



## Te Kārearea Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Wednesday, 17 July, 2019  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m.  
**Location:** Terenga Paraoa Marae  
10 Porowini Avenue  
Whangarei

**In Attendance** Her Worship the Mayor Sheryl Mai (Co-Chairperson)  
Mike Kake (Acting Co-Chairperson)  
Cr Vince Cocurullo  
Cr Tricia Cutforth  
Cr Sharon Morgan  
Cr Anna Murphy  
Deborah Harding  
Janelle Beazley  
Merepeka Henley  
Sharon Kaipo  
Takiri Puriri  
Aorangi Kawiti

**Not in Attendance** Taipari Munro  
Cr Crichton Christie  
Cr Sue Glen  
Cr Greg Innes  
Allan Halliday  
Delaraine Armstrong  
Violet Sade

**Scribe** Jennie Thomas (Democracy Adviser)

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**Also present:** Rob Forlong (WDC – CE), Dominic Kula (WDC General Manager – Strategy and Democracy), Aperahama Edwards (WDC Māori Relationships Manager), Debbie Taylor (EA to General Manager – Strategy and Democracy), Evan Cook (Senior Planner- District Plan)

**Community:**

Aorangi Edith Brady, Ngaire Cooper, Emma Cribb, Trina Hadfield, Donnella Philips and Jason Cooper, Maia Kawiti



**1. Open Meeting**

**2. Karakia/Mihi – Takiri Puriri and Taipari Munro**

**3. Apologies –** Delaraine Armstrong, Allan Halliday, Taipari Munro (early departure), Violet Sade, Crs Sue Glen, Greg Innes and Crichton Christie, Deborah Harding (late arrival), Carey Kake

**4. Introductions (Whakawhanaungatanga)**

Taiharuru marae members Trina Hadfield and Donnella Philips were introduced and welcomed.

**5. Previous Minutes**

**5.1 Minutes Te Kārearea 19 June 2019**

**Moved by** Janelle Beazley

**Seconded by** Cr Morgan

That the minutes of the Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Forum meeting held on Wednesday, 19 June 2019, having been circulated, be taken as read and now confirmed and adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings of that meeting.

**Carried**

*Discussion from the previous minutes occurred after Item 6 – Community Forum*

- Alan Adcock (General Manager – Finance & Corporate) presented to Te Huinga on the new Council Civic Centre.
- Andre Hemara is organising a hui on the modelling of a flood gate for the community of Ngunguru.
- Sharon Kaipo and Cr Morgan provided an update and acknowledged the successful outcome for the Twin Bridges area, where they met with Grant Alsop (WDC - Field Officer) to discuss the possibility of toilets for the area. There will be portaloos provided in the summer months for tourists, but also for locals as this is a well used swimming spot. There is a slim possibility that funding could be secured in the future from the Tourism Infrastructure Fund (TIF) for more permanent toilets. Sharon Kaipo advised that she would be monitoring usage of the portaloos and would like to secure funding in the next LTP for a more permanent solution.
- Sharon Kaipo the bollard, two park benches and a concrete pad that have been installed at the reserve.



- Sharon Kaipo also advised, that there is research being undertaken in the community on the identity of the men who appear in the historic photo used on the Parakao toilet block.
- Cr Cocurullo called attention to the low levels at the Whau Valley dam, for this time of year, and encouraged everyone to be conscious of water usage. There was discussion on households being able, as a right, to install their own water tanks with the requirement that it be an independent water supply.
- Deborah Harding advised that members of the YAG have not yet attended Te Huinga meeting.
- If there is any development on the Okara-Old Boys Rugby Land proposal Te Kārearea will be updated by Council.

## 6. Community Forum (Hui a Hapori)

**Donnella Phillips along with Trina Hadfield** attended the meeting as representatives for Taiharuru marae. Donnella (Treasurer – Taiharuru Marae) addressed the meeting to share the vision, dream and goal for their hapu to establish their own marae at Taiharuru.

Acknowledgement was made of the time and effort undertaken by hapu, the Taiharuru Marae Inc Society members and tūpuna who have gone before us. The dedication of those who have gone before and the present members to see through this project was noted.

The motivation for the marae project stems from the dreams and aspiration for the future to enhance and provide a structural base for whanau and the wider community.

Donnella advised that they were seeking support from this forum for the recently submitted Whangarei District Council Partnership Fund application. At present our hapu do not have their own marae, they have nowhere to take our loved ones back to. There are no coastal marae between Ngunguru and Takahiwai. The community is supportive and are looking for support from this forum.

The project to establish a marae has been ongoing for 30-40 years. Some tūpuna that started this project have already passed over and they weren't able to see this come to fruition. The previous plans were over ten years old and comprised of three separate steel sheds. The new concept plans are for a more sustainable precast concrete construction.

Donnella acknowledged the financial support received so far from various funds including the Council Community fund that assisted with funding for the building consent fees. The marae has contracted an individual to assist with funding applications and more information can be obtained by getting in touch by email at [taiharurumarae@gmail.com](mailto:taiharurumarae@gmail.com).



Various forum members expressed their support for the ongoing work and project from present and past members. Advice was given from previous experiences, if you build the ablution block first, it allows those hapu from outside of the district to come and stay which help builds whanaungatanga.

Her Worship the Mayor thanked both Donnella and Trina for attending and presenting to the forum and advised that Councillors would be delighted to hear that funding included in the Long Term Plan was able to be used to respond to community led projects. She wished them luck with their application.

