



Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee Hui Minutes

Date: Wednesday, 18 November, 2020
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Ngunguru Marae
 Waiotoi Road
 Ngunguru

In Attendance

**Len Bristowe (Hapū mandated
 Chairperson)**
Cr Phil Halse
Cr Ken Couper
Cr Greg Innes
Cr Anna Murphy
Cr Carol Peters
Cr Simon Reid
Delaraine Armstrong
Jade Kake
Tame Te Rangi
Jared Pitman
Mira Norris
Aorangi Kawiti
Deborah Harding

Not in Attendance

Her Worship the Mayor Sheryl Mai
Cr Gavin Benney

Scribe

N. Pestana (Team Leader, Democracy)

Also present: Whangarei District Council - Rob Forlong (Chief Executive), Dominic Kula (General Manager Strategy and Democracy), Aperahama Edwards (Manager Maori Relationships), Pam Jenkinson (Project Manager Corporate Planning).

1. Karakia/Mihi

Aperahama Edwards.

Jared Pitman, Len Bristowe and Tame te Rangi responded.

2. Apologies

Taipari Munro, Her Worship the Mayor, Rosie Wellington, Cr Gavin Benney.

Moved By Delaraine Armstrong

Seconded By Cr Greg Innes

That the apologies be sustained.

Carried

3. Introductions (Whakawhanaungatanga)

4. Community Forum (Hui a Hapori)

- **Cr Anna Murphy** – the Tangata whenua from Whananaki have requested details of their hapū representative. Aperahama Edwards advised that the interim Te Huinga representative for Whananaki is Cilla Moore.
- **Aorangi Kawiti** – requested support for the NSPS (Ngunguru Sandspit Protection Society) petition to Council to change the bylaw to prohibit vehicles driving on the estuary and ocean beaches in the Ngunguru Sandspit Scenic Reserve.

Discussion

- **Aorangi Kawiti** – the biggest culprits are the locals. There is some signage, mostly around pā, to inform people. The aim is to inform people. The bylaw will enable Tangata whenua to talk to people with the backing of a bylaw.
- **Cr Ken Couper** - enforcement of a bylaw will be difficult because there is no manpower to support.
- **Rob Forlong** – there are issues all around the district. Bylaws are not always effective because by the time enforcement officials get there, the offenders have left. There are multiple ways of doing things, placing a rāhui is quite powerful.
- **Cr Anna Murphy** – generally the process would be for the community to present a petition to Council to consider when we do review of speed laws. Dominic Kula advised that the process for this will be confirmed with NTA and added to the action log.
- **Aorangi Kawiti** – husband was in an accident with Council's rubbish truck. Rubbish truck drivers drive recklessly on small rural roads. Dominic Kula advised that the issue will be included on the action log to investigate and track.
- **Tame Te Rangi** – would like some clarification around roles and functions of Te Kārearea, Te Huinga, and Elected Members.

Discussion

- **Delaraine Armstrong** – A lot of energy was put into setting up the standing committee in a very short timeframe. As a result, there hasn't been an

opportunity to work on the synergy between Te Kārearea, Te Huinga and hapū. The hapū members are going to meet as hapū members and with Te Huniga to discuss this. This is something that will evolve and grow.

- *Cr Phil Halse* – meetings on marae and community input are important. Ideally Te Huinga and Te Kārearea should be work alongside each other. Suggests that Te Huinga decides what information to bring to Te Kārearea for Te Kārearea to decide which issues to focus on.
- *Delaraine Armstong* – agrees that Te Huinga and Te Kārearea members should agree an agenda to bring to Te Kārearea. There is a problem in having two secretariats, one from council and one for Te Huinga, we need to create a link.

5. Reports

5.1 Approach to LTP 2021 – 2031

- Dominic Kula summarised the LTP process, including the priorities, investment required and constraints. This is a challenging process. Conversations with and feedback from Te Kārearea over the last three years, captured in the action plan includes:
 - Increased funding for toilets at programme level
 - There has been a change to the definitions of community halls to include marae and an increase in funding
 - Increased funding for road sealing / road maintenance.

