



Te Kārearea Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, 17 October, 2018
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Council Chamber
Forum North, Rust Avenue
Whangarei

In Attendance

Her Worship the Mayor Sheryl Mai (Co-Chairperson)
Deborah Harding (Acting Co-Chairperson)
Cr Vince Cocurullo
Cr Sue Glen
Cr Greg Innes
Cr Sharon Morgan
Delaraine Armstrong
Janelle Beazley
Sharon Kaipo
Takiri Puriri

Not in Attendance

Taipari Munro (Co-Chairperson)
Cr Crichton Christie
Cr Tricia Cutforth
Cr Anna Murphy
Allan Halliday
Merepeka Henley
Violet Sade

Scribe

Jennie Thomas – Democracy Adviser

Also in attendance: Rob Forlong (Chief Executive), Dominic Kula (General Manager – Strategy and Democracy), Aperahama Edwards (Manager – Māori Relationships), Andre Hemara (Māori Engagement Officer), Tracey Schiebli (Democracy and Assurance Manager), Sue Reid (Democracy Adviser), Simon Weston (General Manager – Infrastructure), Debbie Taylor (EA to General Manager – Strategy and Democracy), Murray McDonald (Manager – RMA Consents), Emma Cribb and Aorangi Kawiti, Mere Paul (Department of Internal Affairs), Delwyn Hewson (Te Puni Kōkiri)

1. Open Meeting

- 2. Karakia/Mihi** - Aperahama Edwards – Karakia
Deborah Harding - Mihi

3. Apologies

Crs Crichton Christie, Anna Murphy and Tricia Cutforth, Allan Halliday, Taipari Munro, Merepeka Henley, Mike Kake.

Takiri Puriri and Cr Vince Cocurullo for lateness.

4. Introductions (Whakawhanaungatanga)

New Council staff members Tracey Schiebli - Democracy and Assurance Manager and Sue Reid – Democracy Adviser were introduced.

5. Previous Minutes

5.1 Minutes Te Kārearea 19 September 2018

Moved by Cr Sue Glen

Seconded by Cr Sharon Morgan

That the minutes of Te Kārearea meeting held on 19 September 2018, having been circulated, be taken as read and now confirmed and adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings of that meeting.

Carried

6. Reports:

6.1 Action Log October 2018

Dominic Kula demonstrated and explained the process for lodging a Customer Request Management (CRM) on Council's website www.wdc.govt.nz - Fix It – Report a Problem to report a non-urgent Council service problem.

A tick box can be selected if you wish to be notified when the CRM is completed. There is also the facility to phone Council to advise of the problem on (09 430 4200) or 0800 932 463.

Porowini Terenga Paraoa Marae traffic safety - staff are looking at options to help identify solutions. Once options are clarified a meeting with hapū and marae trustees will be held.

Janelle Beazley noted that in the past, Council engineers had advised that a clearway was not an option as the driveway to the marae was too close to the intersection. She noted a similar clearway close to the Whau Valley intersection. Dominic Kula will investigate this further and provide an update.

Rates – there has been some delay with Council's valuers, Opteon, in reporting to Te Huinga on the tri-annual general rating valuation. This should now take place in December.

Resource Consents Commissioner training -- dates for training are still being finalised with the Ministry for the Environment (MfE). A list of nominations has been provided by Te Huinga and once the date is confirmed by MfE training will be locked in.

Rating workshops requested for on marae - Aperahama and Andre have worked with the Rates team on potential for these meetings and will look into this further and confirm. It was suggested that marae should not be paying rates. It was also noted that FNDC have reduced rating debt on a large unproductive land block that had previously been rated.

Marae Resource Kits – A summary document of Council policies and processes is currently being worked on. Once this has been completed it will be distributed to the Hapū Hub along with supporting information.

Southern Entranceways – Council has approved funding to enhance the entranceways by removing pest plants and a general tidy up. The dead cabbage trees have been removed as part of this work.

Entranceway competition 2001 – Council staff were unable to locate any detail on designs submitted. There was no budget approved to progress this at this time.

Cr Morgan advised of the Clements land swap meeting which will be held on 5 November at 1pm on site at the quarry off Maunu Road. Notification of this meeting has been advised to the members who attended the marae meeting and is open to interest parties. The meeting will commence at the workplace office where maps will be displayed and queries can be raised. There will then be transportation provided from the quarry around the site and points of interest will be identified. The meeting will be dependent on the weather.

