

**MINUTES OF WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL
MĀORI STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL, CORONATION SQUARE, WAIROA
ON TUESDAY, 9 JULY 2024 AT 10:04 AM**

PRESENT: Ms Theresa Thornton (via zoom), Cr Benita Cairns (via zoom), Mr Henare Mita, Ms Fiona Wairau, Ms Erena Hammond, Ms Amanda Reynolds,

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** (Governance Team Lead), **Frances Manase** (Kaiurungi Mana Arahi | Governance Officer), **Duane Culshaw** (Pouahurea Māori | Māori Relationships Manager), **Nathan Heath** (HBRC Māori Relationship Manager Northern HB),

1 KARAKIA

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

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

APOLOGIES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2024/219

Moved: Mr Henare Mita

Seconded: Ms Fiona Wairau

That the apologies received from His Worship the Mayor Craig Little, Cr Roslyn Thomas and Ms Whaiora Maindonald, be accepted and leave of absence granted.

CARRIED

3 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

To be raised and declared as the agenda progresses.

4 CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair Mr Mita welcomed public participants Alice Wairau and Sharn Hura. The Chair thanked the Council for the invite to the discussion with Hawkes Bay Regional Council on Tuesday 2nd July, 2024 in response to the June 26 Wairoa flooding.

5 LATE ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2024/220

Moved: Mr Henare Mita

Seconded: Ms Amanda Reynolds

That the late report Item 8.1 – MSC Chairman Report to be received as a late item.

CARRIED

6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Alice Wairau and Sharn Hura, representatives of Te Rakato Marae, expressed their concerns about the placement of a recycling centre in Opoutama. The primary concerns raised by them both were:

- The proposed location of the recycling centre.
- The proximity of the centre to the cemetery; and
- Keeping the space clean and tidy in respect of those who lay in the cemetery.

The Māori Relationships Manager acknowledged these concerns and confirmed that the proposed recycling centre would be on council land, requiring reclassification from reserve to general. The Council is currently in the consultation period for this reclassification and moving forward plans to:

- present the proposal to the hapu on July 21st, 2024 and
- will continue to explore alternative options for the recycling centre.

Members advised the need for further community engagement and consideration of alternative solutions. During the meeting, members discussed various aspects of the proposed recycling centre, being:

- The Acting Chief Executive clarified that reclassification was a prerequisite for any construction and acknowledged that the team will look into further community consultation on the matter.

At 10:32am Ms Alice Wairau and Ms Sharn Hura the meeting.

7 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2024/221

Moved: Ms Erena Hammond

Seconded: Mr Henare Mita

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 16 April 2024 be confirmed.

CARRIED

8 GENERAL ITEMS

8.1 TĀ TE POUAHUREA MĀORI PŪRONGO

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2024/222

Moved: Mr Henare Mita

Seconded: Ms Amanda Reynolds

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

CARRIED

The Māori Relationships Manager advised the committee that discussions with the community have explored alternative locations for the recycling centre in Mahia Beach, but the issue has been the insufficient space.

He further noted confusion within the community between a recycling centre and a transfer centre and advised that the recycling centre would have minimal environmental impact and would increase job opportunities for the Wairoa community. He advised that there has been a proposal for a potential substation being imported onto the same land the recycling centre will be on. To date, there have been no submissions made for this thus, the hope to extend the submission date.

8.2 TE WAIROA HONENGENENGE TAKIWA REPORT

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2024/223

Moved: Mr Henare Mita

Seconded: Ms Amanda Reynolds

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

CARRIED

8.3 CHAIRMAN'S AND RAKAIPAACA TAKIWA REPORT

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2024/224

Moved: Mr Henare Mita

Seconded: Ms Fiona Wairau

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

CARRIED

8.4 HBRC MAORI RELATIONSHIP MANAGER (NORTHERN HB) REPORT

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2024/225

Moved: Mr Henare Mita

Seconded: Ms Fiona Wairau

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

CARRIED

- Hawkes Bay Regional Council (HBRC), Mr Nathan Heath spoke to the above report

highlighting the below specifically in regard to the June 26 flood events:

- A total of 420 properties, including rural, commercial, residential, and sheds were affected, leading to the evacuation of 100 people.
- Three evacuation centres were established at War Memorial Hall, Taiho Marae, and Hinemihi Marae.
- identified 119 houses with yellow stickers.
- 65 requests for temporary accommodation, HBRC will assist TAS in finding housing solutions.
- WDC has recruited Recovery Manager Te Aroha Cook, starting Monday, July 15th, 2024. A pātaka is set up at the old New World managed by the Māori Wardens. Over 200 needs assessments have been received, with the welfare team referring them to appropriate agencies.
- Options to mitigate future flood risks in Nuhaka will be released followed by community discussions.
- Māhanga is facing issues with high water levels impacting baches; the Hine Rauiri stream was opened last week to alleviate pressure, and a long-term plan is in development.
- The Mahia boat ramp faces recurring weed issues and Mr Heath is supportive of a long-term solution for this.

At 10:32 am, Ms Fiona Wairau left the meeting.

At 10:35 am, Ms Fiona Wairau returned to the meeting.

Due to an inadequate internet connection experienced by Ms. Theresa Thornton, the committee was unable to achieve a quorum. The committee had attempted to wait for reconnection and attempted to contact Ms Thornton. This was unsuccessful. As a result, the committee did not go into public excluded and the following items were deferred to the next scheduled meeting.

8.5 RECEIPT OF MĀORI STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES - 24 NOVEMBER 2022

RECOMMENDATION

ITEM DEFERRED

The Kaiurungi Kaupapa Here me Mana Ārahi | Policy and Governance Officer RECOMMENDS that the open minutes of the Māori Standing Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 24 November 2022 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

8.6 RECEIPT OF MĀORI STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES - 25 JULY 2023

RECOMMENDATION

ITEM DEFERRED

The Kaiurungi Kaupapa Here me Mana Ārahi | Policy and Governance Officer RECOMMENDS that the minutes of the Māori Standing Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 25 July 2023 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

8.7 RECEIPT OF MĀORI STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES - 31 OCTOBER 2023**RECOMMENDATION****ITEM DEFERRED**

The Kaiurungi Kaupapa Here me Mana Ārahi | Policy and Governance Officer RECOMMENDS that the minutes of the Māori Standing Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 31 October 2023 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

8.1 MSC CHAIRMAN REPORT**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2024/226**

Moved: Mr Henare Mita

Seconded: Ms Amanda Reynolds

The Kaiurungi Mana Ārahi | Governance Officer RECOMMENDS that the Māori Standing Committee receives this report.

CARRIED

9 PUBLIC EXCLUDED ITEMS**RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC****RECOMMENDATION****ITEM DEFERRED**

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
9.1 - Receipt of Māori Standing Committee Public Excluded Meeting Minutes - 25 July 2023	s7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons	s7(2) - Subject to sections 6, 8 and 17, this section applies if, and only if, the withholding of the information is necessary to
9.2 - Receipt of Māori Standing Committee Meeting Public Excluded Minutes - 24 November 2022	s7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons	s7(2) - Subject to sections 6, 8 and 17, this section applies if, and only if, the withholding of the information is necessary to

The closing karakia was given by the Chairperson Henare Mita.

The meeting closed at 11:18am due to inadequate internet connection by Ms Theresa Thornton, therefore, the committee did not have quorum. These items have been deferred to the next scheduled meeting on Tuesday 20 August, 2024.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Māori Standing Committee Meeting held on 20 August 2024.

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CHAIRPERSON