Discussion

- *Cr Phil Halse* – it is important to get Te Kārearea's views on the key points in the LTP, prior to adoption of the plan. The best way to get something in the plan is to provide a solution.
- *Mira Norris* – what is included in transportation? Dominic Kula advised that this is a mix of Council's core business to keep the district running and then additional transportation projects e.g. sealing of rural roads is a key priority, cycleways, slow streets programme and the CBD.
- *Mira Norris* – why is the Port a priority? Dominic Kula explained that elected members set their priorities in November and endorsed these priorities in February. At that stage, this was viewed as a priority. The decision has been delayed, however Council will take an advocacy approach.
- *Jade Kake* – will there be an opportunity for hapū consultation before the LTP goes out for consultation? Rob Forlong advised that discussions on the draft LTP with hapū will be held from December.
- *Cr Peters* – can Te Kārearea have insights into budget provisions? Dominic Kula advised that an update on where Council is at with the budget can be put on the agenda for the December Te Kārearea meeting.

- *Delaraine Armstrong* – has the description of marae changed in terms of the building requirements as marae are classed as commercial? Dominic Kula replied that this is not part of the LTP process and is a separate rating exercise. *Correction to minutes - regarding marae, Delaraine Armstrong discussed marae being classified as commercial entities in the consents process.*
- *Tame Te Rangī* – there is a need to align the requirements of community halls and marae as far as what they are and what they provide. Marae are charged commercial rates e.g. electricity and are struggling because of this. There is an opportunity to strengthen the network of marae in the district.
- *Cr Phil Halse* explained the upgrade programme for community halls. This could work for marae as well.

5.2 Three Waters Report Update - November 2020

Moved By Delaraine Armstrong

Seconded By Cr Anna Murphy

That the Chief Executive invite the Honourable Minister Nanaia Mahuta to have a discussion on Three Waters with the Te Kārearea Standing Committee.

Carried

- Rob Forlong provided an update on the Government's Three Waters Service Delivery Reform programme. The programme only includes potable water, wastewater and stormwater, although there is some indication that stormwater will be excluded. The Crown is not interested in water ownership.

Discussion

- *Delaraine Armstrong* –this is a big discussion for Māori as Tangata whenua but Māori are not at the table. Rob Forlong replied that he has advised the Crown that they need to talk to hapū, the Crown has spoken to iwi but this is a conversation that iwi and hapū need to have with the Crown and Minister Mahuta.
- *Aorangi Kawiti* – cannot exclude Māori. In pā, three waters were separated into three distinct areas, the models that really work are based on tikanga māori, if only people would use them.
- *Cr Phil Halse* – the issue around ownership of water is not something Te Kārearea can do something about. The key aspect relates to local democracy. We need to have discussions within this forum, and we need to negotiate for local government and local democracy, we need to be at the table, and need to demand that we are part of and have a role in this regional structure.
- *Jared Pitman* – what does Council want from Māori in Te Tai Tokaerau in respect of Three Waters?

- *Delaraine Armstrong* – at the last Te Huinga meeting, one of the issues raised was whether to engage a technician to do some work on Three Waters to be able to feed in Te Ao Māori views.
- *Cr Simon Reid* – cannot see the status quo being maintained, up to Northlanders to tie together and put all our infrastructure together.
- *Cr Ken Couper* – we are well placed to comply with the new standards. Elected members have to consider how best to spend ratepayer's money.
- *Cr Greg Innes* – Council has requested funding from central government to look at options and have been given that funding.
- *Cr Phil Halse* proposed that a Three Waters working party be established but noted that the Committee couldn't make a decision on this working party on Marae. Elected members on the working party could be Cr Greg Innes, Cr Phil Halse and Cr Ken Couper. Cr Halse suggested that the Minister be invited to speak to Te Kārearea. Further discussion on how we work together to be had in December.
- *Delaraine Armstrong* – advised that hapū members would need to take this away and consider alongside the discussion of the relationship between Te Huinga and Te Kārearea. Any names would come out of that process.
Correction to minutes - Cr Murphy stated that this should be carefully considered as consultation is happening at different levels and this needs to be discussed with Te Huinga.
Correction to minutes - Cr Murphy questioned the appointment of three male Councillors to the working party.

6. Other Business

- *Cr Murphy* – we can apply for funding for a dry toilet in Matapouri, she would be interested to know whether Te Huinga would support Council to get this money.
Correction to minutes - Cr Murphy asked whether Te Huinga would consider supporting a policy whereby WDC opt for installing dry/composting toilets when replacing or building new toilets in coastal locations.
- *Mira Norris* - there is an issue at Poroti where the marae applied for a resource consent in October which they have now withdrawn because Council and the Mangakahia Water Board were going to object to their authority to draw water from their own land. This is relevant to Three Waters, how can we work together if we are opposing each other?

7. Closure of Meeting - Karakia

Len Bristowe, Aperahama Edwards

Confirmed this 9th December 2020

Councillor Phil Halse (Co-Chairperson)

Len Bristowe (Co-Chairperson)