

**MINUTES OF WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL
MĀORI STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL, CORONATION SQUARE, WAIROA
ON TUESDAY, 22 APRIL 2025 AT 10:00 AM**

PRESENT: Mr Henare Mita, Ms Fiona Wairau, Cr Benita Cairns, Ms Erena Hammond, Ms Amanda Reynolds, Ms Whaiora Maindonald

IN ATTENDANCE: **Te Aroha Cook** (Kaiarataki Whakaoranga I Recovery Manager), **Hinetaakoha Viriaere** (Pouwhakarae Whakamahere me te Waeture | Group Manager Planning & Regulatory), **Juanita Savage** (Pouwhakarae Rātonga Hapori me te Whakawhanake | Group Manager Community Services and Development), **Duane Culshaw** (Pouahurea Māori | Māori Relationships Manager), **Hinemoa Hubbard** (Kaiurungi Mana Ārahi | Governance Officer), **Tyler Trafford-Misson** (District Planner), **Michael West** (Business Analyst), **Charlotte Knight** (Gisborne District Council), **Katarina Maaka** (Gisborne District Council), **Darden King** (Pohaturoa Trust Chairman)

1 KARAKIA

The opening karakia was given by the Chair, Mr Henare Mita.

He acknowledged the recent passing of former committee member Here Nissen and extended a warm welcome to the visitors in attendance.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

APOLOGIES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2025/262

Moved: Ms Fiona Wairau

Seconded: Ms Erena Hammond

That the apologies received from His Worship the Mayor Craig Little, Cr Roslyn Thomas, and Ms Theresa Thornton 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

Nil.

6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Nil.

7 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2025/263**

Moved: Ms Fiona Wairau

Seconded: Ms Erena Hammond

That the minutes of the Māori Standing Committee Meeting held on 11 March 2025 be confirmed with amendments.

CARRIED

- Update all references to “Mere Pohatu” to “Mere Kokiri-Tamanui.”
- Under Ms Wairau’s takiwā report: Remove the third bullet point.

8 GENERAL ITEMS**8.1 TĀ TE POUAHUREA MĀORI PŪRONGO - MĀORI RELATIONSHIPS MANAGER REPORT****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2025/264**

Moved: Mr Henare Mita

Seconded: Cr Benita Cairns

The Māori Standing Committee receives the report.

CARRIED

The Māori Relationships Manager introduced the report and acknowledged the recent passing of Here-Turi-Koka Nissen, a former Māori Standing Committee member who served for over 10 years.

Darden King spoke at length about quarrying activity on Pohaturoa Station. He noted:

- The quarry site covers 13 hectares, located off Tiniroto Road (not on the maunga).
- Forest harvesting scheduled to begin in July, expected to take approximately three years.
- No anticipated impact on nearby waterways.
- An Environmental Impact Assessment has been completed and is currently undergoing peer review.
- No formal consent application had been submitted to Council regarding quarrying activity

The Māori Relationships Manager noted that Gisborne District Council staff are preparing an engagement plan with locals, as the Southern Tairāwhiti Catchment Plan overlaps with the Wairoa District.

Gisborne District Council (GDC) staff members provided an overview of their work.

Key points included:

- The catchment planning is part of a broader regional freshwater planning programme, aligned with the implementation of the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management. Once the iwi engagement process is complete, the catchment plan will be integrated into the GDC's planning framework.
- The planning process aims to recognise, protect, and enhance the mauri of the awa, and to develop a shared vision for environmental outcomes, including limits and targets that will inform future decisions.
- A draft plan for public consultation is anticipated in early 2026.
- A formal plan change under the Resource Management Act is expected later in 2026.
- Regardless of national reform, the Council is required to complete seven catchment plans by the end of 2027. Currently, only one is under review, with six still to be developed.

8.2 ROAD NAMING TIHI TIHI PA

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2025/265

Moved: Ms Whaiora Maindonald

Seconded: Ms Amanda Reynolds

The Māori Standing Committee:

1. Receives the report, AND
2. Endorses the proposed road names, with changes where applicable, for approval by Wairoa District Council.

3. CARRIED

The District Planner introduced his report, he noted:

- That while naming is typically addressed as part of consent conditions, the current policy being followed is over a decade old.
- The name *Toitū Street* has been withdrawn by Whakamanamana Limited.
- New proposed names have been reviewed by local mana whenua, with their support.
- The proposed names- *Kānuka Court*, *Tarata Street*, and *Kiekie Lane*- align with the requirements of the naming policy, which states that Māori names must be presented to the Māori Standing Committee for endorsement.
- *Tarata Street* and *Kiekie Lane* were recommended and supported by mana whenua. *Kānuka* was not recommended by mana whenua; however, it meets policy criteria.
- "Court" may not be future-proof and recommended "*Kānuka Street*" instead.
- *Kiekie Lane* is considered appropriate due to the road's narrow and short layout.

The committee supported:

- Kānuka Street for Road 1
- Tarata street for Road 2
- Kiekie Lane for Road 3

8.3 2025/26 ANNUAL PLAN INFORMATION DOCUMENT

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2025/266

Moved: Mr Henare Mita

Seconded: Ms Fiona Wairau

The Committee receives the report.

CARRIED

An updated version of the report attachment was circulated to the committee in advance of the meeting.

The Business Analyst introduced the report, advising that no consultation process was required due to the absence of significant changes to levels of service. Adoption of the document is anticipated at the next Council meeting.

The Committee raised concerns regarding the accuracy of some details in the document, specifically noting that the Tuai water scheme does not source its water from the Waiau, contrary to the information on page 17 of the attachment.

8.4 MSC TAKIWA REPORT - RAKAIPAACA - 22 APRIL 2025

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2025/267

Moved: Mr Henare Mita

Seconded: Ms Erena Hammond

The Māori Standing Committee receives this report.

CARRIED

VERBAL TAKIWĀ UPDATES**Ms Wairau (Mahia Mai Tawhiti):**

- Reported that she had shared relevant documents and committee information with her hapori, and noted that no concerns had been raised by her hapori in response.

Ms Hammond (Ruakituri):

- Expressed appreciation for the removal of burnt-out vehicles from Tiniroto Road. The cars had been abandoned for approximately a year and have now been cleared.
- Erepeti Marae is currently in a state of uncertainty due to the freeze on Oranga Marae funding. Their next Annual General Meeting is scheduled for June, and regular hui are being held to discuss the marae rebuild.
- Te Reinga Marae trustees have now been formally appointed through the Māori Land Court process. A hui was also held at Te Reinga with members of the “Slash for Cash” initiative.

Ms Maindonald (Te Wairoa):

- Ruataniwha and Hinemihi Marae are fully booked following the demolition of Tawhiri-a-Marū. Takitimu Marae has not yet been rebuilt.
- Acknowledged the recent clean-up efforts at the corner of Sommerville and Carroll Streets, and commended the businesses along Carroll Street for their efforts.
- Raised concerns about frequent accidents at the intersection of Crarer Street, Carroll Street, and Mahia Avenue. Issues identified include driver confusion caused by an obscured stop sign and inadequate road markings.
- Highlighted ongoing problems with parking on Ruataniwha Road.

The Meeting closed with a closing karakia by the Chair, Henare Mita at 12pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Māori Standing Committee Meeting held on 3 June 2025.

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CHAIRPERSON