Delaraine Armstrong advised that Te Huinga has raised funding to support its members of the Strategic Relationship Agreement. Te Huinga would like to request that Council match dollar for dollar in support of the Te Huinga members. It was queried what the dollar value of support amounted to. Delaraine to provide details to Her Worship the Mayor.

6.2 Presentation from Department of Internal Affairs Whangarei

Moved By Cr Greg Innes

Seconded by Delaraine Armstrong

That Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Forum notes the presentation.

Carried

Mere Paul (Department of Internal Affairs Te Tari Taiwhenua) and Delwyn Hewson (Te Puni Kōkiri) led the presentation on the Oranga Marae programme.

With the previous fund, marae could apply to upgrade their physical buildings - whare etc. The new fund is not just about those buildings but the whānau and hapū that belong. The old fund has been closed and the new one is looking at the physical and cultural revitalisation of the marae.

The eligibility for the fund with the rebranding of Oranga Marae is still the same. It is for a traditional or urban marae. It must be for a marae on marae reservation land or general land and be gazetted for the purposes of a marae. It would be excluded if it is situated on Ministry of Education land – schools, polytechnic, university etc.

Delaraine Armstrong advised that there is no marae at Taiharuru and how important it is to have a whare in the area.

Mere advised that in the past, there has been a priority to look at established and working marae. With the new committee and fund, priorities have not yet been set. As there has not been a marae in the Whangarei Heads area investigation would be undertaken to see how the fund could assist. It was suggested that there may also be other partners that may be able to assist. She suggested testing the fund to see what the priorities are. Delaraine noted that testing the fund costs the hapū and that it would be the second time that funding had been applied for. It was advised that funding was available to cover the cost of applying where it hadn't been in the past.

Cr Innes queried if WDC would be able to support the new marae at Whangarei Heads for the application. It was advised that the WDC Community Funding Committee has provided a financial contribution for building consent fees.

Key outcomes from the fund were listed as:

- Marae are safe and healthy, contributing to the well-being of iwi, hapū and whānau.
- People are engaged on the marae and an increasing number of events and activities are held to ensure the transmission of mātauranga Māori.
- Marae increasingly contribute to the revitalisation of te reo and tikanga Māori
- Whānau work together to develop the marae.

Information can now be accessed online on the two websites www.tpk.govt.nz/en/whakamahia/oranga-marae and www.communitymatters.govt.nz/oranga-marae

You now need a marae development plan to access funding. Your plan must include:

- Vision
- Cultural aspirations
- Physical aspirations
- Assessment of current state and opportunities
- Action plan (time, resources, outcomes, priorities, maintenance)
- Plan must be endorsed by the wider whānau and Trustees

Applications must have a detailed budget setting out the costs for the activities.

Other funders can also be accessed. Look at health and educations strategies, kaumatua flats and environmental issues.

Marae can seek financial support for feasibility reports, resource and building consents, architectural design plans, concept plans, geotechnical reports etc. Previously not having this support available through the fund could be quite a barrier. There is generally a \$150k cap on technical feasibility studies.

There is no longer a requirement for a third of monetary contribution towards the application.

It was questioned whether there was a pot of money available as a national fund. It was advised that assessment is undertaken regionally but applications are lodged with the national committee meeting every two weeks. The first stages are heard within a month. The large fund committee meet quarterly. The third stage funding come from the national fund but this is not a limitless fund. For stage 3 applications there is \$12-13 million available annually.

There was encouragement to carry on day to day fundraising and to look for alternative funders. The Foundation North fund has increased to \$500k. A relationship can be brokered with marae and Foundation North.

It was suggested to strategically look at the end result and work backwards.

There is funding available for stages. The fund is not unlimited so do not apply for the whole of funding at once.

There are two types of applications. The pre-implementation applications and the implementation applications with four funding rounds annually. The fund is open all the time for Stage 1 and 2. Applications can be made at any time but Wednesday is the cut off day for the week.

In June, for Tai Tokerau, there was approval for funding for Mokau marae to complete stage two of the build for the whare kai. There is now work undergoing on Stage 3 with the goal to open in 2020. There has also been

funding approved for Whananaki to fix toilets. There have been good results with four local marae securing funding in the first two rounds.

