Waikato Regional Council

Council

OPEN MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, 30 April, 2019, 10:30 am
Location: Council Chamber
Waikato Regional Council
401 Grey Street
Hamilton East

Members Present: Cr T Mahuta - Deputy Chair
Cr J Hayman
Cr J Hennebry
Cr K Hodge
Cr S Husband
Cr S Kneebone
Cr F Lichtwark
Cr D Minogue
Cr B Quayle
Cr R Rimmington
Cr B Simcock
Cr H Vercoe
Cr K White

Staff Present: V Payne - Chief Executive Officer
C McLay - Director Resource Use
C Crickett - Director Integrated Catchment Management
J Becker – Chief Financial Officer
N Williams - Director Community and Services
J Cox – Team Leader Democracy Services
1. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cr Alan Livingston.

**WRC19/67**

**Moved by:** Cr B Quayle  
**Seconded by:** Cr J Hayman

**THAT the apologies of Cr Livingston be accepted.**  

The motion was put and carried

2. **Confirmation of Agenda**

Cr Rimmington requested the late inclusion of a discussion for a decision on Council’s position with regard to the impact of the upcoming Employment Relations Act changes to Public Transport and the MOU being signed between central government, and representatives of the drivers unions and local government.

Members agreed with the inclusion of this item at 6.4.

**WRC19/68**

**Moved by:** Cr R Rimmington  
**Seconded by:** Cr F Lichtwark

**THAT the agenda of the meeting of the Waikato Regional Council of 30 April 2019, as circulated, be confirmed as the business for the meeting noting the inclusion at Item 6.4 Council’s position regarding changes to the Employment Relations Act with respect to Public Transport.**  

The motion was put and carried

3. **Disclosures of Interest**

There were no disclosures of interest for the meeting.

4. **Confirmation of Minutes**

4.1 **Council Minutes - 28 March 2019**

Minutes of the meeting held on 28 March 2019

Matters for correctness noted were:

Cr White noted a correction within Item 8.3. The resolutions indicated that the alternate members were Crs Livingston and Kneebone, however members noted that the alternates were Crs Livingston and Mahuta. This required a correction to resolution WRC19/58 to reflect Cr Mahuta as the alternate.
Cr Hayman noted that her amendment within Item 8.3 had not been to the whole resolution (recommendations 1 to 5) but had been to simply amend the appointment of herself as the Waikato District representative and replace her name with Cr Lichtwark. It was confirmed the amendment would be appropriately amended to reflect that change.

With no further corrections the minutes were confirmed as a true and correct record.

**WRC19/69**

**Moved by:** Cr B Quayle  
**Seconded by:** Cr F Lichtwark

**THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting of 28 March 2019 be approved as a true and correct record noting the correction within WRC19/58 to confirm Cr Mahuta as second alternate member for the Healthy Environments Committee.**

The motion was put and carried

5. **Committees Reporting to Council**

5.1 **Nga Wai O Waipa Co-Governance Forum**

Minutes of the meeting held on 21 February 2019 were presented.

Cr Kneebone noted he is shown as present and as an apology, and Cr Hodge noted she was not a member on that committee however her details were recorded as an apology.

The corrections as noted would be made to the minutes.

The minutes (Doc #13871151) to be attached as Appendix 1.

**WRC19/70**

**Moved by:** Cr S Kneebone  
**Seconded by:** Cr B Simcock

**THAT the minutes of the Ngā Wai o Waipā Co Governance Forum meeting held on 21 February 2019 be received.**

The motion was put and carried

5.2 **Tuwharetoa Maori Trust Board & Waikato Regional Council Co-Governance Committee**

Minutes of the meeting held on 27 February 2019 were presented.
Members noted that at the meeting Tuwharetoa did note that they too were looking for efficiencies. They would like to continue the discussion about the discussion with the Crown and the ongoing cost of treaty settlements. They had indicated they were seeking further information about Council’s estimation of the costs and whether they were an accurate reflection of the work.

Minutes (Doc#13908675) attached as Appendix 2.

WRC19/71
Moved by: Cr T Mahuta
Seconded by: Cr B Simcock

THAT the minutes of the Tuwharetoa Maori Trust Board and Waikato Regional Council Co Governance meeting held on 27 February be received.

The motion was put and carried

5.3 Te Arawa River Iwi Trust & Waikato Regional Council Co-Governance Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 14 March 2019 were presented.

During questions, answers and related discussion the following points were noted:

- Page 84 of the agenda (Page 3 of the committee’s minutes) referred to the Mercury Consent Review, and a sought further clarity on that section of the minutes. In response it was noted that the members had raised their concerns at a previous meeting that they had not been involved within the consent review process so the discussion within the meeting had related to how to appropriately involve stakeholders in that process, how council do involve stakeholders and a suggestion to Mercury that it may be in their interest to include a similar level of engagement within their processes.

The Minutes (Doc#14000811) to be attached as Appendix 3.

WRC19/72
Moved by: Cr K White
Seconded by: Cr K Hodge

THAT the minutes of the Te Arawa River Iwi Trust and Waikato Regional Council Co-Governance Committee meeting held on 14 March 2019 be received.

The motion was put and carried

5.4 Hamilton Public Transport Joint Committee

Minutes of the meeting held 15 March 2019 were presented.
Members were provided with a brief update on the matters discussed within the meeting from the Chair Cr Rimmington. He noted for members that the new bus service The Comet had been running since 1 April 2019 and an update on patronage and the uptake of the service would be provided to the next Joint Committee meeting.

The Minutes (Doc #14002308) to be attached as Appendix 4.

WRC19/73
Moved by: Cr R Rimmington
Seconded by: Cr H Vercoe

THAT the minutes of the Hamilton Public Transport Joint Committee meeting held on 15 March 2019 be received.

The motion was put and carried

5.5 Waikato Plan Leadership Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 25 March 2019 were presented.

During questions, answers and related discussion the following points were noted:

- A member questioned what assurance council was getting value for money in terms of the time and funds spent on these meetings. It was noted that the meeting minutes recorded that the meeting had lasted less than an hour and had been held at an offsite venue which would have come at cost. Members were advised that the meeting had been held in the off site location and had followed a facilitated workshop session that had commenced at 9.00am. Included in the workshop were the members of the committee and a number of extra stakeholders.

- The Waikato Local Authority Shared Services (LASS) ensured that council only paid a portion of the cost of the meetings.

- A member noted it would be helpful to see clearly the gains that were being made within the forum. Members were advised that information would be reported to them through the Strategy and Policy Committee.

- There had been a regional housing stock take undertaken and there was good buy in from a range of sectors on this report. It was recognised that this was a key issue for our communities and filled a gap that no other local government entity had filled.

- Members noted that it might be appropriate to consider including options for teleconference facilities to provide potentially cheaper options for holding meetings, as opposed to paying for offsite facilities. It was noted for member that council could consider this option when decisions were being made to determine the committee structure.
• A member noted the request from Te Waka for more funding to process more applications for the Provincial Growth Fund and had been challenged to seek funding through the commercial sector. The member asked if they had been facing any challenges with achieving funding through the commercial sector and was advised that there had been no indication at the time of the meeting of where the sector was at and what the challenges were that they were facing from the sector.

The Minutes (Doc # 1462008) attached as Appendix 5.

WRC19/74
Moved by: Cr K Hodge
Seconded by: Cr H Vercoe

THAT the minutes of the Waikato Plan Leadership Committee meeting held on 25 March 2019 be received.

The motion was put and carried

5.6 Future Proof Implementation Committee

Minutes of the meeting held 25 March 2019 were presented.

During questions, answers and related discussion the following was noted:

• members noted similar concerns around wanting to understand the efficiencies of the committee and where they were in the strategy and what the financial impact for council was to date. Members were advised that these matters would be reported through the Strategy and Policy Committee.

WRC19/75
Moved by: Cr T Mahuta
Seconded by: Cr B Simcock

THAT the minutes of the Future Proof Implementation Committee meeting held on 25 March 2019 be received.

The motion was put and carried

5.7 Regional Transport Committee

Minutes of the meeting held 1 April 2019 were presented.

Cr Vercoe spoke to the minutes, noting the conversation had around the NZ Transport Agency and the protection that the network receives from flooding. The meeting had been a short meeting and was followed by a workshop looking at speed management plans.
The change in priority for the committee came from discussions within the committee in 2018 noting the concerns of the district councils and the issues they had reducing speed limits on rural roads. At that time the response from the minister had been to acknowledge the concerns but there was no further action. The emphasis for central government seems to have changed and there is a review of speeds on state highways.

NZTA have been looking across the state highway network and safety is measured based on whether the road is two lane or four lane, has a median barrier and road side protection. This has included some suggestion that State Highway 3 may be decreased from 100km/hr to 80km/hr based on the modelling for safe speeds on this road.

Members acknowledged the concerns that there would be an economic impact of a decision like that. However it would also mean that by default the speed of the rural feeder roads would have to be reviewed and lowered as it was inappropriate for a feeder road to be at a higher speed than a state highway.

During questions, answers and related discussion the following was noted:

- members noted concern that the focus for the committee was only speed and felt that there were other causes that should be part of the focus. In response it was noted that while speed made up 24% of the fatalities and serious accidents, it was the first of the factors to be able to be addressed. It was acknowledged that impairment, distraction, drug and alcohol, driver ability and the state of the vehicle were also contributing factors towards many of the fatalities.

- A member noted that the committee had a non-voting member in the Waikato Road Policing Manager and asked whether there had been consideration to expanding the membership to include the Fire and Emergency Services or other sectors. Each Regional council is required to establish a Regional Transport Committee and its membership is set by legislation with one representative from each territorial authority, NZ Police and New Zealand Transport Agency. Members of council were welcome to attend the meeting, but unlike other standing committees of council did not have automatic speaking rights at the committee.

- A member noted concern about the series of fatal accidents near Atiamuri and noted that the area was a known black spot and concerns had been raised with NZTA for the past few years. There is a continual presence of speed restriction signs and cones, but it is clear that there has been no work happening for some time. The member noted they would like to ensure that the NZTA regarded the stretch of road as a priority. It was acknowledged that the crash was to be fully investigated and the report would be provided to the committee. Once the investigation reveals the reasons for the crash the committee would be able to make a decision on the priorities for the committee and for the area.
• A member noted concern that if speeds on rural roads were to be reduced, it wouldn't work unless it was going to be appropriately policed. It was acknowledged that the priorities for the Road Policing Manager was fatalities and serious injuries and there was not the man power within the Waikato Police to enforce lower limits.

• Members noted concern that people still get killed on 80km/hr roads and that there may still be resistance from the public to the lowering of the speed limits, and people ignoring the speed limits as there may be the perception that it wouldn’t be policed anyway.

• Within the committee had been further discussion that speed limits around schools may be lowered including in urban areas like Hamilton to 30km/hr during the assigned times.

Cr Lichtwark noted that he had been in attendance at the meeting and requested that this be recorded.

The Minutes (Doc # 14052128) to be attached as Appendix 6.

WRC19/75

Moved by: Cr H Vercoe
Seconded by: Cr K White

That the minutes of the Regional Transport Committee meeting held on 1 April 2019 be received.

The motion was put and carried

5.8 Integrated Catchment Management Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 10 April 2019 were presented.

Cr Kneebone spoke to the minutes of the meeting and noted that the general work programme and forecast for budgets were on track. There were concerns raised by some within the Lower Waikato Catchment Committee that projects weren't being planned in advance sufficiently which meant work could face delays due to weather and those delays would increase the overall cost of the works. This matter had been left on the table as an item for further discussion.

All of the catchment committees would be invited to consider a preferred level of operational reserves appropriate for their zones.

During questions, answers and related discussion the following points were noted:

• the marine pest discussion document had been presented to the catchment committees and a member asked whether there had been any questions or discussion, particularly in relation to whether marine biosecurity was the work of the government and not the council. In response it was noted that it had been
explained to the committees that the discussion document was a joint initiative of a number of councils, was a consultation process and that there had been no extreme views expressed either way.

- a member spoke to the decision of the Committee ICM19/33 and noted that it had related to a recommendation coming out of the Franklin Waikato Drainage Advisory Subcommittee. The Integrated Catchment Management Committee had discussed the recommendation and had discussed the meaning of the wording as it had been presented. The Committee had determined rather than to dismiss the recommendation or return it to the subcommittee, noting the lengthy delay this would take, instead had drafted an amended version of the recommendation. The redrafted version still reflected the intention of the subcommittee, and ensured that it was not ultra vires for council.

Cr Husband noted concern that the matter had been presented to council as an amendment, and that the matter should have been returned for discussion with the subcommittee. Cr Husband proposed a procedural motion that the matter be left to lie on the table and returned to the Subcommittee. Cr Kneebone agreed to the matter being left to lie.

Cr Husband moved/Cr Kneebone seconded

**Procedural Motion**

*That the recommendation ICM19/33 "THAT staff consider opportunity to simplify the process for planning resource consents and speeding up decision making and bringing down costs" - be left to lie on the table for discussion with the Franklin Waikato Drainage Advisory Subcommittee.*

Discussion ensued for and against the procedural motion. Speaking for the motion it was noted that the chair of the subcommittee had not been present at the committee meeting and it would have been appropriate to amend recommendations with the chair present.

Speaking against the motion it was highlighted that the matter had been thoroughly discussed within the committee prior to the amended wording being proposed as a recommendation from the committee. As the subcommittee did not meet again until September it would be more than five months before the matter could be considered again. It was a technical adjustment that had been made by the committee. This was the same process as had been followed by the committee previously to assist council in their decision making

Members noted that the catchment committees and drainage advisory subcommittee would benefit from some further induction and education of the terms of reference for their committees to ensure they had appropriate understanding of their role. There was a need for the Democracy Advisor at those meetings to ensure clear advice was provided and considered when the committees were making recommendations. Upon reviewing the recommendation the CE advised he had no
concern with the proposed recommendation as it had been raised by the Integrated Catchment Management Committee.

