



**I, Steven May, Tumu Whakarae Chief Executive Officer, hereby give notice that
a Māori Standing Committee Meeting will be held on:**

Date: Thursday, 14 February 2019
Time: 12.30pm
Location: Council Chamber, Wairoa District Council,
Coronation Square, Wairoa

AGENDA

Māori Standing Committee Meeting

14 February 2019

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7 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Ordinary Meeting - 13 December 2018

**MINUTES OF WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL
MĀORI STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL, CORONATION SQUARE, WAIROA
ON THURSDAY, 13 DECEMBER 2018 AT 12.30PM**

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor Craig Little (Mayor), Cr Jeremy Harker, Cr Charles (Charlie) Lambert, Mr Kiwa Hammond, Mr Paul Kelly, Mr Henare Mita, Ms Sharon Cooper, Ms Theresa Thornton, Ms Whaiora Maindonald, Ms F Wairau

IN ATTENDANCE: N Heath (Hawke's Bay Regional Committee), C Knight (Governance Policy Team Leader), S May (Chief Executive Officer), D Culshaw (Maori Relationship Manager), G Waikawa (Governance Officer)

1 KARAKIA

Karakia was given by H Mita

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

APOLOGY

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2018/63

Moved: Ms Whaiora Maindonald
Seconded: Mr Henare Mita

That the apology received from Mrs H Nissen be accepted and leave of absence granted.

CARRIED

3 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

4 CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

5 LATE ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

None.

6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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7 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2018/64**

Moved: Mr Paul Kelly

Seconded: Ms Theresa Thornton

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 8 November 2018 be confirmed.

CARRIED

8 GENERAL ITEMS**8.1 MAORI RELATIONSHIPS MANAGER REPORT - DECEMBER 2018****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2018/65**

Moved: Mr Paul Kelly

Seconded: Ms Whaiora Maindonald

That the Māori Standing Committee receives the report.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2018/66

Moved: Ms Whaiora Maindonald

Seconded: Mr Henare Mita

That a Workshop be held in early 2019 with Councillors to discuss the Productivity Commission Report.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2018/67

Moved: Ms Whaiora Maindonald

Seconded: Mrs Fiona Wairau

That the Maori Standing Committee conduct a workshop to learn about Bigtincan Hub on Thursday, 24 January 2019 at 10.00am.

CARRIED

Mr N Heath, Catchment Manager for Hawke's Bay Regional Council presented his report. Mr N Heath reported on Safety buoys at Mahia Beach, Engagement with the Mahanga Marae around the opening of the Hine Rauiri stream mouth and Whakaki Lake update.

Mr Kiwa Hammond presented his Chair's report

Takiwa reports were from:

- Mr H Mita (attached to the agenda)
- Theresa Thornton (verbal)

Ms Thornton thanked the CEO for fixing their water leak and also thank you to Council for helping to purchase the new telemetry system.

- Mr Paul Kelly (verbal)
- Mrs F Wairau (verbal)
- Mrs Whaiora Maindonald (verbal)

At 2:02 pm, Ms Sharon Cooper left the meeting.

The Meeting closed at 3.15pm with a karakia by H Mita.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Māori Standing Committee Meeting held on 14 February 2019.

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CHAIRPERSON

8 GENERAL ITEMS

8.1 TE PURONGO O TE POUAHUREA MAORI

Author: Duane Culshaw, Pouahurea Māori Māori Relationships Manager

Authoriser: Steven May, Tumu Whakarae Chief Executive Officer

Appendices:

1. HBRC Update - Nathan Heath [↓](#)
2. MSC Chairman's Report - Kiwa Hammond [↓](#)
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1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This report provides information for the Māori Standing Committee on Council and community activities.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Māori Standing Committee discuss and resolve to retrospectively accept the new remuneration rate, effective as of 1 July 2017.

It is recommended that the Māori Standing Committee discuss and resolve Marae venues for the following MSC ordinary meeting:- 14 March, 9 May, 11 July, 12 September and 14 November.

