



Te Kārearea Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, 21 March, 2018
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Tau Henare Marae
Pipiwai

In Attendance

Her Worship the Mayor Sheryl Mai (Co-Chairperson)
Cr Crichton Christie
Cr Sue Glen
Cr Sharon Morgan
Allan Halliday
Taipari Munro
Takiri Puriri

Not in Attendance

Jared Pitman (Co-Chairperson)
Cr Vince Cocurullo
Cr Tricia Cutforth
Cr Greg Innes
Cr Anna Murphy
Deborah Harding
Merepeka Henley
Violet Sade

Scribe

Debbie Taylor (EA to General Manager
Community and General Manager
Strategy & Democracy)

Also in attendance:

Rob Forlong (Chief Executive WDC) arrived at 10.10am, Jill McPherson (General Manager Strategy and Democracy), Jason Marris (Manager – Democracy & Assurance), Kathryn Candy (Senior Legal Adviser), Aperahama Edwards (Manager – Maori Relationships), Aorangi Kawiti, Hona Edwards, Puti Tipene, Pita Cherrington, John Luisi, Janelle Beazley, Alex Wright (arrived at 9.40am)

1. Open Meeting

2. Karakia/Mihi

Opening Karakia – Kaumatua – Hona Edwards, Pita Cherrington

Mihi – Taipari Munro, Aperahama Edwards, Takiri Puriri

Meeting adjourned for refreshments at 9.46am.

Meeting reconvened at 10.16am

3. Apologies

Cr Anna Murphy, Cr Tricia Cutforth, Cr Vince Cocurullo, Cr Greg Innes, Deborah Harding, Delaraine Armstrong, Huhana Lyndon, Julian Rewiti, Sharon Kaipo, Merepeka Henley and Jared Pitman (Co-Chairperson)

The apologies were accepted by consensus.

4. Introductions (Whakawhanaungatanga)

5. Previous Minutes

5.1 Minutes Te Karearea Meeting 21 February 2018

Moved by Cr Sue Glen

Seconded by Hona Edwards

That the minutes of the Te Karearea meeting held on 21 February 2018, having been circulated, be taken as read and now confirmed and adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings of that meeting. There were no amendments or matters arising from the previous minutes.

Carried

Community Issues

Puti Tipene	<p>Puti advised she had sent a complaint to the Roding Manager re overflow of water from Pipiwai Road (near the FNDC end of Pipiwai Road) directed onto her whenua. There had been no consent given for this discharge to occur and she has not had a reply from WDC.</p> <p>Rob Forlong advised he had seen this email come in and</p>
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	<p>would follow up and get back to Puti.</p> <p>Cr Sharon Morgan advised she was in a similar situation on her road. As she was the lowest lying point on Kara Road, Council can run overflow water from road onto her property.</p>
Pita Cherrington	<p>Complaint regarding Henare Road. The continuous rain we have had lately has damaged the road on numerous occasions. There are no drains or culverts until you get to the lowest point of the road. Water overflow scours both sides of the road and causes potholes and corrugations. This hasn't been as bad a problem in the past but very bad just recently.</p> <p>Rob Forlong advised he would look into the road maintenance program and get back to Pita. Rob also advised that this time of the year was often when roads are at their worst, especially if your road was on the rally schedule as remedial work would be carried over until after the rally had gone through. Hona enquired if there was compensation for land owners from the Rally. Rob advised that the Rally gives funding to Council for road repairs from damage caused by the Rally but not to land owners.</p>
Alex Wright	<p>Alex supported the comments made earlier by Puti. She suggested that a drive through of the areas concerned with WDC staff would clarify issues.</p> <p>Alex has identified and reported an issue lately at the intersection between Pipiwai/Riponui Roads. A slump/slip in the road had occurred. There had been a temporary fix with road markings and filling of slump area with hotmix but that this was only a temporary solution and a permanent solution needed to be found.</p> <p>Also, a slump in the road at Pipiwai Junction off Puketitoti Road. The road had been marked but no work had been done to fix it.</p> <p>Quite a few areas of Pipiwai Road need fixing up. Request for action by a Roding Inspector to address these issues.</p> <p>2B2B2B Land – Alex has had quite a few people come to her raising concern about rates and rates arrears. Council need to look at this issue and have a strategy in place so people feel comfortable addressing concerns with Council. There are a lot more people coming back to their whenua.</p>