Cr Husband withdrew the procedural motion.

Cr White noted her objection to the recommendation ICM19/28. The objection was that the wording should have included for clarity the term "various options" and not just the herpes virus.

Cr Simcock out of the meeting at 12.12pm.

The Minutes (Doc # 14116693) attached as Appendix 7.

WRC19/77

Moved by: Cr S Kneebone
Seconded by: Cr S Husband

That the minutes of the Integrated Catchment Management Committee meeting held on 10 April 2019 be received.

That the section A decisions be noted.

That the section B recommendations be adopted.

ICM19/20 - Approach to the Management of Integrated Catchment Management Reserves:

That the Committee request that each Catchment Committee and Land Drainage Sub-Committee consider the matters raised by this report and provide to this Committee their views on the management of their respective operational reserve, including those matters as identified as follows:

- The maximum operational reserve balance that should be allowed for (beyond which the balance will be proactively drawn down to fund planned or accelerated operational activities).

- The maximum operational reserve deficit that should be permitted (beyond which the balance will be proactively recovered through, for example, adjustments as part of the development of a Long Term Plan) or allocation of annual operational funds.

- The use of zone operational reserves to spread the funding of certain activities that are planned to occur periodically (e.g. the accumulation of funding for 10-yearly scheme reviews evenly over the preceding 10-year period, as is the current approach).

- The use of zone operational reserves for other purposes (e.g. the management of operational work programme risk, such as the provision of self-insurance where no other mechanism is provided for).

- Any other matters relevant to the zone.
ICM19/22 Amendment of Asset Management Policy - Flood Protection, River Management and Land Drainage Infrastructure Assets

THAT the amended Asset Management Policy (Doc #14042813) – flood protection, river management and land drainage infrastructural assets be recommended to council for adoption and that this incorporate direct reference to relevant national codes of practice where these exist.

The motion was put and carried

WRC19/78

Moved by: Cr S Kneebone
Seconded by: Cr S Husband

That the Section B recommendations from the Catchment Committees be adopted.

ICM19/27 Lower Waikato Catchment Committee 20 February

THAT the following recommendation contained in Section B of the report be endorsed:

Item 13: Dam Safety Management System - Update on Progress THAT the proposed increase to the Annual Plan budget for operational costs of $23,970 (each year) for the Mangawara Flood Protection area for the 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22 financial years, as outlined in the Dam Safety Report, be included.

ICM19/28 Lower Waikato Catchment Committee February

Item 9 Issues and Actions from the Previous Meeting

THAT the Waikato Regional Council lobby the Department of Conservation and other central government agencies on the need to lead the investigation on the release of the herpes virus to eradicate Koi carp.

ICM19/32 Franklin Waikato Drainage Advisory Sub Committee 11 March 2109

Item 10: Works Status Report - 1 November 2018 to 31 January 2019

1. That staff be requested to investigate and report back to the Committee on the findings, options and outcomes with respect to:

   a. what type/s of chemicals are approved/available for use in drain weed spraying programmes to replace the current chemicals that have not proven to be effective;

   b. the current legislative requirements for agrichemical user certification to confirm who needs to hold the appropriate certified handler accreditation; and

   c. the operating practices being used to optimise the weather/wind conditions spraying ‘window’ available within any applicable rules and/or guidelines.

Item 14: Members Report - March 2019
1. That staff provide a breakdown of what it costs to hold a Franklin Waikato Drainage Advisory Subcommittee meeting.

2. That the Franklin Waikato Drainage Advisory Subcommittee requests that the Waikato Regional Council:
   a. Communicates with other Regional Councils and central Government on the need to reform the Resource Management Act so that it does not place New Zealand’s Drainage Districts with unsustainable cost increases.

ICM19/33

THAT staff consider opportunity to simplify the process for planning resource consents and speeding up decision making and bringing down costs.

ICM19/34 Coromandel Catchment Committee 12 March 2019

THAT the recommendations contained in Section B of the report for the 16 November 2018 Coromandel Catchment Committee be endorsed - being:

Item: Finance and Reserve Management Report

THAT the Coromandel Catchment Committee support the increase across the Coromandel Zone River Management and Improvement contracted services budgets of $80,000 from the Coromandel Zone Operating Reserve for the Annual Plan 2019/20 year.

1. That the Coromandel Catchment Committee support the Coromandel Operating Reserve to be managed to a target range of between $200,000 and $300,000, until such time that Council provides further guidance.

Item: Coromandel Flood Protection Scheme Review Service Level Report

1. THAT service levels for each major stop bank and flood wall within the Coromandel flood protection scheme are adopted (refer Figure 5.3 to 5.5 of the attached document).

2. THAT the Coromandel flood protection scheme design standard is formalised for the current design freeboard of 0.50 m be retained for the stop banks and flood wall.

3. THAT a gauging station be installed in the Coromandel flood protection scheme catchment.

Item: Harbour and Catchment Management Plan Step Changes

1. THAT the Coromandel Catchment Committee approve the transfer of $150,000 from the Coromandel Zone Reserve to the Coromandel Zone budgets to implement the HCMP Step-Changes for Wentworth, Wharekawa and Otahu River Catchments projects.

ICM19/36 Waihou Piako Catchment Committee 18 March 2019

THAT the recommendations contained in Section B of the report be endorsed - being:
Item 8: Issues and Actions from the Previous Meeting

THAT the Waihou Piako Catchment Committee recommends to the Council that the buildings owned by the Waikato Regional Council at the Paeroa Maritime Park (licence area W117), be transferred to the Paeroa Maritime Park.

Item 14: Operational Agreement for Scheme Assets

THAT the Waihou Piako Catchment Committee recommend to Council that the proposed Operational Agreement between Waikato Regional Council and Hauraki District Council for Scheme Assets (Doc #11739829) for signing, without amendments.

Item 17: Upcoming Agenda Items

THAT the Waihou Piako Catchment Committee recommends that the Waikato Regional Council declare Koi Carp a pest throughout the Waikato region.

ICM19/41 Central Waikato Catchment Committee 27 March 2019

THAT the recommendations contained in Section B of the report be endorsed - being:

Item 7: Central Waikato Zone Status Report

THAT staff prepare a report for the next Central Waikato Catchment Committee to provide oversight of how drainage is managed throughout the region and the issues arising as a result of the areas which are not currently managed by Council.

Item 11: Central Waikato Catchment - Te Awa Lakes development Alligator Weed biosecurity restriction

1. THAT when the economic impact assessment determining the costs of Alligator weed is received from the New Zealand Institute of Innovation Research by staff, council then use this as a leverage tool and advocate to central government for support to manage Alligator weed at a national, regional and local level; and

2. THAT staff present the Alligator Weed presentation presented at the 27 March 2019 Central Waikato Catchment Committee to the upcoming Waikato Central Drainage Advisory Subcommittee Meeting; and

3. THAT staff present the Alligator Weed presentation presented at the 27 March 2019 Central Waikato Catchment Committee to the upcoming Mayoral Forum

4. THAT staff investigate options for implementing Mayor King’s recommendation to implement a region wide rate to fund works to safeguard future generations against Alligator weed spread and its implications.

The motion was put and carried
Cr White voted against the motion (ICM19/28).

6. Ordinary Business

During questions, answers and related discussion had by the Council the following points were noted:
6.1 Health & Safety

To report on the monthly health and safety council dashboard and any other topics regarding health and safety of relevance to Council.

The report was presented by the Manager People and Capability (N Ollington). The highlights of the report were covered for members.

Cr Simcock in the meeting at 12.15pm.

During questions, answers and related discussion the following points were discussed:

- A member noted interest in the level of health and safety protection that was offered to elected members while working in the community. In response an EGIS device has been provided for the use of elected members noting that when used the SOS function ensures that a call goes through to a monitored call centre. Mr Ollington noted he was more than happy to work through with elected members ideas to support them, such as training that is offered to staff around de-escalation.

- Members noted that as an elected member they were technically self employed and as their own PCBU were responsible for their health and safety. A member noted that the welfare and culture of staff must marry up to the welfare and culture of the elected members.

- Members confirmed their understanding that the Domestic Violence leave referred to in the report related to staff and their personal lives.

- A member noted that they would have expected council would be provided with the kind of health and safety information relating to contractors. In response it was noted that council’s obligation was to make sure they had systems and processes in place and to monitor the contractors from that perspective. There would be a level of privacy obligations that would bind council to an extent.

- A member asked how incorrect fuel in a vehicle related to health and safety. In response it was noted that the event was a record of property damage and the Vault system recorded all matters.

WRC19/79
Moved by: Cr T Mahuta
Seconded by: Cr S Husband

THAT the "Health and Safety Council Report - March 2019" report (Doc #14050538) dated 8 April 2019 be received.

The motion was put and carried

6.2 Local Government New Zealand Conference 2019 Attendance
To seek confirmation of council attendance at the 2019 Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) Conference and representation at the Annual General Meeting in July 2019.

The report was taken as read by the members.

Members discussed the merits of those that had not attended in the past attending the conference.

Crs Lichtwark, Quayle, Minogue and Vercoe were identified as wanting to attend the conference. Cr Husband indicated his interest in attending however noted that he had other conflicts with the dates of the conference that would prevent his attendance.

Cr Quayle was nominated as the alternate presiding delegate for Cr Livingston at the Annual General Meeting.

WRC19/80

Moved by: Cr B Simcock
Seconded by: Cr T Mahuta

1. THAT the report ‘Local Government New Zealand Conference 2019 Attendance’ (Council meeting 30 April 2019) be received, and

2. THAT council confirms the following councillors to attend the 2019 LGNZ Conference:
   
   Cr Alan Livingston
   
   Cr Lichtwark
   
   Cr Quayle
   
   Cr Minogue
   
   Cr Vercoe

3. THAT council confirms the following councillors as its delegates for the Annual General Meeting:
   
   Cr Alan Livingston as the presiding delegate,
   
   Cr Quayle as the alternate presiding delegate
   
   Cr Lichtwark as a delegate
   
   Cr Minogue as a delegate
   
   Cr Vercoe as a delegate.

   The motion was put and carried

6.3 Hamilton to Auckland Corridor Plan
To provide an update on the Hamilton to Auckland Corridor Plan (H2A) and the expanded Future Proof partnerships arrangements.

The report was presented by the Manager Integration and Infrastructure (M Tamura).

Cr Husband out of the meeting at 12.28pm.

During questions, answers and related discussion the following points were noted:

• A member asked whether the plan had a focus on the Hamilton to Auckland proposed passenger rail services. In response members were advised that the plan was closely related with the passenger rail service, and that both the start-up service and investigation into a rapid rail service are projects within the wider programme – but also subject to their own independent business case processes.

• A member asked why there would be work undertaken with regard to the waters investigation when local government was still waiting on the government waters report. In response members were advised that the work being undertaken steered away from governance and ownership matters under the remit of the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) investigation. The work looked at the preferred technical solutions and what was best for the awa and what was best for the community. The officials involved in the DIA investigation were tied in to the 3-waters investigation and other corridor initiatives to avoid duplication.

• What was becoming evident to the neighbours and partners of Futureproof was that the region had areas that would be most specifically impacted with district and land use, and other areas who were impacted. These external councils were not interested in the whole programme but had an interest in those parts that do impact on their communities.

• The team of staff doing the modelling for the housing and population forecast for the Hamilton to Auckland Corridor Plan were the same team working on the modelling of the same information for the Waikato Plan. The advice of staff will be to rely on common forecasts and assumptions.

• Members noted the benefit in the alignment a plan such as this would make to the region and would ensure that private plan changes took in to account the corridor plan.

• A member noted concern that the corridor plan didn’t look far enough in to the hinterland and was too focussed on the urban view, and wondered whether the rural communities had a voice in this plan. There was an acknowledgement in the corridor and the parties to the plan had seen enthusiasm in those communities seeking to participate. The corridor plan was a subset of Futureproof that focussed on the whole districts of Future Proof Partners. Members noted it was the same governance group and same technical advisors for both the Corridor Plan and Future Proof.

Cr Husband in the meeting at 12.44pm.
Moved by: Cr H Vercoe
Seconded by: Cr S Kneebone

1. THAT the report Hamilton to Auckland Corridor Plan (Council 30 April 2019) be received.
2. THAT the programme of initiatives as outlined in Hei Awarua ki to Oranga, Corridor for Wellbeing: A statement of shared spatial intent for the Hamilton-Auckland Corridor (Doc #13799445) is endorsed.
3. THAT the Council note the decision of the Future Proof Implementation Committee meeting of 25 March 2018 regarding the corridor partnership, and endorse:
   a) the proposal for an ongoing partnership.
   b) the joint Hamilton to Auckland housing and urban growth programme of key initiatives.

The motion was put and carried

6.4 Impact on Changes to Employment Relations Act on provision of Public Transport Services

A report was tabled for the benefit of members "Impact on Changes to Employment Relations Act on provision of Public Transport Services" Doc # 14187792.

Cr Rimmington spoke to the matters contained within the tabled item.

