



Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Hui Minutes

Date: Wednesday, 17 March, 2021
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Terenga Paraoa Marae
 10 Porowini Avenue
 Whangarei

In Attendance

Len Bristowe (Co-Chairperson)
 Cr Phil Halse (Co-Chairperson)
 Her Worship the Mayor Sheryl Mai
 Cr Gavin Benney
 Cr Greg Innes
 Cr Anna Murphy
 Cr Carol Peters
 Cr Simon Reid
 Delaraine Armstrong
 Jade Kake
 Tame Te Rangi
 Jared Pitman
 Aorangi Kawiti
 Deborah Harding

Not in Attendance

Cr Ken Couper
 Mira Norris

Scribe N. Pestana (Team Leader Democracy)

Also present: Dominic Kula (General Manager Strategy and Democracy), Sandra Boardman (General Manager Community), Emily Thompson (Manager Democracy and Assurance), Reiner Mussle (Manager Health and Bylaws), Aperahama Edwards (Manager Māori Relationships), Danielle Garner (Trainee Democracy Advisor), Dale Ofsoske (Electoral Officer, Election Services), Huhana Lyndon, Susan Botting (Media), Ngati Hine FM representatives (media).

The meeting was livestreamed.

1. **Karakia/Mihi** - Aperahama Edwards, Len Bristowe, Jared Pitman

2. **Apologies**

Mira Norris, Cr Ken Couper

Moved By Cr Gavin Benney

Seconded By Cr Greg Innes

That the apologies be sustained.

Carried

3. **Community Forum (Hui a Hapori)**

Huhana Lyndon addressed the Notice of Motion which will be brought to the March Council meeting, proposing that the resolution in favour of establishing Māori wards be rescinded. It is alarming that Council could potentially vote against Māori wards, she encourages Councillors to vote in favour of establishing Māori wards.

This korero was broadly acknowledged and supported by some Te Kārearea members and Councillors present. There was extensive korero around the preference of hapū for establishment of Māori wards.

4. **Reports**

4.1 Representation Review 2021 - Te Karearea Briefing

Dale Ofoske, Electoral Officer, Election Services provided a presentation on the upcoming Representation Review.

Her Worship the Mayor discussed types of options that can be considered in the representation process. Council can consider for example, decreasing the number of councillors to 8 or 9 councillors or increasing councillors to 14 or 15. If we have 14 or 15 councillors, the split would be 3 Māori wards and 11 general wards. Also, we have never had a mixed model of at large / wards voting. Council needs hapū feedback on these issues.

Cr Innes stated that if we are going to decrease representatives, there may be a push for community boards because communities want to have a visible representative.

There was broad agreement that there is a need for factual information to be provided on how options could affect decision-making. Information required could include what has been done around the country, information on remuneration and on community boards.

4.2 2021 - 2031 Long Term Plan Hui

Dominic Kula updated Te Kārearea on the 2021 - 2031 Long Term Plan hui held on 12 March 2021.

Delaraine Armstrong questioned why treaty audit budget should come from Te Kārearea. Dominic Kula clarified that this was an action under Te Kārearea's Terms of Reference.

Tame Te Rangi - urupa is less about funding and more about including this in planning provision and looking at innovative ways to manage these i.e. ground penetrating radar to identify remains and systems for capturing data around these.

4.3 Road Safety Concerns about Stock on Roads

Reiner Mussle updated Te Kārearea on the historic and ongoing safety concerns in relation to stock on roads around Mokau, but mainly on Russel Road and what Council has done in relation to this issue.

Aorangi Kawiti – there is an opportunity to collaborate with Māori, either by enforcement by Māori wardens in the community or community engagement at marae.

Reiner Mussle advised that strengthening communication with the communities is an option that can be perused.

Cr Gavin Benney stated that proper enforcement is the only way to solve this issue.

Cr Halse - Action this issue as an agenda item for next month's Te Kārearea with a recommended solution.

5. Closure of Meeting - Karakia

Aperahama Edwards closed the hui at 12.30pm with a Karakia.

Confirmed this 21st day of April 2021

Len Bristowe (Co-Chairperson)

Cr Phil Halse (Co-Chairperson)