	<p>Her Worship the Mayor asked as a general query what was the intended purpose of the people coming back to the land.</p> <p>Alex advised they are coming back to occupy their lands, then next step would be to build on land and also graze land with stock but that when they come back are hit with a rates demand or rates arrears they are scared off. Her Worship the Mayor advised we do have a Rates Remission Policy.</p> <p>Rob Forlong advised he had met late last year with Trustees he thought were from 2B2B2B and that they had reached a good resolution on rates arrears. Rob will double check he is talking about the same group. He emphasised how important it was for groups of concerned people to come in and talk to Council or to get Council to go out to Marae and discuss these issues and get a plan in place that suits all parties.</p> <p>Takiri Puriri advised re X1 and X2 blocks they had set up a meeting with Council and were able to work a way forward. You need to engage with Council and discuss.</p> <p>Pita Cherrington advised Te Horo 2B2B2B meeting will be held this Saturday with hopefully all of the landowners attending. Some of the current landowners want to take their land out of the Trust.</p> <p>Puti Tipene expressed her disappointment that not one representative from 2B2B2B had shown up today.</p> <p>Cr Crichton Christie said rating was an ongoing issue that comes up time and time again. Council have a good Policy which gets renewed every now and again and is robust and flexible.</p> <p>Aorangi Kawiti said it was a lack of knowledge and education. Many people get a rates notice in the mail, get a fright and then ignore it. Once people are granted an occupation order they get a rates bill. It goes against a lot of the principles that her people believe in, that they shouldn't be paying rates on their land. Public services like roading, rubbish, etc another issue that needed to be handled separately. All of the land in Northland came from Maori and there needs to be a level of partnership that was originally agreed to right at the beginning with Central and Local Government. Shared governance. What are we going to do about the two separate current</p>
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	<p>views and how do we get a balance and reach an agreement? Maori need to have a voice.</p> <p>Pita Cherrington advised to work on getting your rates and arrears, if any, up to date by end of 2018 and then you have a better bargaining place with Council.</p> <p>John Luisi asked 'How do we get this message out to the people'. They hear the word rates and get turned off.</p> <p>Hona Edwards mentioned that this was in the Action Plan under Rates Structure Review and that the preferred rating policy will be included in the Consultation Document for the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 that would be provided to members.</p> <p>Her Worship the Mayor advised that this was in the draft document handed out to Te Huinga. It was on page 22 on the LTP document under Rates Review Summary.</p> <p>Janelle Beazley advised it was their responsibility as representatives of their hapu to report back from these meetings.</p> <p>A request was made for copies of any document to be sent through to secretaries of Marae. Council would need to have a database of names and addresses of secretaries for this to happen.</p> <p>Request for any relevant documents to be brought to the marae meetings of Te Karearea as a resource kit. A koha for the community.</p> <p>Rob Forlong advised that a Local Government Funding review was happening shortly and that he would take to them the collective view that this rates mechanism isn't working from Te Huinga. It would need to be a collective view and not individual hapu.</p> <p>Cr Crichton Christie advised that Council needs to help get the rates and rates arrears message out and what people can do, apply for. It may be a chance for Council to look at our Policy, bring to Te Karearea and representatives can then take back to their hapu. Currently about 3500 people each year apply for rebates of up to \$600 per subsidy.</p> <p>John Luisi advised people need to understand why rates are important and what benefit they get from them. They can't see any direct benefit.</p>
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	<p>Janelle Beazley advised this topic comes up often. It is our responsibility to make sure our people know. There is also information put into every rates demand explaining how it works but that people don't bother to read it. Rates is an issue but it's also nice to flush the toilet and put out recycling.</p> <p>Hona Edwards would like to see a sliding scale of rating, means testing. People are often ignorant of the rebate process and don't have an understanding of rates.</p> <p>Puti Tipene advised that people on multiply owned lands don't qualify for a rebate.</p> <p>Cr Christie advised we would need to put this item on the agenda, that it needs to be discussed and might take more than one session.</p> <p>Pita Cherrington closed the open forum meeting at 11.10am</p>
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6. Reports:

6.1 Hapu Mandating Update March 2018

Moved by Hona Edwards

Seconded by Janelle Beazley

That the Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Forum notes that;

Jared Pitman Co-Chair, Taipari Munro, Takiri Puriri, Sharon Kaipo, Janelle Beazley, Violet Sade, Alan Halliday and Delaraine Armstrong are confirmed by Te Huinga as members on the Te Karearea Strategic Partnership Forum.