During questions, answers and related discussion the following points were noted:

- The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was being signed by the parties today - 30 April 2019.
- Council had the benefit of good will with the drivers following the strike. Through the MOU it would mean that an integrated approach to compliance with the new Employment Relations Act requirements for breaks as well as addressing driver wages and conditions would be taken.
- The MOU was being signed on behalf of Council by our representative, Greg Campbell (Chief Executive of Greater Wellington Regional Council). It provided a way for council to ensure implementation of changes to public transport services to give effect to the new Employment Relations Act conditions within 12 months in a manner that would minimise any potential disruption to services.
- Council were requested to acknowledge that there would be a funding impact through the proposed recommendation.
- The strength of the MOU was that NZTA were, as a funding agency, also a signatory. The cost to operators would ultimately pass to councils and the ratepayers, but the quantum of that actual cost would depend on what options council considered when looking for cost efficiencies.
- The MOU provided a steering group to work through the issues nationally.
- The MOU was a commitment to enter into discussions around costs, including seeking assurances that costs have been minimised. The recommendation did not commit council to meeting costs.
- The decisions on route changes and rates impact would be a local decision and each region will take their own appropriate actions. The impact would be on Hamilton ratepayers. One way to reduce the costs would be to reduce services.
- Waikato Region needed only to negotiate with one company where as other regions needed to work through these matters with up to three service providers.

Cr Minogue proposed an amendment to the recommendation from staff:

THAT council agrees to participate in the process to address the issues associated with the implementation of changes to the Employment Relations Act in relation to the provision of Public Transport services.

Cr White seconded the amendment.

**Original motion**

Moved by: Cr R Rimmington  
Seconded by: Cr B Quayle

THAT Council endorse the approach being taken to addressing the issues associated with the implementation of changes to the Employment Relations Act in relation to the provision of Public Transport Services.

**Amendment:**

WRC19/82  
**Moved by:** Cr D Minogue  
**Seconded by:** Cr K White

THAT council agrees to participate in the process to address the issues associated with the implementation of changes to the Employment Relations Act in relation to the provision of Public Transport services.

**The motion was carried**

In putting the motion a division was called, and results were recorded as:

For: Crs Minogue, Simcock, Hennebry, Hayman, White, Hodge and Mahuta.

Against: Crs Rimmington, Vercoe, Quayle, Kneebone, Lichtwark and Husband.

**Substantive Motion**

WRC19/83  
**Moved by:** Cr D Minogue  
**Seconded by:** Cr K White
THAT council agrees to participate in the process to address the issues associated with the implementation of changes to the Employment Relations Act in relation to the provision of Public Transport services.

The motion was put and carried on a show of hands

7. **Public Excluded Section**

The reasons to exclude the public were considered and the members of the public were asked to leave the meeting.

WRC19/84

Moved by: Cr B Simcock
Seconded by: Cr R Rimmington

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

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:

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: Minutes of Council 28 March 2019**

- Maintenance of the law and the right to a fair trial (Section 6(a)).
- Protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons (Section 7(2)(a))
- 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))
- In the case only of an application for a resource consent, or water conservation order, or a requirement for a designation or heritage order, under the Resource Management Act 1991, to avoid serious offence to Tikanga Māori, or to avoid the disclosure of the location of waahi tapu (Section 7(2)(ba))
• Protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information -

(i) would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied; or

(ii) would be likely otherwise to damage the public interest (Section 7(2)(c))

• Avoid prejudice to measures that prevent or mitigate material loss to members of the public (Section 7(2)(e))

• Maintain legal professional privilege (Section 7(2)(g))

• Enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities (Section 7(2)(h))

• Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) (Section 7(2)(i))

• Prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage (Section 7(2)(j))

Item Name: Integrated Catchment Management Committee – 10 April 2019

• Protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons (S7(2)(a)); and

• Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) (Section 7(2)(i))

• Avoid prejudice to the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation and detection of offences and the right to a fair trial (S6(a)); and

• Protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information (S7(2)(b)(ii)).

Item Name: Contract Extensions for Independent Appointees to Audit and Risk Committee

• Protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons (S7(a)).

Item Name: Connect 2020 Fitout Contract Tender

• Protect information where the making available of the information 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)(ii);

• Enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities – section 7(2)(h); and
• 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: Lake Taupo Protection Project Joint Committee – 11 March 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)).

• Protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons (section
7(2)(a)).

**Item Name : Lake Taupo Protection Project Joint Committee – Transition Principles**

• Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or
disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) (section
7(2)(i)).

**The motion was put and carried**

9. **Return to Open Meeting**

The meeting returned to open section at 2.22pm.

Crs Husband, Lichtwark and Vercoe had left the meeting at 2.06pm.

10. **Lake Taupo Protection Project Joint Committee**

Minutes of the meeting held on 11 March 2019 were presented.

Noting the recommendations contained within the minutes the members noted the options
that were presented to them.

Option 1 - Adopt the transition principles as proposed by the Lake Taupo Protection Project
Joint Committee

Option 2 - Not adopting the proposed Transition Principles and sending the recommendation
back to the Lake Taupo Protection Project Joint Committee for further work.

Option 3 - Leaving the recommendation lying on the table and writing to the Lake Taupo
Protection Project Joint committee to:

i. Acknowledge the value of the current partnership

ii. Seek clarification that the preference for a co-governance model with the current
partners does not preclude alternative arrangements in the future to provide for efficient,
effective and appropriate catchment/local governance.
iii. Clarify that when applying the principles and recommending a governance structure for the project, provision be made for regular reviews of the model to ensure that it is appropriate for the needs of the catchment and takes into account any changes in local relationships.

Some members noted they were uncomfortable with any of the options. Other members noted that option three, leaving the matter to lie on the table and returning it to an extraordinary meeting of the Joint Committee was appropriate and allowed for the committee to consider all the options.

The minutes (Doc# 14) attached as Appendix 7.

WRC19/92
Moved by: Cr B Simcock
Seconded by: Cr S Kneebone

THAT the minutes of the Lake Taupo Protection Project Joint Committee open meeting held on 11 March 2019 be received.

THAT council leave the Lake Taupo Protection Project Joint Committee's recommendation LTJC19/10 lying on the table; and

Option 3 - write to the Lake Taupo Protection Project Joint Committee to:

i. Acknowledge the value of the current partnership

ii. Seek clarification that the preference for a co-governance model with the current partners does not preclude alternative arrangements in the future to provide for efficient, effective and appropriate catchment/local governance.

iii. Clarify that when applying the principles and recommending a governance structure for the project, provision be made for regular reviews of the model to ensure that it is appropriate for the needs of the catchment and takes into account any changes in local relationships.

The motion was put and carried

Crs Minogue and Hennebry voted against the motion.

Meeting closed at 2.25pm.

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Chair
Waikato Regional Council

Ngā Wai o Waipā Co- Governance Forum

OPEN MINUTES

Date: Thursday, 21 February, 2019, 11.30 am
Location: Te Kopua Marae
213 Morgan Road
Pokuru
Te Awamutu

Members Present:
- Cr A Livingston (Co-Chair - Waikato Regional Council)
- Cr J Mylchreest (Deputy Co-Chair - Waipā District Council)
- B Mania (Deputy Co-Chair - Maniapoto Māori Trust Board)
- W Maag (Maniapoto Māori Trust Board)
- R Takerei (Maniapoto Māori Trust Board)
- D Wooster (Maniapoto Māori Trust Board)
- Mayor M Baxter (Otorohanga District Council)
- Mayor B Hanna (Waitomo District Council)
- Mayor A Sanson (Waikato District Council)

Others present:
- N Williams (Director, Community and Services, Waikato Regional Council)
- M Ahipene (Pou Tuhono, Tai Ranga Whenua, Waikato Regional Council)
- M Carey (Kaiwhakarite, Tai Ranga Whenua, Waikato Regional Council)
- G Dawson (Democracy Advisor, Waikato Regional Council)
- N Herangi (Maniapoto Māori Trust Board)
- W Tane (Maniapoto Māori Trust Board)
- G Ormsby (Maniapoto Māori Trust Board)
- H Denton ((Maniapoto Māori Trust Board)
1. **Karakia**
   
The Co-Chair (B Manaia) opened the meeting and welcomed the Co-Chair (A Livingston) and everyone present. He explained the processes and meeting procedures that would be used for the meeting.

2. **Apologies**
   
   Apologies were received from R Wi, and Cr S Kneebone.

   **NWOW19/1**
   **Moved by:** Cr J Mylchreest
   **Seconded by:** W Maag
   
   **RESOLVED**
   
   THAT the apologies from R Wi, and Cr S Kneebone be received.

   The motion was put and carried

3. **Confirmation of Agenda**
   
   No amendments were requested.

   **NWOW19/2**
   **Moved by:** W Maag
   **Seconded by:** Mayor M Baxter
   
   **RESOLVED**
   
   THAT the agenda of the meeting of the Ngā Wai o Waipā Co-Governance Forum of 21 February 2019, as circulated, be confirmed as the business for the meeting.

   The motion was put and carried

4. **Disclosures of Interest**
   
   There were no disclosures.

5. **Confirmation of Previous Minutes**
   
   There were no amendments to the minutes requested.
NWOW19/3

Moved by: Mayor B Hanna
Seconded by: Mayor M Baxter

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the Ngā Wai o Waipā Co-Governance Forum meeting of 3 August 2019 be received and approved as a true and correct record.

The motion was put and carried

6. Upper Waipā River Integrated Management Plan

This report provided an update on the development of the Upper Waipā River Integrated Management Plan.

The Co-Chair (B Manaia) introduced the Project Advisor, Whanake Taiao Team (G Ormsby) and invited him to introduce the Upper Waipā River Integrated Management Plan. The Plan was explained in the context of the overarching scope and long-term aims, along with the approach that had been used to develop the Plan.

It was noted that the Plan was provided for in Ngā Wai o Maniapoto (Waipā River) Act 2012. It was emphasised that the purpose of the Plan was to provide the strategic context and framework for the prioritisation and coordination of activities. The aim was to deliver an integrated and sustainable approach to the management of aquatic life, habitats and natural resources in the Upper Waipā catchment area.

The legislative and operational context of the Plan was explained. There was a need for engagement with all agencies to achieve the desired outcomes outlined in the Plan in a meaningful way.

The existing management plans and attempts to work with other agencies was discussed. It was noted that there was a need for all agencies or organisations that implement other plans to do so in a co-ordinated manner and to a standard that enabled the effective performance of the wider operational context.

The application of Te Ao Māori and customary rights in the use of natural and/or physical resources was discussed. It was noted that there were statutory mechanisms that already allow for customary rights to be exercised.

Following the presentation, other territorial authorities were invited to make presentations on the Plan and other matters. They appeared in the following order. The full PowerPoint presentations had been made available on the Waikato Regional Council public website. These were presented.

Waitomo District Council

This presentation was delivered by the Mayor of Waitomo District Council (B Hanna). The presenter discussed the District Plan Review and the related matters of customary rights, Plan Change one, and the permitted and consented activities that apply to Māori freehold land.
Waikato Regional Council

This presentation was delivered by the Policy Advisor, Policy Implementation (M Vare). The presenter discussed the Local Indigenous Biodiversity Strategy, highlighting the value that a holistic world view approach such as Te Ao Māori provided to the overall effectiveness of planning and implementation. It was emphasised that a collaborative approach was important between all the parties that were involved directly and indirectly.

Joint Management Agreement Update from the Chair of Waikato Regional Council – Cr A Livingston

This presentation was delivered by the Co-Chair (A Livingston). It was noted that there are ongoing resourcing and funding issues related to the implementation of Crown settlements. He noted that there is ongoing discussions with central government on the ability of local government to deliver was set down in settlements. The need to have adequate funding and resourcing to deliver was emphasised and vital to meeting those promises (verbal report only).

Waikato District Council

This report was presented by the Mayor of the Waikato District Council (A Sanson) and supporting staff. The presentation discussed how Waikato District Council was working to make Māori freehold land more productive through reforms in approaches to general land use, including for construction of papakainga developments. The identification and preservation of sites of cultural and historical significance throughout the District was also discussed.

Waipā District Council

This report was presented by Tony Roxburgh (Manager Waipā Heritage & Museum). In this presentation the Te Ara Heritage Centre project was discussed, which included matters related to the construction timeframes and the use of the facility once it was opened. Work programmes, which involved the Lake Ngaroto catchment and the Sainsbury Road project work programme was also discussed.

W Magg and Mayor Hanna left the meeting at out 1.11pm

Mayor Sanson left the meeting 1.15pm

Otorohunga District Council

This report was presented by the Mayor of the Otorohanga District Council (M Baxter). He noted that a new Chief Executive Officer had started, adding that the new appointee was eager for the Council to develop in the area of co-governance. The need for quality water and a proactive approach to ensure that catchments are cared for to prevent further degradation was discussed. He updated those present on the progress to date of the cycleway project, and thanked the Marae for hosting the meeting (verbal report only).
NWOW19/4

Moved by: Co-Chair Cr A Livingston
Seconded by: Co-Chair B Mania

RESOLVED

THAT the report "Upper Waipā River Integrated Management Plan" (doc # 13725796 dated 7 February 2019) be received.

The motion was put and carried

Closing Statements by the Co-Chairs

Co-Chair – Cr A Livingston

The Co-Chair (Cr A Livingston) thanked everyone who had helped make the day a success and the people of the Marae for hosting the meeting. He emphasised the importance of a proactive approach to care and maintenance of the environment of the area. Finally, he thanked the speakers and the work they had produced and what it had achieved to date.

Co-Chair B Mania

The Co-Chair (B Mania) reflected on the cultural value and support that the Marae offered its people and the wider community, along with the role that the Marae would have in the future in the area of environmental management. Finally, he thanked those that made the day possible and for the hospitality extended to everyone present.

The meeting closed with a mihi and karakia.

