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Minutes for a meeting of the Waikato Raupatu River Trust and Waikato District Council Co-Governance Joint Committee held via Audio Visual Conference on **WEDNESDAY, 13 APRIL 2022** at **10.00am**.

**Present:**

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

Trustee Hinerangi Raumati–Tu’ua (Co-Chair)  
Trustee Huirama Matatahi  
Trustee Glenda Taituha  
Trustee Donald Turner

**Attending:**

Mr Brendon Green (Maangai Maaori - WDC)  
Mrs Maxine Moana-Tuwhangai (Maangai Maaori - WDC)

**Waikato District Council**

Mr GJ Ion (Chief Executive)  
Mr TG Whittaker (Group Manager, Community Growth)  
Mr S Toka (Iwi & Community Partnerships Manager)  
Mr E Whangaparita (Procurement Manager)  
Mr V Ramduny (Strategic Projects Manager)  
Mr J Ebenhoh (Community Growth Manager)  
Mrs GJ Kanawa (Democracy Team Leader)

**Waikato Tainui**

Ms M Tukere (Acting Chief Executive)  
Ms M Nepia (Strategy Manager)  
Mr B Croad (Planning Manager)  
Mr D Turner  
Mr M Toka  
Ms R Wilson  
Ms K Flavell (Taiao Intern Oranga)

Sam Toka opened the hui with a karakia.

## **APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**Resolved: (Cr Gibb/Mr Matatahi)**

**THAT the:**

- a) apology for non-attendance from Mayor, AM Sanson be accepted; and
- b) apology for lateness from Brendon Green (Maangai Maaori) and Gavin Ion (Chief Executive – WDC) be accepted.

**CARRIED**

**JMA2204/01**

## **CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS**

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

**THAT the agenda for the meeting of the Waikato Raupatu River Trust and Waikato District Council Co-Governance Joint Committee held on Wednesday, 13 April 2022 be confirmed and all items therein be considered in open meeting.**

**CARRIED**

**JMA2204/02**

## **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of interest.

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

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

**THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Waikato Raupatu River Trust and Waikato District Council Co-Governance Joint Committee held on Wednesday, 20 October 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record, with the following amendment:**

***“Agenda Item 6.1 (page 4 of minutes) – mentioned Donald Turner specifically and should be changed to the Waikato Tainui team”.***

**CARRIED**

**JMA2204/03**

## **ACTIONS REGISTER/MATTERS ARISING**

The report was received [JMA2204/02] and no further discussion was held.

Mr GJ Ion, Waikato District Council Chief Executive entered the meeting during discussion on the below item.

## **REPORTS**

### Waikato-Tainui and Waikato District Council Reports for Joint Committee Hui Agenda Item 6.1

The Waikato Tainui (WT) report was taken as read, and the following matters were discussed:

- More collaborative approach, not quite there but making progress.
- Mrs Raumati-Tu'ua (Co-Chair) and Ms M Nepia (Strategy Manager) spoke to the Waikato Tainui presentation and answered questions from those present.
- Worked with Taurikura to strengthen our voices in local elections and would continue to work with Councils to retain Maangai Maaori seats to work alongside Maaori ward Councillors.
- Overview provided of RMA, Three Waters, Local Government and Health Reforms along with the work being done by Waikato-Tainui in these areas.
- Mrs Raumati-Tu'ua (Co-Chair) covered off the values and aspirations of Tainui Group Holdings for the year ahead.
- Mr V Ramduny (Waikato District Council – Strategic Projects Manager) provided an overview of the Waikato District Council (WDC) updates that was written with collaborations across the organisation and with Waikato-Tainui.
- Council workshop held with DIA on Local Government Reform, noting a report will go to the Minister in September and a consultative process will follow.
- The Council's Iwi and Community Partnerships Manager provided an overview of the structure of the mana whenua forums, with a breakdown of how each forum would have clusters.
- The intent would be for Waikato District Council and Waikato-Tainui to work with hapū and iwi on issues impacting on their areas with a view to getting a mandate to progress projects in their area.
- Two issues raised by the WT Strategy Manager regarding the Terms of Reference:
  - Council did not refer to Maraes and it only mentioned Iwi and Hapū; and
  - Some of the language utilised was from another Iwi and we would work with Waikato-Tainui to ensure the terms of Reference (TOR) reflected WT better.