It was reiterated that an engagement of a marae development plan was compulsory before moving into the technical and implementation stages. There is 12 months to spend that fund but there is an option for extension and advisers will work with you to ensure the project is completed.

Cr Innes queried whether when establishing a new marae there are programmes that include the whole of the community and wider residents to give a good understanding of cultural aspects to the wider marae. It was advised that there would be nothing to stop marae including this as part of their process. Marae are sometimes looking at opportunities for tourism and social services that do include the wider community, but ultimately it is about the marae and would be up to the hapū to make those engagements.

Delaraine added that relationships can be improved once facilities are in place and hopefully the community will see the benefit of improving relationships.

It was advised that funding needed to be applied for online and applicants require a realme account. Advisers can assist with this and access to resources is available if needed to upload online. Marae can apply multiple times. The advisers are mobile so they can come out to marae and communities. Copies of information were provided to the meeting and the electronic summary will be distributed with the Te Kārearea minutes.

It was advised that kaumātua flats can be applied for as part and parcel of the development plan.

It was questioned if there was any information on the sustainability and security of the fund or if there was any ongoing commitment to it. It was advised that four years of funding had been secured. The facility part of applications for marae development implementation are funded by Lottery grants and the Crown fund is for applications for marae development. Hopefully this will be a long-term commitment which may even see an increase to the fund. The Current Minister supports this fund but a government change could see changes.

Deborah queried whether there was any input from the Ngapuhi housing project. There are currently discussions on how there can be collaboration with the funds. Things have changed but contact adviser to help navigate your way through this.

Deborah acknowledged the collaboration and relationship in Tai Tokerau.

6.3 Infrastructure Operations Report Update - October 2018

Moved by Cr Vince Cocurullo

Seconded by Takiri Puriri

That Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Forum note the Infrastructure Operations Report Update.

Carried

Simon Weston - General Manager Infrastructure, led the meeting through the presentation on the Infrastructure Operations Update.

Previously there has been discussion on the proposed waka enclosure at Beach Road, Onerahi. The proposal put forward is for a waka enclosure of approximately 16m by 6m. There is an agenda report going to the Infrastructure Committee in November where the proposal will be discussed and decided by Councillors whether to allow the location of the enclosure there on a temporary basis. The proposal is that it would be situated adjacent to the Onerahi Yacht Club on part of the leased area, and partly within the road reserve.

Whangarei Entranceway Update - Council has funding allocated in the Long Term Plan (LTP) in years 2022-24 for approximately \$600k for Whangarei entranceways.

NZTA is also looking at developing the Brynderwyn entranceway by enhancing the emergency turn around area which has become an unofficial lookout. Northland Inc would also like to work with NZTA on the project and may invest \$50k for interpretative signage at the site. NZTA have discussed erecting pou at the site and there is the possibility of the TIF fund being utilised to enable toilets to be built there as well.

Waste and Drainage Hikurangi Stage 2 - Stage 1 involved a new pump station, some of the mains were replaced which has increased the capability to move waste to the treatment plant by 100%. There was \$1.5m spent on that stage last year.

The Stage 2 project to renew sewer assets in Hikurangi is ready to be tendered. Council have inspected a lot of properties in the area, checking that downpipes are not directing stormwater into the waste water system. There have been 21 letters sent to households to address infiltration issues. All these projects are moving in the right direction to reduce pressure on the system. Council staff follow up and provide advice to make sure customers proposals to address the issue will work and is safe.

It was queried whether there was any opportunity to promote stormwater runoff from residents' roofs being directed into domestic water tanks. It was noted that diverting stormwater from residents could lead to further runoff into waterways which can also create problems. A more sustainable approach to residential water tanks was suggested as a more organised approach to managing stormwater from residential properties.

Porowini Ave Stormwater flooding - Tenders are out for design of a stormwater treatment system for the water body near the Porowini railway bridge. There will be updates provided on progress on this project.

Hikurangi Multiuse Hardcourt has been completed with the lights being installed this or next week. It is a wonderful facility that is being well utilised already. It was an existing tennis court which was gifted to council with the proviso it was developed into a multiuse court.

