

Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority

Ngā Meneti Open Minutes

Commencing: Friday 16 August 2024, 9.30 am

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

Heamana

Chairperson: Jo'el Komene (Tapuika Iwi Authority Trust) – appointed at the meeting

Heamana Tuarua

Deputy Chairperson: Cr Matemoana McDonald - Bay of Plenty Regional Council Toi Moana (BOPRC)

Ngā Kopounga

Members:

Bay of Plenty Regional Council Toi Moana (BOPRC)
Cr Te Taru White (Alternate) (via Zoom)

Tapuika Iwi Authority
Dean Flavell (Alternate)

Te Pumautanga o Te Arawa Trust
Rawiri Kingi (Alternate)

Rotorua Lakes Council (RLC)
Cr Lani Kereopa (Alternate) (via Zoom)

Western Bay of Plenty District Council (WBOPDC)
Cr Andy Wichers

Tauranga City Council (TCC)
Cr Rick Curach (Alternate)

Informal Members: Te Komiti Nui o Ngāti Whakaue
Maru Tapsell

Te Hunga i Tae Ake In Attendance:

BOPRC: Cr Kat Macmillan (via Zoom); Chris Ingle – General Manager Integrated Catchments; Pim De Monchy – Coastal Catchments Manager; Stephen Lamb – Environmental Strategy Manager; Jo Watts – Senior Planner (Water Policy); Mark Townsend – Engineering Manager (via Zoom); Georgia Edwards – Geospatial Analyst; Penny Doorman – Programme Leader, Geothermal; Georgia Thompson – Planner; Rawiri Bhana – Senior Advisor (Treaty); Jenny Teeuwen – Committee Advisor;

WBOPDC: Jason Crummer and Chris Nepia (both via Zoom)

External: Haimona Brown and Josh Roberts - Waka Tete Project; Roana Bennett - Ngāti Whakaue ki Maketū; Luke Whare and Rae Wihapi - Waitaha

Ngā Hōnea Apologies:

Piki Thomas - Te Pumautanga o Te Arawa Trust, Nicki Douglas - Te Tahuu o Tawakeheimoa Trust, Cr Grant Dally - WBOPDC (Alternate), Nick Chater - RLC (Lakes Community Board), Cr Steve Morris - TCC, Cr Jane Nees - BOPRC (Informal member), and Cr Rick Curach - TCC (Alternate) - for early departure.

1. Opening Statement

Deputy Chairperson, Cr Matemoana McDonald, 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 River Authority Meeting - 16 August 2024 \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...).

Cr McDonald also advised that a new Chairperson was to be appointed at this meeting and she would Chair the meeting until the new Chairperson was appointed.

2. Karakia Whakatuwhera Opening Karakia

A karakia was provided by Dean Flavell

3. Ngā Hōnea Apologies

Resolved

That the Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority:

- 1 Accepts the apologies from Piki Thomas, Nicki Douglas, Cr Grant Dally, Nick Chater, Cr Steve Morris, and Cr Jane Nees, and from Cr Rick Curach for early departure, tendered at the meeting.**

**Flavell/Curach
CARRIED**

4. Raupapa o Ngā Take Order of Business

The Deputy Chairperson advised that due to staff availability, Agenda items 9.2 - 2023/24 Annual Report and proposed budget, 9.3 - Feb - July 2024 Biannual Report, 9.4 - Outcome of LTP 2024 - 2034, and 9.5 - Appointment of Chairperson, would now follow on directly after item 9.1 - Change of Membership - Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority. The three presentations would then follow.

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

None declared.

6. Ngā Meneti Minutes

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

6.1 Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority Minutes – 23 February 2024

Resolved

That Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority:

- 1 Confirms the Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority Minutes – 23 February 2024 as a true and correct record.**

**McDonald/Kingi
CARRIED**

6.2 Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority Minutes - 3 May 2024

Resolved

That Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority:

- 1 Confirms the Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority Minutes - 3 May 2024 as a true and correct record.**

**McDonald/Flavell
CARRIED**

7. Ngā Pūrongo Reports

7.1 Change of Membership - Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority

Presented by: Cr Matemoana McDonald – Deputy Chairperson
Pim De Monchy - Coastal Catchments Manager

Resolved

That Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Change of Membership - Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority.**
- 2 Confirms the appointments of Jo’el Komene as the Primary member for Tapuika Iwi Authority and Dean Flavell as the Alternate member.**

