

Minutes of a meeting of the Waikato Raupatu River Trust and Waikato District Council Co-Governance Joint Committee held in the Waikato Tainui – Hinau Boardroom, 6 Bryce Street, Hamilton on **THURSDAY 29 AUGUST 2019** commencing at **2.00pm**.

Present:

His Worship the Mayor, Mr AM Sanson (Co-Chair)
Cr DW Fulton
Cr JM Gibb
Cr LR Thomson
Trustee Rukumoana Schaafhausen (Co-Chair)
Trustee Don Turner

Attending:

Cr A Bech
Cr N Smith
Mr GJ Ion (Chief Executive)
Mr S Toka (Iwi & Community Partnership Manager)
Mr V Ramduny (Strategic Projects Manager)
Mr J Quinn (Communications Marketing & Engagement Manager)
Ms J Bell-Wymer (Corporate Planner)

Ms M Tukere (General Manager Oranga)
Ms J Colliar (Board Member of Te Aratuarua and Strategic Manager for Infrastructure, Hamilton City Council)
Ms Manaaki Nepia (Strategy Manager)
Mr Taroi Rawiri (Environment Manager)
Mr G Donald (Planning Consultant for Waikato Tainui)

Trustee Turner opened the hui with a karakia and waiata.

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Resolved: (Cr Fulton/Ms Schaafhausen)

THAT an apology be received from Donna Flavell, Patience Te Ao and Hinerangi Raumati-Tuu'a.

CARRIED on the voices

JMA1908/01

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Resolved: (His Worship the Mayor/Cr Gibb)

THAT the agenda for a meeting of the Waikato Raupatu River Trust and Waikato District Council Co-Governance Joint Committee held on Thursday 29 August 2019 be confirmed and all items therein be considered in open meeting.

CARRIED on the voices

JMA1908/02

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillors Fulton and Gibb advised members of the Committee that they would declare a non-financial conflict of interest in item 5.6 [*Review of the Waikato District Council District Plan*].

Ms Colliar advised members of the Committee that she would declare a non-financial conflict of interest in item 5.6 [*Review of the Waikato District Council District Plan*].

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved: (Cr Thomson/Ms Schaafhausen)

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Waikato Raupatu River Trust and Waikato District Council Co-Governance Joint Committee held on Wednesday 24 April 2019 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED on the voices

JMA1908/03

REPORTS

Maori Representation on Council Committees
Agenda Item 5.1

The Communications, Engagement and Marketing Manager took the report as read, highlighted and responded to questions on the following matters:

- Timing of Appointments. The Communications, Engagement and Marketing Manager advised that this would be considered by the new Council when it discusses the governance structure in November 2019. If officially approved by the incoming Council, the appointments of Maangai Maori would be presented for approval in early 2020.
- Trustee Turner thanked His Worship the Mayor for his attendance and support at the Koroneihana.

Resolved: (His Worship the Mayor/Cr Thomson)

THAT the report from the Communications, Engagement and Marketing Manager be received.

CARRIED on the voices

JMA1908/04

Strategic Projects Update – Hamilton to Auckland Corridor Initiative
Agenda Item 5.2

The Strategic Projects Manager took the report as read and discussion was held. The subregional three waters study was a key focus area of the Hamilton to Auckland work programme, which was recognised by the respective parties.

Resolved: (Cr Gibb/Cr Thomson)

THAT the report from the Chief Executive be received.

CARRIED on the voices

JMA1908/05

District Growth Strategy Update
Agenda Item 5.3

The Strategic Projects Manager provided a verbal update on the District Growth Strategy.

Economic & Community Development Update
Agenda Item 5.4

The Strategic Projects Manager provided a verbal update on the Economic & Community Development. The following issue was highlighted in response to questions:

- Waikato District Council had a social development strategy, to address key aspects of deprivation in our district.
- Blueprint/Te Ara Whakatapuranga

The Strategic Projects Manager introduced the Blueprint (not included in the agenda) alongside the Strategy Manager who presented Waikato Tainui's strategy Te Ara Whakatapuranga 2050.

His Worship the Mayor introduced Councillors Bech and Smith, who led the Blueprint work on behalf of the Council. Cr Smith summarised the Blueprint, outlining the genesis of the process and how it linked to the Waikato District Council's vision of Liveable, Thriving and Connected Communities. Cr Smith acknowledged Waikato Tainui and Ms Manaaki Nepia for their important contributions to the project.

Cr Bech acknowledged the voice of the community, and explained that the Blueprint was a guiding document for Council that would inform many other documents and strategies of Council.

