



## Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Forum Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Wednesday, 22 July, 2020  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m.  
**Location:** Takahiwai Marae

### In Attendance

Cr Phil Halse (Chairperson Council Chambers)  
 Her Worship the Mayor Sheryl Mai  
 Gavin Benney  
 Cr Ken Couper  
 Cr Greg Innes  
 Cr Carol Peters  
 Cr Simon Reid  
 Delaraine Armstrong  
 Janelle Beazley  
 Deborah Harding  
 Merepeka Henley

### Not in Attendance

Taipari Munro (Chairperson - Marae based hui)  
 Cr Anna Murphy  
 Mike Kake  
 Sharon Kaipo  
 Violet Gough-Sade  
 Cr Shelley Deeming  
 Rob Forlong  
 Marilyn Cox

Cr Phil Halse and Merepeka Henley co-chaired the hui in the absence of Taipari Munro.

1. **Introductions (Whakawhanaungatanga)**
2. **Community Forum (Hui a Hapori)**

<b>Te Kārearea Standing Committee</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cr Phil Halse outlined the potential for a standing committee to be considered in September. The challenge was set six months ago, to meet this challenge, progress must be made at each meeting. Te Huinga's progress has been impressive and Te Huinga have</li> </ul>

	<p>shown they are more than up to the challenge. WDC Councillors will also need to rise to the challenge. The Marae forum is important.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was asked what is meant by a standing committee. Cr Phil Halse explained the difference between a Standing Committee and a Maori ward and the timeframe for both. He detailed the progression of a potential standing committee from six months ago to now.</li> <li>• Mere Kepa stated that there is still uncertainty about what Te Huinga is, although this has been clarified by Aperahama Edwards. There is a lot to be done in terms of community education.</li> <li>• Cr Carol Peters expressed interest in pursuing both options by forming a Standing Committee and starting the process on Maori wards.</li> <li>• Delaraine Armstrong expressed her support for any opportunity for Maori involvement across all layers.</li> </ul>
<b>COVID-19</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A point of contention was raised around the legality of the health order and enforcement of lockdown. The Prime Minister advised New Zealanders that we needed to pull together and to stay in our bubbles during alert level 4. Yet, five trucks went through a Takahiwai farm and not just for 'mettling a road'. Why did Council not prosecute that company? Is it because Council are racist? Cr Phil Halse replied that Council is not racist but can only act in our jurisdiction. The police are responsible for enforcing lockdown. He explained the processes for the establishment legal access.</li> <li>• Her Worship the Mayor apologized for who the response went to.</li> </ul>
<b>Development of Fraser Farm</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Point of contention within the community.</li> <li>• Discussion of the potential for a through road. Clarification has been sought from the Fraser Family. The community are absolutely against a through road and need to be consulted on this issue. They want assurance from Council that the community, not the trust or kaumatua, will be consulted. Cr Ken Couper offered to attend community meetings to keep the dialogue open. This offer was accepted by the community.</li> <li>• Will this be considered for consent? Council cannot speculate until an application has been</li> </ul>

	<p>received, but if there are adverse effects and it is a non-complying activity, there will be a resource consent process to work through, and difficulties given the provisions of the District Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brendan Chetham clarified how the issue was made public and the Trust Boards involvement. He stressed that it is important to keep a balanced and open mind as the community grows.</li> <li>• It was noted that the conversation had been constructive and people wanted to move forward with momentum. Baileys paid to put the message out, Frasers need to take some ownership. Frasers are part of the community, need to recognize close relationship. Not anti progress, but large amount of traffic will change community. Given a lot already. Concerned about both roads, Fraser and the paper road.</li> <li>• Dominic Kula clarified not a paper road and we don't know what any future development would look like until we have a consent and can't say for certain whether it will be notified (likely if under 20ha though).</li> <li>• A Kaumatua who was on the Council in 1975 noted it was on the list for a road then but impossible to build.</li> <li>• It was stated that if you have been to top of the hill you will understand why heart is beating. Kanohi ki te kanohi so important.</li> <li>• Kaumatua noted what has happened has happened. 1 acre and nine blocks in the land. What happens if the land sells? A lot of paper roads out there, why are we paying rates on private land? Supposed to be an urupa.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Discussion on the port, refinery shutting and loss of jobs</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cr Halse discussed the port, UNISA and the historic work around the port. New Zealand needs efficient ports, Northport has grown but its use is directed by shipping companies. His personal view is that the government will not be changing the location at this point. This is a complicated issue.</li> <li>• Brendon Chetham talked about the refinery and his concerns. From an environmental point of view, he is against the refinery, but employment is so important. If it does shut down, the cost of clean-up will be so expensive to fix. Is there any environmental monitoring?</li> </ul>