Pohe Island Carpark –Professional Services have been awarded to local consultants, Hawthorn Geddes, to design the central island carpark through to the physical works for the carpark. It is hoped that works will start early new year. There will be 273 car park spaces which will be great for commuters as well. It will really change the nature of the park and is going to be a great asset. Over the next 10-15 years' extensive evolution of the park has been planned.

Examples of tree pits were displayed. These pits have been proposed to allow for reasonably sized specimen trees to be planted to provide a mature tree layer on Pohe Island. These tree pits are raised above ground level to avoid rupturing the clay caps and counter the gases in Pohe Island killing the trees as they grow.

New Proposed Water Services New Whau Valley Water Treatment Plant (WTP) - The new WTP site is closer to the dam. The project is going through the design stage which is due for completion in November. It is envisioned the WTP will be providing water treatment for 50 years or longer. The plant will treat water from Whau Valley dam and the Hatea River, which Council has consent to draw from when necessary to conserve the dam supply. The new WTP allows for the expected growth in the city. It is future proofed as it is a multi barrier plant which provides lots of different treatment stages for treating the water supply. The new plant will be screened with landscaping.

It was queried what the thinking is around the current site once the new WTP is operative. The old WTP will be decommissioned and the plant will be removed. There is ongoing discussion on whether it will be utilised as a reservoir or whether the site will be disposed of.

Cr Cocurullo queried the situation with the Department of Internal Affairs in relation to combining water services and the three waters review. There has

been some suggestion for water delivery options to be further investigated. There has been nothing stated from central government that immediately steers Council in any particular direction.

It was stated that this is seen as a major issue for local government. Simon Weston is chair for the 4 Waters Advisory Group Northland working party. It was requested that there be further discussion on this topic in this forum. Simon advised he would include more information in the next Infrastructure Update to Te Kārearea.

Teal Bay has had increasing problems with stormwater flooding. An upgrade to the system was included in the LTP, detailed design work is being undertaken and will be contracted out. This will be an interesting project.

The King Street, Hikurangi playground has had its design completed. Two classes from Hikurangi School were involved in the design. It is hoped the playground will be completed in January 2019.

The Norfolk Ave playground at Reotahi has been designed. Staff work with local schools and give options of designs for playgrounds and they discuss and come back with their preferred design.

Potter Park at Tikipunga - Janelle Beazley queried whether the local Kura Kaupapa o Rawhiti Roa had been consulted with in regards to the Potter Park playground design - to be followed up on.

Emma Cribb advised there was a request for pots of paint for the walkway adjacent to Haruru Place park which comes off Boundary Road. Simon advised he will raise with his team.

The Kamo Cycleway shared pathway stage one Rust Ave to Cross Street has been completed. Cross Street to Kamo Road is under construction – due date for completion November 2018. Kamo Road to Fisher Terrace is due for completion mid-2019.

The Northland Road Safety Trust promotion is to coordinate and deliver safe driving programmes. The programmes are a good initiative but the statistics for Northland are not good and are getting worse. Out of the 23 people who were killed on Northland roads, 10 were not wearing safety belts. Simon requested that Te Kārearea members, when discussing our road toll statistics, please mention the fact that so many of the fatalities were related to not wearing seatbelts. Seatbelts can have such a profound effect on saving lives in an accident.

It was noted that there did not seem to be a police presence in Mangakahia area where logging trucks are in high presence on SH15. There is a group from the hapū who are attempting to promote the truck drivers slow down within the village areas.

6.4 Iwi Involvement in the Resource Consent Process

Moved by Cr Greg Innes

Seconded by Takiri Puriri

That Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Forum note the information contained in this report.

Carried

Murray McDonald Manager RMA Consents advised that his report and presentation was to provide a deeper understanding on the resource consent process and to explain participation from an iwi/hapū point of view and to discuss the difference between participation in the process and consultation.

Council is the consent authority, but has no ability to change a proposal that an applicant has lodged. Council must process the consent as it has been lodged. The changes to the Resource Management Act (1991) has created frustrations and seems that participation is the ambulance at the bottom of the cliff, it is too far down the track. The fence at the top of the cliff is the District Plan. The District Plan is Council's document on which we are bound to consult. The consultation requirements for iwi have increased. Council has more obligation to work with iwi to identify tangata whenua issues.