It is recommended that the Māori Standing Committee discuss and resolve a rotational roster for a MSC member to attend Council Forum on the following dates:- 25 February, 9 April, 21 May, 2 July, 13 August, 24 September and 5 November.

The Māori Relationships Manager **RECOMMENDS** that the Māori Standing Committee receives the report.

2. KUPU WHAKATAKI

- 2.1 E ngā iwi pūpū, e ngā moana kawea, ā, ngā toki tapu o te waka Takitimu, te āwhiorangi, te whiore nui, te rakuraku o Tawhaki, Matangirei, Hui te Rangiora, ngā reia, ngā waka, hui e...taiki e...!

3. UPDATES (INFORMATIONAL)

- 3.1 This is an update from the previous minutes (December) of the Māori Standing Committee (MSC).
- 3.2 **Client Service Request** – a kindly reminder for MSC members to refer any repair requests or complaints to the Client Service Request form (accessible via the Council website – Request It – Fix-it or Report it). This will ensure a prompt response to any matter.
- 3.3 **Remission of Rates for Land Used for Papa Kāinga Housing** – the draft policy was presented to the ordinary Council meeting (5 February).
- 3.4 **MSC Workshop – Big Tincan HUB** – on Thursday, 24 January the MSC held a workshop to introduce members to the HUB. An outcome of this workshop was that all members agreed to utilise this resource. Furthermore, new iPads will be ordered for all members in accordance with a previous resolution dated, 13 September 2018.

- 3.5 **MSC Workshop – Three Water Review Project** – on Thursday, 24 January the MSC attended a workshop for the Three Water Review project. This workshop was facilitated by Troy Brockbank (Kaitohutohu Matua Taiao) for WSP Opus, who is part of the project team led by Morrison Low & Associated Ltd. The project team are seeking a collaborative approach where they work together with key stakeholders within the Councils and iwi to determine and agree on the key principles of their approach to ensure collective outcomes for this review and ultimately our region are met. The aim of working together in this way is to bring convergence, coherence and cohesion to the project with no surprises, and to ensure the ngākau and kōrero of iwi is reflected. Iwi have an important role and responsibility as kaitiaki of Te Ao Tūroa. They have a responsibility of ensuring that the spiritual and cultural aspects of resources are maintained for future generations. Engagement, involvement, and collaboration with iwi is key to delivering a successful Three Waters review outcome.

4. HURAMUA MARAE (INFORMATIONAL)

- 4.1 The Pouahurea Māori and the Kaiwhakahaere Rawa submitted a report to Council (5 February) seeking guidance from the Councillors to assist whānau members who will repatriate fifty-three (53) whānau members from Matiti Urupā to a new location at Huramua Marae.
- 4.2 This has been and continues to be an ongoing project for the whānau, with the first stage of the repatriation project due to start in April 2019. The Pouahurea Māori will update the Māori Standing Committee during their ordinary meeting of 14 February 2019.

5. REMUNERATION WORKSHOP – MAY 2017 - (INFORMATIONAL / DECISIONAL)

- 5.1 On 1 May 2017, the MSC held a remuneration workshop. During this workshop the members agreed to a new remuneration rate, which took effect as of 1 July 2017, as follows:- Chair (\$265), Deputy Chair (\$230), Members (\$200), Marae Koha (\$600).
- 5.2 Although the workshop, process and subsequent reporting was very transparent, the MSC did not technically resolve to accept the new remuneration rate. Therefore, it would be recommended that this resolution be rectified and re-affirmed.
- 5.3 It is recommended that the Māori Standing Committee discuss and resolve to retrospectively accept the new remuneration rate, effective as of 1 July 2017.

6. MĀORI STANDING COMMITTEE MARAE HUI - (DISCUSSIONAL / DECISIONAL)

- 6.1 It is recommended that the Māori Standing Committee discuss and resolve Marae venues for the following MSC ordinary meeting:- 14 March, 9 May, 11 July, 12 September and 14 November.