<b>Sustainable Solvents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion on sustainable solvents and the need to just get it done. Council is working with other agencies and committed to that.</li> </ul>
<b>Funding of Marae.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The definition of community halls has changed to recognize maraes that act in the nature of a community hall.</li> </ul>
<b>Discussion of Pukekauri Dam</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An update on discussions with Juliane Chetham and the need to keep the korero going and pick up on where to from here.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cr Carol Peters has been involved in Poriti.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delaraine Armstrong - we need a similar policy change for waihi tapu.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on Urupa site, negotiations provided.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cr Simon Reid provided an overview of his whakapapa. We need feedback at the start of any early engagement, what you are providing today is so important. So important to hear your views. We need early involvement.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dominic Kula provided an overview of the potential for a Northland to Auckland corridor spatial plan to align different Government initiatives</li> </ul>

### 3. Previous Minutes

#### 3.1 Minutes Te Karearea Strategic Partnership Forum meeting held 23 June 2020

The minutes of the Te Karearea Strategic Partnership Forum meeting held 23 June 2020, having been circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings of that meeting.

### 4. Reports:

#### 4.1 Te Huinga, Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Forum and Maori Participation in Decision Making

**Moved By** Cr Phil Halse  
**Seconded By** Deborah Harding

That Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Forum:

- a. Notes the report
- b. Notes the meeting schedule for Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Forum as outlined under section 4.4.

- c. Notes the Chairpersons' will amend or add to the meeting schedule if required.

**Carried**

## **Discussion**

Delaraine Armstong gave an overview of Te Huinga and a call to bring forward strategic issues.

Dominic Kula provided an overview of the korero between hapu and Council since the election.

Deborah Harding outlined the working relationship between Te Huinga and Councilors. There is a lot of work to do before September. We need to know the view of hapu across the roopu, and who would be put up. Deborah Harding stressed that Te Huinga doesn't compromise relationships that Council has with hapu, it is Council's priority to have these relationships.

Mere Kepa, discussed the Local Government Act and the potential for maori to be taken over. As a long-time resident and someone who has been involved in politics, we should be thinking about green recovery. Refining NZ will need people to recover. There needs to be a strategy. We need digitalization and communication that is always working. The core should be on climate change.

Her Worship the Mayor clarified that the Local Government Act provides for the facilitating of maori participation in decision making. There are those that have been through an election process and don't believe in non-elected representation. She would love a unanimous decision for standing committee with representation of Maori but acknowledged that it is a numbers game. It is important to know what decisions we want the committee to be making in the context of what will be real and meaningful for hapu. Both of these must be nailed points by September.

Merepeka Henley responded to Her Worship the Mayor. Maori go through a rigorous process as well for Te Huinga and Te Karearea. It isn't an easy task to get out there and sell yourself to your people, equally if not more challenging. At the level we are today, there is a partnership. Merepeka Henley acknowledged Cr Phil Halse, Her Worship the Mayor and Council that have come outside of the comfort zone. Not easy, mihi to you all.

Cr Phil Halse stated that we need a name, the working party will get together to work on next steps. Everytime you try to change the system, there will be concerns. Need to claw back initiatives that best fit. Co governance and history and values need to be considered. The Working Group will reform and work through this in August.

Cr Greg Innes stated that on his first term on Council, they were fortunate enough to get Juliane Chetham on the Planning Committee. Juliane Chetham added significant value and a different perspective which helped to influence the outcome of decisions. This was a hard ask for Julianne Chetham as she had to represent the wider hapu. In his second term, Council couldn't get it across the line. Need to pull together to get these things over the line. The Terms of Reference has to be incredibly strategic,

what do you want to influence, need to be focused. The audit and process monitoring function is incredibly important for this committee. Needs to show participation and input. If we have that discussion earlier, issues could be resolved a lot earlier.

5. **General Business**
6. **Closure of Meeting - Karakia**

Unconfirmed Minutes