Council can't consult on a resource consent, consultation is part of the resource consent process undertaken by the applicant. Affected parties are determined. If there are cultural effects from the proposal of enough magnitude the application be declined.

The key point for iwi and hapū is being able to have significant input into resource consents needs to be driven through the District Plan preparation. If the District Plan is clear about what iwi/hapū issues are everyone in the process including the applicant knows where they stand. Council is keen to gain participation in the consultation by applicants but can't make anyone consult.

There is often a lot of pre-consultation undertaken but again this is not mandatory. Council's Māori relationship team, Andre and Aperahama identify who they should be talking to. This helps to avoid discontent at resource consent stage which does happen sometimes.

One of the myths of the RMA is the misconception is that everyone always get a say that everything would be notified if you don't pass certain criteria. There was an expectation and perception consents were being held up. Council have a process outlined identifying who is an affected party and what are the effects. Council can request a cultural impact study where cultural effects are identified in the District Plan.

The Sites of Significance to Māori are going to be reviewed again in the District Plan. This is seen as an investment in the Plan at the start.

Murray McDonald advised that the Regional Council has a different process to WDC. NRC send out notification to those identified by their iwi relationship officer. Their process seems to be if you don't respond within a time frame that is the end of consultation.

There was discussion on possible blanket coverage of Sites of Significance but it was noted that the more details of specificity of those sites the more helpful it was to the resource consent process. The consent process has to be workable and reasonable. The main frustration for hapū is in relation to the resourcing available to deal with consents. It was noted that iwi/hapū are having an increasing understanding of the RMA. There needs to be a good idea of how the plan really works. Council can look to assist more in that respect.

Cr Innes discussed the cultural effects and affected parties being identified more clearly with the assistance of hapū environmental plans. Hapū environmental plans come before, and are endorsed by Council, and can be a good record for staff to work with. It was noted that it is still better to get Sites of Significance into the District Plan if you can. Courts can be hard on non-statutory documents such as hapū management plans. It is beneficial to become involved in the plan changes and to get principles into the plan as it is written.

Cr Innes noted that a hapū environment plan can be quite a good base document to have discussion on plan changes. It was beneficial to have the skills involved with formulating these plans which can be integrated with the District Plan.

In 2004 an appeal by Ngāraratunua Marae Committee to the Environment Court on the Whangarei District Plan agreed Council would ensure that consultation occur on all applications within the area of interest. Alterations to the Act have changed this. These amendments resulted in Council no longer being able to require such consultation.

The principle is that the applicant should consult at the earliest stage possible. Pre-application meetings are optional however.

There was discussion on how technology will assist. Council acknowledges the conflict on resources and timeframes Council have to work with.

There was a query on how interactive Council's website could be to assist with notification of consents. Often there was difficulty on the timing of receiving notification of consents and timeframes in which to respond.

Murray advised of the need to be specific enough in areas of interest so hapū were not 'drowned' in applications.

There was discussion on notification and limited notification of resource consents. There has been a lot of comment at times with the public saying they should have been notified about a consent. Staff look at notification in relation to the level of environmental effects (including cultural), minor or less than minor. An iwi group can be identified more easily as an affected party if there is more specific information in the District Plan due to significant sites which allows more involvement for them in the process.

Māori are traditionally reluctant to identify Sites of Significance in case they are damaged. This barrier to shared information comes from a fear of the possible effects of disclosure. There is an ability for secret files which can be held by Council and not disclosed, but this would not help an applicant in relation to awareness of these sites. There is a balance between the risk and benefits from awareness of these sites.

Planning staff attend Te Huinga meetings to work on plan changes and take into account views expressed.

Te Huinga will meet and discuss further. The District Plan team is to meet with Te Huinga on significant sites and then find an appropriate time to bring back to Te Kārearea. Rolling plan changes are quite separate from resource consents but the information flows into the resource consent process.

7. General Business

Aorangi Kawiti was advised to bring the document on rates written by her husband to Te Huinga initially.

Janelle Beazley advised there was an interview on Māori TV last night where a member incorrectly commented that Council were wanting to move Terenga Paraoa marae. Marae trustees were not aware of these comments and they were not correct. It was one person's opinion and the trustees did not agree with them.

8. Closure of Meeting – Karakia – Andre Hemara

The meeting concluded at 11.29am.