7. COUNCIL FORUM ROTATIONAL ROSTER - (DISCUSSIONAL / DECISIONAL)

- 7.1 Every six weeks the Council Forum is held in the Council Chambers. As per the Māori Policy the Māori Standing Committee shall nominate two members, one of whom will be the Chair to attend Council forum.
- 7.2 It is recommended that the Māori Standing Committee discuss and resolve a rotational roster for a MSC member to attend Council Forum on the following dates:- 25 February, 9 April, 21 May, 2 July, 13 August, 24 September and 5 November.



8. KUPU WHAKAKAPI

- 8.1 Hei whakamutunga, haere tonu te mihi maioha ki ngā mate huhua o te wā, kua wehe atu rātau ki te huihuinga o te Matariki hei whetūrangitia. Hoki atu tātau ki te hunga ora, tēnā anō tātau. E pēnei ana te kōrero, *‘kia ū ki te kaupapa, kia māia te tū, kia kaha ki te ako, kia manaaki tētahi ki tētahi’*. Mauri ora tātau.

9. CONCLUSION

- 9.1 It is recommended that the Māori Standing Committee discuss and resolve to retrospectively accept the new remuneration rate, effective as of 1 July 2017.
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- 9.3 It is recommended that the Māori Standing Committee discuss and resolve a rotational roster for a MSC member to attend Council Forum on the following dates:- 25 February, 9 April, 21 May, 2 July, 13 August, 24 September and 5 November.
- 9.4 The Māori Relationships Manager RECOMMENDS that the Māori Standing Committee receives the report.

Signatories

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| Author Duane Culshaw | Approved by Steven May |

**Maori Standing Committee Meeting – 14 February 2019****Hawke's Bay Regional Council Update
Nathan Heath – Catchment Manager (Northern Hawke's Bay)**

1. HBRC were successful at obtaining \$5.5 million over the next 4 years from Te Uru Rakau as part of a Hill Country Erosion Fund bid. This money is to support on-ground projects to reduce erosion and soil loss entering our waterways. Of significance locally is that this project bid includes a joint sub-project in conjunction with Gisborne District Council, where a full time staff member will be employed and based at GDC to work exclusively on Wairoa Catchment area projects (particularly the Hangaroa and Mangapoike catchments) that are in Gisborne District area. The project will start 1 July. This project could also see staff numbers rise by 2 at the Wairoa office.
2. Staff are currently working on 10 Erosion Control Projects totalling more than 170 ha of land protected.
3. Whakaki Freshwater Improvement Fund update – the project team are still working to get all the affected party approvals together and will be submitting the application for consent shortly. There is still a significant amount of work required to get this ready for re-applying for the funding.
4. The Whakaki Catchment Pilot Proposal – 10 tenders were received for the undertaking of a Land Resource Assessment of the Whakaki Catchment Area. There is also significant funding available for a Cultural Impact Assessment around the Whakaki Lake. Nathan & Duane are championing this component of the project.
5. On 29 January met with the new HBRC Manager – Regional Assets, David Carruth, who has replaced Gary Clode who retired towards the end of last year. David, myself and Luke Knight visited; the new retaining wall to assess the risk to swimmers and proposed some options for this, the proposed streambank works at the Yacht Club and Pilot Hill, where we discussed options for reducing the undercutting of the river bank and hill.
6. I attended a meeting with WDC on 22 January where HBRC Staff presented the new Ecological Prioritisation work that was undertaken in Hawkes Bay – it would be worth getting them to present to the MSC at a future time. The team have a small budget to invest in high value biodiversity project and are working closely with the Northern HB Catchment team to identify potential projects. There is lots of potential for great projects in the district.
7. The Whakatipu Mahia (Predator Free Mahia) project – has recently employed 3 local people to help undertake predator control work and to manage the project. Reiterating to the MSC that this is an exciting project which will look to invest \$4.8 million over 4 years to eradicate possums, mustelids (stoats, ferrets & weasels), feral cats & rats from the Peninsula.

Nga mihi

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "N. Heath", written over a horizontal line.

