

Komiti Māori

Ngā Meneti Open Minutes

Commencing: Tuesday 22 August 2023, 11:30 am

Venue: Iramoko Marae, 244 Withy Road, Manawahe

Heamana Tuarua

Deputy Chairperson: Cr Toi Kai Rākau Iti (Host-Chair)

Ngā Kopounga

Members:

Cr Malcolm Campbell
Cr Stuart Crosby
Chairman Doug Leeder
Cr Kat Macmillan
Cr Ken Shirley
Cr Te Taru White

Via Zoom:

Cr Jane Nees
Cr Ron Scott
Cr Lyall Thurston
Cr Andrew von Dadelszen

In Attendance:

Bay of Plenty Regional Council Toi Moana (BOPRC): Fiona McTavish - Tumu Whakarae/Chief Executive, Kataraina O'Brien - Tumu Herenga Tangata/General Manager Strategic Engagement, Stephen Lamb - Environmental Strategy Manager, Herewini Simpson - Te Amorangi Lead, Sharon Ainsworth - Project Manager, Kerry Brown - Kaitohutohu Taiao Matua/Senior Advisor, Shari Kameta - Committee Advisor, Via Zoom: Steve Groom - Governance Manager, Natalie Richards - Community Engagement Advisor

External: Presenters/speakers as listed in the minutes, Amohaere Tangitu (Kuia/Kaikaranga, Iramoko Marae), Anau Apanui - Ngāti Ira/Waiora Mātaatua, Ben Hudson - Ngāti Hokopu/Wairaka, Nina Tumata - Te Puni Kokiri, Hiria Hape - Waitapu Rūātoki, Te Ataahua Kingi - Waiora Mātaatua mai Waioweka

Ngā Hōnea

Apologies:

Cr Matemoana McDonald (Chairperson)
Cr Paula Thompson
Cr Kevin Winters

External: Geoff Rice (Tapuika) and Tiipene Marr

A pōwhiri took place at 9:45 am followed by an informal address from the Marae Chair Dr Pouroto Ngaropo, supported by Mereana Hona and Kadin Tuck, prior to the meeting being declared open (refer to attached Addendum).

1. Opening Prayer Karakia Whakatuwhera

A karakia was provided by Dr Pouroto Ngaropo.

2. Host Chair to Preside Ko te Māngai ā-Rohe te Heamana

Deputy Chair/Host Chair Cr Iti welcomed all in attendance. He acknowledged the hau kainga for hosting the meeting and noted that Council standing orders would take precedence at the meeting.

3. Apologies Ngā Hōnea

Resolved

That the Komiti Māori:

- 1 Accepts the apologies from Cr Matemoana McDonald, Cr Paula Thompson and Cr Kevin Winters for absence tendered at the meeting.

Iti/Macmillan
CARRIED

11:32 am - Chairman Leeder and Cr Campbell entered the meeting.

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

None declared.

5. Minutes Ngā Meneti

Minutes to be Confirmed
Kia Whakaūngia Ngā Meneti

5.1 Komiti Māori Minutes - 20 June 2023

Resolved

That the Komiti Māori:

- 1 Confirms the Komiti Māori Minutes - 20 June 2023 as a true and correct record.

Macmillan/Crosby
CARRIED

6. Presentations Whakaaturanga

6.1 Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Awa - Activity Update

Presentation - Ngāti Awa Te Toki: Objective ID A4448185 [⇒](#)

Presented by: Tuwhakairiora O'Brien, Tumuaki/Chairman and Reuben Araroa,
Manahautū/Chief Executive, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Awa

Key Points - Presenters:

- Background on Ngāti Awa's Settlement Claim 2005 in relation to the ongoing effects from the historical loss of life, whenua and leadership
- Overview of Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Awa's Governance structure representing 22 hapū and current membership of 22,000 iwi members
- Guiding principles:
 - Manaakitanga: emphasis on rangatahi (youth) and pūkenga (elderly)
 - Kaitiakitanga: protection of culture, environment, resources, people, reo and cultural identity
- Challenges, competing priorities and issues:
 - Health and wellbeing, education, housing and obligations to the taiao
 - Central government reforms, national policy statements, district and regional plans and bylaws
 - Stretched resources and capability/capacity
 - Cross-boundary issues and litigation
 - Marine and Coastal Area (MACA) applications
- Opportunities that had been working well:
 - Working together with co-governance and joint management forums, such as the Rangitāiki River Forum and Ōhiwa Harbour Implementation Forum and human resource shared services with BOPRC
- Ngāti Awa 2050 vision was to restore confidence and culture and advance gains by 2030
- Noted current projects and initiatives:
 - Korehāhā Whakahau was restoring the taiao and improving Mātauranga Māori within rangatahi development
 - Entrepreneurship, trade training apprenticeships via project involvement within: Whakatāne boat harbour development, aquaculture, Rangiuuru business park and housing development
- Asked how BOPRC could provide opportunities to improve the confidence for Ngāti Awa to prosper.

In Response to Questions:

- Considered current labour challenges in relation to the aquaculture industry in Ōpōtiki needed a mindset shift towards mechanisation
- Viewed the need for meaningful workforce development locally and across export market chains
- In regard to climate change and biodiversity effects – sought clarity around messaging and programmes that could assist with sustainability and potential need for migration of people inland in the future.

