

Minutes of a meeting of the Waikato Raupatu River Trust and Waikato District Council Co-Governance Joint Committee held on **WEDNESDAY 14 APRIL 2021 at 9.59am** at Waikato Tainui – Hinaau Boardroom, 2 Bryce Street Hamilton.

Present:

Cr A Bech (Co-Chair)
Cr J Gibb
Cr L Thomson

Trustee Hinerangi Raumati–Tu’ua (Co-Chair)
Trustee Linda Te Aho
Trustee Huirama Matatahi

Attending:

Mr Brendan Green (Maangai Maaori)

Mr GJ Ion (Chief Executive)
Mr J Quinn (Communications, Engagement and Marketing Manager)
Mr S Toka (Iwi & Community Partnership Manager)
Mr V Ramduny (Strategic Projects Manager)
Mr M Horsfield (Democracy Advisor)

Ms D Flavell (Chief Executive)
Ms M Tukere (General Manager, Development and Wellbeing)
Ms M Nepia (Strategy Manager)
Mr B Croad (Regulatory Affairs Manager)
Ms K Flavell (Taiao Intern Oranga)

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Resolved: (Cr Gibb/Trustee Raumati-Tu’ua)

THAT apologies be received from Mayor Sanson, Ms Moana-Tuwhangai, Mr R Wilson, and Mr D Turner;

AND THAT an apology for lateness be received from Mr B Green.

CARRIED

JMA2104/01

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Resolved: (Trustee Raumati-Tu'ua/Cr Bech)

THAT the agenda for a meeting of the Waikato Raupatu River Trust and Waikato District Council Co-Governance Joint Committee held on Wednesday 14 April 2020 be confirmed and all items therein be considered in open meeting.

CARRIED

JMA2104/02

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Trustee Raumati-Tu'ua and Mr Green noted that they are directors of Watercare.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved: (Trustee Raumati-Tu'ua/Cr Thomson)

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Waikato Raupatu River Trust and Waikato District Council Co-Governance Joint Committee held on Wednesday 14 October 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED

JMA2104/03

MATTERS ARISING

- The Waikato Tainui and Waikato District Council Chief Executives met with the Department of Conservation regarding the vesting process for land to be returned to Tangata Whenua. Follow up meeting to be held in May regarding control and ownership of land to be vested.
- Mana Whenua Clusters/Forum - Discussions with Councillors have been held and a response yet to be finalised. Voice from Tangata Whenua was missing through Mana Whenua forums. Important for Council to realise the aspirations of Tangata Whenua. It was noted as work in progress. Important for Iwi to be included in the design and for Council to be as inclusive as possible. Contact has been made with Marae Chairs and Iwi Trusts within the District.

ACTION: Waikato Tainui will collaborate with Waikato District Council to organise a hui with Mana Whenua Groups regarding boundaries and resourcing.

- Horsham Downs – Waikato District Council was undertaking work and progress was being made. This included understanding the location of land to be transferred to Local Government.
- Long Term Plan Process – Engagement with Iwi and Tangata Whenua. Zoom meetings will be held and information made available for Poukai.

ACTION: Waikato Tainui to support Waikato District Council with engagement on the Long Term Plan where appropriate.

REPORTS

Updates on Strategic Projects Agenda Item 6.1

The Strategic Projects Manager introduced the report, and the following matters were discussed:

- Future Proof - Structure was reviewed. Several work groups have been established including:
 - Policy and Plan Changes
 - Forecasting, Information and Monitoring
 - Waters
 - Transport
 - Priority Development Areas
 - Biodiversity Offsets Implementation Project Team
- Waters Workgroup – Two detailed businesses cases for strategic wastewater treatment facilities for the Northern and Southern Hamilton-Waikato metropolitan areas. Essential outcomes were to produce the best results for the Awa and achieve the objectives of Government legislation.

Southern business case was delayed and was noted to be completed in June/July. Two options were under consideration. Option 2A was referred as a three plants solution involving an upgraded Pukete and Te Awamutu plants and a new plant near Hamilton Airport. Option 4A was a five-plant solution including treatment plant upgrades in Ngaruawahia, Pukete, Cambridge and Te Awamutu and a new plant near Hamilton Airport. Option 4A is the preferred staff-recommended wastewater servicing option.

- Bus Services – Bus Service launched in January 2021 between Pokeno, Tuakau and Pukekohe Train Station. Survey undertaken in 2020 currently being analysed to understand possible need for additional bus services within the district.
- Passenger Rail – Work was being undertaken with local mana whenua and schools regarding carvings and painting at Raahui Pookeka/Huntly Station. Work has commenced to relocate the former station building from Lake Puketirini to Raahui Pookeka/Huntly Station. Funds have been budgeted within the draft 2021-2031 Long Term Plan to further upgrade Raahui Pookeka/Huntly Station and the operation of Te Huia rail service.
- High Speed Rail – Further update from NZTA and the Government regarding advancing the business case were still to be expected.

