



**I, Kitea Tipuna, Tumu Whakarae Taupua Interim Chief Executive Officer, hereby  
give notice that  
an Te Rohe o Te Wairoa Reserves Board - Matangirau Meeting will be held on:**

**Date: Monday, 15 February 2021**  
**Time: 3.30pm**  
**Location: Council Chamber, Wairoa District Council,  
Coronation Square, Wairoa**

# **AGENDA**

## **Te Rohe o Te Wairoa Reserves Board - Matangirau Meeting**

**15 February 2021**

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A maximum of 30 minutes has been set aside for members of the public to speak on any item on the agenda. Up to 5 minutes per person is allowed. As per Standing Order 15.1 requests to speak must be made to the Chief Executive Officer at least one clear day before the meeting; however this requirement may be waived by the Chairperson. Requests should also outline the matters that will be addressed by the speaker(s).

**7 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Ordinary Meeting - 31 August 2020

**MINUTES OF WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL  
TE ROHE O TE WAIROA RESERVES BOARD - MATANGIRAU MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL, CORONATION SQUARE, WAIROA  
ON MONDAY, 31 AUGUST 2020 AT 2:00PM**

**PRESENT:** Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare, Mr Paul Kelly (via Video-conference link), Mr Pieri Munro, Mr Phil Beattie

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Luke Knight (Kaiwhakahaere Rawa Property Manager), Nathan Heath (Hawke's Bay Regional Council – Area Manager), Tyler Trafford-Misson (Kaiurungi Mana Ārahi / Whakawhanake Ōhanga - Governance and Economic Development Officer), Courtney Hayward (Kaiurungi Kaupapa Here – Policy Officer).

**1 KARAKIA**

Karakia was given by Pieri Munro

**2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**APOLOGY**

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2020/12**

Moved: Mr Pieri Munro

Seconded: Mr Phil Beattie

That the apologies received from (1) His Worship the Mayor and (2) Ms Oha Manuel be accepted and leave of absence granted

**CARRIED**

**3 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Nil

**4 CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Nil

**5 LATE ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS**

Change of item 8.2 to be temporarily Public Excluded until Matangirau Reserves Board has reached a decision, and then a media statement can be made.

**6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A maximum of 30 minutes has been set aside for members of the public to speak on any item on the agenda. Up to 5 minutes per person is allowed. As per Standing Order 14.14

requests to speak must be made to the meeting secretary at least one clear day before the meeting; however this requirement may be waived by the Chairperson.

## **7 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2020/13**

Moved: Mr Pieri Munro

Seconded: Mr Phil Beattie

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 15 June 2020 be confirmed.

**CARRIED**

## **8 GENERAL ITEMS**

### **8.1 MONTHLY REPORT FOR WAIROA DISTRICT JULY 2020 NATHAN HEATH - AREA MANAGER (NORTHERN HAWKES BAY)**

#### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2020/14**

Moved: Mr Pieri Munro

Seconded: Mr Paul Kelly

That Committee receive the report.

**CARRIED**

Quick update on Patangata/'the landing' where the project is now in progress, the Nuhaka Slip among another projects in which it was mentioned that much of the work is a continuation on from activity previously discussed. More recent work has been consultation with people around the district. Pieri Munro congratulated Nathan Heath on his new role as part of the Māori partnership team of the Regional Council. River restoration – very impressed with the planting day at Te Rauhina Marae.

### **8.2 MATANGIRAU RESERVES - PLACEMENT OF PUBLIC TOILET FACILITY**

#### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2020/15**

Moved: Mr Paul Kelly

Seconded: Mr Phil Beattie

That the Matangirau Reserves Board choose one of the options provided as a preferred location for the placement of a public toilet facility.

**CARRIED**

The Matangirau Reserves Board has decided on location A, as per Appendix A (Pilot's Hill Reserve) as the location in which to construct the Public toilet facility. Nigel How (Wairoa Museum) has asked that he be involved once construction begins as there could potentially be items of historical significance within the construction area. General discussions about the site visit and the arguments put forward by local Tangata Whenua, future planting in the area has been decided on

moving forward.

The big consensus that looks to have been agreed upon by the whānau is that tikanga is upheld and that the right processes will ensure that all stakeholders will be happy with this project.

In the words of Chairperson Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare “I think that it is going to be incredibly appreciated from our people...it is our whānau will be the ones that use this and they will be the ones that benefit most from this project”.

NOTE: The Matangirau Reserve Board would like to look into putting together with Kitea Tipuna and Kate Standing a media release letting the community know that this decision has been made.

A number of other issues were discussed:

One of which was the erosion at Pilot’s Hill Reserve and the opportunity to work with Hawke’s Bay Regional Council to look at mitigating the effects of this erosion → one talking point was the possibility of moving the bar back to where it was previously. The big idea is that there can be effective preservation of the land for the benefit of the community and the Matangirau Reserves Board can be part of that.

Secondary to this was the issue regarding the plastic clips that have been recently found washing up in great numbers along the reserve, noted that it could potentially be employees being negligent in their work. However Nathan did let the board know that HBRC pollution team has investigated this with AFFCO and found no evidence that this is happening currently but could have potentially occurred a while back.