Meeting closed at 1.23pm.
Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board & Waikato Regional Council

Co-Governance Committee

MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, 27 February, 2019, 10:00 am
Location: Council Chamber
Waikato Regional Council
401 Grey Street
Hamilton East

Members Present: Cr A Livingston (Waikato Regional Council)
M Nepia (Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board)
D Loughlin (Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board)
Cr K White (Waikato Regional Council)
Cr K Hodge (Waikato Regional Council)
Cr T Mahuta (Waikato Regional Council)

In attendance: Cr F Lichtwark (Waikato Regional Council)

Waikato Regional Council staff: N Williams (Director – Community and Services)
B Sinclair (Manager – Resource Use)
M Ahipene (Pou Tuhono – Community and Services)
E Brown (Manager – Science and Strategy)
T Dobson (Senior Legal Advisor – Chief Executive’s Office)
U Trebilco (Principal Strategic Advisor – Science and Strategy)
T Bio (Democracy Advisor)
M Carey (Kaiwhakarite – Community and Services)

Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board staff: N Hodgeson (Environmental Coordinator)
1. **Opening karakia**

Kaiwhakarite – Community and Services (M Carey) opened the meeting with a karakia. Co-Chair Livingston welcomed the members and staff present to the first Tuwharetoa Maori Trust Board and Waikato Regional Council Co-Governance Committee of 2019.

2. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Tuwharetoa Maori Trust Board members H Biddle and J Harris.

TMTBCG19/01

Resolved

THAT the apologies of Tuwharetoa Maori Trust Board members H Biddle and J Harris be received.

The motion was put and carried

4. **Disclosures of Interest**

There were no disclosures of interest.

3. **Confirmation of Agenda**

TMTBCG19/02

Resolved

THAT the agenda of the meeting of the Tuwharetoa Maori Trust Board and Waikato Regional Council Co-Governance Committee of 27 February 2019, as circulated, be confirmed as the business for the meeting.

The motion was put and carried

5. **Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

During discussion of the minutes of the previous meeting the following was noted:
• Members emphasised the importance of working together to achieve a common goal.
• The Committee noted that Council was applying to the Government for financial assistance in order to ensure the smooth progression of iwi related projects and settlements.
• It was understood that both Council and iwi bear costs of projects and settlements and therefore the Committee felt that this could be an item to discuss further at the next meeting.

TMTBCG19/03

Moved By Cr A Livingston
Seconded By D Loughlin

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the Tuwharetoa Maori Trust Board and Waikato Regional Council Co-Governance committee meeting 22 May 2018 be received and approved as a correct record.

The motion was put and carried

6. Significant Resource Consents Update

The Manager – Industry and Infrastructure (B Sinclair) presented a verbal update on consents within the Tuwharetoa takiwa that are considered significant.

The verbal update included the following:

• The resource consent application of the Turangi Wastewater treatment plant was on hold while Taupō District Council consult with iwi. The Tuwharetoa Maori Trust Board members emphasised that consultation should have occurred well before the application was made. ō
• Waikato Regional Council had sought more information on the Seven Oaks subdivision by Kinloch, in order to make a more informed decision. The Committee noted that this was of significant interest to iwi and locals. It was further noted that Taupō District Council had approved the consent.
• Work was progressing with the Paenoa Estate stormwater issues. The next step was for Tuwharetoa Maori Trust Board, Taupō District Council and Waikato Regional Council to have a broader conversation with the developer regarding options and solutions.
• Tuwharetoa Maori Trust Board felt that their feedback provided on the cultural components of the Rotokawa application was not adequately taken into consideration. The Committee understood that this application had been approved because staff believed the application met all components including cultural.
During discussion, the following was noted:

- A member asked how the Rotokawa consent had been approved, what avenues were there for Tuwharetoa Maori Trust Board to take, so that the cultural components of the application could be looked at again. Staff noted this concern and would look into this further.

- In light of the recent Contact Energy holding pond case in Taupō, staff assured the Committee that they, along with the team at the National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research and Department of Conservation and DOC, would be monitoring the fish and prawn life in the river.

- That an update on the Contact Energy spill be provided at the next co-governance meeting.

TMTBCG19/04

Moved By Cr T Mahuta
Seconded By D Loughlin

RESOLVED

THAT the verbal report ‘Significant Resource Consents Update’ (Doc # 13818272 dated 18 February 2019) be received.

The motion was put and carried

The Committee agreed to receive Agenda item 8 – Update on Lake Taupō bathing water quality monitoring at this point, noting that the remainder of items would be received as outlined in the agenda.

Cr T Mahuta in meeting at 11.35am

8. Update on Lake Taupō bathing water quality monitoring

Waikato Regional Council Manager – Monitoring Science and Strategy (E Brown) and Tuwharetoa Maori Trust Board Environmental Coordinator (N Hodgeson) provided the Committee with a PowerPoint presentation (Doc # 13862946). They provided an update on recent joint monitoring of Lake Taupō bathing water quality.

During discussion, the following was noted:

- The summer of 2018/19 was the first summer where Waikato Regional Council and Tuwharetoa Maori Trust Board teamed up to complete joint monitoring of the Lake. It was clarified that the Tuwharetoa Maori Trust Board saw this joint work as an efficient use of time and resources as it not only provided training opportunities for staff but also up to date information on the Lake.
• The issue of public notification of areas that were not considered satisfactory swimming places was discussed. Staff emphasised that the District Health Board held the responsibility for issuing this notification.

• A member asked how staff chose where to monitor around the Lake. Staff indicated that there were several factors such as issues of resources, number of swimming locations, results of perception surveys and information from Councils that needed to be taken into account when choosing the most appropriate places to monitor. The reality was that monitoring would not reach all around the Lake. It was emphasised that there was a need to educate the public on what changes in the Lake to look out for and encourage them to report these findings.

TMTBCG19/05

Moved By Cr K Hodge
Seconded By Cr K White

RESOLVED

THAT the report 'Update on Lake Taupō bathing water quality monitoring' (Doc # 13809283 dated 15 February 2019) be received.

The motion was put and carried

7. Waikato Regional Council - Tuwharetoa RMA Section 33 Discussions

Waikato Regional Council Senior Legal Advisor (T Dobson) provided a verbal update on how the discussions have been proceeding and what points of note had been forthcoming.

During discussion, the following was noted:

• The focus was on types and extent of powers such as compliance, monitoring, RMA functions and how implementation would look. The intention was to hold a workshop in order to discuss this in detail.

• Staff had seven months remaining to complete these discussions and present an outcome to the Committee.

TMTBCG19/06

Moved By Cr K White
Seconded By D Loughlin

RESOLVED

THAT the report 'Update on Lake Taupō bathing water quality monitoring' (Doc # 13809283 dated 15 February 2019) be received.

The motion was put and carried
9. **Joint Management Agreement Obligations Implementation report**

Waikato Regional Council Director of Community and Services (N Williams) presented the report and sought feedback as to whether Co-Governance Committee found the draft template progress report as a useful way to present information.

During discussions, the following was noted:

- The Committee was directed to page 18 of the agenda pack. Staff sought feedback on whether this was useful way of reporting back information. The Committee agreed it was.
- Members noted that it was key to collaborate and create confidence between iwi and Council. They acknowledged that having this in place would give some sense of continuity.
- An error was noted on page 17 under bullet point two which should read ‘Te Arawa River Iwi Waikato River Act’.
- Members acknowledged that the JMA obligations impose costs on local authorities that are over and above councils’ business as usual costs. Therefore the feeling of the Co-Governance Committee was that funding to the Crown should be advocated for as a joint action. Three Waters was given as an example of good collaboration between council, iwi and crown with many of the issues agreed to by all involved. Members noted there was still a lot to do and felt that there needed to be an open and honest conversation of whether the JMA was working for both parties.
- That a copy of the LGNZ Treaty Settlement cost report be sent to Danny Loughlin.

**TMTBCG19/07**

Moved By Cr T Mahuta

Seconded By M Nepia

**RESOLVED**

1. THAT the report ‘Joint Management Agreement Obligations Implementation report’ (Doc# 13814711 dated 11 February 2019) be received.
2. THAT the Committee provide feedback to staff on the draft template.

The motion was put and carried

10. **Review of Regional Plan Chapter 3.10: Lake Taupō Catchment**

Waikato Regional Council Principal Strategic Advisor (U Trebilco) provided a PowerPoint presentation (Doc # 13844277) updating the Committee on the review of the Regional Plan Chapter 3.10: Lake Taupō Catchment.

During discussions, the following was noted:

- Trading of nitrogen was discussed. It was highlighted that making changes to the nitrogen caps would be difficult as the rigid legal framework mitigated the value of nitrogen and therefore changes were not encouraged at this point in time.
• It was understood that the water levels in the middle of the Lake were an adequate representation of the overall Lake levels.
• The rules in Chapter 3.10 were Taupō specific.
• The model looked at levels rather than the sources of nitrogen.
• The current science highlighted that there was insufficient evidence to justify extraction of nitrogen out of the Lake. This would be monitored as it could change in the future.
• The Committee encouraged Tuwharetoa Maori Trust Board to work with Waikato Regional Council staff on this plan. The report would be available by May 2019.

TMTBCG19/08

Moved By Cr K Hodge
Seconded By Cr K White

RESOLVED

THAT the report 'Review of Regional Plan Chapter 3.10: Lake Taupō Catchment' (Doc # 13073952 dated 30 January 2019) be received.

The motion was put and carried

The meeting closed with a karakia at 12.27pm
Te Arawa River Iwi Trust and Waikato Regional Council Co-Governance Committee

OPEN MINUTES

Date: Thursday, 14 March, 2019, 10:15 am
Location: Council Chamber
Waikato Regional Council
401 Grey Street
Hamilton East

Members Present: A Livingston - Co-Chair (Waikato Regional Council)
E Forrest - Deputy Co-Chair (Te Arawa River Iwi Trust)
E George (Te Arawa River Iwi Trust)
P East (Te Arawa River Iwi Trust)
Cr K Hodge (Waikato Regional Council)

Te Arawa River Iwi Trust staff:
  E Berryman-Kamp (Chief Executive Officer)

Waikato Regional Council staff:
  N Williams (Director – Community and Services)
  M Poole (Democracy Advisor)
1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Te Arawa River Iwi Trust - Trustee Roger Pikia - Co-Chair and Waikato Regional Council- Cr K White -Deputy Co-Chair.

TACG19/01
Moved by: Cr K Hodge
Seconded by: A Livingston

RESOLVED

THAT the apologies Te Arawa River Iwi Trust - Trustee Roger Pikia - Co-Chair and Waikato Regional Council- Cr K White -Deputy Co-Chair be accepted.

The motion was put and carried

2. Confirmation of Agenda

TACG19/02
Moved by: A Livingston
Seconded by: E Forrest

RESOLVED

THAT the agenda for the meeting of the Te Arawa River Iwi Trust and Waikato Regional Council Co-Governance Committee of 14 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.

4. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

TACG19/03
Moved by: Cr K Hodge
Seconded by: E Forrest

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the Te Arawa River Iwi Trust and Waikato Regional Council Co-Governance Committee meeting of 16 October 2018 be received and approved as a true and correct record.

The motion was put and carried
5. **Matters arising:**

**IPOU and RiverSense Project update**

Te Arawa River Iwi Trust Chief Executive Officer (E Berryman-Kamp) provided an update on progress since the last co-governance meeting with these two initiatives, noting that:

- there has been some ‘slippage’ with the IPOU installation timetable, it is now expected to be completed and operational within the next 1-2 months. The success of the project relies on choosing the right locations for the Pou, engaging with the right people and ensuring that the right information/content has been sourced. Te Arawa River Iwi Trust proposed to provide a demonstration of the technology at the next co-governance meeting.

- the five remote water monitoring sensors have been installed and the challenge is their operational reliability in a river situation with variable current and water level conditions and debris during flood events. Te Arawa River Iwi Trust intended to provide a report for the next co-governance meeting on the challenges and learnings from this project.

- the 2019 water monitoring project involves working with Wairakei Pastoral to measure various parameters including nitrogen and phosphorus. Data received so far shows significant variations in nitrogen levels depending on the time of day/night.

**Mercury Consent Review**

With respect to a question about ongoing communication/dialogue and stakeholder relationships, members were advised that the message consistently delivered by Waikato Regional Council to all applicants, including Mercury Energy, was that proactively engaging with iwi partners was in everyone’s best interests. Waikato Regional Council were developing an online system with questions and information about engagement with iwi, including dialogue at the pre-application stage and the value of face to face meetings.

**Resource consent application processes**

Views were expressed that consultation with mana whenua should be more than ‘good practice’ it should be a ‘must do’ part of doing business in the resource consent application process. Members were advised that the Resource Management Act currently states that ‘applicants do not need to consult …’, so while Waikato Regional Council encourages consultation, it is not able to ‘require’ it. Many applicants do recognise the benefits of undertaking consultation at the early stages of preparing an application.

It was queried whether the Treaty of Waitangi section/provisions in the Resource Management Act can support consultation with iwi and/or if there is an opportunity for River Iwi to raise this issue via the Ministerial Forum.

Via the River Iwi Joint Management Act, resource consent application information is shared with each River Iwi. Te Arawa River Iwi Trust advised that this process works for them, and the system enables the Trust to filter through the applications and identify the ‘important’ ones to focus on.
Water Quality monitoring
At present, the focus of the water quality monitoring is on the ‘science’ parameters - pH, dissolved oxygen, temperature and conductivity. The data needs expertise to interpret what the measurements mean, and Te Arawa River Iwi Trust/the community rely on the Waikato Regional Council for that expertise and guidance. Given the recent Contact Energy Pond Spill (Item 6 on the Agenda) and the discharge of contaminants to the river, members noted that conditions in a waterway can change very quickly and people need to know who is/are the appropriate authority/ies to notify if they observe something.
Several questions arose such as when does the Health Board get notified/become involved and who is responsible for ensuring that all the ‘right’ people and organisations are advised when an incident occurs/is reported.

