

Lake Taupō Protection Project Joint Committee

OPEN MINUTES

Date:	Monday, 11 March, 2019, 10:45 am
Location:	Suncourt Hotel & Conference Centre 14 Northcroft Street Taupō
Members Present:	T Kingi (Chair - Tūwharetoa Maori Trust Board) Cr K White (Waikato Regional Council) Cr R Jollands (Taupō District Council) Cr J Williamson (Taupō District Council) L-K Petersen (Crown Representative - Ministry for Primary Industries) S Lewis (Crown Representative - Ministry for Environment)
In attendance:	Cr F Lichtwark
Waikato Regional Staff	N Williams (Director - Community and Services) A McLeod (Manager – Upper Waikato/Taupō) T Bio (Democracy Advisor)
Lake Taupō District Council Staff	T Wood (Policy Advisor)
Lake Taupō Protection Trust Trustees	C Stent (Trustee) S Yerex (Trustee) M Peck (Manager)
Public	J Reeves

SECTION A: UNDER DELEGATION FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL

Chair Kingi opened the meeting with a karakia and welcomed all present at the meeting. He noted that Taupō District Councillors had another appointment for 12.30pm which they had to be present for.

1. Apologies

Apologies of Cr K Hodge and M Nepia were received.

LTJC19/01

Moved By Cr R Jollands

Seconded By Cr K White

RESOLVED

THAT the apologies of M Nepia (Tūwharetoa Maori Trust Board) and Cr K Hodge (Waikato Regional Council) be received.

The motion was put and carried

2. Confirmation of Agenda

LTJC19/02

Moved By Cr J Williamson

Seconded By L-K Petersen

RESOLVED

THAT the agenda of the meeting of the Lake Taupō Protection Project Joint Committee of 11 March 2019 as circulated be confirmed as the business for the meeting.

The motion was put and carried

3. Disclosures of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest noted.

4. **Minutes of the previous meeting**

During discussions the following points were noted:

- Staff referred the Joint Committee to the eighth paragraph on page 7 of the Agenda pack. It was there noted that the Lake Taupō Protection Trust had received a request from Waikato Regional Council seeking \$35,000 to fund a research project to determine the impact of the nitrogen cap on farmers. Staff informed the Joint Committee that Waikato Regional Council had decided not to proceed with the request as the project was now funded for.

LTJC19/03

Moved By Cr R Jollands

Seconded By Cr K White

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the Lake Taupō Protection Project Joint Committee meeting held on 30 November 2018 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

The motion was put and carried

5. **Six monthly reporting requirements on Trust operations**

The Chair of the Lake Taupō Protection Project Trust (C Stent) presented this report and asked that it be taken as read. This report provided information on the Trust's operations for the previous six-month period. Members were happy with the information provided and had no further questions.

LTJC19/04

Moved By S Lewis

Seconded By L-K Petersen

RESOLVED

THAT the report 'Six monthly reporting requirements on Trust operations' (Doc#13892547 dated 20 February 2019) be received; and

THAT the Trust's 'Six monthly report on operations for the period from '01 July 2018 to 31.12.18 together with the financial statements for the 6-month period ended 31.12.18 be received.

The motion was put and carried

6. Annual Statement of Intent report requirements

The Chair of the Lake Taupō Protection Project Trust (C Stent) presented this report and asked that it be taken as read. This report provided information on the Trust's annual Statement of Intent reporting requirements. Members were happy with the information provided and had no further questions.

LTJC19/05

Moved By Cr J Williamson

Seconded By Cr R Jollands

RESOLVED

THAT the report 'Annual Statement of Intent reporting requirements' (Doc#13891555 dated 20 February 2019) be received; and

THAT the Committee provide to the Trust comment on the draft 2019/20 Statement of Intent content.

The motion was put and carried

7. Lake Taupō Monitoring report - Compliance with Resource Consents

The Manager of Farming and Maritime Services (N Botherway) provided a verbal report which noted that there were 36 live resource consents though none were considered as significantly non-compliant. Members were happy with the information provided and had no further questions.

LTJC19/06

Moved By Cr K White

Seconded By Cr R Jollands

RESOLVED

THAT the report 'Lake Taupō Monitoring report - Compliance with Resource Consents - Verbal update' (Doc#13879771 dated 28 February 2019) be received.