Key Points - Members:

- Supported the sovereignty of hapū/iwi and the strategic intent to build confidence

6.2 Waiora Mātaatua Project

*Presentation - Waiora Mata-atua 2040 - A kaitiaki vision for waiora in Mata-atua:
Objective ID A4457555 [↔](#)*

Presented by: James Hudson, Principal, Waiora Systems and Kaumātua Tu Waaka

It was noted that Taumata Kaumātua of the Waiora Mātaatua Collective requested some of the PowerPoint presentation graphics to be withheld and not released for viewing.

Key Points - Presenters:

- Acknowledged the support of BOPRC, Kaumātua Te Kei Merito and Mate Kopae who had been the original driver of the Waiora Mātaatua project
- The project provided a high level vision, values and issues in regard to Wai Māori (freshwater) for 2040 that were based around the lived experiences of kaitiaki (primarily within the Kōhī constituency)
- Kaitiaki kōrero had been guided by a Taumata Kaumātua rōpu
- Kōrero was available to iwi authorities, BOPRC (in particular for implementing the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management (NPS-FM)) and those within the Mātaatua rohe that may find it useful
- Outlined project principles, data streams, facilitated wānanga, case studies and *Te Ara Waiora* delivery framework that had been supported by Te Puna Ora o Mātaatua, Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi, BOPRC and the Ministry for the Environment
- Kaitiaki insights had been supplemented by research and a desktop review and analysis of collective Mātaatua declaration frameworks
- Data had been synthesised into: 9 domains and vision statements, 49 attributes, 245 kaitiaki insights and 30 recommendations to enhance waiora to 2024
- The project had produced the following frameworks:
 - *Mana* framework - Vision for waiora for 2040 - a living framework with wairua at the centre utilising the takarangi (double spiral of creation) and kaitiaki constellation
 - *Mahi* framework - domains and mahi to be undertaken; and
 - *Puna* framework - a collaborative eco-system for all to come together with knowledge, innovation and advocacy
- Taumata Kaumātua had met to give final feedback and emphasised the need for wairua to be embedded at the core in relation to the wai and taiao
- Next steps was to seek feedback from BOPRC on the draft report
- Noted the need for communication at the ground level and with Taumata Kaumātua who played a pivotal part within their hapori.

Key Points - Members:

- Acknowledged the need for communication and the notion of wairua which was important.

6.3 Ministry for Primary Industries - Māori Agribusiness Funding

Presentation - Māori Agribusiness: Objective ID A4445847 [↔](#)

Presented by: Daniel Phillips, Māori Agribusiness Unit North Team Manager and Jane Waldon, Senior Regional Advisor

Key Points - Presenters:

- Outlined Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) Agribusiness services to support Māori landowner aspirations to raise land productivity through a partnership approach
- Provided advice, support and funding for whenua Māori landowners to make informed decisions
- Outlined four funding programmes and products, case studies and key findings, objectives and examples of achievements
- While the service did not have a fund to raise capital, MPI worked across government agencies to support landowner development pathways. Funding streams also supported Māori landowners on general title land that could demonstrate benefit towards a wider whānau/hapū/iwi setting.

7. Reports Ngā Pūrongo

7.1 Chairperson's Report

The report was accepted and taken as read.

Resolved

That the Komiti Māori:

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

**White/Macmillan
CARRIED**

8. Open Forum

There were no matters raised.

9. Closing Prayer Karakia Kati

A karakia was provided by Dr Pouroto Ngaropo.

1:43 pm - the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED

Cr Matemoana McDonald
Chairperson, Komiti Māori

10. Addendum

10.1 Iramoko Marae Hau Kainga Address

Presentation - Te Mauri o te Wai: Objective ID A4472384 [⇒](#)

*Presentation - Iramoko Marae Strategic Plan Overview (in part pages 1 - 11):
Objective ID A4472386* [⇒](#)

Presented by: Marae Chair Dr Pouroto Ngaropo, supported by Mereana Hona, Marae Administrator and Kadin Tuck, Poutiaki o te Awa

Key Points:

- Background on the origins and whakapapa of Ngāti Awa and Te Tawera hapū
- Te Tawera hapū/whānau had worked hard to re-establish Iramoko Marae, their tribal connections and sovereignty with the support of Ngāti Awa and Te Whare o Awanuiāraangi
- Kadin Tuck had a background in sociology from the University of Waikato and was undertaking research on behalf of Te Tawera Hapū and outlined his report findings on the current health and mauri of the Tarawera Awa and its local tributaries that aligned with Mātauranga Māori from a hapū perspective
- Some of the taiao issues that Te Tawera hapū were involved with were:
 - Supporting the Braemar water treatment plant upgrade
 - Awakaponga water scheme and Matatā water and wastewater sewerage scheme
 - Planting of trees around Awakaponga cemetery as part of contribution towards climate change, which local schools; Ngāti Awa, Ngāti Rangitīhi and Ngāti Tūwharetoa had been involved
- Iramoko Marae had its own research and archive library which was accessible to those who wished to learn about the area.

Key Points - Members:

- Commended the mahi that Dr Pouroto Ngaropo and Te Tawera hapū were undertaking, noting their stance on mana motuhake (sovereignty and self-determination)
- Acknowledged the connections and cultural values being implemented by Te Tawera Hapū that were linked with Toi Moana's mahi and the implementation of the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management.