**Jason Cooper** also expressed his gratitude for the update on the project and acknowledged the korero on the presentation and the mahi from the hapu.

Jason advised he was here today to discuss the project funded by Te Puni Kokiri on hapu resource management protection. This project is coming to completion and Jason provided an update since the last time he presented to Te Kārearea.

The deliverable of the project was uplifting hapu resource management capability. A project team was formed. Aspects of the project looked at hapu relationships with local government and crown entity representatives and the challenges around capacity in contrast to hapu aspirations. Capacity themes emphasised three relational components of resourcing, representation and legislation. A final report will be provided on all these elements.

Jason extended an invitation to a presentation of the full report which will be held at Terenga Paraoa Marae 10.00am, 16 August 2019.

Mike Kake congratulated Jason on his perseverance on this. Jason acknowledged his team and hapu he has worked with.

## **7. Reports:**

### **7.1 Action Log July 2019**

**Moved by** Cr Vince Cocurullo

**Seconded by** Deborah Harding

That Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Forum note the attached Action Log.

**Carried**

- Janelle Beazley advised that discussion had occurred and the Raurimu Avenue item can be closed.
- It was clarified that the barrier is erected at Whangarei Falls when water levels reach a certain point.



- Emma Cribb advised that painting had not occurred at the Haruru Playground. This will be investigated and possibly reopened on the Action Log.

## 7.2 Significant Natural Areas Mapping Project

**Moved by** Cr Tricia Cutforth

**Seconded by** Cr Anna Murphy

That Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Forum notes this report.

**Carried**

Evan Cook (Senior Planner – District Plan) thanked the forum for the opportunity to speak to his report on the Significant Natural Areas mapping project. The project looks to protect biodiversity and is a requirement to meet obligations under the Regional Policy Statement (RPS) and will form the technical background to an upcoming change to the District Plan.

The three Northland councils, under the RPS, must identify and map important sites for biodiversity. Whangarei District Council, along with Kaipara and Far North have contracted ecologists Wildlands Consultants to develop guidelines to apply across Northland. A policy and rules will be developed to define these areas and then a consultation process will take place with stakeholders.

A steering group is being formed to bring everyone together early in the project. At this stage the group includes DoC, Federated Farmers, Forest and Bird, forestry interests, staff from regional and district councils and Iwi representatives from the Kaipara region.

As a proportion of Maori land in the Whangarei District is likely to be affected by the plan change, Council would like to have hapu representation on the steering group. Evan sought guidance on how to approach the question of representation, whether feedback should be sought from Te Huinga, as a whole, or representatives should be sought to join the panel.

Comment was made that, until the maps were provided, it would be difficult to establish what representation would look like.

There was a query on what skill set or knowledge would be seen as advantageous to the panel. Evan advised that although some knowledge in biodiversity could be an advantage, one of the objectives of the consultation would be to speak to people in relation to how the rules would affect them as they were developed.

After discussion on when the maps should be available it was decided that this item would be tabled for September's Te Huinga meeting.



It was queried, and Evan advised, that information already available including DoC reports on protected areas would be captured but with updated data from GIS maps, recent site visits etc. Sites of significance for Maori will likely fit have outstanding natural landscape already identified.

Merepeka Henley cautioned not to limit cultural sites of significance just to wāhi tapu, grave sites and middens when discussing overlaps of cultural sites. What is culturally significant for hapu should be considered.

It was queried what consultation would take place in other areas of the community once the mapping had been completed. Evan advised that mapping is only the first step in the process, once the affected areas have been established then there will be consultation with the landowners. A complete consultation process will take place.

Cr Murphy noted that biodiversity was not just about protecting trees and advised it would be interesting to see what interface this project had with the report that would be presented by Jason Cooper on 16 August.

### **7.3 Toilet Facilities at Whangaumu Bay**

**Moved by** Janelle Beazley

**Seconded by** Cr Vince Cocurullo

That the Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Forum note the attached report from Rose Wellington.

**Carried**

Dominic Kula advised that he wished to acknowledge that there is a broader discussion relating to the experience of growth. The community forum has provided a platform to work through these issues. The Te Kārearea meeting was an opportunity for hapu members and staff to work together to find solutions. The situation will be monitored and services may be extended over the shoulder period.

Aperahama Edwards provided an update from a hapu position on the announcement made last weekend on the funding from TIF for extra infrastructure at Matapouri Bay which will address some of the pressures on the environment. The detrimental effects of the influx of visitor numbers impacts coastal areas from Whangaruru to Wellingtons Bay and coastal areas. This funding will allow for Matapouri finally to be able to mitigate some of these effects.

Aorangi Kawiti acknowledged the benefits of the public toilets at Ngunguru, including the sensor lights.



## **8. General Business**

Emma Cribb spoke of her desire to see pou erected in the district from Parihaka to the mall.

Emma requested that assistance be given to feeding the homeless through either Open Arms or the marae assisting with kai for the evening meals a couple of times a week. Janelle Beazley advised that this could be discussed with the marae.

Aorangi Kawiti also expressed her concern on the homelessness in Whangarei and expressed her hope that this discussion be taken back to Te Huinga and something can be done to assist with kai and/or clean warm clothing.

Merepeka Henley noted that other forums could be helping to address some of these issues and questioned how the leaders of Tai Tokerau are responding.

Merepeka also advised that she had not yet received a response to her submission to the Annual Plan regarding assistance to marae. Dominic Kula will follow up on the response letters that are being finalised at present.

## **9. Closure of Meeting – Karakia – Aperahama Edwards**

The meeting concluded at 12.00pm