

Komiti Māori

Ngā Meneti Open Minutes

Commencing: Tuesday 27 February 2024, 9:34 AM

Venue: Council Chambers, Regional House, 1 Elizabeth Street, Tauranga and via Zoom (Audio Visual meeting)

**Heamana
Chairperson:** Cr Matemoana McDonald

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

**Ngā Kopounga
Members:**
Cr Malcolm Campbell
Cr Stuart Crosby
Cr Kat Macmillan
Cr Ken Shirley
Cr Lyall Thurston
Cr Andrew von Dadelszen
Cr Te Taru White
Cr Kevin Winters

In Attendance: Bay of Plenty Regional Council Toi Moana (BOPRC):
Kataraina O'Brien - General Manager Strategic Engagement (Via Zoom), Namouta Poutasi - General Manager Strategy and Science, Herewini Simpson - Kaihautu (Te Amorangi Lead), Olive McVicker - Corporate Performance Team Lead, Shari Kameta - Committee Advisor; Staff presenters - as listed in the minutes.

Guest speaker: Charlie Tawhiao - Chairman, Ngāi Te Rangi Iwi Trust

**Ngā Hōnea
Apologies:**
Chairman Doug Leeder
Cr Jane Nees
Cr Ron Scott
Cr Paula Thompson

The Chair advised those present that the meeting was being livestreamed and recorded and that the recording would be made available on the BOPRC YouTube channel following the meeting - [Komiti Māori Meeting – 27 February 2024 \(youtube.com\)](#)

1. Opening Prayer Karakia Whakatuwhera

A karakia was provided by Mr Charlie Tawhiao.

2. Apologies Ngā Hōnea

Resolved

That the Komiti Māori:

- 1 Accepts the apologies from Chairman Doug Leeder, Cr Jane Nees, Cr Ron Scott and Cr Paula Thompson for absence tendered at the meeting.**

**Thurston/Macmillan
CARRIED**

3. Order of Business Raupapa o Ngā Take

Agenda item 8.2, Interim Fast-Track Consenting Process was withdrawn from the agenda due to the presenters' unavailability to present the item.

Agenda item 9.2, Long Term Plan 2024-34 – Marae Venue for LTP Hearing would be received before Agenda item 9.1, Tiamana o Komiti Māori – Ripoata.

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 - 12 December 2023

Resolved

That the Komiti Māori:

- 1 Confirms the Komiti Māori Minutes - 12 December 2023 as a true and correct record.**

**White/Macmillan
CARRIED**

6. Presentations Whakaaturanga

6.1 Charlie Tawhiao: Ngāi Te Rangi Iwi Chair: Value of relationships with Toi Moana

Presented by: Charlie Tawhiao – Ngāi Te Rangi Iwi Trust Chairman

Key Points:

- Discussed the value of relationships which were crucial to help manage through difficult times and BOPRC's responsibility to respect the customs and culture of the people it represented. Noted that this included the intertwining of whakapapa, whanaungatanga, the environment/universe
- Explained the context of 'Pepeha' within introductions in Māori that was underpinned by the Te Ao Māori worldview of one's connections to people, place and the natural environment
- Noted that the diversity of views amongst Māori was a strength and norm, resulting from pre-existing relationships
- Provided an update on Ngāi Te Rangi's Treaty Settlement negotiations:
 - The Deed of Settlement (December 2013) that comprised the Tauranga Moana framework was an ambitious attempt to work together to ensure the health of the harbour; and contained a complex set of arrangements that required the Iwi to accept other iwi
 - Iwi/hapū were about place and having mana whenua/authority over a place was important to them
 - Contested other iwi's interest in Tauranga Moana and noted the distinction between having rights over having an interest
 - Had a clear rule of working with the government and councils of the day
 - Government's preference was to complete settlements in full, however noted there had been other examples (e.g. Tainui/Waikato) where this had not been the case. While negotiations were being settled Tauranga Moana Iwi were carrying on regardless
 - A proposal would be put to the Minister in the coming month. Considered that 90% of the settlement could be completed without issue and the remaining left aside for the two iwi parties to work through. If the parties could not resolve matters, then only they would be disadvantaged
 - Benefits of the interim process of the Tauranga Moana Advisory Group had allowed the partners to get used to working with each other and for the relationships to evolve and develop over time.

In Response to Questions:

- Encouraged elected members during their term on Council to continue to build/improve their relationships with iwi/community by being more relatable, listening closer to what people were trying to convey and with the understanding that relationships were ongoing and a work in progress.