6. Update on Contact Energy Pond Spill
Manager of Industry and Infrastructure (B Sinclair) provided an update on the Contact Energy holding pond spill incident and progress to date/the current status of the project, with aerial photos showing the location of the pond and the visual impact on the Waikato River downstream of the discharge noting that:

- Immediately following advice of the incident, Waikato Regional Council deployed a helicopter to obtain an aerial picture of the situation and scientists were ‘on the ground’ to examine the scene and take samples. Staff also kept Te Arawa River Iwi Trust and the Waikato River Authority informed as well as providing media release updates.
- the source of the discharge/contaminants was a Contact Energy geothermal reinjection fluid contingency holding pond and the failure incident is the subject of an ongoing full investigation to determine the what happened, how and why and ‘where to from here’ from a Resource Management Act/ regulatory point of view.
- Contact Energy has engaged an Engineer to stabilise the holding pond site. That is the immediate action. There will also need to be medium and long-term responses and actions to avoid this happening again. It was a significant failure/discharge event.

Arising from questions, responses and discussion the following points were noted:

- Te Arawa River Iwi Trust was first contacted by Waikato Regional Council Manager of Monitoring (E Brown) regarding the discharge incident. The following day Contact Energy made contact and the two organisations have since met.
- It was accepted that while visually the River is now back to its ‘normal’ colour, there will be impacts from the discharge related to the volume of material discharged and its contaminant load/effects.
- Sediment was visible in the River/downstream for some 3-4 days after the incident and Waikato Regional Council also used a fixed wing plane to do a fly-over inspection. Waikato Regional Council scientists have taken a full range of samples as part of the investigation process and the data/results will form part of the evidence. The issues and questions about heavy metal contamination levels and adverse effects on water quality, the fishery and kai are part of the scientific investigation that is still ongoing.
• the investigation also seeks to establish what led to/resulted in this incident, what alarm and safety systems were in place and why they “failed” leading to this incident. Waikato Regional Council investigators are interviewing appropriate personnel at Contact Energy and will be posing a wide range of questions to understand what happened and why.

• Taupō District Council took steps to temporarily shut off its water intake in the affected area as a water quality safeguard. Te Arawa River Iwi Trust and Taupō District Council have met to discuss the incident.

• It is understood that the Tūwharetoa Maori Trust Board have visited the location of the pond and the ‘path’ that the discharge took to the River and that Contact Energy and Tūwharetoa Maori Trust Board are in dialogue.

TACG19/04
Moved by: Cr K Hodge
Seconded by: P East

RESOLVED

THAT the verbal report Update on Contact Energy Pond Spill (Doc#13888197 dated 25 February 2019) be received.

The motion was put and carried

The Co-Governance would receive report resolutions at the end of the meeting.

7. **Update on the Whirinaki Arm Project**

The Zone Manager, Upper Waikato Zone (A Kirk) provided an update on progress to date/current status of the Whirinaki Arm project, noting that:

• This is a joint project between Waikato Regional Council and Te Arawa River Iwi Trust with a ten-year project plan. The funding application to the Waikato River Authority covers the first two year period.

• A Working Group, comprising of Waikato Regional Council, Te Arawa River Iwi Trust and Community representatives has been formed and is working effectively. To date four (4) soil conservation projects have been completed, one (1) is a ‘work in progress’, one (1) is approved/yet to commence and a large property with potentially 6-7 projects within it is being prepared for consideration.

• Tonkin & Taylor have completed an assessment of all waterways in the area and identified options of how to manage them going forward. Once a tried/tested ‘blueprint’ is in place landowners will be able to drive the process themselves, rather than needing to wait for Waikato Regional Council or Te Arawa River Iwi Trust to ‘start’ the process.

Arising out of questions, responses and discussion the following points were noted:
• Members noted the positive endorsement of the Whirinaki Arm initiative and work being done in that catchment. Members sought clarification on what comprises a “project” and what does “completed” mean. By way of example - a farm property with a stream, gully and flat land. The stream (from the headwaters) and the whole gully system fenced off and planted with soil conservation species. All projects to date have been in the Ngakuru area.

• There were interest expressed in seeing the work done/underway either via photos/video or a field visit to the area. Field visits were an opportunity to ‘socialise’ the issues and the soil conservation/water quality solutions. This was mainly aimed at the community and other landowners in order to show funding partners the progress made/results being achieved.

• The funding comprised of one third each from Waikato Regional Council, Waikato River Authority and the landowner/s concerned. The Upper Waikato Zone plan is the ‘starting point’ and from that work was done to priorities those areas/issues where the greatest gains for the investment could be made. Five (5) high priority catchment were identified (of which Whirinaki is one) and included in the application to the Waikato River Authority Waikato Restoration Plan.

• It is intended to make a case for the next Waikato Regional Council Long Term Plan to increase the level of funding/resources for these Upper Waikato Zone priority catchment areas.

8. Kearoa Marae Flooding Episode

Te Arawa River Iwi Trust Chief Executive Officer (E Berryman-Kamp) provided an update on the flooding event at Kearoa Marae, noting that since the last (October 2018) Te Arawa River Iwi Trust /Waikato Regional Council Co-Governance meeting considerable progress has been made to ascertain the likely cause of the flood damage at Kearoa Marae; and get advice on and take steps to reduce the potential for any future repeat of such river bank damage/loss.

The investigations have concluded that the extreme rainfall event in the Rotorua area on 29 April 2018 that also caused significant damage in the Waiotapu Stream is the most probable cause of the damage experienced at Kearoa Marae. Bay of Plenty Regional Council staff have inspected the dams on the Treetops property and advised there was no evidence of any breach or failure of those dams.

Given the probability that extreme weather events could occur on a more regular basis, the focus was now on ‘repairing’ the damaged riverbank area and considering the options/taking action to minimise the potential for future damage. Waikato Regional Council staff have provided good advice and assistance on riparian management, tree plantings and river bank stabilisation.

The Te Arawa River Iwi Trust were also looking at how it could communicate with its communities/marae about what could be done to be proactive and to ‘future proof’ sites/buildings that were potentially vulnerable to the impacts of extreme weather events.
Te Arawa River Iwi Trust proposed that at a future co-governance hui held in Rotorua, the Committee also visit a Marae to view the ‘on the ground’ issues and what is being done.

9. Joint Management Agreement Obligations Implementation report

Director of Community and Services (N Williams) presented, and sought feedback on, the draft template progress report for the Joint Management Agreement between Waikato Regional Council and Te Arawa River Iwi Trust, noting that Fig. 1 (on page 19) sets out an example of how the information could be provided.

Arising out of questions, responses and discussion the following points were noted:

- The proposal remains to establish a high level report to enable governance to undertake the actions as set out in clause 4 of the report.
- The reporting mechanism will assist governance to consider and address all issues, both current and strategic. The draft reporting template does not prejudge additional objectives being added if both parties agree. While no new objectives have been added since the 2012 Joint Management Agreement process, the Joint Management Agreements are subject to regular review.
- Members noted staff were looking at whether the Joint Management Agreement was strategically fulfilling what both parties thought it should be doing and whether the agreed prioritised actions are ‘on track’ and contributing to the overall objectives of the Joint Management Agreement. There are good communication links between staff at an operational level.

As a broader issue, Waikato Regional Council noted its concerns that the settlement process has not provided sufficient funding for it. From a Waikato Regional Council governance perspective this is an untenable situation and it is proposed to raise this with the Office of Treaty Settlements and the Crown. Members acknowledged that it is a national issue with both local government and iwi partners facing similar financial challenges.

Te Arawa River Iwi Trust acknowledged the issue and associated challenges and requested that this issue be included on the next Te Arawa River Iwi Trust agenda for discussion/feedback on how the two organisations can support each other to progress this issue with Office of Treaty Settlements /the Crown.

10. Overview of the 2019 local authority elections for Waikato Regional Council

Director of Community and Services (N Williams) presented an overview of the 2019 local authority elections for Waikato Regional Council, noting:

- the key dates within the electoral process;
- the outcomes of the representation review process undertaken by Council resulting in the existing arrangements (that is no changes) being adopted; and
- that population criteria does create some geographical challenges for the Maori seats.
11. **Update on Healthy Environments**

Verbal report to provide an update on the progress on these matters and the current status of the project.

Senior Policy Advisor (M Graham) presented an update on the Healthy Environments project, noting that:

- The Plan Review Committee membership includes six Councillors and six iwi representatives. The nomination processes for the iwi representatives is underway, with responses received to date from Te Arawa River Iwi Trust and Hauraki.
- Draft Terms of Reference has been circulated to iwi for feedback and was considered by Council in early March, with edits and changes made.
- The first meeting of the Plan Review Committee is proposed to be held in mid-April and the draft Terms of Reference will be an item on the agenda for consideration and recommendation to Council for adoption.
- The draft Engagement Strategy is currently a ‘work in progress’ and will also be an item on the first Plan Review Committee agenda.

12. **Update on Healthy Rivers Plan Change 1 Schedule 1 process**

Report to update the Te Arawa River Iwi Trust and Waikato Regional Council Co-Governance committee on the progress of Waikato Proposed Plan Change 1: Waikato and Waipa River Catchments.

Project Manager/Waikato Regional Council Contractor (A McKenzie) presented a progress update on the Waikato Proposed Plan Change 1 (Waikato and Waipa River Catchments) process, noting that:

- The Hearing Panel comprises of five (5) members being Greg Hill (Chair), Basil Morrison, Trevor Robinson, Sheena Tepania and Grey Ryder. Staff requested to provide details of the panel to Trustee East.
- The hearings commenced on Monday 11 March 2019 with the Waikato Regional Council presentation/evidence heard on the first two days.
- The hearings have been scheduled into three ‘blocks’ - first the framework/overview matters, followed by two blocks covering more specific topics/issues.
- The projected timing/aim is that the Hearing Panel will report with recommendations to Council in September 2019.

Arising out of questions, responses and discussion the following points were noted:

- It was disappointing to hear criticism of the Consultative Stakeholder Group process. Te Arawa River Iwi Trust’s view that it was a robust process that allowed all stakeholders including iwi and the community to contribute/provide valuable knowledge and expertise to the process. Consultative Stakeholder Group members made a significant commitment of their time over a two year period to participate/support this consultative process.
Central Government’s focus on freshwater sets a national direction that needs to be taken into account and put into effect at a regional/local level. This alignment would need to be reflected in local authority plans and policies as they are developed and/or reviewed.

The national level a freshwater Working Group has been formed through the Ministry for the Environment with work programmes/streams that include iwi, regional and freshwater user representation. Waikato Regional Council Chief Executive Officer V Payne is the Chair of the regional sector group, with Waikato Regional Council Chair A Livingston also a member of that group.

TACG19/05
Moved by: Cr K Hodge
Seconded by: E George

RESOLVED
THAT the:
(Item 7) report Update on the Whirinaki Arm Project (Doc#13888074 dated 25 February 2019) and verbal update;

(Item 8) report Kearoa Marae Flooding Episode (Doc#13770938 dated 11 February 2019) and verbal update;

(Item 9) report Joint Management Agreement Obligations Implementation report (Doc#13888188 dated 14 February 2019); and that the governance committee provide feedback to staff on the draft template.

(Item 10) report Overview of the 2019 local authority elections for Waikato Regional Council (Doc#13888925 dated 3 March 2019);

(Item 11) report Update on Healthy Environments (Doc#13887591 dated 25 February 2019) and verbal update;

(Item 12) report Update on Healthy Rivers Plan Change 1 Schedule 1 process (Doc#13881287 dated 04 March 2019; be received for information.

The motion was put and carried

Meeting closed with a karakia and a blessing of the kai at 12.20pm.
Waikato Regional Council

Hamilton Public Transport Joint Committee

OPEN MINUTES

Date: Friday, 15 March, 2019, 10:00 am
Location: Council Chamber
Waikato Regional Council
401 Grey Street
Hamilton East

Members Present: Cr R Rimmington (Chair)
Cr D Macpherson (Deputy Chair)
Cr J Hennebry (Waikato Regional Council)
Cr L Tooman (Hamilton City Council)
Cr D Fulton (Waikato District Council)
Cr J Bannon (Waipa District Council)

Staff Present: J Becker (Chief Financial Officer)
A Wilson (Manager Public Transport)
E Wright (General Manager City Infrastructure - Hamilton City Council)
M Clark (Hamilton City Council)
J Harrison (Hamilton City Council)
L Van Veen (Democracy Advisor)
SECTION A: COMMITTEE HAS DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO MAKE DECISION

1. Apologies

The apologies from Cr G Webber (Waipa District Council) and M Kettle (New Zealand Transport Agency) were received.

HPTJC19/01

Moved by: Cr L Tooman
Seconded by: Cr D Macpherson

RESOLVED
THAT the apologies of Cr G Webber and M Kettle be accepted.

The motion was put and carried

2. Confirmation of Agenda

HPTJC19/02

Moved by: Cr J Hennebry
Seconded by: Cr D Fulton

RESOLVED
THAT the agenda of the meeting of the Hamilton Public Transport Joint Committee of 15 March 2019, as circulated, be confirmed as the business for the meeting.

The motion was put and carried

The committee welcomed and endorsed Maurice Flynn from CCS Disability Action Waikato as the new Access and Mobility representative on the committee, replacing Gerri Pomeroy.

HPTJC19/03

Moved by: Cr R Rimmington
Seconded by: Cr D Macpherson

RESOLVED
THAT Maurice Flynn be endorsed as the new Access and Mobility representative on the committee, replacing Gerri Pomeroy.

The motion was put and carried

3. Disclosures of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting - 26 November 2018

Members queried the “go live” date of 1 April 2019 for the new ticketing system. Staff advised that this date had shifted with a new target date of August 2019.
RESOLVED
Moved by: Cr R Rimmington
Seconded by: Cr M Macpherson
THAT the Minutes of the Hamilton Public Transport Joint Committee meeting of 26 November 2018 be received and approved as a true and accurate record.

The motion was put and carried

5. Hamilton Public Transport Update

The Manager Public Transport (A Wilson) presented to the Committee the report on matters relevant to the implementation and monitoring of the Waikato Regional Public Transport Plan 2018-28.