- 3 Confirms the appointments of Cr Steve Morris as the Primary member for Tauranga City Council and Cr Mikaere Sydney as the Alternate member, noting that during Cr Sydney's leave of absence, Cr Rick Curach will be the Alternate member.**

**Flavell/Wichers
CARRIED**

7.2 2023/24 Annual Report and proposed budget for 2024/25

Presented by: Pim De Monchy - Coastal Catchments Manager

Resolved

That Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority:

- 1 Receives the report, 2023/24 Annual Report and proposed budget for 2024/25;**
- 2 Adopts the attached 2023/24 Annual Report, acknowledging the contributions from partner agencies;**
- 3 Notes the current balance set out in the Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority Statement of Financial Position;**
- 4 Adopts the Annual Budget for 2024/25 to achieve its priorities as follows:**

Item	TMOK Budget
Te Ngaio o Kaituna project	\$5,000
Kaituna Awa Symposium (early-mid 2025)	\$5,000
Provision for professional planning and legal support and advocacy through potential plan changes in the catchment	\$20,000
Lawrence Oliver Park wetland project	\$5,000
Waiari swimming site access improvement	\$5,000
Giant kokopu translocation	\$500
Total	\$40,500

**Flavell/Wichers
CARRIED**

10.00am - Cr Lani Kereopa **entered** the meeting (via Zoom).

7.3 February - July 2024 Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority Biannual Report

Presented by: Pim De Monchy - Coastal Catchments Manager
Georgia Edwards - Geospatial Analyst
Jo Watts - Senior Planner (Water Policy)

Key Points

- Project 17: Kaituna Catchment Network Mapping - demonstrated the online dashboard and the information it contained.
- Project 6: Post Kaituna River Rediversion Enhancement - noted that a “dune re-nourishment” or “beach push up” project was being planned for Maketū spit opposite the Whakauae Marae.
- Brief updates were provided for projects with red and amber status.

In Response to Questions

- Project 17
 - Suggested adding a cultural layer that could also show the changes over time if possible (in pictures). It was noted that some of this information could be found in the River Document and staff would look at how to best include this.
 - All members and other meeting attendees expressed a desire to have access to the new Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority geospatial dashboard - staff would provide this.
- It was suggested that the Authority could consider creating a cultural framework for the Kaituna. The below link to the Te Arawa Lakes Trust’s (TALT) Te Arawa Cultural Values Framework was provided as an example of what the framework could look like:
https://tearawa.io/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/TeArawa_LT_CF_EP_March20_WEBONLY_vie_w_FA.pdf

Resolved

That the Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority:

- 1 Receives the report, February - July 2024 Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority Biannual Report.**

**Flavell/Curach
CARRIED**

10.28am - Cr Rick Curach **withdrew** from the meeting.

7.4 Outcome of Te Mahere Tūroa | Long Term Plan 2024 - 2034

Resolved

That Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Outcome of Te Mahere Tūroa | Long Term Plan 2024 - 2034.**

**McDonald/Kingi
CARRIED**

7.5 Appointment of Chairperson - Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority

Presented by: Cr Matemoana McDonald – Deputy Chairperson
Pim De Monchy - Coastal Catchments Manager

The Recommendations for this item were taken in parts.

Resolved

That Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Appointment of Chairperson - Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority.**

**Flavell/Wichers
CARRIED**

The Deputy Chairperson advised that members were required to decide on a voting system, either A or B (as outlined of page 84 of the agenda) before the Chairperson election process could commence.

Resolved

That Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority:

- 2 Selects System B voting system for appointing a Chairperson.**

**Komene/Wichers
CARRIED**

The Deputy Chairperson then called for nominations for the position of Chairperson.

Resolved

That Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority:

- 3 Receives the nomination of Jo’el Komene as the Chairperson of Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority.**

**Flavell/Wichers
CARRIED**

There were no further nominations.

Resolved

That Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority:

- 4 Appoints Joel Komene as Chairperson of the Authority for a term of three years pursuant to the Tapuika Claims Settlement Act 2014.**

**Wichers/Kingi
CARRIED**

10.37am – the meeting **adjourned**.

11.05am – the meeting **reconvened**.

When the meeting resumed, the newly appointed Chairperson, Jo’el Komene, **assumed** the Chair.