Carried

This will need to be relooked at as one hapu (Whangaruru) hadn't as yet completed their mandate and with the resignation of Jared Pitman.

Alternatives would be any one of the Te Huinga group. When representatives from Te Huinga attend Te Karearea they are representing Maori across the board rather than individual hapu.

Her Worship the Mayor read out the email from Jared advising of his resignation and advising that Deborah Harding would be attending for Patuharakeke with Joanne Midwood as alternative. Taipari would talk to Jared to advise him that his resignation from Patuharakeke does not preclude him from being a member on Te Huinga or Te Karearea.

Kaile Nahi-Taihia to be removed from the front agenda cover.

Numbers of Te Huinga members and Councillor representatives on Te Karearea historically were the same. 8 from each group. Taipari would discuss at the next Te Huinga and come back to Te Karearea final numbers, as currently the 8 from Te Huinga did not include the hapu who haven't completed their mandate process.

Jared's resignation to be included in the next Te Karearea meeting as an agenda item.

6.2 Treaty of Waitangi Settlements - Progress from Hapu March 2018

Moved by Hona Edwards

Seconded by Cr Crichton Christie

That the Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Forum note the verbal update of the Treaty of Waitangi Settlement progress from Hapū representatives.

Carried

Hona Edwards advised they had had their Te kotahitanga this week. A delegation had gone down to meet with Minister Little. Suggestion from Minister Little for them to look at a different model instead of the current Maranga Mai model. Minister Little away at present and group meeting again with him in April. Minister Little is hoping for a quicker resolution than the group think is possible. Both parties want to work together to navigate progress. Don't want to see this going through another generation and another.

Janelle Beazley advised Tuhoronuku met on Sunday and were presented with a structure. One entity similar to Tuhoronuku with five or six regions. One Post Settlement Government Entity (PSGE) sitting in all five regions with a separate collective PSGE for commercial PSGE. Janelle will send out the information received from the meeting.

6.3 Te Karearea Strategic Partnership Forum Bookings for 2018

Moved by Cr Sharon Morgan

Seconded by Allan Halliday

That the Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Forum notes the marae bookings for 2018.

Carried

Aperahama Edwards will check on May Paratene te Manu Marae booking. All other bookings confirmed.

Taipari Munro confirmed that all marae were given the option to host Te Karearea meetings but some marae were restricted due to limited capacity of people who can help.

6.4 Action Log March 2018

Moved by Cr Sharon Morgan

Seconded by Hona Edwards

That the Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Forum note the verbal update to the Action Log.

Carried

Jill McPherson advised no update on Winstones Quarry.

Whangarei Falls – budget in draft LTP to do work, but won't be confirmed until end of June.

Wāhi Tapu – A way forward had been resolved. Jill will update monthly in the Action Log i.e. updates on Plan Change. Jill to contact Evan and ask him to contact Hona Edwards for assistance with their Sites of Significance. Jill advised Ruarangi information had been received but that it had to go through the Plan Change to be finalised.

Rob Forlong advised a report on GBC Winstones overburden had been received in and staff had declined based on Cultural Effect. This is not a final decision but a recommendation from staff.

Cr Crichton Christie asked how Sites of Significance to Maori are decided. Taipari Munro advised it was an involved process to explain. Links back to spiritual and traditional religious views. Historical stories sit around these sites. There are different degrees of tapu or sacredness within Maori. Hona Edwards explained that if hapu are made aware of any intended change to the environment it allows them to sit down and talk about it. In a lot of cases they haven't had the opportunity to engage. There can be work arounds that allow changes e.g. Puriri Tree in Grant Street and large rock on road at Whakapara. Retrospective consents cause a lot of angst as there had been no engagement at all and work/damage has already been done. Aorangi Kawiti mentioned that Wāhi Tapu was to protect the place, the water and the people. Keeping all safe.

Cr Glen raised the issue of Repo Consultancy. Jill reminded group it discussed at the last meeting and a way forward resolved. Allan

Halliday asked if we had copies of payment and invoices so his hapu could check if monies had been received and to whom they went to. Jill advised we didn't have this level of detail. Janelle Beazley advised it was up to hapu to consider from their end if there were further concerns.