**ACTION:** The Iwi and Community Partnerships Manager to finalise the TOR by the end of June and forward to Co-Chairs for feedback prior to implementation.

- The Democracy Team Leader provided an overview of the Local Government Commission determination regarding the 2022 representation arrangements for Waikato District Council.
- There was a point made regarding the territory required to be covered by the two (2) Maaori ward councillor, but the LGC determined they could not just add another Maaori ward councillor without further consultation as it also affected the number of general ward councillors.
- Whilst a representation review could occur for the 2025 elections, it was recommended that the new Council wait to see how the new ward system was working and what became of the Local Government Reforms prior to another review.
- It was further noted that any future reviews would be more co-designed and collaborative in recognition of our JMA. However, there are parameters within the LEA and utilise meshblocks which does not necessarily fit with Iwi and Hapū boundaries.

**ACTION:** Add the review of how the Maaori seats are working early in 2023 to determine whether a review should occur prior to the 2025 elections.

**ACTION:** Support from JMA to continue with Maangai Maaori seats alongside of Maaori ward councillors, which needed to be reflected in the report to Council following the elections.

Brendon Green (Maangai Maaori) joined the meeting at this point.

- Overview provided of both regional and sub-regional projects, for which many WDC and WT both work collaboratively together on most of these, along with Kainga Ora and local Maaori.
- Feedback from the Committee was appreciative of the work and approach occurring in these areas.
- All Three Waters projects utilise Te Ture Whaimana as a guiding principle. Infrastructure will lead development of affordable housing.
- Oranga Whenua, Oranga Tangata – how do we come together to design and important to know what common principles we have identified and how we work strategically into the future.
- There are three wastewater upgrade areas that will proceed at pace as directed by Council – Raglan, Te Kauwhata and Huntly (Rahui Pookeka).
- Need to develop operative plan on all the initiatives that we are working on together to ensure we are working in sync with each other. A framework would give confidence to the JMA members that we are doing things within our agreed principles.

- In spirit of kotahitanga/manakitanga – WDC and WT will be here in the future, and we all come to these meetings with the commitment of honouring the Treaty and our relationship. Each year forward we need to ensure it gets better but the foundation work is not lost.
- Principles were like the awa and should endure, regardless of the change in membership of this committee.
- Acknowledgement was provided that positive progress had been made via this committee, particularly regarding the way in which the WDC and WT work together.

**ACTION:** Brendon Green to work with Vishal Ramduny and Manaaki Nepia on a framework, with guiding principles that factor into the strategic work programme.

- Need some tangible projects and evidence of completed programmes that we have worked on to demonstrate what the committee are achieving.
- Sign on the entrance to Taupiri should read Haere mai ki Taupiri not just Haere mai Taupiri. How do we connect and work together to inform others of the correct use of Te Reo moving forward?

**ACTION:** WDC to discuss the responsibility of our road signs with Service Delivery Team and Waka Kotahi (NZTA).

- Update provided on Te Huia services and work occurring in this area, noting that there was still a lot of work required around connecting with Mana Whenua.
- Noted that travel on buses and trains for kaumatua if they link their bee cards with gold cards they can travel for free, need to find a way of promoting this advice with our kaumatua.
- Regional Council were also subsidising door to door travel options for residents across the rohe. Refer to the Regional Council website – useful as could be used for anything from visiting whanau to going to the supermarket.
- Proposed District Plan was released in January, for which we received 67 appeals, noting that Waikato-Tainui have not made an appeal, but they are a party on some of the Section 274 appeals.
- Council staff will work with WT to align the District Plan priorities as they become operative with the WT strategic work plan.
- Future Proof partners have received legal advice confirming that Te Ture Whaimana should take precedence in planning and the way we work.

**ACTION:** Vishal to add standing item within report on progress and timelines for the wastewater upgrade projects.

- Acknowledge the mahi that has occurred since the last meeting, lot of reforms mean a lot of work and stretching of resources, which could mean the quality of our input was weakened if we do not continue to work collaboratively to get the best outcomes for our communities.