8. Whakaaturanga Presentations

8.1 Te Niao o Kaituna - building waka tete (river canoes)

Presentation: [Waka Tete Project - Nga Niao o Te Kaituna: Objective ID A4746376](#)
[⇒](#)

Presented by: Dean Flavell, Haimona Brown, and Josh Roberts

Key Points

- The project was developed with the culture and access to the Kaituna River in mind.
- Traditionally built waka had not been on the Kaituna River for over 100 years.
- Would see a transfer of knowledge/skills handed down to the next generation - carving, waka building and celestial navigation.
- Explained how the title of the project came about and its meaning.
- Project participants had attended Waitangi Day at Waitangi in February 2024 and this experience had contributed to the waka tete project.
- Project participants had also undertaken a Day Skippers course.
- While the waka was small, it was about the symbolism it represented. It was a presence on the Kaituna River and connected people to the water intrinsically, culturally and spiritually.
- It had been confirmed that the project would continue for another year.
- The waka would be launched on the Kaituna River on 30 August 2024, at 10.00am at the boat ramp on the cut. All were invited.

8.2 Tauranga Geothermal System Management Plan

Presentation: [Tauranga Geothermal SMP: Objective ID A4746372](#) [⇒](#)

Presented by: Penny Doorman - Programme Lead, Geothermal
Georgia Thompson - Planner

Key Points

- The Tauranga System Management Plan (SMP) was a guidance document for the Tauranga Geothermal System; it was a whole system approach and a pathway for integrated and sustainable management. The Tauranga Geothermal System fell within the rohe of the Kaituna catchment.
- The Tauranga system was a low temperature system, ranging between 30-70 degrees Celsius. It was the warm part of the groundwater aquifers with the heat concentrated near the city centre.
- There were few surface features but there were some geothermically influenced springs; the most well known in Maketū used historically for bathing.
- Approximately 120 to 130 consented takes - uses included space and water heating, and bathing. Around 24% of the takes were not being used for the heat value e.g. irrigation.
- Outlined the work done to date.
- Noted that the Tapuika Environmental Management Plan specifically identified exploring the feasibility of using the low-temperature geothermal resource for heating marae and papakāinga.

- The principle of integrated management with Plan Change 11 (Geothermal) and Freshwater provisions was key to managing the interconnected aquifer.
- The Tauranga system was not very well known and there was not a strong understanding of it, or relationship to it, as a geothermal resource.
- Outlined the next steps and broad timeframes for the process.

Key Points - Members

- Expressed concern that commercial/economic value would outweigh the social/cultural value.
- Geothermal use in the past had existed and there was an awareness of this e.g. previous hotel at No.1 Road, in Te Puke – warm water sourced from the Waiari river bed for bathing. The practice had ceased when the hotel became a retirement home.
- It was important that if geothermal was used for economic purposes that reinjection occurred to ensure resilience was built into the geothermal resource.
- Whilst there may be some benefit in not overly articulating the knowledge of geothermal in the area, some knowledge would be useful to ensure that the resource was protected, or used to benefit iwi/hapū's own need.

8.3 Kaituna Catchment Flood Hazard Analysis

Presentation: Kaituna Catchment Control Scheme - Climate Change Resilience: Objective ID A4746373 [↗](#)

Presented by: Mark Townsend – Engineering Manager (via Zoom)

Key Points

- Outlined the project goal and vision for the River Scheme Sustainability (RSS) project.
- Included the following river schemes – Kaituna Catchment Control scheme, Rangitāiki Tarawera scheme, Whakatāne Tauranga scheme, and the Waioeka Otara scheme in Ōpōtiki.
- The resilience programme for the Kaituna River was about to get underway and would include a capacity review, geotechnical investigations, options selection and analysis, and engagement.
- Explained what a capacity review was and what it involved.
- Provided images showing the comparison of the Kaituna River and major sub-catchments for a 1% Annual Exceedance Probability (AEP) i.e. one in one hundred year event, under the current climate, and in 100 years' time where predictions (under current models) showed an average temperature increase of 3.68 degrees Celsius and a sea level rise of 1.25 metres.
- Noted the current pre-existing issues, particularly at Bell Road and south of Waitangi.
- Would like to present again at the next hui in November to expand on this mahi and seek involvement from Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority.

9. Karakia Kati Closing Karakia

A closing karakia was provided by Jo'el Komene.

12.01pm - the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED

Jo'el Komene
Chairperson, Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority