



## **Te Kārearea Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Wednesday, 16 May, 2018  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m.  
**Location:** Council Chamber  
Forum North, Rust Avenue  
Whangarei

### **In Attendance**

**Her Worship the Mayor Sheryl Mai (Co-Chairperson)**  
**Taipari Munro (Acting Co-Chairperson)**  
**Cr Tricia Cutforth**  
**Cr Sue Glen**  
**Cr Greg Innes**  
**Cr Sharon Morgan**  
**Cr Anna Murphy**  
**Deborah Harding**  
**Violet Sade**  
**Takiri Puriri**

### **Not in Attendance**

**Cr Crichton Christie**  
**Cr Vince Cocurullo**  
**Allan Halliday**  
**Merepeka Henley**  
**Delaraine Armstrong**

### **Scribe**

**Jennie Thomas**

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Also in attendance: Janelle Beazley, Huhana Lyndon, Richard Nathan, Peter Vaughan, Mira Norris, Waimarie Bruce-Kingi, Rob Forlong (Chief Executive), Jill McPherson (General Manager Strategy & Democracy), Aperahama Edwards (Manager, Māori Relationships), Merryn Statham (Consultation Adviser), Cr Phil Halse (arrival 10.20am)

### **1. Open Meeting**

### **2. Karakia/Mihi**

Opening Karakia – Taipari Munro  
Mihi – Takiri Puriri

### 3. Apologies

Crs Vince Cocurullo and Crichton Christie, Delaraine Armstrong and Andre Hemara

**Moved by** Cr Sharon Morgan

**Seconded by** Janelle Beazley

That the apologies be sustained.

**Carried**

### 4. Introductions (Whakawhanaungatanga) – Introductions were given by attendees of the meeting.

### 5. Previous Minutes

#### 5.1 Minutes Te Kārearea Meeting 18 April 2018

That the minutes of the Te Kārearea meeting held on 18 April 2018, having been circulated, be taken as read and now confirmed and adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings of that meeting.

Cr Innes noted the Te Tai Tokerau Papakāinga Toolkit has been published and will be circulated.

### 6. Reports:

#### 6.1 Hapu Mandating Update May 2018

Huhana Lyndon advised that a special Te Huinga meeting will be held 10am 24 June 2018 at Oruku where confirmation for the remaining two hapu groups will occur.

#### 6.2 Treaty of Waitangi Settlement Progress from Hapū - May 2018

Violet Sade advised that she requested a report from Te Kotahitanga group to bring to Te Kārearea. Te Kotahitanga declined and advised they did not want to provide a report until settlement is finalised.

Sharon Kaipo advised there was a meeting held with Andrew Little on Sunday 13 May 2018. There will be no account of this meeting until a report comes back to the people. Te Kotahitanga are meeting 26 June at Takahiwai.

Janelle Beazley spoke of the meeting held with the Minister and four Tuhoronuku leaders. No further report has been issued.

### 6.3 Action Log - May 2018

Jill McPherson provided a verbal update on the Action Log.

- There were no further actions from the last Te Kārearea meeting.
- There are a number of actions awaiting an outcome from the Rates Review and the Long Term Plan finalisation. There is a Council meeting today to formally deliberate on the LTP.
- NRC are joining other councils on the Environmental Hub project.
- At the March Te Kārearea meeting issues were raised regarding damage on the Pīpiwai and Henare Roads. Works have now concluded on both roads.

Sharon Kaipo extended an invitation for Council staff to Mangakahia to discuss rates with locals. Alison Puchaux (Revenue Manager) will be advised to contact Sharon to organise.

Violet Sade expressed concerns regarding Maori land rating, particularly coastal Maori land, and the value of houses built on Maori land being rated in the same manner as general land. It was explained that though the capital value is noted on the rating notice it is the land value properties are rated on.

Huhana requested an agenda item on mainstream vs Maori land rating.

Her Worship the Mayor advised that the Rates Remission and Postponement Policies are available on Council's website ([link here](#)) which can clarify who is eligible. At present Council bases rates on the land value not on capital value.

Waimarie Bruce-Kingi counselled that whānau should be invited to marae to hold hui regarding rates and remissions possible. Whanau know their own land, they are the holders of information including sites of significance.

There is regional discussion on aligning the remission policy across the North. A timeline for when this will be concluded cannot be provided. The Rating Policy as part of a resource kit is being developed for Marae which will help to explain the Rating Act.

Mira Norris spoke of a lack of understanding from agencies around Maori values in relation to their land. Maori land is not for sale and provides the necessities of life.

Her Worship the Mayor suggested after listening to the kōrero that Te Huinga bring a paper back to Te Kārearea on Maori whenua and consequently their position on being rated. There is an opportunity to gain an understanding of the issues from both parties. The offer for staff to go out to marae to discuss rates still applies but an item back to Te Kārearea would be welcomed.

There was discussion on the Focus on Youth (joint initiative). It was requested that clarity is sought on what is funded for youth in our district. There are a number of agencies already providing services for youth and there is a need to confirm that

these initiatives don't overlap. It would require quite a substantial amount of research to ascertain what agencies are and what services are being provided. There are Youth Space Networks who may assist with providing this information.

Cr Murphy will contact Huhana in relation to youth initiatives and the work that the Youth Advisory Group (YAG) are doing.

Deborah clarified that initiatives for youth relates to the aspiration for the succession of knowledge and what our joint commitment is. There was a body of work done on this in the previous electoral term.

The issue is around what gaps there are and what would be appropriate for us to work together. An agreement on outcomes is needed and then work should proceed on specific projects.

Andre and Janelle have updated postal addresses and contacts for marae in the Whangarei District. Marae representatives can contact Andre if they wish to confirm the details are correct.

#### **6.4 Te Huinga Proposal**

A paper was presented to Te Huinga and a follow up meeting was held with Aperahama, Huhana and Delaraine to discuss the proposal of Te Huinga's focus for 2018.

It was noted that Te Huinga don't have staff to research and follow up on reporting for Te Kārearea. Te Huinga are all volunteers and a project manager position could be used to move along or follow up on project work.

Her Worship the Mayor advised that today the paper would be noted. The financial implications for Council means that if there is support for this initiative, a decision would need to be made outside of this forum.

Cr Innes spoke of the need at times, for technical capacity because of the complexity of some of Council's processes. The Planning and Development processes often requires specialised knowledge and consultants could be considered. He advised that the working group could also consider these options.

Council's Maori Relationship team are working through the proposal with a sub-group of Te Huinga and will report back with any progress.

### **7. General Business**

Richard Nathan introduced himself and spoke of his achievements including his involvement in the Tai Tokerau District Maori Council. Richard has been involved in documenting the Treaty Hearings. He spoke on his involvement in the negotiations on Poroti Springs.

Peter Vaughan (attached report) spoke on Maori Representation and Participation and expressed his view that Te Karearea should review and progress the development in these matters to ensure benefits for Maori as Treaty partners. He noted that if Te Parawhau had land it could be a location for a Wharewaka. (noted on action log).

A report was tabled by Huhana Lyndon on a meeting held by Te Huinga on 3 May at Oruku. (attached). Discussion ensued on the Puriri Park Development Proposal. It was queried why Council had not notified Te Huinga on the proposed divestment of the land by the Ministry of Education (MoE).

As adjacent land owners MoE approached Council staff to ascertain if there was any interest in Council purchasing this land. Council reviewed the offer strategically and Council officers concluded that the purchase was not a funding priority.

It was queried if Ministries have a protocol in place regarding offering land back to hapu in the first instance. Any reply received back in response to the letter to the various Ministries from Te Parawhau would be of interest in answering this query.

Aperahama advised that there was already a process in place regarding land banking and protection of the land when it falls under a claim. There would have been a request of record of land if Puriri Park had been placed under a protection mechanism or land bank. This process lies with the Office of Treaty Settlements (OTS) not Council.

## **8. Closure of Meeting – Karakia - Taipari Munro**

Meeting closed at 10.58 am.