Key Points - Members:

- Acknowledged Mr Tawhiao for his kōrero and wisdom and wished him and Ngāi Te Rangi well with settlement negotiations
- Commended Mr Tawhiao for his dedication to Tauranga Moana iwi and his ability to navigate through the hard issues.

10:28am - The meeting **adjourned**.

10:54am - The meeting **reconvened**.

10:54am - Cr Ron Scott **entered** the meeting.

7. Reports Ngā Pūrongo

Decisions Required Ngā Whakatau e Hiahiatia Ana

7.1 Long Term Plan 2024-2034 - Marae Venue for LTP Hearing

*Presentation - Te Mahere Tūroa Draft Long Term Plan 2024-2034 Marae Hearing
Venue: Objective ID A4616976*

Presented by: Herewini Simpson – Kaihautu (Te Amorangi Lead) and Merehine Waiari – Senior Māori Policy Advisor

10:57 am – Cr von Dadelszen **entered** the meeting.

Key Points:

- The recommendation to hold a Long Term Plan (LTP) hearing day on a marae supported the four goals under the 'Te Ara Poutama' community outcome
- Noted past plan change and consent hearings held on marae, along with every second Komiti Māori hui, which provided greater participation, more robust conversation and had received positive feedback
- If approved, staff would secure a suitable date as part of the LTP hearing process and ensure time limits were managed appropriately as part of marae tikanga/meeting protocols.

Key Points - Members:

- Supported the recommendation noting it would provide more accessibility and a friendly/less intimidating environment for submitters
- Sought consideration for other LTP hearing locations/days to be held in the community.

Resolved

That the Komiti Māori:

- 1 Receives the report, Long Term Plan 2024-2034 - Marae Venue for LTP Hearing;**
- 2 Supports the use of a Marae as a venue to hold a BOPRC Long Term Plan 2024-2034 Hearing.**

**Macmillan/Winters
CARRIED**

7.2 Tiamana o Komiti Māori - Ripoata

Refer Pre-Recorded Video - Patricia Waugh - [Komiti Māori Meeting - 27 February 2024 \(youtube.com\)](#) (time stamped 1:57:48)

Presented by: Herewini Simpson - Kaihautu (Te Amorangi Lead) and Kataraina O'Brien, General Manager Strategic Engagement (via Zoom)

Key Points:

- Highlighted from the report:
 - Ngāti Hokopū/Te Wharepaia's Mana Whakahono a Rohe, the Ko Wai Mātou project and Te Au o Te Awa Punga Environmental Hub as examples of how BOPRC was supporting its Māori partnerships strategic priority within existing operations at various levels of the partnership spectrum
 - The Summer Experience programme that provided opportunities for university students/graduates to experience and assist BOPRC's work
- Summer Assistants Kadin Tuck (*Tauranga Moana/Bachelor of Social Sciences Graduate/Sociology Major*) and Patricia Waugh (*Ngāti Pikiao, third year Bachelor of Laws/Science/Double major Environmental Studies/Māori Resource Management*) provided highlights from their time working in the Te Amorangi Team. Noted appreciation/value of a supportive working environment with organisational values, te reo Māori speaking kaimahi/staff, having insights into BOPRC's work/knowledge sharing/training and opportunity to work with iwi/hapū
- Due to technical issues an apology for Moewaka Dunster was noted.

11:25 am - Cr Thompson **entered** the meeting.

Key Points - Members:

- Acknowledged the Summer Assistants for their contributions/insights and wished them well for the future
- Supported Summer Assistant secondments within iwi/hapū/rūnanga as a way of building capacity/resource and insights into challenges from a Te Ao Māori/iwi/hapū perspective
- Te Wahapū o Waihi Collective provided secondment/environmental internships that had worked really well. Noted the value of internships to build capability whilst taking account of fiscal stewardship
- Acknowledged the calibre of the next generation of students that were coming through.

Key Points - Staff:

- Staff were exploring the possibility of an internal resource hub that would provide secondment opportunities.

Resolved

That the Komiti Māori:

- 1 Receives the report, Tiamana o Komiti Māori - Ripoata.**

**Thurston/Macmillan
CARRIED**

8. Closing Prayer Karakia Kati

A karakia was provided by Cr White.

11:41 am - the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED

Cr Matemoana McDonald
Chairperson, Komiti Māori