6.2 Social Procurement - Update from WDC Procurement Manager  
Agenda Item 6.2

The Procurement Manager provided a verbal report as follows:

- Social procurement is one of the reasons that the Procurement Manager came to WDC as it was an area he was passionate about.
- Have undertaken an agreement with Asplundh for the maintenance and arborist work within the district. A number of opportunities have arisen for Te Ru in regard to apprenticeships.
- Te Ru and Dempsey Wood also have developed a joint venture called Te Arapai that provides traffic management services to Asplundh. These two ventures have enacted social procurement opportunities and work opportunities for our local communities.
- WDC Plan was to introduce Te Arapai with the Waikato District Alliance to enable for growth opportunities for mana whenua.
- We will continue to focus on the four well beings, i.e. cultural, environmental, social and economic. This focus comes naturally to Maaori and our team will continue to work with the organisation to identify opportunities for social procurement for Maaori.
- WDC also engaged with Pou Ltd which was a hapū entity working with Genesis at the Huntly Power Station.
- Pleased to see progress being made by WDC regarding social procurement, WT shared their social procurement strategy and agreed to continue working with WDC to collaboratively progress this strategy.
- Reducing barriers and creating easier access to expenditure to make a difference to the wellbeing of Maaori is important. Success for Maaori could feature across a wide range of services as presented in the slide produced by Brendon Green.
- Waikato-Tainui were looking for Local Government to follow the Government pathway in this area.
- Tainui Group Holdings have already engaged Maaori contractors and sub-contractors, mainly in construction, for which they had successes and learnings.

Tabled Items:

6.2A - Waikato Tainui Social Procurement Strategy Presentation  
6.2 B – Infrastructure – Economic Enterprise

**Resolved: (Mr Turner/Mr Matatahi)**

**THAT the verbal report from WDC and tabled presentations from Waikato-Tainui and Maangai Maaori representative Brendon Green, regarding social procurement be received.**

**CARRIED**

**JMA2204/04**

## Review of the WDC Te Reo Maori Policy

### Agenda Item 6.3

The Communications, Marketing and Engagement Manager for WDC spoke to the report and the following matters were discussed:

- Staff had noticed an inconsistency with the policy utilisation, therefore keen for thoughts of input for a co-designed policy.
- We currently utilise macrons on social media as it is more inclusive. Seeking guidance from Waikato-Tainui to update the policy.
- There is an education opportunity regarding the double vowel usage as we often receive comments advising that WDC had made a spelling error.
- WDC had internal resources to assist with how to use the double vowels more appropriately.
- Ms Raumati-Tu'ua advised that Council needed to work with the Te Reo experts within the Tikanga Ora Reo Ora.
- Policy had gone to Tikanga Ora Reo Ora, and they recognise Council has a challenge in terms of ensuring that people understand the double vowels. They have done some research on the use of double vowels and macrons and will come back to Council with feedback.
- What extra training does Council provide in terms of pronunciation as it is difficult at times to understand some of the words being said at meetings? Council do have a Te Reo programme which was in the second cohort of participants and had also encouraged staff to enrol at Te Wananga o Aotearoa.
- Getting pronunciation right takes time and practice and will take a little understanding from all in these meetings or people will revert to English which was not the spirit of these meetings.
- Need to embrace the uniqueness of our takiwaa, one of which is the dialect utilising double vowels.

**ACTION:** Waikato-Tainui to provide feedback on the WDC Te Reo Policy proposed by Council.

Update from Maangai Maaori

Agenda Item 6.5

Mrs Tuwhangai-Moana discussed the following:

- Policy & Regulatory Committee meetings attended, which covered a wide range of matters, e.g. Dog Control, Gambling Venues, Easter Trading, Speed Limits, Earthquake Prone Buildings, Sensitive Expenditure Policy and District Licensing Committee arrangements.
- Strategy & Finance Committee – Recently discussed Council Controlled Organisations and their statements of intent for the following year – Local Government Funding Agency, Papahua Raglan Holiday Camp, Waikato Tourism and the annual plan. Other matters have included district revaluations and Raglan Food Waste Collection.
- Agendas available on the Council website and noted that Maangai Maaori were also invited to several workshops for bylaw and policy reviews.

Mr Green discussed the following:

- Social Procurement important to him.
- A lot going on with Three Waters Reform.
- Acknowledged work by Iwi and Cultural Liaison Manager around Mana Whenua Fora.
- Korero around work plan puts korowai around spirit of partnership.

**Resolved: (Cr Thomson/Gibb)**

**THAT the verbal updates from the Maangai Maaori representatives be received.**

**CARRIED**

**JMA2205/05**



