restoration Strategy Group.

In Response to Questions:

- Under the new legislative framework, i.e. when settlement had been reached, a potential structure included the establishment of a Regional Planning Committee (refer slide 10 of presentation)
- Regional Planning Committee would need to *recognise and provide for* the Tauranga Moana Strategic Document/Plan, which was yet to be developed
- The transition to the new legislative framework was expected to take up to 10 years
- Noted that there could be a combination of elected and appointed officials on the Regional Planning Committee.

Key Points - Members:

- Concerned that the establishment of further committees would not effectively address and resolve the current resource management challenges the legislative reforms were intended to rectify
- Queried if handing over decision making responsibilities to appointed official could affect the close relationship between the Advisory Group and the communities it represented.

9. Whakahoutanga Kōrero Verbal Updates

9.1 Workshop Discussion: Strategic Direction for Tauranga Moana Advisory Group

*Tabled Document 1 - Discussion Document_huarahi ki te pae_TMAG - 9 June 2023:
Objective ID A4393938 [⇒](#)*

Led by Antoine Coffin – Manager Spatial Planning Bay of Plenty Regional Council
Toi Moana.

Key Points:

- The discussion paper was intended to generate discussion, rather than seeking a decision
- Recognised the window of opportunity for the development of the Strategic Document/Plan as outlined in the earlier MfE presentation
- Recognised the opportunity to shape the future of Tauranga Moana for future generations/our mokopuna

- Noted there were different approaches to strategic development, with the traditional being the development of an overarching strategic document which generated actions (e.g. as for Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority)
- Changing a status quo was challenging and required determination, clear and agreed direction, and a brave mindset
- The discussion needed to be 'big', i.e. mountain to sea/water from the sky/interconnections
- A focussed approach to reaching solutions on select key issues was often more valuable and successful than being spread to thinly over a number of goals as the overall outcome may be less successful
- Recognised the legislative changes and levers that could be pulled and how they would affect the strategic direction the Advisory Group chose to pursue.

Key Points - Members:

- Recognised that the Advisory Group, although not yet a formal co-governance entity, had the ambition and drive to place itself in a position where it was ready for the settlement to occur
- The thinking was that developing a Strategic Document would be the appropriate path, however also recognised that the Tarawera Awa Restoration Strategy Group was currently exploring alternative options being an Aspiration Document to feed into the National Policy Framework
- Recognised the importance and relevance of the Waikato River Document
- Suggested that a combination of options 3-5 as identified in the paper would be the best way forward
- Supported the 'do something' option, with the preferred approach being the development of a Strategic Document
- Recognised that there were a number of documents/plans for the Advisory Group to review to ascertain the best way forward

11.45 am – Commissioner Wasley **withdrew** from the meeting.

- Recognised the importance of the legislative reforms in that the new Regional Planning Committee would have to *recognise and provide for* the Strategic Document of the Advisory Group
- Encouraged the Advisory Group to be drivers and leaders, rather than followers
- One of the largest pieces of work/responsibility would be to ensure iwi/hapū were walking alongside the Advisory Group in the development of the Strategic Document as this would be essential to a successful outcome.

Next Steps:

- Staff to report back at next meeting (Friday 8 September 2023) what the development of a strategic document would entail. This information to be circulated well in advance of the meeting (minimum two weeks) so members can be well prepared for the kōrero at the meeting
- The development of a Strategic Document should include clear action plans to be implemented in support of the health of Tauranga Moana
- Draw on learnings from enacted co-governance entities, i.e. the documents/plans referenced in the discussion paper
- A multifaceted/layered development approach that could run simultaneously should be considered

- Staff to circulate the Tauranga City Council legal opinion regarding the change of land-purpose/managed retreat in the Mount Industrial area.

10. Rā Hui Whai Ake: 8 September 2023
Next Meeting Date:8 September 2023

11. Karakia Kati
Closing Prayer

A karakia was provided by Raponi Wilson.

12.07 pm - the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED

Cr Matemoana McDonald
Chairperson, Tauranga Moana Advisory Group