It was noted that:

- there was significant overlap in strategic intent between the Council and Waikato Raupatu River Trust's strategic drivers, with the Waikato River acknowledged in particular. The various areas of alignment between the two organisations' strategies were discussed;
- the desire from the community to see celebration and support for Te Reo Maaori;
- the Blueprint work had happened "as fast as possible" to ensure it could inform the Hamilton to Auckland (H2A) Corridor work, led by central government;
- the Blueprint contained aspirations that would lead to discussions about partnerships to deliver those aspirations; and
- the Blueprint would help inform the Council's Long Term Plan (LTP) and District Growth Strategy.

Trustee Turner acknowledged the willingness of both parties to be open minded and optimistic on how they would come together to meet the needs of their communities.

Resolved: (Mr Turner/Cr Thomson)

THAT the report and presentations from the staff of both organisations be received.

CARRIED on the voices

JMA1908/06

The Raglan Wastewater Treatment Plant Discharge Consenting Process: A JMA update in respect to this critical current WDC Water Department Project
Agenda Item 5.5

Cr Thomson took the report as read and discussion was held on the following matters:

- That the community was looking at removal of discharge from the moana exploring other options such as land disposal or wastewater which was treated to a much higher level.
- Engaging the community for a better outcome for Whaingaroa/Raglan and the environment;
- The Iwi and Community Partnerships Manager noted that the relationship with the community had got stronger, throughout the process.

The Co-Chairs thanked staff and were encouraged by the progress.

Resolved: (Ms Collier/Cr Thompson)

THAT the report from the Iwi and Community Partnership Manager be received;

AND THAT the report be used by the Joint Committee as a reference to understand progress with the Raglan WWTP discharge consent application.

CARRIED on the voices

JMAI908/07

Review of the Waikato District Council District Plan
Agenda Item 5.6

Crs Fulton and Gibb declared a conflict of interest and did not speak to, or vote on, this item

The report was taken as read. Ms Schaafhausen expressed concerns raised by Waikato Tainui.

Mr Donald advised the Committee of the additional cost to Waikato Tainui based on the approach that the Council had proposed. Waikato Tainui representatives highlighted that the process disadvantaged them, mana whenua, and other community members. The Committee noted these concerns.

His Worship the Mayor and the Chief Executive explained how the District Plan process was set and advised that the Commissioners made the decision on the process for the hearings. Waikato Tainui could write to Commissioner Phil Mitchell, chairperson for the Proposed District Plan hearings, outlining their concerns.

The Joint Committee noted that Waikato Tainui had requested the Council to seek legal advice on the risk of the Council being a party to a letter to the Commissioners.

Resolved (Ms Schaafhausen/Cr Thomson)

That the Co-Governance Joint Committee:

- a. receive the Decision Paper for the Joint Committee Hui with Waikato District Council;**
- b. note the concerns of Waikato-Tainui; and**
- c. that Waikato Tainui would prepare a letter to Commissioner Mitchell, noting that Council had been asked to assess the legal concerns of supporting the letter.**

CARRIED on the voices

JMAI908/08

Update on Te Paina (Mercer Domain)
Agenda Item 5.7

The report was taken as read.

Ms Tukere summarised the significance of Te Paina to Maaori, and noted that it should be returned to Iwi. It was noted that there was a list of land (prepared as part of a Joint Management Agreement schedule) with Waikato Tainui and this should be worked through between the parties.

His Worship the Mayor advised the Committee of the recent history and that the Council would make recommendations to the Department of Conservation to have some land returned.

Resolved: (Cr Gibb/Ms Colliar)

THAT the report from the Acting General Manager Service Delivery be received;

AND THAT the list of Crown land managed by Waikato District Council be considered by Council staff in consultation with Waikato Tainui;

AND FURTHER THAT a process would be put in place to recommend the appropriate action regarding Te Paina;

AND FURTHER THAT progress would be reported back to the next meeting of the Joint Committee.

CARRIED on the voices

JMA1908/09

Update on progress of Strategic Work Programme
Agenda Item 5.8

The General Manager Oranga took the report as read and discussion was held on the following matter:

- Entrenching the proposed Waikato District Council Maangi Maaori into the JMA schedules be continued after the October 2019 local authority elections.

Resolved: (His Worship the Mayor/Ms Schaafhausen)

THAT the report from the General Manager Oranga be received.

CARRIED on the voices

JMA1908/10

CLOSING COMMENTS

Cr Fulton noted that over the past ten years, the relationship between Waikato District Council and Waikato Tainui had been transformed from a place of mistrust to a place of achievement and progress.

Ms Schaafhausen thanked Cr Fulton for his guidance of the vision and contributing positively to the relationship, and presented him with a book on the Waikato Land Wars.

Closing Karakia

Trustee Turner closed the hui with a karakia.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 4:00pm

Due to the 2019 local authority elections, the Co-Chairs and the Chief Executive, Mr GJ Ion, signed the 29 August 2019 Joint Committee Minutes, in accordance with Standing Order 27.4.

AM Sanson
HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR

Ms R Schaafhausen
CO-CHAIR

GJ Ion
Waikato District Council Chief Executive