

Western Bay of Plenty District Council

**Minutes of Meeting No. PF10 of the Tauranga Moana / Te Arawa
Ki Takutai Partnership Forum held on 27 August 2019
in the Council Chamber, Barkes Corner
commencing 10.00am**

Present

Iwi Representatives

Reon Tuanau (Ngai Te Rangi) (Co-Chairperson), Riki Nelson (Ngati te Wai), Carlton Bidois (Ngati Ranginui), Raiha Biel (Tapuika Iwi Authority), Tiki Bluegum (Ngai Tamawhariua), Matire Duncan (Ngā Potiki), Roland Kingi (Ngati Pikia), Nessie Kuka (Ngai Tuwhiwhia), Bob Leef (Ngati Taka), Buddy Mikaere (Ngati Pukenga), Julie Shepherd (Te Runanga o Pirirakau), Tania Turner (Ngati Whakahemo) and Manu Wihapi (Tuhourangi)

Councillors

Mayor G J Webber, and Councillors G Dally, M Dean, P Mackay, K Marsh, D Marshall, M Murray-Benge, J Palmer, J Scrimgeour and M Williams

In Attendance

M Taris (Chief Executive Officer) R Davie (Group Manager Policy, Planning and Regulatory Services), P Tapsell (Workforce Development and Cultural Advisor), C Nepia (Māori Relationships and Engagement Advisor), L Arrowsmith (Customer Service Representative) and S Tripathi (Governance Administrator), Parewhakarau Kuka (Ngati Kahu), Irene Walker (Ngai te Ahi)

Apologies

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Lally, and Members Kevin Tohiariki and Hemi Paki. An apology for lateness was received from Member Carlton Bidois.

An apology of early departure was noted from Councillor Dean.

Resolved: Ms Nessie Kuka / Ms Matire Duncan

THAT the apology for absence from Councillor Lally and Members Kevin Tohiariki and Hemi Paki be accepted.

THAT the apology for lateness from Member Carlton Bidois be accepted

THAT the apology for early departure from Councillor Dean be accepted.

The meeting opened with a karakia by Tiki Bluegum at 10.05am.

The Chairperson took the opportunity to mihi to everyone present at the meeting. The Chairperson thanked everyone for their hard work and also wished the running elected members all the best for their campaign and elections. The work of the Forum and Council was acknowledged and appreciated. The Chairperson also noted that it was a great privilege working together for the last 3 years.

Mayor Webber addressed the Forum and paid his tributes to Garry Ngatai, who recently passed away. He had been a great leader who did good work for his community, his hapū and iwi.

PF10.1 **Minutes of Meeting No. PF9 of the Tauranga Moana / Te Arawa Ki Takutai Partnership Forum held on 2 May 2019**

The Tauranga Moana / Te Arawa Ki Takutai Partnership Forum considered the minutes of meeting no. PF9 of the Tauranga Moana / Te Arawa Ki Takutai Partnership Forum held on 2 May 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

Resolved: Councillor Mackay / Councillor Murray-Benge

THAT the minutes of the Tauranga Moana / Te Arawa Ki Takutai Partnership Forum meeting PF9 held on 2 May 2019 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Manu Wihapi introduced Pare Kuka who would replace Mita Rahiri as representative for Ngati Kahu.

The Chairperson advised there was a change of order of business and that item *10.3 Tuapiro Marae Revitalisation Project* would be dealt with as the next item of business.

PF10.2 **Tuapiro Marae Revitalisation Project**

The Partnership Forum received a presentation from Riki Nelson (representative for Ngati te Wai) regarding Oranga Marae project at Tuapiro Marae.

Oranga Marae was a programme of support, advice and investment for Marae. The programme supported the physical and cultural revitalisation of Marae as centres of Māori identity and matauranga. It gave whanau and hapū advice and support to help their Marae and achieve their goals. Oranga Marae was a joint initiative of Te Puni Kōkiri and Department of Internal Affairs.

Oranga Marae supported the following –

- Keeping Marae safe and healthy – contributing to the well-being of iwi, hapū and whānau.
- People engagement on the Marae and an increasing number of events and activities held to ensure the transmission of matauranga Māori.
- Marae increasingly contributing to the revitalisation of Te Reo and Tikanga Māori.
- Whanau working together to develop the Marae.

Hapū identified the project work to be done on the Marae in 2016. It was identified that the community needed to address the inadequacies of the Wharekai.