Wairoa District Council Māori Standing Committee
Chairman's Report
Kiwa Hammond
Thursday, 14 February 2019

Whiti mai ana te rā, hīhī ana te rā, toro mai ana te rā, wera mai ana te rā. Ka hakahaka a Tānerore ki te pae o te rangi, ka pakapaka te kiri o te ira tangata ki te whenua. Hī! Hā! Hau!

It is my pleasure to present this Chairman's report for January 2019 with reference to early February 2019 and late December 2018 (up to and including this Māori Standing Committee meeting, Thursday 14 February 2019).

Over the period that this report covers, in my role as MSC Chairman I was required to attend several meetings requested by WDC or required to represent the MSC at other extraordinary meetings over the past two months following our last MSC meeting in December 2018. Along with scheduled MSC meetings and workshops these included:

- WDC Workshop (20/12/18)
- WDC Extraordinary Meeting (20/12/18)
- MSC Workshop re WDC Digital Hub Utilisation (24/01/19)
- MSC Workshop re WDC Three Waters Review (24/01/19)
- WDC Workshop (05/02/19)
- WDC Ordinary Meeting (05/02/19)
- Māori Standing Committee (14/02/19)

Digital Hub Workshop: Thank you to all MSC members who were able to attend the recent workshop looking at the latest developments of the digital information hub currently used by WDC, as well as learning how to utilise that hub most effectively in our role as MSC. The cost effectiveness and practicalities of maximising the technology availability bodes well for the MSC to become a more efficient entity. A special thank you to Charlotte Knight (WDC) who guided us through the current digital hub and demonstrated ways of how best to make use of its features.

Three Waters Review: Once again a thank you to all MSC members who attended this workshop which served as an opportunity for the MSC to be brought up to date on the current government Three Waters Review. This was a follow up from a meeting held in Central Hawke's Bay that was attended on our behalf by MSC Deputy Chair Paul Kelly, along with Māori Relationships Manager, Duane Culshaw, as well as Chairman of the Wairoa Taiwhenua, Nigel How, who also attended this workshop which was greatly appreciated. As you will recall the MSC workshop was facilitated by Troy Brockbank (WSP) and Toni Goodlass (Napier City Council) who we also thank for their efforts. This manner in which we presented issues for Te Wairoa in this workshop as it was important to demonstrate that while the government review is focussing on the Three Waters concept (drinking water, waste water, and storm water) that in order for those matters to be properly addressed that larger environmental impacts need to be resolved for the long term benefit of our district, region, and nation. Ko Te Wairoa Waioira e!

Local Government Elections 2019: While not being one for making predictions, I anticipate this is going to be a busy and probably strange year as we look toward the local government elections. It will be busy for all the same reasons that every election year is hectic with the usual politicking taking place around the district as people stick their hands up to represent the interest of the community through being elected to the Council. On the other hand, it will be a different kind of election as residents get to experience the Māori wards system for the very first time which will too some seem weird and strange. However, that is the nature of change and as a community we have all been aware since the last election in 2016 that the Māori ward system would be coming this time round. I have repeatedly stated time and time again that we as MSC have a significant role to play in ensuring our district is as informed as possible about how the new system of voting will work, and they can make good decisions in the nomination and selection of potential representatives. It is incumbent upon this current MSC working alongside the Council and WDC personnel to do our very best for our district to ensure we make this Māori ward system work well for our district.

Waitangi Day: By the time this MSC hui is convened our district and the nation would have commemorated Waitangi Day 6th February. Acknowledgments should be extended to WDC personnel for the efforts made to make this an event our community can participate in and enjoy. Congratulations for sourcing external funding to make this happen. To my knowledge this is the third year in a row that WDC has supported a Waitangi Day event and this is to be acknowledged.

International Year of Indigenous Languages: This year UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization) is promoting and encouraging the celebration of indigenous languages around the world. Locally this kicked off on Waitangi Day with a two-hour workshop/presentation run by Te Wairoa Reorua – Bilingual Wairoa 2040 focussing on bilingualism through Te Tiriti o Waitangi. Thursday 21 February is International Mother Language Day. According to the UNESCO website¹:

Every two weeks a language disappears taking with it an entire cultural and intellectual heritage.