With respect to the “public transport implementation update” the following points were noted:

- Noted this committee meeting was the first opportunity for members to carry out their core function of overseeing the implementation and to monitor progress of the newly adopted Regional Transport Plan 2018-28 (the Plan).
- A member highlighted that the Plan may not be flexible enough to adapt to future regional network needs. Staff noted the amendments could be made during the life of the plan if needed.
- Members noted that endorsement from the Committee should be sought before initiatives are progressed under the Plan. Staff agreed, noting implications may arise where activities need to meet set timeframes which may not align with Committee meeting dates.
- Members expressed concern that the design of new infrastructure should incorporate dedicated “right of ways” at the very beginning stages of projects. This would safeguard against the growing demand for modes of transport that “right of ways” can accommodate. Appropriate connection to periphery networks also needs to be considered and confirmed in the early stages of projects to safeguard against costs of retrofitting and also to ensure positive public perception of the transport network is upheld after construction has been completed. Members further emphasised that connector design should be confirmed during the project scoping and design phase and not at the end of the project.
- Concern regarding the need for provision of cycleway networks and the associated risk of accommodating these around roundabouts was expressed.
- Staff advised of a meeting scheduled for 26 March involving key staff from Hamilton City Council (HCC), NZTA and the Waikato Regional Council. Staff advised that this meeting would provide good opportunity for discussion of key concerns regarding assurance that the initial stages of project planning of new transport infrastructure is all encompassing and in line with the new Waikato Regional Public Transport Plan principles. Members noted they were unavailable to attend this meeting. Staff agreed to ensure member concerns were raised and discussed at the meeting.
Members queried the national standard for public transport timetabling. Staff confirmed that 10 minute intervals were the national standard and that mass transit corridors must meet this standard.

A member expressed concern around the lack of clarity provided by NZTA with regards to their project timeframes. Staff to investigate and provide an update to committee members on behalf of NZTA within the next couple of weeks.

A member highlighted the increasing need for public transport services connecting Tokoroa to Hamilton, due to Tokoroa’s growing retiree population and also the desire to provide for improved accessibility to tertiary education without needing to reside in Hamilton. Staff confirmed work is being undertaken to provide for the Tokoroa to Hamilton connection by early 2020 – timing is dependent on logistics of contract approvals.

Hamilton City Council staff provided an update on the development of the Mass Transit Plan which is being developed in collaboration between Waikato Regional Council, Hamilton City Council, NZTA and other key stakeholders. Noted that the plan would provide the long term 50-100 year vision for modes of transportation. This will be worked simultaneously into the Metro Spatial Plan which outlines the shorter term targets.

With respect to the “new ticketing system update” the following points were noted:
- Members acknowledged the delay in project delivery – being shifted from a target date of April to August 2019.
- Members highlighted the need for customers to be reminded of the need to tag off whilst travelling on the bus. Staff are to investigate the best means of communicating this to customers and to bring these findings back to the committee.
- Staff noted there are 40,000 Busit cards to swap out as part of transition to the new system. Credit transfers from old cards to the new system will need to occur.
- Members were advised of the online, telephone and in person mechanisms being put in place to allow for ease of managing the change impact for a wide variety of customer needs.
- Members queried about the sensitivity of the new swipe card system in picking up a customer’s card. Staff explained the need for a robust system, deliberatively requiring close proximity for swiping of cards, to ensure the right card is detected.
- A member queried about the ability for SuperGold Card holders to register their cards so as to ensure the new ticketing concession is attached. Staff assured members that SuperGold Card holders will be supported during the project roll out. There was an opportunity to advertise the process for the new ticketing in upcoming editions of Grey Power Magazine.

With respect to the “patronage update” the following points were noted:
- Patronage numbers for Hamilton, Cambridge, Morrinsville and Raglan services were strong during January and February 2019. Additional capacity for Cambridge and Raglan services are currently being investigated to address the significant upward trends in passenger numbers for these services.
- Patronage numbers for Te Awamutu and Huntly services were low for the same period. Staff are investigating reasons for Te Awamutu performance currently. The low number for Huntly was due to a service reliability, however staff anticipate this will be improved
in April with a new bus timetable being introduced. Staff noted a member’s suggestion of an express service being provided direct from Hamilton to Huntly.

- The total average upward trend year to date is 1.68% which includes the impact of strike action. Staff noted the strike action resulted in approximately 30,000 less boarding’s - a lesser impact than what was expected. It was highlighted that the bus contracts safeguard against council paying for services not delivered.
- Members asked for trend data against other metro cities. Staff are to bring these statistics to the next committee meeting.

With respect to the “TEFAR (Targeted Enhanced Funding Assistance Rates) update” the following points were noted:

- A Wilson advised of the changes to the NZTA TEFAR, being increased from 51% to 75%. This applied only to the current NZTA Long Term Plan period. This provided opportunity to enhance and accelerate the planned public transport activities – particularly that of lifting the “Comet” service from 15 to 10 minutes and implementing the youth concession. Council are currently awaiting funding approval decisions from NZTA.
- A member queried what the critical success factors for the Public Rideshare Pilot are. Staff are to provide an update on this at the next committee meeting.

With respect to the “draft service change programme for endorsement update” the following points were noted:

- The item was to keep members informed of how the additional Long Term Plan $450,000 per annum funding, allocated for use in service improvements required to align with changing transport conditions, could potentially be used. Staff noted that actual use of the budget would depend on real time needs.
- Members discussed options creating a Cross-City Link. Options included a more direct link, with time saving benefits but there was a risk of exclusion of some residents, or a less direct route with wider coverage, encompassing the Bremworth/ Temple View areas. Noted that more consideration of the Temple View area was needed. Staff to bring a more detailed plan to the next committee meeting for further consideration.
- A Wilson advised of the potential alterations to bus services and also implementation of ride share services to resolve issues with the Rototuna Circular route.
- A Wilson highlighted that Comet Phase 1 is due to start on 1st April and advised further details of this will be circulated to members shortly.
- Implementation of the CBD fare zone and disestablishment of the CBD shuttle service would coincide with implementation of the new ticketing system.
- Members discussed the options for fare increase, one being a 5% increase in August to coincide with the new ticketing system roll out followed by another 5% increase in January 2020; the alternative being a one off 10% increase to coincide with the new ticketing system roll out. Members expressed support for the second option as it aligns with the new electronic ticketing system and implementation of zonal fares.
- Members queried whether the living wage had been provided to bus drivers. Staff advised that the Waikato Regional Council contribution remained on the table, however this has not been uplifted by Go Bus to date. Staff to re-engage with the contractor to confirm status of negotiations. Staff to liaise with the Waikato Regional Council Chair regarding a follow up letter from himself and Mayor King (Hamilton City Council) to Minister Twyford,
seeking an update on work being undertaken with respect to funding for the Living Wage for bus drivers.

With respect to the “Transport Centre – driver facilities update” the following points were noted:

- Hamilton City Council staff noted challenges with the negotiation of lease terms for the Transport Centre. Waikato Regional Council staff support a lease agreement between the two councils as the appropriate way forward.
- A member outlined the proposed Rotokauri public transport platform which was to incorporate a multi-mode transport hub including railway, cycle ways and scope for a bus interchange loop.
- A member expressed concern that the Anglesea Street public transport lane remains substandard due to accessibility issues around trees needing trimming. Members were advised that action was being taken to resolve these issues.

With respect to the District services update the following points were noted:

- Service reviews of Matamata-Piako and Waipa Districts were being undertaken. Updates regarding progress of these would be brought to future committee meetings.

HPTJC19/05

Moved by: Cr D Macpherson
Seconded by: Cr D Fulton

RESOLVED
THAT the report "Hamilton Public Transport Update" (Doc# 13874441 dated 6 March 2019) be received.

The motion was put and carried

Meeting closed 12.15pm
Waikato Regional Council

Waikato Plan Leadership Committee

OPEN MINUTES

Date: Monday, 25 March, 2019, 11:30 am
Location: The Link
6 Te Aroha Street
Hamilton East

Members Present: Dr B Gatenby - Co-Chair (Business/Community Representative)
Mayor B Hanna - Deputy Co-Chair (Southern Sub-region)
Mayor A King (Hamilton City Council)
Cr T Adams (Eastern Sub-Region)
Mayor A Sanson (Futureproof Sub-region)
L Ieremia (Business/Community Representative)
E Berryman-Kamp (Te Arawa)
D Fisher (Business/Community Representative)

Non-Voting Members Present
P Mahood - non-voting (Waikato District Health Board)
R l’Anson (New Zealand Transport Agency)

Others Present: S McLeay - Democracy Advisor (Waikato Regional Council)
M Pemerika - Acting Regional Commissioner, present in place of T Papesch - Regional Commissioner (Ministry of Social Development)
G Ion - Chief Executive (Waikato District Council)
V Payne - Chief Executive (Waikato Regional Council)
T May - Director Science and Strategy (Waikato Regional Council)
K Bennett - Manager Office of the CE (Waikato Regional Council)
P Rawiri - Director of Education - Waikato (Ministry of Education)
M Paki - Senior Regional Advisor (Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment)
M Bassett-Foss - Chief Executive (Te Waka Anga Whakamua Waikato)
H Brooks - Chief Operating Officer (Te Waka Anga Whakamua Waikato)
1. **Call for Order and Apologies**
   
   The Chair opened the meeting at 11.49am.
   
   Apologies were received from Cr A Livingston, R Schaafhausen, W Maag, V Eparaima and T Papesch. In the absence of T Papesch, M Pemerika attended to represent the Ministry of Social Development.
   
   WPLC19/1
   Moved by: Cr T Adams
   Seconded by: Mayor B Hanna
   
   **SECTION A: UNDER DELEGATIONS FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE MEMBERS' ORGANISATIONS**

   **RESOLVED**
   
   THAT the apologies of Cr A Livingston, R Schaafhausen, W Maag, V Eparaima and T Papesch be accepted.
   
   The motion was put and carried

2. **Disclosures of Interest**
   
   There were no disclosures of interest.

3. **Confirmation of Minutes from the Previous Meeting**
   
   Minutes from the previous meeting of the Waikato Plan Leadership Committee.
   
   There were no amendments recommended and the minutes were taken as a true and accurate record.
   
   WPLC19/2
   Moved by: Mayor B Hanna
   Seconded by: L Ieremia
   
   **RESOLVED**
   
   THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Waikato Plan Leadership Committee held on 3 December 2018 be received, and accepted as a true and accurate record.
   
   The motion was put and carried
4. **Confirmation of Agenda**

*WPLC19/3*

**Moved by:** L Ieremia  
**Seconded by:** Mayor B Hanna

**RESOLVED**

THAT the agenda of the meeting of Waikato Plan Leadership Committee of 25 March 2019, as circulated, be confirmed as the business for the meeting.

The motion was put and carried

5. **A membership update of the Waikato Plan Leadership Committee**

Presented by the Waikato Regional Council, Director Science and Strategy (T May) to recommend the appointment of Te Puni Kōkiri as a new non-voting member of the Committee, and to name the member representatives for Ministry of Education and New Zealand Transport Authority.

The following was noted:

- There was a vacancy in the number of members representing the business and community sector. The Committee was looking for a suitable person from the eastern part of the region.
- Representation from Pare Hauraki was considered important moving forward.
- There was a benefit in diverse ethnic representation.

*WPLC19/4*

**Moved by:** D Fisher  
**Seconded by:** Cr T Adams

**RESOLVED**

1. THAT the report 'A membership update of the Waikato Plan Leadership Committee' (Waikato Plan Leadership Committee 25 March 2019) be received.
2. THAT Te Puni Kōkiri endorse a non-voting member of the Waikato Plan Leadership Committee and that, R Jones be noted as the Te Puni Kōkiri member representative on the Waikato Plan Leadership Committee.
3. THAT P Rawiri be noted as the member representative for the Ministry of Education on the Waikato Plan Leadership Committee.
4. R I’Anson be noted as the new member representative for the New Zealand Transport Agency on the Waikato Plan Leadership Committee.

The motion was put and carried
6. **Final update on the Waikato Plan Project Refresh**

Presented by the Waikato Regional Council, Director Science and Strategy (T May) to provide a final update on the project to refresh the Waikato Plan.

WPLC19/5

Moved by: L Ieremia  
Seconded by: E Berryman-Kamp

**RESOLVED**

THAT the report ‘Final update on the Waikato Plan Project Refresh’ (Waikato Plan Leadership Committee 25 March 2019) be received.

The motion was put and carried

7. **Te Waka: Anga Whakamua Waikato (Waikato Moving Forward) update**

Presented by member D Fisher to provide the Committee with an update on Te Waka: Anga Whakamua Waikato (Waikato Moving Forward).

The following was noted:

- It was felt that iwi representation on the Te Waka: Anga Whakamua (Te Waka) Board was critical, ideally including participation from Pare Hauraki alongside other iwi in selecting a Board member.
- Applications to the Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) needed to be more substantial especially in relation to profit and loss.
- Te Waka required increased resourcing to progress applications to the PGF so as to achieve successful outcomes.
- A letter of support from the Committee was requested for this additional resource.

WPLC19/6

Moved by: Cr T Adams  
Seconded by: L Ieremia

**RESOLVED**

THAT the report ‘Te Waka: Anga Whakamua Waikato (Waikato Moving Forward) Update’ (Waikato Plan Leadership Committee 25 March 2019) be received.

The motion was put and carried

WPLC19/7

Moved by: Mayor B Hanna  
Seconded by: Mayor A Sanson
RESOLVED

THAT the Waikato Plan Leadership Committee agree in principle to provide a letter of support to the Te Waka: Anga Whakamua Board for the resourcing of two staff members to assist with the processing, and achievement of successful outcomes, of applications to the Provincial Growth Fund.