Rob Forlong left at this part of the meeting to attend his next appointment in town.

Alex Wright asked that on page 24 of the agenda concerning sealing of rural roads does this information go into the LTP? Her Worship the Mayor advised there is budget in the LTP for some unsealed road work. There is a matrix for prioritisation of these works. It hasn't been presented yet. Once the matrix is completed and into Council H Her Worship the Mayor is happy to distribute.

Her Worship the Mayor read out an email from Francis Spencer and Andrew Norman regarding the Ruarangi block being plagued by vandals. The letter advised that no residents of Acacia Park has trespassed or caused any vandalism to the Ruarangi Block.

Allan Halliday would like the Environmental Hub put back on the Action Log. There are many agencies working together including Living Water, Kaipara Moana and Northern Wairoa Improvement Fund. A lot of work being done and an Environmental Hub would be beneficial to all. Her Worship the Mayor advised that the best way to get this back on the agenda would be to get together and complete an LTP submission. That way it is in front of Councillors and would get addressed.

6.5 Representation Review 2018

Moved by Allan Halliday

Seconded by Cr Sharon Morgan

That Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Forum

- a) Note the information provided on the representation review in this report and the hard copy presentation from Council.
- b) Provide any feedback to staff on appropriate channels for consulting with hapu on the representation review.

Carried

Kathryn Candy spoke to the item and requested feedback on what would be the best way to engage with and gain a Maori perspective.

Alex Wright asked what a Community Board was and how it worked. Jason Marris answered. Her Worship the Mayor advised this agenda item was not to discuss the review but to seek feedback on the best ways to engage with our hapu partners.

Aorangi Kawiti asked that the dates be pushed out to not clash with the LTP consultation currently going on. Visits to Marae would be a good place to start engagement.

Jason advised he will present item to Te Huinga.

Kathryn asked that if anyone had any ideas to please contact her by email kathryn.candy@wdc.govt.nz or call on 09 470 3011.

Hona Edwards asked for any information to be forwarded through to the Marae Secretaries, who would then present it through to the Marae. Hona also reiterated that Marae are not given enough time to sit and hui and participate effectively.

Cr Crichton Christie advised that if 5% of the district population does not agree with the decision they have a right to request a poll.

6.6 Trustee Appointment - Whangarei Art Museum Trust

Moved by Janelle Beazley

Seconded by Cr Crichton Christie

That Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Forum notes that two trustee appointments for the Whangarei Art Museum Trust are required by the end of May 2018, and that one of these positions is the local Hapu representative.

Carried

Her Worship the Mayor spoke to this item. Council are looking for nominations from hapu. Taipari Munro has served his term on the Trust and is not putting himself forward for nomination. Cr Morgan advised it was very important to have Maori Representation on this Trust particularly with the Hundertwasser Wairoa Maori Arts Centre, but that the position needed the right credentials and required quite a lot of work. Janelle Beazley advised this had been raised at the March Te Huinga meeting and information sent out. Jason Marris will present in April to Te Huinga and there should be a representative nominated by then to give to Jason.

7. General Business

Cr Sharon Morgan – Well supported Kiwi Release in Pukenui with over 300 in attendance. Great event. Encourage all to go down and have a look at the Sculpture Symposium currently on at the Hihiaua Peninsula. Theme for this year is 'Journeys'.

Allan Halliday – Recently spent 2/3 weeks working with NIWA. They went out to look at the stations to check on tuna. Currently a long reach digger working out at Ngararatunua causing sediment to run down into waterways which is as harmful as chemicals to tuna. Flood gates where closed at the Mountain Station, water was black. Hydrotech not letting water out or reporting on tuna fatalities. They are doing a lot of work around catching, tagging and releasing tuna to record data. No point in this if flood gates are closed. Allan recently had one of his neighbours fined \$40k by NRC for releasing effluent into a stream. Of this fine, none of the monies collected goes back into fixing the damage. Alan would not like to see Council get into this predicament as currently we are not acting within our Resource Consent at the Hikurangi Swamp.

Cr Crichton Christie advised he will take this information on board to take back to the working group.

8. Closure of Meeting - Karakia

12.59pm - Karakia