
**Lake Taupō Protection Project Joint Committee
MINUTES**

Minutes of a meeting of the Lake Taupō Protection Project Joint Committee held in Millennium Hotel (Manuels), 243 Lake Terrace, Taupō on 12 March 2018 at 10.38 am.

Waikato Regional Council	Present: Cr K White	
Taupō District Council	Cr K Hodge	
Crown Representatives	Cr R Jollands	
	Cr J Williamson	
	S Lewis	Ministry for the Environment
	L-K Petersen	Ministry for Primary Industries
Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board	T Kingi	
	M Nepia	

IN ATTENDANCE:

Waikato Regional Council staff	Councillor S Kneebone
	N Williams (Director of Community and Services)
	N Botherway (Manager of Framing Services)
	A McLeod (Manager Upper Waikato/Taupō)
	T Bio (Democracy Advisor)
Taupō District Council	T Wood
Ministry for the Environment	H Penny (Senior Advisor)
Lake Taupō Protection Project Trust members	C Stent
	M Peck
	G Fitzgerald
	S Yerex
Member of the public	J Reeves

Chair welcomed everyone and asked N. Williams to open the meeting with a karakia.
Laura–Kate Petersen (Crown Representative) and Gwyn Morgan (staff) from Ministry of Primary Industries attended the meeting via teleconference.

Apologies

Organisation

Taupō District Council: Cr J Williamson

Accepted

Confirmation of Agenda

Agenda Item 2

Minutes of the previous Lake Taupō Protection Project Joint Committee (public excluded) were to be considered by the meeting before agenda item 9.

Cr Hodge moved/S Lewis seconded

LTJC17/01

THAT the agenda of the meeting of the Lake Taupō Protection Project Joint Committee of 12 March 2018, as circulated, be confirmed as the business for the meeting.

The motion was put and carried LTJC17/01

Disclosures of Interest

Agenda Item 3

There were no disclosures of interest.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Agenda Item Doc

The minutes were taken as read.

Cr White moved/Cr Jollands seconded.

LTJC17/02

RESOLVED

THAT the Minutes of the Lake Taupō Protection Project Joint Committee meeting of 15 December 2017 be received and approved as a correct record.

The motion was put and carried LTJC17/02

Six monthly reporting requirements on Trust operations

Agenda Item 5 Doc 11923236

Chair of the Lake Taupō Protection Project Trust (C Stent) presented a written report to the Committee with information on the Trust operations for the previous six-month period.

During discussion the following was noted:

- A member inquired, that in terms of undertaking research, who would Tuwharetoa landowners/trustees contact? The response was that they would go through the Trust and talk to Marion Peck.

M Nepia moved/Cr R Jollands seconded

LTJC17/03

RESOLVED

THAT the report 'Six monthly reporting requirements on Trust operations' dated 27th February 2018 be received; and

THAT the 'Six monthly report on Trust operations from '01 July 2017 to 3.12.17' together with the financial statements for the 6-month period ended 31.12.17 be received.

The motion was put and carried LTJC17/03

Annual Statement of Intent report requirements

Agenda Item 6 Doc 11923720

Chair of the Lake Taupō Protection Project Trust (C Stent) presented a written report with information on the Trust's draft annual Statement of Intent.

During discussion the following was noted:

- A member asked if there would be any research done regarding phosphorus levels. The response was that the focus of was on nitrogen but the Trust was happy to take directions on this.
- It was noted that the Crown's funding was limited to nitrogen reduction and would need to vary its provisions to add in phosphorus.

M Nepia moved/S Lewis seconded

LTJC17/04

RESOLVED

THAT the report 'Annual Statement of Intent reporting requirements' dated 27th February 2018 be received; and

THAT the Committee provide to the Trust comment on the draft 2018/19 Statement of Intent content no later than 1 May 2018.

The motion was put and carried LTJC17/04

Monitoring Deed 2017 Review Recommendations

Agenda Item 7 Doc 11869685

Policy Advisor (H Penny) presented a written report regarding recommendations to address the key findings of the Lake Taupō Protection Project review of the Monitoring Deed (the Deed). The report also considered the Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board becoming a signatory to the Deed.

During discussion the following was noted:

- The Monitoring Deed places specific obligations on the Waikato Regional Council to do monitoring and on the Trust to report any legal actions. There weren't any additional obligations anticipated in relation to the deed.
- It was noted that, subject to Joint Committee direction, the Officials Working Group would work with the Waikato Regional Council's monitoring and communications staff to finalise the minimum reporting requirements and wording changes to the Monitoring Deed and related documents. This work would be done in full consultation with the Lake Taupō Protection Trust (Trust) as they are a signatory to the Deed too.
- A member asked if the Trust receive from the Officials Working Group, a copy of agendas and relevant papers to comment on. The response was that the Officials Working Group identified items relevant to the Trust that they, the Trust, may wish to discuss with officials. The Joint Committee reinforced the importance of working collaboratively with the Trust and 'being at the table' on relevant matters.
- After further discussion the Joint Committee agreed that there needed to be more reassurance that these recommendations would not be increasing the scope or potential costs for physical monitoring. It was noted that the intent of the recommendations was not to create more work, it was purely around reporting and understanding the information out there. It was further noted that for the Crown, their only line of sight came from the monitoring activities.
- The Joint Committee noted that the Trust was not a partner but signatory to Monitoring Deed.
- The direction for the Official Working Group in terms of potential changes to the Monitoring Deed would be to work with the Trust and report back to the June 2018 Committee meeting.

M Nepia moved/S Lewis seconded.

LTJC17/05

RESOLVED

THAT the report ‘Monitoring Deed 2017 Review Recommendations’ (doc 11869685 dated 22 February 2018) be received; and

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Lake Taupō Protection Project Trust Joint Committee (LTPPJ) recommends the Partners and the Trust to work together to:

- a. Agree with the Waikato Regional Council (WRC) monitoring and communications staff on ‘minimum reporting requirements to be included to the Council’s Catchment Compliance Monitoring Plan;
- b. Consider a revised clause within the Monitoring Deed requiring the Lake Taupō Protection Trust (LTPT) to report regularly to the LTPPJ on activities planned or undertaken;
- c. Agree to change the frequency of the Monitoring Deed review process to every three years (or as required);
- d. Agree to include within the Monitoring Deed review process that explicit consideration is given as to whether the ‘minimum reporting requirements’ are effective in achieving their purpose;
- e. Complete a legal review to consider the role of the Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board as signatory to the Monitoring Deed.

The motion was put and carried LTJC17/05

Resolutions to Exclude the Public

Agenda Item 8

Cr R Jollands moved/Cr K White seconded

	<p>Recommended that the public be excluded from the following part/s of the meeting:</p> <p>The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:</p>	
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9	<i>Project Agreement Extension and Long Term Governance Management</i>	Good reason to withhold exists under Section 7.	That the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists. Section 48(1)(a)
10	<i>Trustee rotation and appointment process</i>	Good reason to withhold exists under Section 7.	That the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists. Section 48(1)(a)

This resolution is made in reliance on sections 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 7 of that Act, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

Item No	Interest
9	Protect information where the making available of the information (ii) would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information (Section 7(2)(b))
9	Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) (Section 7(2)(i))
10	Protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons (Section 7(2)(a))

Return to Open Meeting12.19

Item Reported from Public Excluded

The Joint Committee resolved that the following decisions with respect to Item No 11 be reported in Open Meeting:

THAT retiring Trustees Clayton Stent and Gerald Fitzgerald be reappointed as Trustees to the Lake Taupō Protection Trust up to 30 June 2019.

Meeting closed at 12.02pm

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