The stages of development were discussed as follows –

- A Marae needs to get in touch with Te Puni Kokiri and an advisor is appointed to work alongside the Marae to achieve the goals of Oranga Marae.
- The Marae would create a Marae Development Plan to set out its development goals and the amount of investment required.
- The plan needed to outline the vision of Marae, its current state and proposed actions. The Marae had to own the process. The Oranga Marae Committee mainly monitors the involvement of whanau or hapū on the implementation of their plan for the sustainable future of their Marae.
- Te Puni Kokiri advisors would help and advise with the plan. If needed, a Marae could request funding through Oranga Marae post Marae Development Plan approval by the whanau, hapū and trustees. Whanau and hapū had to come up with 1/3rd of the cost of the funds required.
- Funding up to approximately \$40k would be needed to go through the Marae development plan phase. The plan would identify exactly what was needed to be done and based on this the next stage of funding was considered.
- The three main stages of Oranga Marae were discussed – Marae Development Plan, Feasibility Study and Development. And it was noted that Tuapiro Marae was at the stage of Marae Development Plan. It took 14 months to get to the initial stage of the plan, with lots of feedback back and forth. The funding had been received for the Marae work and it was just waiting to be finalised and signed off by the hapū.
- Feedback on the process – the development of the plan took 14 months and it seemed that Tuapiro were getting knocked back all the time and that Te Puni Kokiri staff were not willing to support them, so the Marae went directly to the Minister of Māori Development in the hope of having their application supported.

10.25am Roland Kingi and Tania Turner entered the meeting

In response to questions Mr Nelson advised as follows:

- It was identified that one needed to be humble enough to recognise the need for help and be ready to take that help from the whanau and hapū.
- There were discussions around similar funding available from Council under the Marae Sustainability Initiatives Fund (formerly known as Marae Maintenance Fund). This was another tool that could assist with the outcomes identified in the development plan.
- The Tuapiro Marae didn't want to contract the work out to a consultancy.
- The funds for the development of the Marae would be a grant and not a loan. It was appreciated that government had opened up a large budget for Marae work.
- Iwi were not allowed to apply for the grant under this program. It was dedicated to Marae only.
- Overall it had been a good process and learning opportunity.

The Chairperson thanked Riki Nelson for his presentation.

Resolved: Ms Matire Duncan / Mayor Webber

THAT the presentation from Ricki Nelson regarding Tuapiro Marae Revitalisation Project be received.

PF10.3

Presentation from Healthy Whare project

The Partnership Forum received a presentation from the Jodie Rickard (Senior Policy Analyst Western Bay of Plenty District Council), Mii Keelan and Alex Bott (Ngā Mataapuna Oranga) regarding Healthy Whare Project.

Alex Bott introduced himself and Mii Keelan – whanau team Nga Mataapuna Oranga. They spoke about their partnership with Western Bay of Plenty District Council and gave an update on the work done till date.

Jodie Rickard gave an introduction to the Healthy Whare project and spoke about their background and current work. Homes were assessed for any issues with respect to being warm, dry and safe place to live in. Along with the help of partners and whanau the work was done around repairs and maintenance, insulation, new curtains, floor coverings, fireplaces, heaters etc. DIY workshops were held (draught proofing, ventilating, knowledge sharing). In the process whanau were encouraged to register with GP services to track their health data.

It was identified that at times these projects could be very challenging and could involve complex matters – water, wastewater, electrical, roofing, cladding etc. Funding for major repairs and maintenance was difficult to access. Funders kept changing their priorities and funding criteria. Keeping whanau informed and engaged was a challenge as every family was different with different skills, financial capacities, and different needs.

From last year (2018) Nga Matapuna Oranga (Primary Health Organisation) supporting Ngai Tamawhariua started looking at key housing

issues in the community. They worked together towards Healthy Whare Project providing support to the whanau and community.

The team acknowledged their current partners – Te Puni Kokiri, Western Bay of Plenty District Council, Ngai Te Rangi, Tamawhariua, Te Puna Hauora, Pirirakau Hauora, Whanau Ora, and Nga Mataapuna Oranga. It was noted that partners played a specific role in terms of being either investors or designers. The project was 17 months old and had influenced the community positively. The presentation acknowledged all the repair works undertaken to provide the whanau with healthy homes. Most of the works undertaken related to issues of leaking roofs, roofing and guttering, electrical, cladding, ventilation, weatherproofing, bathroom works and health and safety issues.