- Hamilton-Waikato Metro Spatial Plan – Work has recently commenced. Engagement has been made with partner councils.
- Policy and Plan Changes Workgroup – Process being investigated to consider out of sequence development. Workgroup was finalising the Housing and Business Capacity Assessment. Review of Future Proof was progressing and due to be finalised by October 2021.
- Priority Development Area Workgroup – Discussions underway for progressing growth and development in areas such as Ruakura.
- Waikato 2070 – Noted as Waikato District Council’s growth strategy.

Resolved: (Cr Gibb/Cr Thomson)

THAT the report from the Chief Executive be received.

CARRIED

JMA2104/04

Linda Te Aho left the meeting during the above item at 11:00am.

Joint Hui Partner Councils Hui – 31 March 2021

Agenda Item 6.2

- Vision and Strategy for the Waikato River – There was a need to increase the visibility of what the Council was doing. Council has established the Water Governance Board to remove the political aspect of governance. The Water Governance Board’s responsibility were to improve environmental outcomes of the three waters operations and give effect to the vision and strategy for the Waikato River. Board also responsible for the work programme and contracting with Watercare but Council remained responsible for funding. The Board provides good engagement with Watercare to address issues and lift standards.
- Socio-Economic Opportunities – Discussion underway within Council regarding Social Procurement and new housing development opportunities. Water Governance Board investigating methods to support rate relief for low-income families. Procurement diversity, focusing firstly with Maaori and Iwi businesses. Council should aim and support the Central Government set target of 5% procurement from Maaori and Iwi businesses. Training should be provided for businesses to understand procurement requirements.

ACTION: Waikato-Tainui to share their Social Procurement strategy when completed at the end of the second quarter.

ACTION: Waikato District Council Chief Executive will advise Waikato-Tainui who to liaise with to develop the work plan for the JMA committee.

Resolved: (Trustee Raumati-Tu'ua/Cr Thomson)

THAT the report from Waikato-Tainui be received.

CARRIED

JMA2104/05

Long Term Plan Update – March 2021 (Presentation)

Agenda Item 6.3

- Three highlighted consultation items. Rates increase, Inorganic Collection and Pensioner Housing. Quotable Values were adding additional pressure to rate increases.
- Consultation document proposes two options for rate increases within the Long-Term Plan.
- Council engaging with Maaori. Council attending Poukai to consult for the Long-Term Plan. Drop in engagement events occurring across the district during the consultation period.

ACTION: Waikato-Tainui to support Waikato District Council with engagement on the Long-Term Plan where appropriate.

- Significant investment was needed to achieve improved water quality for the future. Work was needed to understand possible future water costs to Marae.

Resolved: (Trustee Raumati-Tu'ua/Cr Gibb)

THAT the report from the Acting General Manager Community Growth be received.

CARRIED

JMA2104/06

Waikato District Council Resource Consents

Agenda Item 6.4

- Discussion was held regarding issues associated with the Pukeiahua site.
- Waikato-Tainui involved closely with Ambury and continuing to have discussions regarding the development.

Resolved: (Cr Bech/Cr Thomson)

THAT the report from the General Manager Customer Support be received.

CARRIED

JMA2104/07

Tainui Group Holdings Hamilton to Auckland (H2A) Corridor Meremere
Agenda Item 6.5

Tainui Group Holdings Regulatory Affairs Manager introduced the report, and the following matters were discussed:

- Waikato Tainui working closely with the Provincial Growth Fund unit to advance a strategic plan to be developed for Meremere.
- Significant environmental and contamination issues in the area.
- Commercial business interest in developing the area.
- Infrastructure needs improvement, such as electricity transmission.
- Vision for Meremere – Investigations of how to repurpose the old power station buildings. Meremere identified for its waste management opportunities due to its possible catchment area. Opportunities such as Waste to Energy plants and recycling, promoting a circular economy.

ACTION: Acknowledged that the Meremere project was of strategic importance and Waikato-Tainui and Council staff will collaborate and work together to develop strategy to progress Iwi aspirations at Meremere.

- Monitoring not recorded of the volume of refuse disposed of from out of district commercial landfill refuse operators.
- Solid Waste Reform – Thought was needed to understand Zero Waste goals and what sort of facility would align with those goals.

Resolved: (Trustee Raumati-Tu'ua /Cr Gibb)

THAT the report from Waikato-Tainui be received.

CARRIED

JMA2104/08

Update from Maangai Maaori
Agenda Item 6.6

Mr Green contributed to earlier agenda items and did not provide a verbal report.

