



Te Kārearea Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, 21 August, 2019
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Council Chamber
Forum North, Rust Avenue
Whangarei

In Attendance

Her Worship the Mayor Sheryl Mai (Co-Chairperson)
Taipari Munro (Co-Chairperson)
Cr Vince Cocurullo
Cr Tricia Cutforth
Cr Sue Glen
Cr Phil Halse
Cr Greg Innes
Cr Sharon Morgan
Cr Anna Murphy
Aorangi Kawiti
Deborah Harding
Delaraine Armstrong
Janelle Beazley
Merepeka Henley
Mike Kake
Sharon Kaipo
Waimarie Bruce-Kingi

Not in Attendance

Cr Crichton Christie
Alan Halliday
Takiri Puriri
Violet Sade

Scribe

Nicolene Pestana (Team Leader, Democracy)

Also present: Rob Forlong (Chief Executive, WDC), Dominic Kula (General Manager, Strategy and Democracy, WDC), Aperahama Edwards (Manager, Māori Relationships, WDC), Debbie Taylor (Executive Assistant to General Manager, Strategy and Democracy), Sheila Taylor (Strategic Planning Coordinator, Strategy).

Community: Emma Cribb, Shaquille Shortland, Marie Minhinnick, Violet Nathan.

1. **Open Meeting**
2. **Karakia/Mihi** - Taipari Munro and Aperahama Edwards.
3. **Apologies** – Cr Chrichton Christie (leave of absence), Cr Sue Glen (late arrival), Cr Tricia Cutforth (early departure), Deborah Harding (early departure), Alan Halliday, Takiri Puriri and Violet Sade.

4. **Introductions (Whakawhanaungatanga)**

Introductions were given by those present at the meeting.

Cr Sue Glen arrived at 9.18am during discussions.

5. **Previous Minutes**

5.1 **Minutes Te Kārearea 17 July 2019**

Moved by	Janelle Beazley
Seconded by	Cr Vince Cocurullo

That the minutes of the Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Forum meeting held on Wednesday, 17 July 2019, having been circulated, be taken as read and now confirmed and adopted as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

Carried

- Deborah Harding advised that the Youth Advisory Group (YAG) has been invited to the September Te Huinga meeting.
- Cr Cocurullo advised that although the water level at the Whau Valley dam has risen due to recent rainfall, it is still not enough and residents should remain conscious of water usage.
- Cr Murphy mentioned that the Tane Whakapiripiri hui was held on Friday 16 August at Terenga Paraoa Marae and the report has been released.
- Janelle Beazley advised that Te Huinga (TH) are waiting on Wildlands Consultants to send the draft maps on Significant Natural Areas to council. Once received, Evan Cook will contact TH to put the Significant Areas Mapping Project on the TH agenda for discussion.
- Sharon Kaipo stated that the research to identify the māori men on the historic photo used on the Parakao toilet block is ongoing and some consultation would have been appreciated before that photo was used.

6. Reports:

6.1 Action Log Update August 2019

Moved by Cr Greg Innes
Seconded by Deborah Harding

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

Carried

- District Plan / RMA
 Cr Cutforth remarked that it is important that Whangarei District Council staff discuss this issue on the Action Log with Te Huinga. Dominic Kula advised that Te Huinga and Evan Cook are to meet on Significant Natural Areas. The findings of the Tane Whakapiripiri report identified gaps in capability building, expertise and pooling of resources and more work needs to be done here.
- Delaraine Armstrong stressed that the scope of engagement must go beyond a meeting forum. The interpretation and implementation of the RMA will present challenges.
- Merepeka Henley commented that the Te Karearea meeting at Matapouri was well organised, with Community questions being coordinated.
- Emma Cribb requested a response to her two requests in the Action Log (Pg14).
 Pou - Dominic Kula advised that the Complete Streets Masterplan hui was held on 16 July. It is recommended that Te Huinga form a position on having more pou in Whangarei and then work with council on how to implement.
 Delaraine Armstrong would give Emma Cribb the contact details of Jade Kake who has completed some work around this.
 Plight of the homeless - Cr Cutforth advised that she has spoken to people at Soulfood and put them in touch with Whangarei District Councils Community Funding team

6.2 Possible reinstatement of the Strategic Alliance

That Te Karearea Strategic Partnership Forum discuss the Strategic Alliance reinstatement.

Discussion on the item 6.2 – Possible reinstatement of the Strategic Alliance

- Deborah Harding advised that there were discussions held on continuing the Strategic Alliance prior to the last elections but this was not progressed by the current Council.

