



Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Forum Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, 16 September, 2020
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Te Aroha Marae, Parakao

In Attendance

Cr Phil Halse (Co-Chairperson Council Chambers)
Her Worship the Mayor Sheryl Mai
Cr Gavin Benney
Cr Ken Couper
Cr Greg Innes
Cr Anna Murphy
Cr Simon Reid
Delaraine Armstrong
Janelle Beazley
Merepeka Henley
Sharon Kaipo
Violet Gough-Sade

Not in Attendance

Taipari Munro (Co-Chairperson Marae based hui)
Cr Carol Peters
Deborah Harding
Mike Kake

Also present: Deborah Couper Mathews, Edith Brody, Anna Johnson, Rob Forlong (Chief Executive), Tame Te Rangi, Aperahama Edwards (Manager Maori Relationships), Dominic Kula (General Manager Strategy and Democracy), Marlene Green, Maty Jane Ammersford, Waimari Bruce Kingi.

1. Powhiri

2. Apologies

Deborah Harding, Taipari Munro (Co-Chairperson Marae based hui), Mike Kake, Cr Carol Peters.

3. Introductions (Whakawhanaungatanga)

4. Previous Minutes

4.1 Minutes Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Forum meeting held 19 August 2020

The minutes of the Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Forum held on Wednesday, 19 August 2020, having been circulated, were taken as read and confirmed and adopted as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

5. Community Forum (Hui a Hapori)

Discussion on matters raised by the community:

- Deborah Couper Mathews raised various issues regarding her property on Takutu Road:
 - She pays rates but does not receive any Council services such as streetlights, water, rubbish removal.
 - Six weeks ago, there was major flooding and a landslide at the property and some residents got stuck. Fulton Hogan Contractors came to clear the road, but nothing was done about the landslips.
 - As a result of the flooding, 20 logs ended up in the river. She has been talking to NRC in connection with this.
 - There was discussion about roading and the efforts of WDC to attend to the damage caused by the flood. Cr Reid will attend on site.
 - Hancock's Forestry Management use the road, creating dust and damage to the road – she has contacted Hancock's who say they are not responsible to maintain the road.
 - There was discussion about who is responsible for dust suppression. There are major issues with dust, cleaning house on water tank and the river is limited.
 - There was discussion on rating for damage to the road.
 - Cr Halse gave an overview of initiatives to remediate sedimentation, through Kaipara Moana. Delaraine Armstrong responded that hapū need to be involved in Kaipara Moana.
 - Dominic Kula will discuss these matters with the relevant agencies, most likely NRC.
- Edith Brody discussed the issues at Pari Road:
 - Pari Road is a 600m road with 7 families living there.
 - There is a bus that travels the road 4 times a day, causing damage to the road, the damage is increasing.
 - This bus has been going for 10 years and is managed and paid for by the community (mostly pensioners). The bus driver is one of the residents.
 - Edith pays \$500 rates with the rebate, others pay the going rate.
 - Rates are going up – WDC wants \$7000k, papakainga pays the \$7000k.
 - The rating system for non-productive whenua Māori must be discussed.
 - Discussion about MSD and Te Puna Kokiri as potential grant options.

- Tame Te Rangi supported Edith Brody's korero, as a ratepayer, not a member of Te Kārearea. The situation on Wiremu Kaimai Drive has been ongoing for years. The organisation managing the papakainga must make a proper submission.
- Dominic Kula outlined the process to get the road up to standard.
- Waimari Bruce Kingi is a trustee for Pipiwai One and Two. A portion of land across boundaries.
 - John Gavin pays rates on the block. Need access to Pipiwai x1 and 2.
 - There was a discussion of community funding options.
- Waimari Bruce Kingi emphasised the importance of Marae based hui.
- Waimari Bruce Kingi – Council needs to look at other ways of communicating with the community.
- There was discussion about having an open day / education session to clarify the roles of councils (NRC and WDC).
- Waimari Bruce Kingi - discussed urupa.
 - There was discussion of the management of urupa and the role Council could play, possibly support for the management / practices around urupa, the knowledge and capability of someone who knows the business (for example Council cemetery staff) are needed.
 - Would like a project based on ground penetrating radar to identify bodies underground.
 - Cr Benney – happy to talk about urupa and support. If WDC is not the appropriate channel, will support to find another funder.
- There was a discussion on forestry.
 - The arrival of John White, serious point. Connected to the matriarch of the Todd family. Started the purchasing of 'marginal land' in 1981 at Whangapoa in Coromandel. Well run and an example of what can be achieved through forestry in our rohe. Cannot keep accepting economic teachings when their institutions are pumping out these kind of investment structures. Get the management structure right, the ethics of the entity right and it will make the management of forestry much easier. Can't keep doing it in the 'old way'. Selective logging has a future, the more we can put in at the planting end, the easier it will make it for communities. Want to get these discussions going once Te Kārearea is established.
- Sharon Kaipo – toilet at Twin Bridges required, would like to request funding for this in the LTP.
 - There was discussion of the fact that while there is a budget line in the LTP, Twin Bridges has not historically met criteria.
- Delaraine Armstrong – some hapū have own waihi tapu committee. Applied for funding to Council, but not public land. Has this changed? It was clarified that while criteria for 'Halls' has been expanded to include Marae used as halls, the funding criteria around urupa have not changed.

- Waimari Bruce Kingi – public halls should be funded the same.

6. Reports:

6.1 Process for Te Kārearea Standing Committee

- Cr Phil Halse worked through the history of the proposal for a standing committee, and the work done by the working group.
- Dominic Kula provided an overview of the proposed change to the delegated power around nominations to working groups, council committees and joint committees to clarify that the committee can establish working groups and nominate representatives, but appointments to Council committees and joint committees must be made by Council. Item 4 of page 32 has been amended to reflect this.
- Her Worship the Mayor acknowledged Te Kārearea members past and present and the journey to get to this point. This is a key moment for our district. She also acknowledged the working party and Council's leadership. Council have a big decision to make. Her Worship discussed the importance of the Terms of Reference, and the advice components. Added responsibilities are also important.
- Tame Te Rangi paid tribute to the tenacity of all that have front footed these changes. Our hui highlighted a couple of talking points about pathways and directions we have ended up on. Treaty settlement is a myth, expectations are high but delivery is very low. Our future lays in our hands. Treaty settlement gets in the way. Live by edicts, retain what little of our ancestral whenua is left and preserve it for the future.
- Delaraine Armstrong taitoko Tame's words and the new councillors for this term in leading us to where we are now. This is a key step. It takes courage to change, takes leadership. We have been here 500 years, there is resilience. That won't change. What will change is our relationship, in working together. Be strong, be brave. You are to deliver the final part of this journey into the future. The job starts now, need to organise and be strong on the ground.
- Cr Greg Innes has a lot of faith in this new future. We have some big challenges, a lot of that relates to local democracy. Together we must stand strong. Pleased to see Three Waters in the Terms of Reference.
- Cr Simon Reid – has been a journey with good head to head conversations. Our strength starts here under this roof We need to take this forward.

7. Closure of Meeting – Karakia

The hui closed at 12.10.