The motion was put and carried

8. Lake Taupō Protection Project communications plan annual report

The Manager of Upper Waikato/Taupō (A McLeod) presented this report, on behalf of Communications Advisor (W Valois) that provided an annual update on the communications plan.

During discussion, the following was noted:

- Staff referred the Joint Committee to the attached Communications plan table on pages 30 – 34 of the Agenda pack for their information.
- Discussions on the proposed education kit and children's book ensued. The main emphasis was to seek the views of the Officials and to think about relevant platforms and social media outlets in order to appeal to school aged children. Taupō District Councillors would see what assistance they could offer to these projects.

LTJC19/07

Moved By Cr J Williamson

Seconded By Cr K White

RESOLVED

THAT the report 'Lake Taupō Protection Project communications plan annual report' (Doc#13817666 dated 20 February 2019) be received.

The motion was put and carried

9. Regional Plan Review - Verbal update

Principal Strategic Advisor (U Trebilco) presented the report via teleconference. A verbal update was provided and the following was noted during discussions:

- The Regional Governance Committee had been populated but was not yet fully established.
- AgFirst had been contracted for research on the nitrogen caps on Taupō farmers.
- It was understood that the work load was now bigger than expected.
- An important note was in regards to the December 2020 notification of the plan change in the Taupō district. This was moved to May/June 2021.
- The project group would make the call on when and how notification in Taupō occurs.
- The Joint Committee noted that the Issues/Options paper was available for distribution to them and that they would like to have it circulated to them. Staff highlighted that this was by all intents and purposes a draft.

LTJC19/08

Moved By Cr R Jollands

Seconded By Cr K White

RESOLVED

THAT the report 'Regional Plan Review - Verbal update' (Doc#13810651 dated 15 February 2019) be received.

The motion was put and carried

10. Lake Taupō Protection Project Key Milestones 2018-2021 update

The Manager of Upper Waikato/Taupō (A McLeod) presented this report which provided an update on progress with the key milestones to be achieved over the next three years.

During discussion the following was noted:

- Today's meeting was a milestone in that the Transition principles were bought before the Joint Committee.
- In relation to the Regional Plan Review on page 40 of the Agenda pack, staff reiterated that the draft version of the Issues/Options paper was available and would circulate within the Joint Committee for comment.

LTJC19/09

Moved By L-K Petersen

Seconded By Cr J Williamson

RESOLVED

THAT the report 'Lake Taupō Protection Project Key Milestones 2018 - 2021 update (Doc#13809591 dated 15 February 2019) be received.

The motion was put and carried

SECTION B (FOR RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL)**11. Transition Principles for the Lake Taupō Protection Project**

The Manager of Upper Waikato/Taupō (A McLeod) presented this report which recommended that the partners adopt the draft transition principles for the Lake Taupō Protection Project. The report was taken as read and members had no further question.

LTJC19/10

Moved By Cr K White

Seconded By Cr K Jollands

RESOLVED

THAT the report 'Transition Principles for the Lake Taupō Protection Project' (Doc#13714197 dated 4 February 2019) be received; and

RECOMMENDED

THAT the Lake Taupō Protection Project Joint Committee recommends:

- a) In accordance with Variation Number 3 to the Project Agreement, Waikato Regional Council and Taupō District Council approve and adopt the transition principles for the long-term management of the nitrogen reduction agreements, as set out in the report 'Transition Principles for the Lake Taupō Protection Project'.**
- b) The Tūwharetoa Maori Trust Board be invited to approve and adopt the Transition Principles for the Lake Taupō Protection Project.**

The motion was put and carried

SECTION A: UNDER DELEGATION FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL**12. Resolutions to Exclude the Public**

Return to Open Meeting at 11.36am.

Meeting closed with a karakia at 11.55am.

LTJC19/11

Moved By Cr K Jollands

Seconded By Cr J Williamson

Recommended that the public be excluded from the following part/s of the meeting:

Item Name: Public Excluded Minutes of 30 November 2019

Item Name: Update on monitoring of LTPT Nitrogen reduction agreements - remedial planting requirements.

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:

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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 Name: Public Excluded Minutes of 30 November 2019

- Maintain legal professional privilege (Section 7(2)(g))
- Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) (Section 7(2)(i))

Item Name: Update on monitoring of LTPT Nitrogen reduction agreements - remedial planting requirements.

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

The motion was put and carried

12.1 Public Excluded Minutes of the previous meeting

12.2 Update on monitoring of LTPT Nitrogen reduction agreements - remedial planting requirements

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