11.06am Councillor Scrimgeour left the meeting

11.10am Councillor Scrimgeour entered the meeting

Whanau identified in a survey that they were interested in driving license courses and healthy cooking classes. The Facebook page was set up to communicate and stay in touch with all the families in the community. Many short term training courses/ workshops were organized such as a driver licence course, Rangatahi Whanau Fun Day, Books for Classes, Health Waka, Healthy Cooking Classes.

The future from here for the Healthy Whare Project was Priority Community Two project that started in Te Puna on 12th June 2019. 44 houses were registered and 40 houses had their assessments done to date.

The outcomes had been shared in terms of 93 whanau plans were in various stage of progress with 209 outcomes and 296 individuals involved.

The future from here was the Regional Healthy Housing Programme – involving whanau in the project as per their capabilities and skills. Moving forward, the plan is to establish themselves as a regional programme by obtaining more funding.

In the response to questions the following was noted:

- The program needed a higher profile and marketing as people didn't seem to be aware of it.
- Marae work had been known and discussed but it was the first time a presentation regarding this initiative was received. A social media presence would help increase awareness.
- The work done was appreciated by the members in the Forum. It was also noted that this initiative would be very helpful in rural areas in terms of connecting trades people to the rural community.

The Chairperson thanked the team for their presentation and acknowledged their work. He also acknowledged the work done by Maria Horne in Maketu.

Resolved: Mr Riki Nelson / Mr Tiki Bluegum

THAT the presentation on "A Healthy Whare" project be received.

11.24am The meeting adjourned for morning tea

11.44am The meeting reconvened

PF10.4 **Update on the Joint Agency Group and Ara Rau Tangata Conferences**

Chris Nepia (Māori Relationships and Engagement Advisor) spoke to his presentation on Joint Agency Group (JAG).

- JAG was established to bring together various agencies involved in the process of building houses on Māori land.
- It was identified that many agencies had been working in silos and in the process of constructing houses, families had to go to each of them separately. JAG was formed to simplify the process and act as a single point of contact with all agencies involved.
- The Papakainga Toolkit and workshops were developed out of the work of JAG. Both tools were designed to assist Māori landowners and trusts to navigate the process of establishing housing on their land.
- Victoria Kingi was acknowledged for her work in assisting with the process.
- As a result of JAG over 100 houses were built in the Bay of Plenty sub-region.
- The workshops were rolled out with funding support from Te Puni Kokiri and delivered in Tauranga by Papakainga Solutions Ltd. The workshop consisted of 8 one-day workshops held once a month and focused on different aspects of the Papakainga process each time. At the end of the series, two of the attendees were selected to progress their Papakainga development.
- Te Puni Kokiri stopped funding the workshops in 2017 and since then JAG has been looking for alternatives, given that Papakainga housing was a priority for Tangata Whenua.
- The future plans for JAG were :-
 - To report on the success (or improvements required) from previous workshops.
 - To review the current Papakainga Toolkit including ease of use, language used, readability and format (also the potential development of an online app) and to ensure that the information is up to date and relevant.
 - To report on Māori housing needs to support the subjective evidence of the lack of housing on Māori land.
- JAG was investigating new way to deliver Papakainga workshops with an aim to initiate their work in 2020 again.

- The feedback from the previous workshops was that they were too long and extensive. They could be delivered in parts, according to the need of individuals attending.

In response to questions, the following points were noted:

- It was important to keep working on alternatives – primarily looking at delivering the workshops as they were really popular. Without the funding from Te Puni Kokiri this was not continued. The content of workshops was also being reviewed in terms of delivering a smaller and more customised program to individuals' needs.
- Statistics relating to the workshops were with Chris Nepia and he would be happy to share these.
- JAG was well supported by the members of the Forum and the Māori community. However, the process of so many hapū and Marae being involved for 8 months and then only two chosen to go forward was a bit disheartening. It was noted that all the members can help with financial contribution to the establishment of the Toolkit and workshops.
- In regards to the land area required for building dwellings in rural areas to be 2000m², it was clarified that it was a requirement.
- One of the biggest issues had been finance/ funding to build these houses. Fortunately infrastructure grants helped secure the mortgage that wouldn't be possible without the grant.
- Next triennium, with a new Council, a new perspective towards housing issues and financials would be required.
- Māori housing has been identified as being quite different from general housing, as Māori land would never be sold. With respect to JAG, reviewing the process would be vital. It was also stated that there had been a lot to deal with in terms of funding, resource consents, and building consents with the Council.
- The work of Tangata Whenua, Council and Forum was appreciated and acknowledged. Protection of whenua and cultural identification of Māori was the main focus.

