

**MINUTES OF WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL
EXTRAORDINARY MĀORI STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL, CORONATION SQUARE, WAIROA
ON THURSDAY, 14 MARCH 2024 AT 10:00 AM**

PRESENT: Henare Mita, Theresa Thornton, Fiona Wairau, Cr Roslyn Thomas, Erena Hammond, Whaiora Maindonald

IN ATTENDANCE: **Gary Borg** (Pouwhakarae – Pūtea/Tautāwhi Rangapū | Group Manager Finance and Corporate Support)(via zoom), **Duane Culshaw** (Pouahurea Māori | Māori Relationships Manager), **Chase Cook** (Kaiurungi Taiao | Compliance and Licensing Manager), **Hinemoa Hubbard** (Kaitauira Mana Ārahi | Governance Cadet), **Nathan Heath** (HBRC Māori Relationship Manager Northern HB), **Melissa Robson-Williams** (via zoom)

1 KARAKIA

The Opening Karakia was given by the Chair, Henare Mita.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2024/213

Moved: Henare Mita

Seconded: Whaiora Maindonald

That the apologies received from His Worship the Mayor Craig Little, Cr Benita Cairns and Ms Amanda Reynolds be accepted and leave of absence granted.

CARRIED

3 DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The Chair noted a potential conflict of interest due to family connections related to the Public Excluded Item – Statute Barred Rate Arrears Write-off 2016-17.

4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Māori Relationships Manager requested through the Chair that Dr Melissa Robson-Williams present to the committee on behalf of the Whitiwhiti Ora project team.

Mr Heath recognised the collaborative partnership that influenced the project and highlighted its success, attributing it to the ongoing emphasis on preserving the mana of Mātauranga Māori alongside Western science. He emphasised the importance of integrating both approaches to gain a deeper understanding of the impact of sediment on cultural values and mahinga kai.

Dr Robson-Williams introduced herself and spoke at length to her presentation on behalf of the project team. She provided a brief overview of the case study, elaborated on the project findings,

mentioned additional economics research conducted and concluded by discussing the success factors identified during the project evaluation.

Ms Maindonald inquired about the width of the margin measured concerning riparian planting along the river. Dr Robson-Williams noted that the width of margin was not specifically taken into account. She noted that the effectiveness of the margin's width depends on its intended purpose.

Mr Heath emphasised that all considerations and decisions regarding the future of the awa should compulsorily include assessments of mahinga kai and cultural values.

The Chair acknowledged the work of the project team and credited them for the substantial scope of their study.

5 GENERAL ITEMS

5.1 TĀ TE POUAHUREA MĀORI PŪRONGO

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2024/214

Moved: Henare Mita

Seconded: Erena Hammond

The Māori Standing Committee receives this report.

CARRIED

The Māori Relationships Manager spoke briefly to this report, expressing gratitude for Gay Waikawa and her service to the Wairoa District Council and recognising Mr Heath's support and inclusivity towards the role within Whitiwhiti Ora. Additionally, attention was drawn to the landfill situation and its negative perception within the community.

Ms Maindonald queried whether the Council has considered the possibility of acquiring a metal crusher to reduce the amount of metal scattered around the district.

Cr Thomas noted the Council's intention to improve the recycling processes at the landfill. Additionally, she referenced the WSP report, reframing her perspective to consider Wairoa as part of the broader regional context. She further noted that transporting waste to an efficient landfill in Hastings would be more beneficial for the region as a whole in terms of emissions reduction.

Committee members noted that the diverse reports offered valuable insights into the landfill situation. They appreciated the information gleaned from multiple source, including the WSP report, Sonya Drysdale's audit, and the cultural impact assessment, relating this collaborative effort to the whakatauki '*He rau ringa, e oti ai*' which translates to 'Many hands make light work'.

The Committee then discussed the council meeting roster.

5.2 MSC CHAIRMAN AND RAKAIPAAKA TAKIWA REPORT**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2024/215**

Moved: Henare Mita

Seconded: Fiona Wairau

The Māori Standing Committee receives this report.

CARRIED

The Chair introduced his report, highlighting challenges with including photos. There were no questions or discussions, and the report was moved to be received.

5.4 TE WAIROA HŌNENGENGE TAKIWĀ REPORT**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2024/216**

Moved: Whaiora Maindonald

Seconded: Henare Mita

The Māori Standing Committee receives this report.

CARRIED

Ms Maindonald spoke to her report, and queried whether any of the other marae have similar fees to Hinemihi marae.

The Chair asked if the situation was related to the fact that it was a new building. The Māori Relationships Manager emphasised that all buildings require a code of compliance and are subject to building inspections.