**The Meeting closed at 2:45pm with a Karakia from Pieri Munro.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Te Rohe o Te Wairoa Reserves Board - Matangirau Meeting held on 15 February 2021.**

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**CHAIRPERSON**



## 8 GENERAL ITEMS

### 8.1 WAIROA WASTEWATER CONSENT UPDATE FEB 2021

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**Authoriser:** Kitea Tipuna, Tumu Whakarae Taupua Interim Chief Executive Officer

**Appendices:** 1. Wastewater Update [↓](#)



#### 1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This report provides information for Committee on the wastewater consent process. No decisions are required by Committee at this stage.

#### RECOMMENDATION

The Pouwhakarae – Hua Pūmau Hapori / Ratonga Group Manager Community Assets and Services RECOMMENDS that Committee receive the report.

#### Signatories

	
<p>Author Stephen Heath</p>	<p>Approved by Kitea Tipuna</p>

**Wairoa Wastewater consent update: Feb 2021**

The Wairoa wastewater hearing closed 1 December 2020. Since that time there has been a minute from the hearing panel requesting opinions from all parties as to the process forward, namely views on experts getting together and 'conferencing' to work through differences, and the provision of additional information.

On 29 January 2021 counsel for WDC prepared a response to the Panels direction, essentially providing an interim closing and identifying issues and experts WDC considers appropriate for conferencing. This minute made it clear that the ongoing debate, and that needed to draw matters to a close, has been drawn out and many of the previously engaged parties have withdrawn from the consent process as they thought matters had been settled. In particular Matt Lawson noted:

1. *The draft consent conditions proposed by the Applicant and lodged with the AEE were intended to respond to the key consultation outcomes and provide certainty that the Applicant would implement the proposed programmes of investigations and works. These were intended to demonstrate that the community's views, particularly the cultural opposition to on-going discharges of treated wastewater to the Wairoa River, were being taken seriously by the Applicant and would drive the Applicant to pursue all practicable means to remove the discharge in the long term. Consequently, the conditions as they are, particularly the framework, reflect the input of the community and to significantly change the structure and condition intent would potentially move away from conditions that have satisfied a large number of participants in the application process to date. The consultation summary demonstrates and records this level of engagement.*
2. *Discussion on conditions, including technical input has occurred on a number of occasions to date; including;*
  - a. *As alluded to above conditions were formed based on feed back from the community and this was part of the suggested conditions contained in the application;*
  - b. *Feedback from the submitters and the Council during the consent processing, including the initial pre-hearing resulted revised conditions being discussed at the second pre-hearing. This included refinement based on draft technical reports provided by Council experts;*
  - c. *Following the second pre-hearing a revised set of conditions were circulated to submitters and Council for comment. On receipt of those comments, a series of video hui with some submitters resulted in explanation and discussion of both the Applicant and submitter position. Those comments were included in yet a revised set of conditions provided to all parties prior to Council preparing their s42A reports; and*
  - d. *On receipt of Council's s42A reports, the suggested conditions by the council officer were further taken into account and revised and provided with the evidence of Mr Lowe.*
3. *The reality is that the engagement above has not result in significant changes to the conditions. There has been refinement with comments from all parties being taken into account. Outstanding matters are minor and number albeit but a few.*
4. *While some submitters have an underlying issue with the proposal, particularly a surface water discharge, the condition framework has been specifically crafted with their help to*

- commit council to making ongoing changes. In other words, the conditions deliver what the submitters want.*
- 5. Council technical experts have contributed to the conditions, and the history of changes reflect this. The Applicant has largely accepted and adopted the changes sought by the Council experts, particularly monitoring. Being consistent with the Applicants approach to engage, further discussion is accepted, but it is unclear why further debate is needed when Council's recommendations have been adopted.*
  - 6. The Applicant is consulting with the community regarding the cost and speed of delivery of the various aspects of the long-term programme as part of their preparation of the 2021-31 Long Term Plan. This in turn will assist with certainty of timing and funding for each of the future actions to be implemented in accordance with the consent conditions.*

In addition to resolving subtle changes to consent conditions, the Panel is questioning the affordability of changes and WDC's ability to pay for such changes. There is additional information WDC needs to provide the Panel by 30 June 2021.

A key aspect of information to be provided is WDC's use of central government 3Water funding and how further wastewater funding is to be secured to the Long Term Plan currently being processed. To this end, the timing of the response being 30 June, provides WDC with an opportunity to gauge the community's propensity to commit further funding to change the current wastewater discharge away from the river. During the hearing, Mr Lawson and Mr Lowe made it clear that the current recipe was in response to the previous LTP process and the reality was additional council rate payer based funding for capital works was limited, and major changes including a move away from the river discharge would be unaffordable without central government help.

Looking ahead, experts have been instructed to engage and conference on outstanding technical issues by early March 2021. Additional information sought by the panel is due by 30 June 2021. This includes the community's appetite to spend more ratepayer money on changing to a land based discharge.