A video was presented on Ara Rau Tangata Conference.

12.00pm – Councillor Dean left the meeting

12.12pm – Councillor Dally left the meeting

- Ara Rau Tangata was a series of conferences that focused on various kaupapa (issues) affecting Māori.
- The conferences were a result of Māori having their say in the way things were developed for future generations.
- Three conferences have been held so far – each with its own theme. Attendees included Marae committees, Māori Land Trusts, Māori businesses and iwi and hapū organizations.
- The first conference was held at Huria Marae and focused on ways that Māori could contribute to the development of the city and the region. The second conference was held at the Mount Maunganui Club and focused on Papakainga development and canvassed much of

the information that attendees would be privy to attending the Papakainga workshops. The third conference was held at the Mount Maunganui Club and focused on Māori land development (non-housing). The attendees learnt about opportunities available to support economic development on Māori land.

- The workshops had been well attended and well supported by Council.

In response to questions, the following was noted:

- Staff were not fully aware of the rationale for the requirement to have 2000m² of net land per dwelling in rural areas but it was likely that it related to dispersal fields for septic tanks.
- In regards to resource consents and building consents causing barriers to housing development, Western Bay of Plenty District Council had implemented a policy where financial contributions can be reduced and application fees can be rebated.

12.17pm Margaret Murray-Benge left the meeting

The Chairperson thanked the team for their presentation.

The Forum appreciated and acknowledged the work of Mayor Webber and the support he had given to the Forum and Māori. Thanks were also extended to Rachael Davie, Petera Tapsell and Council staff for their work and support. It was noted that the current triennium was very interesting and the Partnership Forum would continue next triennium.

Resolved: Councillor Palmer / Ms Matire Duncan

THAT the presentation from Chris Nepia regarding the Joint Agency Group be received.

PF10.5 **Partnership Forum Update**

Petera Tapsell (Workforce Development and Cultural Advisor) spoke to his presentation regarding Partnership Forum achievements in the current triennium.

- Work to establish Māori wards (2017 – 2018 Representation Review)
- LTP submission 2018/2028 (Marae Sustainability Initiatives Fund, JAG, Iwi/Hapu Management Plan Fund)
- Reserves and Facilities Bylaw review
- Annual Plan submission 2019 – in terms of rubbish and recycling
- Internship opportunity 2019 – hired an intern for 3 months who would be joining the team soon.
- Te Reo Ki Uta ki Tai App (from inland to the sea) –the whole team worked hard towards the development of the app which was proudly introduced both to Apple and Android cell phone users.
- Renewal of mandate – post elections, the members of the Forum would need a mandate from the hapu/iwi to represent them in the Forum next year.

The Forum acknowledged and thanked Petera Tapsell for his support.

The Chairperson acknowledged the work done by the Forum. It was noted that work done on Māori wards took a lot of time and effort in the team. It was needed to make sure that Māori voices were heard.

Resolved: Ms Julie Shepherd / Councillor Williams

THAT the verbal update from Petera Tapsell regarding the Forum's achievement to date in the current triennium be received.

The Chairperson acknowledged Councillors Peter Mackay and Mike Williams from Katikati for all the great work they did for the community. The Councillors were thanked for their commitment, dedication and service to Council and the community. The Māori whanau members who were standing for the elections were congratulated and best wishes were extended for their representation.

It was also noted that the Council needed to support the people who were motivated to enrol and vote. Western Bay of Plenty District Council's promotion regarding motivating voter participation was appreciated.

All the Councillors were thanked for their mahi and the Forum expressed their pleasure in working alongside the Council, which made the community stronger. Best wishes were extended to all the Councillors who were standing in this election. The Chairperson thanked Mayor Webber for his work. The Tangata Whenua and Councillors work was acknowledged and appreciated.

The Forum noted the need for workshops to be held in future for the renewal of the mandate for all members and to consider strategies for working more efficiently for the Māori community.

Mayor Webber thanked the Chairperson for his work.

The Chairperson closed the meeting with a karakia at 12.41pm.

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