The Compliance and Licensing Manager noted that older marae may not necessarily have a building code of compliance. However, if they do, they are required to comply with it and undergo inspections.

Ms Maindonald expressed concerns about the accumulation of car wrecks on both private and council properties. She proposed implementing a rule requiring a specific business owner to erect a fence, maintain tidiness in the area, or remove the car wrecks spread around his business.

The Compliance and Licensing Manager noted that there are currently no provisions in our District Plan to mandate a fence in an industrial area. However, this could be considered during the upcoming District Plan Review. He mentioned that Fire and Emergency New Zealand provides an online fire hazard submission form, which could be utilised. Additionally, he suggested exploring the health impacts of car wrecks, such as pest issues. Due to outdated legislation, addressing these

issues is challenging, as existing laws require updating to provide more effective solutions.

Ms Maindonald inquired about the possibility of creating a bylaw. The Compliance and Licensing Manager pointed out the complexities associated with implementing a bylaw, as non-compliance could result in legal costs, making it potentially impractical from a cost-effectiveness standpoint.

The Māori Relationships Manager noted that Wairoa District Council lacks legislative authority to remove car wrecks from private property. However, he highlighted the success of the recent voluntary car removal programme initiated by the Council. This program resulted in the removal of over 200 cars from private properties, with a backlog of additional cars awaiting removal.

5.3 MINOR UPDATES TO REVENUE AND FINANCING POLICY AND SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT POLICY

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2024/217

Moved: Henare Mita

Seconded: Whaiora Maindonald

Abstained: Erena Hammond I

The Committee endorses the policy updates to Council and in doing so supports the position that, due to the editorial nature of the updates, no consultation is required.

CARRIED

The Group Manager of Finance and Corporate Support spoke to this report and noted that:

- Due to the environment of uncertainty that surrounds the LTP such as the repeal of 3 waters, recovery and various other pieces of statutory reform, an unconventional approach was taken to present the report in all committee and council meetings.
- The wording for the development contribution policy is vague within the revenue and financing policy, attributing this to the council providing only informal direction of its creation through a workshop.
- There is an inclusion of the Preamble to Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993 within the revenue and financing policy. Additionally noting that according to the Local Government Act, all financial policies must align with or support the preamble.
- Council has adopted these policy's subject to the endorsement of the Māori Standing Committees endorsement.

5.5 HBRC MAORI RELATIONSHIP MANAGER REPORT

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2024/218

Moved: Henare Mita

Seconded: Fiona Wairau

The Committee receive the report.

CARRIED

The Chair raised a question concerning Tamakahu marae, specifically regarding two activities: work related to the urupa and HBRC work carried out in relation to clearing out the Mangapatiki stream. Mr Heath indicated that he would follow up on this matter as he was not aware of the work being done in that area.

Cr Thomas inquired whether the additional funding of \$3 million, earmarked for certain work, is solely designated for the coastal area from the bottom boundary to the top boundary. Mr Heath explained that the current focus for woody debris removal is on five main areas: Mahia, Opoutama, Whakamahia, Mohaka, and Waikare. While the funding is primarily for coastal woody debris removal, there should still be remaining funds allocated to clean up woody debris in other areas.

Cr Thomas sought clarification regarding the availability of wood chippings. Mr Heath noted that while it is more cost-effective to burn the wood, efforts are made to maximise the use of the material. Discussions are underway with local marae to determine whether they could utilise the wood, for things like a hangi. She further questioned whether the amount of woody debris removal is being measured. Mr Heath responded that the woody debris removal is being measured and reported on a monthly basis, with Jamie Cox serving as the project manager on behalf of the Hawkes Bay Silt & Waste Recovery Taskforce. Additionally, he mentioned that there has been an “open door” policy at Mahia for the past few weeks for wood collection.

Ms Hammond asked how people are informed about where to access the wood chipping. Mr Heath clarified that the majority of wood chipping has occurred primarily in Mahia, but this arrangement is not permanent. Ms Wairau suggested the possibility of bringing the wood chipping into town for those interested.

6 PUBLIC EXCLUDED ITEMS

RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2024/219

Moved: Henare Mita

Seconded: Fiona Wairau

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting at 11:34am.

The general subject matter of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of

this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48 for the passing of this resolution
6.1 - Statute Barred Rate Arrears Write-off 2016-17	s7(2)(b)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7

CARRIED

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2024/220

Moved: Henare Mita

Seconded: Whaiora Maindonald

That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council at 12pm.

CARRIED

The Meeting closed at 12:01pm with a Closing Karakia given by the Chair, Henare Mita.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Extraordinary Māori Standing Committee Meeting held on 16 April 2024.

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CHAIRPERSON