Coincidentally that date marks the beginning of competition of Te Matatini, the premier kapa haka festival at which Te Wairoa will be represented by our two local teams Matangirau and Te Rerenga Kōtuku. What we will do locally to mark these dates and in doing so support the revitalisation of te reo Māori in our community? We have amazing kaupapa reo Māori in our district such as Te Atarangi, kōhanga reo, kura kaupapa Māori, and kapa haka who day in, day out, use and promote Māori language. However, they alone cannot do it all and it comes down to individual deciding and forming a commitment to use the reo as much as possible – even when it seems uncomfortable.

Nā, kia kaha tātau ki te hāpai i tō tātau reo rangatira hei reo kōrero, hei reo katakata, hei reo orange.

Hei kupu whakamutunga, e tika ana kia whakaaro ake ki mate huhua o te raumati kua hipa huri noa i te rohe. Tokomaha rawa te whakahuahua i ō rātau ingoa katoa, heoi anō, e koutou kua riro atu ki tua – ko te amorangi ki mua, ko te hāpai ō ki muri – e ngā kanohi kua rere whakangaro atu. Haere, haere, haere oti atu koutoa. Ko te tōnga o te rā ki a koutou. Ko te aonga ake o te rā ki a tātau. Mauri ora ki te whaiao, ki te ao mārama. Nō reira, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā tātau katoa.

Nāku nei,

Kiwa Hammond

(Te Wairoa Hōpūpu Takiwā)

Chairman, Māori Standing Committee

WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL

¹ <https://en.unesco.org/commemorations/motherlanguageday> website sourced 03/02/19.

Wairoa District Council Māori Standing Committee**Rakaipaaka Takiwā Report**

Henare Mita

Thursday, 14 February 2019

He Poroporoaki

Firstly, I would like to remember three of our elders who passed on over the past month or so. Mrs Didi Mihaere leaves a huge legacy for those of us who follow in her footsteps. A humble woman, she was renowned as a person who could cater for all occasions, whether it was at Tāne-nui-ā-rangi or at Taihoa Marae. Generally, quietly spoken, she was an indomitable force in the kitchen, where so many of our 'ringawera' came under her firm tutelage. It is now their turn to pass on that knowledge to the next generation. It was inspirational to watch her and her whānau in the kitchen. E tika ana tērā kōrero e kii ana '*He pai a muri, he pai a mua*'. Koia, ko te kuia nei me tana whānau.

Another huge loss was Uncle Paora Whaanga. A renowned whakapapa exponent, he was a quiet, humble man who worked tirelessly for his whānau, people and church. He made a huge contribution to progressing our treaty settlement and we remain eternally grateful for his dedication and hard work. He often shared some wonderful stories about the old days, and for such an unassuming man was blessed with having a huge family. They alone took up much of our chapel and that was only half of those who could attend the service.

Lastly, I wish to farewell Uncle Howard Smith, who as a young man, quite literally went away to make his fortune. One of the original founder/owners of Mainfreight New Zealand, his name was often used as someone to aspire to, someone we could look up to.

Heoi anō rā e hika mā, anei rā te mihi maioha ki a koutou te hunga kua mene ki te po. Nō reira koutou ki a koutou, ā, tātou ki a tātou.

Rangatahi Wānanga

As a segway to our next generation, I thought it appropriate to talk about a rangatahi wānanga hosted by Tāne-nui-ā-rangi Marae. Ranging from primary to college-age children, these young people learnt a great deal about whakapapa, tikanga and important stories associated to Rakaipaaka. They were fortunate to have the likes of Aunty Liz Hunkin, Aunty Ita Kopp, Graeme Symes, Pauline Symes, Johnina Symes and Facilitator Esta Wainohu to guide them through their very full programme. By the looks of all the photos on Facebook, the wānanga was very successful and enjoyed by one and all. It is anticipated that it will become an annual event.

