

**MINUTES OF WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL  
MĀORI STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL, CORONATION SQUARE, WAIROA  
ON TUESDAY, 8 JULY 2025 AT 10:00 AM**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** **Matthew Lawson** (Tumu Whakarae | Chief Executive), **Te Aroha Cook** (Pouwhakarae Rātonga Hapori me te Whakawhanake | Kaiaarataki Whakaoranga Group Manager – Community Services and Development | Recovery Manager), **Langley Cavers** (Acting Group Manager Assets and Infrastructure), **Duane Culshaw** (Pouahurea Māori | Māori Relationships Manager), **Hinemoa Hubbard** (Kaiurungi Mana Ārahi | Governance Officer), **Hira Campbell** (Transport Asset Manager), **Nathan Heath** (Hawkes Bay Regional Council Māori Relationships Manager)

**1 KARAKIA**

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

**2 APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE**

**APOLOGIES**

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2025/268**

Moved: Mr Henare Mita

Seconded: Ms Amanda Reynolds

That the apologies received from His Worship the Mayor Craig Little for absence (noting brief attendance), Cr Roslyn Thomas and Ms Fiona Wairau for absence 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 noted that the Local Water Done Well and Election Protocols workshop would follow the meeting.

**5 LATE ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS**

Nil.

**6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Nil.

**7 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2025/269**

Moved: Ms Amanda Reynolds

Seconded: Ms Whaiora Maindonald

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 3 June 2025 be confirmed.

**CARRIED**

**Matters arising:**

At 10:10am, His Worship the Mayor, Craig Little joined the meeting via audio to address a procedural breakdown and emphasise the importance of the Māori Standing Committee to Council.

At 10:12am, His Worship the Mayor left the meeting.

The Committee discussed:

- Formal membership to Committees.
- Procedural breakdowns relating to reports from Committees to Council.
- The strength in Wairoa of having the Māori Standing Committee regularly involved in Council.

**8 GENERAL ITEMS****8.1 MSC TAKIWA REPORT - RAKAIPAACA - 8 JULY 2025****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2025/270**

Moved: Mr Henare Mita

Seconded: Ms Whaiora Maindonald

The Māori Standing Committee receives this report.

**CARRIED**

**Verbal Takiwā Updates**

Members introduced themselves to the new Chief Executive and outlined the Marae encompassed within their respective takiwā.

- **Erena Hammond (Ruakituri):** Erepeti and Te Reinga.

- **Theresa Thornton (Pahauwera):** Waihua (Kurahikakawa), Mohaka (Waipapa-ā-iwi), Kahungunu and Te Huki.
- **Amanda Reynolds (Te Wairoa Hōpūpū):** Rangiahua, Arimawha, Pākōwhai, Aranui, Te Mira (Whetū Marama), Pūtahi and Hine Te Rā.
- **Whaiora Maindonald (Te Wairoa Hōnengenenge):** Hinemihi, Huramua, Ruataniwha, Takitimu, Tawhiti-a-Maru. Ms Maindonald reported that Hinemihi's AGM will be held next month. A 10-year development plan has been released, with most projects completed and only a few remaining.
- **Mr Henare Mita (Rakaipaaka):** Kahungunu, Manutai, Kotahitanga, Te Poho o Te Rehu, Tamakahu, Tānenuiārangi. Mr Mita advised that five are currently active. Work is underway to re-establish the sixth marae.

The Māori Relationship Manager also noted three other takiwā: Mahia Mai Tawhiti, Te Wairoa Matangirau and Waikaremoana.

**The Meeting closed at 10:30am.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Māori Standing Committee Meeting held on 2 September 2025.**

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**CHAIRPERSON**