

**MINUTES OF WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL  
MĀORI STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL, CORONATION SQUARE, WAIROA  
ON TUESDAY, 16 APRIL 2024 AT 10:00 AM**

**PRESENT:** Mr Henare Mita, Ms Theresa Thornton (via zoom), Cr Benita Cairns, Cr Roslyn Thomas, Ms Erena Hammond, Ms Amanda Reynolds, Ms Whaiora Maindonald

**IN ATTENDANCE:** **Gary Borg** (Pouwhakarae – Pūtea/Tautāwhi Rangapū | Group Manager Finance and Corporate Support), **Michael Hardie** (Pouwhakarae – Hua Pūmau | Group Manager Assets and Infrastructure), **Sarayde Tapine** (Kaiurungi Kaupapa Here me Mana Ārahi | Policy and Governance Advisor), **Duane Culshaw** (Pouhurea Māori | Māori Relationships Manager), **Nathan Heath** (HBRC Māori Relationship Manager Northern HB),

**1 KARAKIA**

The opening karakia was given by the Chairperson, Henare Mita.

**2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2024/214**

Moved: Ms Whaiora Maindonald

Seconded: Ms Amanda Reynolds

That the apologies received from His Worship the Mayor Craig Little and Ms Fiona Wairau be accepted and leave of absence granted.

**CARRIED**

**3 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Nil.

**4 CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chair noted the powhiri for Te Wairama at Kahungunu Marae at 12pm. He also raised the past two council forums being replaced with workshops and whether it is acceptable for Māori Standing Committee members to participate and receive notification about Council workshops.

**5 LATE ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS**

Nil.

**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 2024/215**

Moved: Mr Henare Mita

Seconded: Ms Erena Hammond

That the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 14 March 2024 be confirmed with amendments.

**CARRIED**

Amendments:

- Erena not Erana.
- Tamakahu not Tama Kahu.
- Mangapatiki not Mangapatike.
- Remove "Ms/Mr" from members titles.

Cr Cairns raised the point of older marae not having a building code of compliance and that the committee needs more of a breakdown of how these things are triggered for all marae. The Acting Chief Executive, Gary Borg advised that he will discuss with the regulatory department and the Group manager – Planning and Regulatory can advise and bring something back to the committee.

## **8 GENERAL ITEMS**

### **8.1 MSC CHAIRMAN AND RAKAIPAACA TAKIWA REPORT**

#### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2024/216**

Moved: Mr Henare Mita

Seconded: Ms Whaiora Maindonald

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

**CARRIED**

The Chair, Henare Mita updated the committee that the day after he took the photos for his report someone broke into the temporary depot and stole some diesel, tools and materials.

### **8.2 MSC TAKIWA REPORT - RUAKITURI**

#### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2024/217**

Moved: Ms Erena Hammond

Seconded: Mr Henare Mita

The Kaiurungi Kaupapa Here me Mana Ārahi | Policy and Governance Officer RECOMMENDS that Committee receive the report.

**CARRIED**

Erena spoke briefly to her report. She spoke to the opening of the Te Reinga Bridge with many in attendance, the installation of a public toilet at Te Reinga Falls and Richard Niania recently hosting a week long wananga in Te Reinga with a lot of work being done around Te Mana o Te Wai and the waterways in and around Te Reinga and further up the valley.

The Maori Relationships Manager, Duane Culshaw noted that he is working with the property department and is liaising with Darden King to identify an individual in Te Reinga to maintain the new toilet. The Group Manager – Assets and Infrastructure, Michael Hardie noted that the toilet is not yet open to the public as it still needs to be fully installed.

### **8.3 HBRC MAORI RELATIONSHIPS MANAGER REPORT**

#### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2024/218**

Moved: Mr Henare Mita

Seconded: Ms Erena Hammond

The Pouahurea Māori Māori Relationships Manager RECOMMENDS that Māori Standing Committee receive the report.

**CARRIED**

The Hawke's Bay Regional Council (HBRC) Māori Relationship Manager, Nathan Heath spoke briefly to his report highlighting that the HBRC Long-term plan consultation started that afternoon outside of New World and the Wairoa Community Centre and the powhiri of Te Wairama in Nuhaka at Kahungunu Marae. He noted that he has not yet had a response about the option of bringing woodchip to Wairoa and will follow this up again before the next committee meeting.

Members briefly discussed the issue of drain ownership and responsibility and the impact Cyclone Gabrielle has had on the districts infrastructure. Whaiora raised concerns from whanau in regards to the size of certain pipes/drainage systems being installed. Members discussed the need for identifying this work as BAU or recovery. The Acting Chief Executive, Gary Borg advised that the draft recovery plan will be sent to the Chair and from there they will decide how a recovery agenda item will be tabled at this committee.

Erena questioned the estimated figure of 500 tonnes of silt still under whanau homes and asked what the estimate now is. The Acting Chief Executive, Gary Borg advised that an update on recovery will be provided to the Finance Committee in the afternoon, where the question can be tabled and the response communicated back to committee members. She also raised maintenance currently happening 5km down the Tiniroto road and the result of Cyclone Gabrielle taking more parts of a section of the road which could potentially cut off areas from each other. The Group Manager – Assets and Infrastructure, Michael Hardie advised that this job alongside many others in the district are awaiting funding from NZTA, however, WDC are monitoring each

site. He noted that he will report back to the Chair once advised of the list of priorities from NZTA.

**The Chair welcomed any updates from Takiwa representatives.**

**Te Wairoa Hōpūpū Takiwa – Amanda Reynolds**

Amanda thanked Council for the urgent work on the Rangiahua slip and having this cleared for whanau in the December 2023 rain.

**Te Wairoa Takiwa – Whaiora Maindonald**

Whaiora noted tabling a report on Ruataniwha Road and how it goes right to the end, however, whanau cant access their urupa in the winter as it hasnt been maintained by the Council over some time and the potential of having this re-metalled.

The Maori Relationship Manager, Duane Culshaw noted he will follow-up with the Group Manager – Assets and Infrastructure.

**Pāhauwera Takiwa – Theresa Thornton**

Theresa noted she would still like to send the invitation to Mangataniwha and to get the Council up there to witness their mahi.

She asked the Māori Relationship Manager, Duane Culshaw to provide a report on Te Huki Marae as she has been approached by multiple trustees over matters not death with including when the AGM will be held and the need to replace a trustee.

She also asked if the committee will be writing a submission to the Fast-track Approvals Bill currently out for consultation. The Acting Chief Executive advised that a submission is currently in progress on behalf of Council to the Fast-track Approvals Bill and will workout the timeline for this to share it with the committee.

**Ruakituri Takiwa – Erena Hammond**

Erena noted concerns from whanau in not having the Glengarry care facility service in the district anymore. She further raised concerns from Rangatahi about raupō being removed and taken to the dump along Frasertown road where work is occurring in the drains. The Group Manager – Assets and Infrastructure, Michael Hardie advised that this is a state highway project, however, will follow-up and provide and update to the committee on the issue.

**The Meeting closed at 11:09am with a closing karakia given by the Chair, Henare Mita.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Māori Standing Committee Meeting held on 28 May 2024.**

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**CHAIRPERSON**