The motion was put and carried

8. **Priority actions update**

Presented by Waikato Regional Council Principal Advisor, Science and Strategy (J Bromley) and member L Ieremia in relation to the Regional Housing Initiative, to update the Committee on the progress against priority actions.

The following was noted:

- It was intended that a database be developed to act as a single source of information about housing status and need across the region.
- The next step would be to convey approaches to regional housing affordability.
- There would be a report and presentation on regional mental health at the next meeting.
- There was a working group to advance the project focused on youth and employment. An initial stock take had been completed. Issues with youth addiction had an impact on employment when pre-employment testing produced positive results. It was possible that the Ministry of Social Development could assist in this area.

WPLC19/8

Moved by: Cr T Adams
Seconded by: Mayor A King

RESOLVED

THAT the report 'Priority actions report' (Waikato Plan Leadership Committee 25 March 2019) be received.

The motion was put and carried

9. **Waikato Plan Advocacy**

Presented by Waikato Regional Council Manager, Strategy (E McKenzie-Norton) to update the Committee on projects the Waikato Plan had supported and to provide a platform for discussion on potential advocacy initiatives.
The following was noted:

- Members found it useful to be informed of the outcomes of submissions made on behalf of the Committee.
- Members were keen to be informed of topics suitable for Committee advocacy.
- The Waikato mayors were working on a submission to the Tertiary Education Review. The Ministry of Education offered to assist to pull together a collective message.
- The Committee was supportive of an alcohol and other drug treatment court in Hamilton.
- It was requested that a process for deciding on matters of advocacy be developed and brought to the Committee for discussion. Advocacy could be undertaken in a more strategic manner.

WPLC19/9
Moved by: Dr B Gatenby
Seconded by: Mayor A Sanson

RESOLVED

1. THAT the report ‘Waikato Plan Advocacy’ (Waikato Plan Leadership Committee 25 March 2019) be received.
2. THAT the Waikato Plan Leadership Committee sends a letter of support in principle for the Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Court in Hamilton

The motion was put and carried

10. Report to the Mayoral Forum – Waikato Wellbeing Project

Presented by the Waikato Regional Council, Manager Office of the CE (K Bennett) to provide the Committee with an update on the Waikato Wellbeing Project. This report went to the 14 February 2019 Waikato Mayoral Forum for information.

The following was noted:

- The Committee was seen as best placed to be the governance body for the Waikato Wellbeing Project.
- Phase 1 of the Project had commenced. There was some concern that the Phase 1 could take too long and that some of the work to be undertaken in Phase 1 had been completed by other organizations. If this was the case then it could be utilized to compress Phase 1.

WPLC19/10
Moved by: D Fisher
Seconded by: Mayor A King
RESOLVED

1. THAT the report 'Report to the Mayoral Forum – Waikato Wellbeing Project' (Waikato Plan Leadership Committee 25 March 2019) be received.
2. THAT the Waikato Plan Leadership Committee provide governance to the Waikato Wellbeing Project.

The motion was put and carried

The meeting was closed at 12.47 with a karakia.

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Chair
Waikato Regional Council

Regional Transport Committee

OPEN MINUTES

Date: Monday, 1 April, 2019, 9:30 am
Location: Council Chamber
Waikato Regional Council
401 Grey Street
Hamilton East

Members Present:
Cr H Vercoe (Chair - Waikato Regional Council)
Cr T Adams (Hauraki District Council)
Cr D Macpherson (Hamilton City Council)
Mayor Baxter (Otorohanga District Council)
Cr B Machen (South Waikato District Council)
Cr S Christie (Thames Coromandel District Council)
Cr D Fulton (Waikato District Council)
Cr G Webber (Waipa District Council)
Cr P Brodie (Alt. Waitomo District Council)
Inspector M Lynam (New Zealand Police)
R I’Anson (New Zealand Transport Agency)

Staff Present:
M Tamura (Manager - Integration and Infrastructure)
N King (Team Leader - Transport and Infrastructure)
B McMaster (Special Projects Advisor - Integration and Infrastructure)
G Dawson (Democracy Advisor)

In Attendance:
Cr E Patterson (Waikato District Council)
Cr F Lichtwark (Waikato Regional Council)
SECTION A: UNDER DELEGATION AND FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL

1. **Apologies**

   Apologies were received from Cr J Thomas, Cr R Rimmington, Cr A Park, and Mayor Barnes.

   RTC19/13
   Moved by: Cr Macpherson
   Seconded by: Cr Fulton

   **RESOLVED**

   THAT the apologies of Cr J Thomas, Cr R Rimmington, Cr A Park, and Mayor Barnes be accepted.

   The motion was put and carried

2. **Confirmation of Agenda**

   The agenda was confirmed with no amendments.

   RTC19/14
   Moved by: Cr Vercoe
   Seconded by: Cr Machen

   **RESOLVED**

   THAT the agenda of the meeting of the Regional Transport Committee of 1 April 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.

4. **Confirmation of Minutes**

   The minutes were confirmed with no amendments requested.

   
   RTC19/15
   Moved by: Cr Vercoe
   Seconded by: Cr Christie

   **RESOLVED**

   THAT the minutes of the Regional Transport Committee dated 4 March 2019 (Regional Transport Committee 1 April 2019) be confirmed as a true and accurate record.
5. **New Zealand Transport Agency - Long Term View**

Report to provide the Committee with information on the New Zealand Transport Agency’s Long Term View. It was presented by the New Zealand Transport Agency (The Agency) Committee Representative and the Manager, Strategic Long Term View (K Mayes).

The following matters were raised:

- The benefit of road safety plan was discussed. It was noted that the region would benefit from increased safety through the structures and initiatives that the Plan brings.
- The funding of the Hamilton to Auckland rail project was discussed. It was noted that work was ongoing and would be reported back on in due course, and funding for the project was not part of the review.
- Funding of regional infrastructure was discussed. It was noted that there were differences in priorities between the former and current government. The change in Central Government had required the Agency to review the types of projects that are funded and this work was ongoing. More information would be reported as decisions were made.
- The role of all levels of government in relation to infrastructure planning and investment was discussed. It was noted that the Agency would work with the existing Regional Land Transport Plan process.
- It was emphasised that there was a need for the Agency to read all the report, plans, and strategies on the rationale behind the infrastructure plans completed to date.
- The need for the Agency to work with local government in a meaningful way was discussed. It was noted there was a high level of frustration on the matter of slow decision making processes at the Agency, which has caused some delays in the delivery of key infrastructure projects.
- Tools that would be helpful to the decision making process of the Committee was discussed.
- The challenges that climate change presented to future infrastructure planning and funding priorities were discussed.
- The involvement of the Agency in the Waikato flood protection scheme was discussed. It was noted the scheme protected a number of Agency assets and the Agency was queried as to whether they had considered making a contribution to its maintenance.
- Public health impacts that result due to emissions was discussed. It was emphasised that holistic approach to resolving the matter would be needed to get the best outcome possible.
RTC19/16
Moved by: Cr Adams
Seconded by: Cr Brodie

RESOLVED

THAT the report New Zealand Transport Agency – Long Term View (Regional Transport Committee 1 April 2019) be received.

The motion was put and carried

6. Transport Emissions

Report to provide the Committee with information on transport emissions that has been collected by the Science and Strategy Directorate of Waikato Regional Council. It was presented by the Senior Scientist, Strategy and Science (J Caldwell).

The following matters were discussed:

- The sites and types of the emissions sensors was described and discussed.
- It was noted that the emissions were tracked and assessed against World Health Organisation standards and National Environment Standards.
- Mitigation measures to reduce the negative impacts of emissions was described and discussed.
- The range of causes of emissions was described and discussed in the Hamilton context.
- The relationship between traffic counts and emissions rates was discussed. It was noted that they have not made that correlation between the two, although that piece of work may happen in the future.
- The amount of emissions discharged by buses was discussed. It was noted that testing had taken place in the past through a variety of measures included in contracts with bus service providers.

RTC19/17
Moved by: Cr Christie
Seconded by: Mayor Baxter

RESOLVED

THAT the report Transport Emissions (Regional Transport Committee 1 April 2019) be received.

The motion was put and carried
7. **Regional Resilience Strategy**

Report to provide the Committee with current information on regional resilience issues. It was presented by the Team Leader Regional Hazards and Environmental Compliance (R Liefting).

The following matters were raised:

- It was noted that there was a need to identify risks and how they interconnect with each other, especially through climate change.
- The goal of building resilient communities in relation from natural hazards was discussed. It was noted that communities and government must work together to adapt and mitigate natural hazards using an appropriate risk management framework.
- It was emphasised that Regional Policy Statement provided guidance around the approach to natural hazards throughout the Waikato region.
- The online hazard portal was introduced and it was noted that it would provide the public and government agencies with information on natural hazards.
- The impacts of natural events such as king tides and flood events was discussed.
- Climate Change management on natural hazards was described and discussed.
- Models of community engagement was discussed. It was noted that there was a need for it to be meaningful and develop genuine levels of resilience, based on system wide approaches.
- The matter of managing the expectations and perceptions of what was considered a risk was discussed. It was emphasised that there is need to work with central government to look at how property buy outs, if ever required, and insurance coverage was managed in the future.

RTC19/18
Moved by: Cr Macpherson
Seconded by: Cr Machen

RESOLVED

THAT the report Regional Resilience (Regional Transport Committee 1 April 2019) be received.

The motion was put and carried

8. **Variations to the 2018 Update to the Waikato Regional Land Transport Plan 2015-2045**

Report to the Committee for the consideration and approval of the requests from the New Zealand Transport Agency to vary the operative 2018 Update to the Waikato Regional Land Transport Plan 2015 – 2045. The report was taken as read by the Team Leader, Transport and Infrastructure (N King).
The following matters were discussed:

- The Committee agreed that benefits to the Waikato region that may result from the variation had high levels of public benefit and support was voiced in favour of the proposed recommendations.

RTC19/19

Moved by: Cr Christie
Seconded by: Cr Macpherson

RESOLVED

1. That the report Variations to the 2018 Update to the Waikato Regional Land Transport Plan 2015-2045 (Regional Transport Committee 1 April 2019) be received.

2. That the Committee vary the operative 2018 Update to the Waikato Regional Land Transport Plan 2015-2045 to include a Waikato State Highway Speed Management Guide implementation activity.

The motion was put and carried

9. Regional Transport Issues Forum

This provided an opportunity for the Committee to raise and discuss regionally significant transport issues in an open forum.

The following matters were raised:

- It was requested that the matter of Marotiri School and the New Zealand Transport Agency could be removed from the register as the matter was being dealt with between the two organisations.
- Information on the relationship between the work of the Committee and work on Coastal Management Plans was sought.
- It was noted that the number of roadworks around the Waikato region was quite high and many sites appear to not be as safe as they could be for all motorists. It was added that brief profiles on the range of works that were being done would add clarity and understanding for all road users regarding what was being done and why.

RTC19/20

Moved by: Cr Adams
Seconded by: Cr Webber

RESOLVED

THAT the report Regional Transport Issues Forum (Regional Transport Committee 1 April 2019) be received.
The motion was put and carried

The meeting closed at 11.25am.
Waikato Regional Council

Integrated Catchment Management Committee

OPEN MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, 10 April, 2019, 10:00 am
Location: Council Chamber
Waikato Regional Council
401 Grey Street
Hamilton East

Members Present:
Cr S Kneebone - Joint-Chair Integrated Catchment Management Committee South
Cr F Lichtwark (Waikato Regional Council)
Cr D Minogue (Waikato Regional Council)
Cr J Hayman (Waikato Regional Council)
Cr K Hodge (Waikato Regional Council)
Cr K White (Waikato Regional Council)
Cr A Livingston - ex-officio (Waikato Regional Council)
S Yerex (Chair - Lake Taupo Catchment Committee)
R Stokes (Deputy Chair - Upper Waikato Catchment Committee)
M Moana-Tuwhangai (Chair - Central Waikato Catchment Committee)
K Holmes (Chair - Lower Waikato Catchment Committee)
R Barton (Chair - Waipa Catchment Committee)
R Hicks (Chair - Waihou-Piako Catchment Committee)
J Sanford (Chair - Coromandel Catchment Committee)

In Attendance:
J Morrison (Deputy Chair - Coromandel Catchment Committee)
Cr T Mahuta - ex-officio Deputy Chairperson (Waikato Regional Council)

Staff Present:
C Crickett (Director Integrated Catchment Management)
G Ryan (Manager Business and Technical Services)
P Whaley (Manager Integrated Catchment Services)
A McLeod (Manager Upper Waikato/Taupo Catchments)
B Toohey (Manager Lower Waikato, Waipa, West Coast Catchments)
L Van Veen (Democracy Advisor)
J Cox (Democracy Advisor)
1. **Terms of Reference**

2. **Apologies**

   Apologies were received from Cr Husband, Weo Maag and Sally Strang. Cr K Hodge's request to leave the committee meeting at 12pm was accepted.

   The Chair acknowledged Keith Holmes being recently appointed as Chair of Lower Waikato Catchment Committee. The Chair endorsed the comments noted within the 20 February 2019 Lower Waikato Catchment Committee meeting minutes regarding Malcolm Lumsden's contribution over many years as the previous Chair of this committee.

   **ICM19/13**
   Moved by: Cr S Kneebone
   Seconded by: J Sanford

   **RESOLVED (SECTION A):**
   
   THAT the apologies of Cr Husband, Weo Maag and Sally Strang be accepted.
   
   The motion was put and carried

3. **Confirmation of Agenda**

   Members approved the agenda as it was presented to them, noting corrections to the agenda copy previously circulated.

   **ICM19/14**
   Moved by: Cr S Kneebone
   Seconded by: Cr K White

   **RESOLVED (SECTION A):**
   
   THAT the agenda of the meeting of the Integrated Catchment Management Committee, as tabled, be confirmed as the business for the meeting.
   