Te Iwi o Rakaipaaka Incorporated (TIORI) - AGM

On the 26 January 2019, Graeme Symes became newly elected TIORI representative on Tātau Tātau o Te Wairoa. He is looking forward to his new role.

Te Rehu Marae

Te Rehu Marae is holding a very important working bee from the 8th to the 10th of this month. We have a lot of repairs to complete and so our secretary and chairperson are working frantically to ensure we get through as much work as possible. In essence, we need to ready our marae for the coming winter. There is roofing to be repaired, guttering to be replaced and a whole host of carpentry and electrical jobs that require our attention. Mauri tū, mauri ora!

Nāku noa, nā

Henare Mita
MSC Rakaipaaka

Wairoa District Council Māori Standing Committee
Waikaremoana Takiwā Report
Sharon Cooper
Thursday, 14 February 2019

Tēnā koutou katoa.

Ngā Takiwā o Waikaremoana me Te Putere

Nga mihi o te tau hou ki a koutou katoa.

The Christmas holiday period has passed and the New Year has begun.

The news coming from Te Wai Kaukau is showing that there are issues at Home Bay and around Te Urewera in regards to rubbish in the Park, dirty track huts and unmaintained tracks as was reported in various media outlets. Te Uru Taumatua (TUT) are working very hard to ensure that these and other issues are being addressed and cleaned up with many local people being employed in hut cleaning and track work.

In December of 2018, Ngāti Ruapani Mai Waikaremoana – Waikaremoana Tribal initiated a mandate attempt to settle claims for Ngāti Ruapani inside of Waikaremoana. There has been no definitive word or update from this group or Office of Treaty Settlements (OTS) into whether they will take this a step further. No doubt if or when it happens we will all be notified.

On 30 January 2019, there was a ceremonial turning of the sod for a waharoa and statue with a depiction of Ruapani (te tangata rangatira) in Gisborne, which was attended by Rongowhakaata and Ruapani whānau, Ngāti Ruapani ki Waikaremoana Directors and Advisor (J Takuta Moses, S Cooper and V Winitana) and the carvers/sculptors led by lead carver Matthew Randal. The waharoa is cast in bronze and stainless steel and the depiction of our rangatira Ruapani, is of bronze.

On Friday 1 February 2019, Department of Conservation (DOC) staff and representatives from Regional Councils from HB, Gisborne, Rotorua, Whakatane and Tauranga, as well as representatives from the claimant groups from Tātau Tātau, Ngāti Pāhauwera and Rongowhakaata met with Ngāti Ruapani ki Waikaremoana at Tuai to discuss and try to address various issues that may have impacts on them and most importantly to form relationships between us all. This hui was well attended.

There have been numerous wānanga at both Te Kūhā and Te Waimako marae, which has been excellent for whānau taking part but the water issue (lack of) has been a concern. Te Kūhā Papa Kāinga Trustees have been talking of connecting to the water treatment plant at Te Waimako, as there is no water at Te Kūhā. It not only affects the marae but the homes as well. WATCH THIS SPACE

With the gloriously (for some) hot weather, the return of dust on the remaining 8kms of unsealed road on SH38 and its insipient danger has come to the fore again. The drop out across from Tarere has been repaired which is great and I'm told (I haven't been down towards Valley Road since before Christmas) the drop out below Valley Road on Whakamarino is showing some progress.

Te Kura o Waikaremoana has started the new year with a full complement of staff and new students which bodes well for the kura. Te Kewena White is the Principal. Wirinia Riini, Vicki Nash, Jane Fulcher, and Kui Beattie are the full time teachers.

Te Putere – The ablution block and the whare kai at Pareroa Marae is still to be completed at this stage. The whānau are still in the process of holding wānanga which will help fund the final stages of the mahi left on the marae.

The predator-free programme (rats) is still being carried out at Te Putere by Walker Gilbert Jr and great inroads are being made by him.

Ngā mihi

Sharon Cooper
MSC – Waikaremoana Takiwā