

**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 TUESDAY, 23 JULY 2024 AT 10:02 AM**

PRESENT: Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare, Cr Roslyn Thomas, Cr Melissa Kaimoana (via Zoom), Mr Phillip Beattie, Mr Irah Heyder

IN ATTENDANCE: **Gary Borg** (Pouwhakarae – Pūtea/Tautāwhi Rangapū | Group Manager Finance and Corporate Support via Zoom), **Michael Hardie** (Pouwhakarae – Hua Pūmau | Group Manager Assets and Infrastructure), **Sarayde Tapine** (Governance Team Lead), **Duane Culshaw** (Māori Relationship Manager), **Johnny Hardie** (CPS Projects via Zoom), **Nathan Heath** (HBRC Māori Relationship Manager), **James Feary** (HBRC Regional Asset Manager),

1 KARAKIA

The opening karakia was given by Mr Irah Heyder.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

APOLOGY

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2024/34

Moved: Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare

Seconded: Cr Roslyn Thomas

That the apology received from Ms Michelle Mcllroy be accepted and leave of absence granted.

CARRIED

3 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

To be declared as the agenda progresses.

4 CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair, Cr Eaglesome-Karekare acknowledged the passing of some important members in the community over the last few weeks.

5 LATE ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

LATE ITEM – TE ROHE O TE WAIROA RESERVES BOARD - MATANGIRAU PERSPECTIVE REGARDING BAR MANAGEMENT IN TERMS OF RESERVE LOCATIONS

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2024/35

Moved: Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare

Seconded: Mr Irah Heyder

That the late item explained below and raised verbally by Mr Phillip Beattie be received as a late

item.

CARRIED

Mr Beattie verbally raised this late item in regard to Councils mapping of the reserves and the Board's perspective on bar management in terms of where the reserves are located. He spoke to it as the Board's 'mandate' in terms of where the reserves are regarding flood protection and future bar management.

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 2024/36

Moved: Mr Phillip Beattie

Seconded: Cr Roslyn Thomas

That the minutes of the Te Rohe o Te Wairoa Reserves Board - Matangirau Meeting held on 11 June 2024 be confirmed.

CARRIED

Matters Arising from the 11 June Te Rohe o Te Wairoa Reserves Board - Matangirau Meeting:

- Pill boxes raised by Mr Heyder – hard copy photos were provided to members of the pill boxes taken after the June 26 flooding event in Wairoa. He advised members that discussions have begun around what can be done to address the pill boxes and where they could go if they were to be lifted.
- Cr Thomas questioned Morere Hot Springs inclusion as part of "MRB reserves" and asked whether it was governed by a reserves board (if any). Mr Beattie advised that it is currently governed by the Department of Conservation (DOC) who are working with Rakaipaaka Iwi and Te Rākatō hapū.

8 GENERAL ITEMS

8.1 TE ROHE O TE WAIROA RESERVES BOARD MATANGIRAU DRAFT WORKPLAN 2024

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2024/37

Moved: Cr Roslyn Thomas

Seconded: Mr Phillip Beattie

The Kaiurungi Kaupapa Here me Mana Ārahi | Policy and Governance Officer RECOMMENDS that the Board receive the report and adopt the workplan with amendments attached as Appendix 1

for the Te Rohe o Te Wairoa Reserves Board – Matangirau.

CARRIED

The Governance Team Lead noted updates and amendments to the work programme based on the feedback and discussion in the meeting. Key discussion points highlighted below:

- Mr Beattie raised that two funding streams are available from the Department of Conservation in two streams of \$10k each.
- The Chair, Cr Eaglesome-Karekare advised that kaimahi are working at the old QRS building and alongside Nigel How, Wairoa District Council and Rongomaiwahine Iwi Trust on the cultural trail project to identify sights of cultural significance in the district and who to meet with.
- Cr Kaimoana advised members that the Chairperson of Te Rauhina Marae has changed, however, the trustees are eager to come together and wananga with any agencies that Council can assist in bringing together due to concerns about the urupā following the June 26 flood event. She also noted their thanks to HBRC for the clean up efforts out there and the extra work done to the marae.
- Members discussed the risk of erosion at Rangihoua and the need to do something about this now. Cr Kaimoana noted the effect of losing Rangihoua on the treatment facility behind this reserve which poses an extreme risk to the river. She also noted the dangerous concrete tracks on the reserve and the risk of someone falling due to it essentially being an open cliff now.
- Cr Thomas raised questions around the lack of understanding from HBRC around the last 5 years of what the budget for catchment and management of the Wairoa bar looked like and sought this information from HBRC through the Board.

The HBRC Regional Asset Manager, James Feary introduced himself and advised the Board that there is a fund for bar management and this is based on the conditions at the time as notified by contractors in Wairoa. He noted that:

- The Wairoa and Stream Scheme was up until last year funded by targeted rates, however going forward will be funded by general rates and has been increased by around 50-60%. The purpose of the scheme was to undertake drain clearing in places around the district and doing vegetation clearance within the river system around Wairoa and any other major streams in the area, however, there is no specific scheme for the Wairoa river.
- He acknowledged the large catchment resources within the HBRC team are limited and do rely on members of the public where there may be issues.
- The dredging of the Clive River has been put on hold due to the increase in costs and the difficulty in gaining regional consensus to dispose of the material.

The Chair, Cr Eaglesome-Karekare highlighted the need for intensive bar management of the Wairoa river and entire catchment area. She also suggested utilising the extra 50-60% worth of funds through general rates to employ people locally who can manage the bar and report back to HBRC. Members also raised the volume of silt posing as an issue to the river, due to the remainder of what was left from Cyclone Gabrielle and asked what the possibility of dredging it was.

9 PUBLIC EXCLUDED ITEMS

RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2024/38

Moved: Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare

Seconded: Cr Melissa Kaimoana

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting at 11:08am.

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 - River Reserve Restoration Project Update	s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to conduct, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities. s7(2)(i) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to continue, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)	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 2024/39

Moved: Cr Denise Eaglesome-Karekare

Seconded: Mr Phillip Beattie

That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council at 11:37am.

CARRIED

LATE ITEM – TE ROHE O TE WAIROA RESERVES BOARD - MATANGIRAU PERSPECTIVE REGARDING BAR MANAGEMENT IN TERMS OF RESERVE LOCATIONS

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Board’s perspective on bar management in terms of where the reserves are located. He spoke to it as the Board’s ‘mandate’ in terms of where the reserves are regarding flood protection and future bar management and that the Board be included in any early discussions in regard to the management of the bar and around the reserves by the river mouth.

He wanted to make it clear to strengthen the Boards case concerning the Rangihoua Reserve area and reserves surrounding the river bar and putting forward a mandate from the Board for early inclusion in discussions about the river bar management. Cr Kaimoana asked whether it was worth having a discussion with Te Arawhiti to see what they can do to support this. Mr Beattie noted that he will raise it at the Tātau Tātau meeting on the weekend to begin these conversations.

Members agreed to draft a recommendation/mandate to take back to the Tripartite agreement concerning this issue.

The Meeting closed at 11:48am with a closing karakia given by Mr Irah Heyder.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Te Rohe o Te Wairoa Reserves Board - Matangirau Meeting held on 3 September 2024.

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CHAIRPERSON