

Lake Taupō Protection Project Joint Committee

OPEN MINUTES

Date: Monday, 24 June, 2019, 10:30 am

Location: Council Chambers
Taupō District Council Offices
107 Heuheu Street
TAUPŌ

Members Present: T Kingi (Chair - Tuwharetoa Maori Trust Board)
Cr K Hodge (Deputy Chair - Waikato Regional Council)
Cr K White (Waikato Regional Council)
Cr R Jollands (Taupō District Council)
G Mangin – (Alternate Crown Representative) Ministry Primary Industries
M Workman (Crown Representative) Ministry Environment – via teleconferencing

In Attendance: S Yerex – Deputy Chair Lake Taupō Protection Trust
M Peck – Executive Officer Lake Taupō Protection Trust
T Bennetts (Alternative Crown Representative) Ministry Environment – via teleconferencing

Staff Present: N Williams (Director - Community and Services)
A McLeod – Manager – Upper Waikato/Taupō Catchment
L Bartley – Democracy Advisor

The meeting opened with a Karakia from Chair Tangonui Kingi.

The Chair welcomed Gillian Mangin (alternate Crown Representative – Ministry for Primary Industries) to the meeting, and also welcomed Martin Workman and Tim Bennett (Crown/alternative Crown representatives for Ministry for the Environment) to the meeting via teleconferencing.

1. Apologies

Apologies from Laura-Kate Petersen (Ministry for Primary Industries), Cr J Williamson (Taupō District Council) and Maria Nepia (Tuwharetoa Maori Trust Board) were received.

LTJC19/17

Moved by: Cr K Hodge

Seconded by: Cr R Jollands

RESOLVED (SECTION A)

That the apologies of Laura-Kate Petersen (Ministry for Primary Industries), Cr J Williamson (Taupō District Council) and Maria Nepia (Tuwharetoa Maori Trust Board) be received.

The motion was put and carried

2. Confirmation of Agenda

LTJC19/18

Moved by: Cr K White

Seconded by: Cr K Hodge

RESOLVED (SECTION A)

That the agenda of the Lake Taupō Protection Project Joint Committee meeting of 24 June 2019 as circulated be confirmed as the business of the meeting.

The motion was put and carried

3. Disclosures of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest noted.

4. Confirmation of Minutes

4.1 Minutes of Open Meeting held on 11 March 2019

LTJC19/19

Moved by: Cr K White

Seconded by: Cr R Jollands

RESOLVED (SECTION A)

That the open minutes from the meeting of the Lake Taupō Protection Project Joint Committee held on 11 March 2019 be received and, as amended with the inclusion of Martin Workman being present at the meeting, be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

The motion was put and carried

4.2 Minutes of Extra Ordinary Meeting held on 29 May 2019

LTJC19/20

Moved by: Cr R Jollands

Seconded by: Cr K White

RESOLVED (SECTION A)

That the minutes from the Extra Ordinary meeting of the Lake Taupō Protection Project Joint Committee held on 29 May 2019 be received and confirmed as a true and accurate record.

The motion was put and carried

5. 2019/20 Statement of Intent

Sue Yerex, Deputy Chair of the Lake Taupō Protection Trust, noted the apologies of Mr Clayton Stent. She presented the report to members on behalf of the Lake Taupō Protection Trust.

LTJC19/21

Moved by: Cr R Jollands

Seconded by: T Kingi

RESOLVED (SECTION A)

- 1. That the report 2019/20 Statement of Intent be received; and**
- 2. That the Lake Taupō Protection Project Joint Committee receives the final version, as amended with the removal of the words "of the first half" from point 9.2" of the Statement of Intent for the 2019/20 financial year on or before 30 June as required by the Trust Deed.**

The motion was put and carried

6. Lake Taupō Protection Trust 2019/20 Budget

Sue Yerex and Marion Peck presented the report to members. They noted that the budget had been prepared on a business as usual basis and had been approved by the Lake Taupō Protection Trust (LTPT) last month.