- Cr Phil Halse stated that everyone needs to be on the same page and working towards a shared vision. This must be done at a strategic level to deal with issues on the horizon and share information from both WDC, NRC and hapu. Through both a WDC restructure and staff resignations, the people who had helped drive this have gone and the momentum has been lost.
- Cr Greg Innes advised that he was also a member of the last Strategic Alliance Group. He thought it was a step in the right direction as it enabled us to go across boundaries and into the region. It was also very valuable to have Julianne Chetham as a representative on the Planning and Development Committee as she could provide a maori perspective. He is hopeful that the next council could move this further again. He added that the Strategic Alliance had a budget allocated which enabled resources.
- Her Worship the Mayor commented that the budget of the Strategic Alliance had moved to Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Forum.
- Delaraine Armstrong felt that the Strategic Alliance provided a strategic link and the election process was an impediment to the progress made by the alliance.
- Councillor Cutforth stated that it would have to be decided whether Strategic Alliance would be a regional forum. Deborah Harding said that hapu will have a position on this.
- There was discussion on the work done by Kaipara Moana Working Party and why this has not been shared with Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Forum.
- Her Worship the Mayor said that this has not been put on the agenda as it was an issue between the Crown and Iwi and that Council has been bound by confidentiality.
- Cr Phil Halse agreed that this is a settlement issue and Whangarei District Council is at the table as some of the sedimentation issues fall within WDC's catchment area. Whangarei District Council does not have a formal vote. The catchment area is subject to ongoing discussions.
- Cr Innes stated that he has been involved in the discussions for a year. Te Arawhiti has been dealing with the claim settlement and Whangarei District Council is not involved in the wider settlement.
- Whangarei District Council's involvement is limited to council functions such as RMA and co-governance. There is a need for consultation on the catchment area to put a strategy in place.
- Dominic Kula advised that Whangarei District Council is there as a representative of local government and has not had sight of the wider treaty settlement matters being negotiated between Kaipara uri and the Crown.
- Delaraine Armstrong felt that it needs to be clarified whether there has been adequate consultation with hapu and questioned the lack of hapu

involvement. To believe that council does not have to take māori into account on everything is a flawed approach, council needs to include hapu in the conversations with and about hapu in order to have a real partnership. The key expectation is that our Council asked whether relevant hapu were consulted at the table with Kaipara uri and the Crown.

- Cr Anna Murphy agreed that there is a need to ensure that the Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Forum has visibility of this information.
- Sharon Kaipo commented that she would expect that there would be some form of collaboration.
- Cr Cocurullo asked whether the current discussions could be put on hold for discussions with hapu to take place. Her Worship the Mayor advised that the working party has stressed that Kaipara Uri and the Crown must connect with hapu but she takes the point that this has not been brought back to hapu for discussion.
- Cr Halse advised that government funding has been allocated for remediation and requested that hapu work with the process that has been followed.
- Merepeka Henley stated that we would not be in this dilemma if the Strategic Alliance resumed. We need to look at this at a strategic level to ensure that we are strong at all levels.
- Aorangi Kawiti said that council needs to learn and understand cultural tikanga as māori have had to learn council processes.
- Shaquille Shortland stated that the only way to ensure representation is to have māori representation on council.
- Cr Sharon Morgan agreed with this and stated that the essence of this discussion is māori representation though voting, this council has not managed to get this over the line and if we do not ensure this, we are restricted to the forum we currently have.
- The Chairs requested that a briefing paper on the Kaipara Moana be put together.
- Taipari Munro stated that they will wait for the briefing paper, the reinstatement of the Strategic Alliance will be decided by the next Council but the recommendations should go from one regime to the next.

Cr Tricia Cutforth and Deborah Harding left the meeting at 10.30am during discussion on item 6.2.

6.3 Infrastructure Operations Update - August 2019

Moved by	Cr Sue Glen
Seconded by	Mike Kake

That Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Forum note the Infrastructure Update Report.

Carried

- Simon Weston presented to Te Kārearea members.
- Simon Weston advised that the TIF funding applied for does not include Tarewa Park facilities. The TIF funding applied for the upgrade to the Tamaterau Carpark includes sealing two carparks, landscaping and signs.
- Delaraine Armstrong commented on the number of carparks being taken away on Pohe Island. Simon Weston advised that more carparks were being created and current carparks were being used more effectively.
- Simon Weston advised that the playgrounds in the vicinity of Pohe Island would cover the spectrum of youth as different activities provided for different ages.
- Waimarie Bruce-Kingi asked whether council should be thinking about bringing in water tanks for houses in town. Simon Weston advised it is more cost effective to have a better network.

Cr Phil Halse left the meeting at 12.03pm during discussion on item 6.3.

6.4 Three Waters Reform Update - Government Announcement

Moved by Sharon Kaipo
Seconded by Cr Vince Cocurullo

That Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Forum note the Three Waters Reform Update.

Carried

Merepeka Henley voted against and requested that her vote be recorded.

Discussion on the item 6.4 – Three Waters Reform Update - Government Announcement

- Delaraine Armstrong expressed concern that the Three Waters reform will shift the responsibility of water regulation from council to a national regulator. This will lead to a big increase in end user costs.
- Cr Murphy stated that there should be discussions with communities on the effects of climate change.

- Cr Cocurullo said that government is trying to force local government to comply, irrespective of whether a council is already compliant or not. Simon Weston replied that there isn't much that Whangarei District Council can do other than ensure that all sources and suppliers are compliant. Suppliers include small suppliers, for example those who have a bore which supplies themselves and their neighbour.
- Sharon Kaipo said that this was a concern for marae who supply water to people. Marae do not have the money or resource to comply.
- Cr Innes stated that central government is keen on centralisation whereas local government wants localism, the key is consultation so that our responses are uniform.

7. General Business

- Merepeka Henley asked for confirmation on the Halls Policy. Her Worship the Mayor advised that information on this will be brought back to Te Kārearea.

8. Closure of Meeting – Karakia - Taipari Munro

The meeting concluded at 12.11pm.