LTJC19/22

Moved by: Cr R Jollands

Seconded by: T Kingi

RESOLVED (SECTION A)

- 1. That the report 2019/20 LTPT Budget be received; and**
- 2. That the 2019/20 budget for the financial year ending 30 June 2020 received.**
- 3. That a vote of thanks be passed on to the Trust for preparing the budget and coming to the meeting.**

The motion was put and carried

7. Trustee Remuneration for the 2019/20 Financial Year

Sue Yerex presented the report to the Committee. The only adjustment to the remuneration was a slight increase in the mileage rate so that it reflects the current recommended reimbursement rate.

LTJC19/23

Moved by: Cr R Jollands

Seconded by: Cr K White

RESOLVED (Section A)

1. That the report Trustee remuneration for the 2019/20 financial year be received; and
2. That the Committee endorses the Trustee remuneration for the 2019/20 financial year at the following rates:
 - Chairman = \$22,000 base salary per annum plus reimbursement of actual and reasonable travel, meal and accommodation expenses for each meeting attended.
 - Members = \$13,000 base salary per annum plus reimbursement of actual and reasonable travel, meal and accommodation expenses for each meeting attended.
 - Mileage Rate = .79c/per km.

The motion was put and carried

8. Key Milestones for Lake Taupō Protection Project 2018 to 2021 - Update - June 2019

Manager - Upper Waikato/Taupō Area, (A McLeod) presented the report to the Committee.

Ms McLeod highlighted the red circles on the projected timelines included in the report and noted that these related to critical action points that must be met to achieve the work programme of the joint committee.

Work is currently just on track but there are a number of actions that will need to be completed before March 2020 to ensure the joint committee stays on track.

2 main issues that need to be actioned include:

- i. the governance and management vehicle that will be used to take the project forward
- ii. what the future funding looks like - does it need to include other items such as funding for ongoing communication and where it will be sourced from.

Ms McLeod also addressed the issue of the review of Lake Taupō chapter of the Regional Plan. The timelines had been altered to enable the review of Chapter 3.10 to progress ahead of the remaining chapters of the Plan. That rules specifically related to Overseer had been pulled out with a view to redrafting those and notifying them as a plan change in itself. This will hopefully be a slightly quicker process than the original timeline proposed.

Members also discussed the ongoing issue of governance and what that might look like. Members noted that everyone can have a view of who should be at the table and that conversations around this need to continue to happen.

The issue of future funding was raised and it was noted that the normal guidelines and processes provided via the Local Government Act would apply. The Local Government Act gives very good guidance and clear direction on how costs can be assigned and to whom.

Members thanked Anne for her report and noted how delicate the timeframe is in relation to meeting the deadlines, especially taking into consideration external factors such as the triennial elections.

LTJC19/24

Moved by: Cr K Hodge

Seconded by: Cr R Jollands

RESOLVED (SECTION A)

That the report Key Milestones for Lake Taupō Protection Project 2018 to 2021 – Update – June 2019 (Lake Taupō Protection Project Joint Committee 24 June 2019) be received.

The motion was put and carried

9. Resolution to Exclude the Public

LTJC19/25

Moved by: T Kingi

Seconded by: Cr K Hodge

RESOLVED (SECTION A)

- 1. That the public be excluded from the following parts of the meeting set out below on the grounds that the public conduct of those parts of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act).**

The particular interests protected by section 7 of the Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

Report Title : Confirmation of Public Excluded Minutes of 11 March 2019.

- Protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons (section 7(2)(a) of the Act)**

Report Title: Presentation - Financial Impact of the Waikato Regional Plan nitrogen cap on Taupō farmers

- Protect information where the making available of the information:**

- **would disclose a trade secret; or**
- **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)(i) and (ii) of the Act)**

Report title: Update on monitoring of Lake Taupō Protection Trust Nitrogen Reduction Agreements

- **Protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons (section 7(2)(a) of the Act)**
- 2. THAT Phil Journeaux be permitted to remain at this meeting for Item 11.1 - Presentation - Financial Impact of the Waikato Regional Plan Nitrogen Cap on Taupō Farmers, after the public has been excluded, because of his knowledge as author of the report. This knowledge, which will be of assistance in relation to the matter to be discussed, is relevant to that matter because of its financial and scientific nature.**

The motion was put and carried

11.35 am – The meeting went into closed committee for the consideration of the closed items.

12.35 – The meeting returned to open session.

12.36 pm Chair T Kingi closed the meeting with a karakia.