   The motion was put and carried

4. **Disclosures of Interest**

   There were no disclosures of interest.

5. **Confirmation of Minutes**

   5.1 **Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting**

   Minutes of the Integrated Catchment Management Committee of 13 February 2019 and Extract of the Council meeting held on 28 February 2019

   The minutes were accepted with a correction to Cr F Lichtwark's name within motion ICM19/03.

   M Moana-Tuwhangai queried whether feedback relating to the Flood Campaign had been taken up, in particular ensuring relevance to Maori audiences. Chair invited M Moana-Tuwhangai and relevant staff to meet outside of meeting to follow-up.
ICM19/15
Moved by: Cr D Minogue
Seconded by: Cr A Livingston

RESOLVED (SECTION A):
THAT the Minutes of the Integrated Catchment Management Committee meeting of 13 February 2019 be approved as a true and correct record noting correction to Cr F Lichtwark's name within motion ICM19/03.

The motion was put and carried

6. Issues/Actions from Integrated Catchment Management Meetings

Report on the actions and issues discussed from the previous committee meeting held on 13 February 2019.

The report was presented by the Director of Integrated Catchment Management (C Crickett).

During questions, answers and related discussion the following was noted:

- A member requested an update on the process being carried out to resolve the Mill drain situation. B Toohey advised that the drain has been cleaned to the boundary of Conservation land and that a concession for cleaning of the drain on Department of Conservation land had been lodged. The Mill’s stormwater resource consent is on hold awaiting further information. A decision on the concession application to clean the drain on Department of Conservation land was expected soon. It was hoped that the Mill’s discharge consent would address the contaminants within the drainage system.
- The member (Lower Waikato) expressed frustration that the matter was taking so long to resolve.
- Integrated Catchment Management staff had been liaising with Lumber Corp to resolve effects on the council’s drainage services as a result of Lumber Corp’s activities.

ICM19/16
Moved by: S Yerex
Seconded by: J Sanford

RESOLVED (SECTION A):
THAT the report “Issues/Action from Integrated Catchment Management Meetings “(Integrated Catchment Management Committee 10 April 2019) be received.

The motion was put and carried
7. Integrated Catchment Management Groups of Activities Financial Status Report to the end of February 2019

Report to provide the committee with the financial status of programmes and activities that fall within the scope of the committee. The report covered the 2019/2020 financial year to end of February 2019.

The report was presented by the Manager Business and Technical Services (G Ryan).

During questions, answers and related discussion the following was noted:

- In general there were no significant issues raised in terms of forecasting and meeting budgets by the end of the financial year.
- It was noted that the costs associated with the Pauls Wharf Floodgate that have been accumulated to date, including those associated with the contractual dispute, were to be allocated to the Piako Zone operational budget.
- A member asked for detail of how Pauls Wharf had been funded. Staff undertook to provide these details to the Waihou-Piako Catchment Committee, noting that legal costs associated with pursuing contract performance would be identified.
- A member queried the status of the Kuratau project. A McLeod advised that approval sign off by the Tuwharetoa Maori Trust Board is still pending. General consensus existed between the parties subject to specific conditions being applied. It was expected that work could occur this financial year. Engineers were working on the design and vegetation was being trialled.
- A member raised a question regarding how biosecurity was funded querying how much central government funding was applied.
- A member queried the criteria for “carry forwards”. Staff advised that “carry forwards” were restricted to projects which were committed and/or not completed in time for the end of financial year cut off period and would therefore be completed during the following financial year.
- Members expressed the need for projects to be planned in advance to ensure they were completed within the construction season and not impacted by wet weather. Staff assured members that they were confident that the current practice followed for planning, procurement and execution of projects was appropriate. Staff undertook to provide a paper to the next committee meeting, outlining the framework and processes in place to ensure adequate project scoping and implementation across multi funding years.
- A member requested that the next financial status report brought to the committee include graphs illustrating previous financial status compared to current. Staff undertook to provide this.
- Staff advised that they would provide an update on the Muggeridges project at the next committee meeting.
ICM19/17
Moved by: Cr F Lichtwark
Seconded by: M Moana-Tuwhangai

RESOLVED (SECTION A):

THAT the report “Integrated Catchment Management Financial Status Report” (Integrated Catchment Management Committee 10 April 2019) be received

The motion was put and carried

8. Consent condition review - the regulatory process

Verbal presentation to provide the committee with an understanding of the process undertaken when a resource consent is subject to a formal review pursuant to s128 of the Resource Management Act.

The presentation was presented by the Manager Industry and Infrastructure (B Sinclair). Refer doc# 14112218 for the presentation. An oversight within the title of the report was noted, "content" should be "consent".

During questions, answers and related discussion the following was noted:

• Staff advised that regulatory staff were gathering technical evidence to inform the s128 review of the Whangamarino weir. This would then inform the process of identifying affected parties.

• Staff explained that consideration of effects on affected parties identified through the review process would exclude effects on parties already permitted under the current consent.

• A member raised concerns re the timeliness of the regulatory process followed. Staff undertook to arrange a meeting between K Holmes and relevant staff to ensure understanding of the regulatory process. Staff also noted they would cover off any questions K Holmes had regarding the Mill drain process during this meeting.

• Staff advised that they had put in place mechanisms to ensure politics did not adversely affect regulatory processes.

ICM19/18
Moved by: R Hicks
Seconded by: M Moana-Tuwhangai

RESOLVED (SECTION A):

THAT the report “Consent condition review – the regulatory process” (Integrated Catchment Management Committee 10 April 2019) be received.

The motion was put and carried
9. **Approach to the Management of Integrated Catchment Management Reserves**

Report to provide an overview of the various financial reserves that the Integrated Catchment Management activities operate, such as those related to operational expenditure, capital investment and disaster recovery.

The report was presented by Manager Business and Technical Services (G Ryan).

During questions, answers and related discussions the following was noted:

- A member queried how operational reserves were managed. Staff advised they were managed under general accounting guideline principles and best practice.
- Members highlighted the need to ensure reserve management guidelines allow for flexibility. It was noted that flexibility is needed in order to utilize reserves to their full potential and also when working to accommodate stakeholders’ needs.
- A member noted that staff recommendation 2 referring to paragraph 15 of the report should instead specify the matters to be considered by Catchment Committee and Land Drainage Sub-committee members. Staff undertook to include the matters (noted as bullet points in paragraph 15 of the report) in the relevant report recommendation when this was brought to members for consideration and feedback during the next committee round.
- A member asked what discretion council had with regards to of the intentional drawing down or accumulation of reserves (e.g. for periodic expenditure that has funding spread over a period of time). Staff noted that, if required, this issue formed part of long-term and annual planning discussions, but also undertook to include this aspect for consideration in the report being brought to the Catchment Committees and Land Drainage Sub-committees.

ICM19/19

Moved by: J Sanford  
Seconded by: S Yerex

**RESOLVED (SECTION A):**

THAT the report “Approach to the Management of Integrated Catchment Management Reserves” (Integrated Catchment Management Committee 10 April 2019) be received.

The motion was put and carried

ICM19/20

Moved by: J Sanford  
Seconded by: S Yerex

**RECOMMENDED (SECTION B):**

THAT the Committee request that each Catchment Committee and Land Drainage Sub-committee consider the matters raised by this report and provide to this Committee their
views on the management of their respective operational reserve, including those matters identified as follows:

- The maximum operational reserve balance that should be allowed for (beyond which the balance will be proactively drawn down to fund planned or accelerated operational activities).
- The maximum operational reserve deficit that should be permitted (beyond which the balance will be proactively recovered through, for example, adjustments as part of the development of a Long Term Plan) or allocation of annual operational funds.
- The use of zone operational reserves to spread the funding of certain activities that are planned to occur periodically (e.g. the accumulation of funding for 10-yearly scheme reviews evenly over the preceding 10-year period, as is the current approach).
- The use of zone operational reserves for other purposes (e.g. the management of operational work programme risk, such as the provision of self-insurance where no other mechanism is provided for).
- Any other matters relevant to the zone.

The motion was put and carried

10. Amendment of Asset Management Policy - flood protection, river management and land drainage infrastructure assets

Report to request that the committee recommend to Council that the proposed changes to the Asset Management Policy - flood protection, river management and land drainage infrastructural assets be adopted.

The report was presented by Manager Business and Technical Services (G Ryan).

During questions, answers and related discussion the following was noted:

- A member highlighted that the Policy should make specific reference to relevant national codes of practice where these exist. Staff undertook to update the draft policy to reflect this.
- A member queried whether the Policy provided for sustainable use of assets based on future needs. Staff advised that the Policy Objective "ensure that an integrated catchment management approach was taken to the planning, delivery, operation, renewal and disposal of infrastructure assets" addresses this point. Staff also highlighted the work currently being undertaken to determine an infrastructure sustainability work programme going forward.
- A member highlighted the need to take into account effects on the wider catchment when amalgamating assets. Staff advised that budget had been set aside to scope the current level of service of our assets and determine the best way forward for ensuring our assets were sustainable for future use. This work would take into account the wider catchment issues and effects.

ICM19/21
Moved by: Cr A Livingston
Seconded by: Cr K Hodge
RESOLVED (SECTION A):

THAT the report “Amendment of Asset Management Policy – flood protection, river management and land drainage infrastructure assets” (Integrated Catchment Management Committee 10 April 2019) be received, and

The motion was put and carried

ICM19/22
Moved by: Cr A Livingston
Seconded by: Cr K Hodge

RECOMMENDED (SECTION B):

THAT the amended Asset Management Policy (Doc #14042813) – flood protection, river management and land drainage infrastructural assets be recommended to council for adoption and that this incorporate direct reference to relevant national codes of practice where these exist.

The motion was put and carried

11. Better ways to manage marine pests' discussion document

Report to advise the committee that Waikato Regional Council, along with Northland and Bay of Plenty Regional Councils and Auckland Council, is consulting on the discussion document 'Better ways to stop marine pests? Ētahi tikanga pai atu mō te ārai orotā ō te moana?'

During questions, answers and related discussion the following was noted:

- Members requested consideration of the anticipated costs that council would incur should they implement the work programme. Staff advised the consultation process would inform how a future work programme might look which would then enable staff to calculate anticipated costs. It was noted that 50k had been allocated under the current Long Term Plan to carry out the consultation process.
- Staff highlighted that the other partnering regional councils already operated a high level programme of works to mitigate the effects of marine pests within their region - meaning a potential significant increase in service by our council if the consultation process highlighted a need for this.
- A member noted the view that central government should address the issues.
- A member raised the need for New Zealand Maritime Authority to be consulted with.
- Staff advised that individual councillors and committee members were able to submit as part of the consultation process.
- Staff questioned whether marinas were able to put in place rules to control / restrict fouling. Staff advised marinas had the ability to put in place their own rules however a wider approach to marine pest management was required for adequate control.
- Staff advised that communications regarding opportunity to submit during the consultation process had been varied to ensure a wide range of stakeholders were reached.
• A member raised the wider implications on boat owners and the need to include harbour masters in the project.

ICM19/23
Moved by: S Yerex
Seconded by: Cr J Hayman

RESOLVED (SECTION A):

THAT the Integrated Catchment Management Committee receive the report ‘Seeking feedback on better ways to manage marine pests’ (Doc# 13970840 dated 20 March 2019)

The motion was put and carried

12. Catchment Committee Meetings

12.1 Aka Aka Otaua Drainage Advisory Subcommittee 8 February 2019

Minutes of Aka Aka Otaua Drainage Advisory Subcommittee meeting of 8 February 2019.

Cr J Hayman spoke to the minutes.

Cr J Hayman highlighted that the Aka Aka drainage area was also experiencing frustration with regards to delay in consent application processing and suitability of consent conditions. Education with regards to technicalities of resource consenting was sought for the Subcommittee members.

ICM19/24
Moved by: Cr J Hayman
Seconded by: Cr A Livingston

RESOLVED (SECTION A):

1. THAT the report of the Aka Aka Otaua Drainage Advisory Subcommittee meeting held on 8 February 2019 be received; and
2. The decisions in Section A of the report be noted.

The motion was put and carried

12.2 Aka Aka Otaua Drainage Advisory Subcommittee 8 March 2019

Minutes of Aka Aka Otaua Drainage Advisory Subcommittee meeting of 8 March 2019.

ICM19/25
Moved by: Cr J Hayman
Seconded by: Cr A Livingston

RESOLVED (SECTION A):
1. THAT the report of the Aka Aka Otaua Drainage Advisory Subcommittee meeting held on 8 March 2019 be received; and
2. The decisions in Section A of the report be noted.

The motion was put and carried

12.3 Lower Waikato Catchment Committee 20 February 2019

Minutes of Lower Waikato Catchment Committee meeting of 20 February 2019.

K Holmes spoke to the minutes.

During questions, answers and related discussion the following was noted:

• Members discussed the motion to lobby/engage with appropriate government agencies with respect to promoting the need for release of the Koi carp herpes virus.
• A member expressed that lobbying/engagement should highlight alternative options for eradication of Koi carp. Noted an option could be to work with iwi on net harvesting. Also noted that NIWA held information to inform the decision on the best option for eradication and provided specific staff names of who would be beneficial to engage with over the matter. Cr T Mahuta undertook to engage with iwi on the points raised and to ensure they engaged with NIWA staff to work through all possible alternative options for eradication.
• It was noted that the following recommendation was left to lie on the table:

Moved by Matthew Dean
Seconded by Ian McDougall

RECOMMENDED

THAT unless the tendering and appointment of contractor processes to undertake the works concerned have been finalised before 1 November, that the project be delayed until the following construction season, unless there are specific circumstances that require urgency.

ICM19/26
Moved by: K Holmes
Seconded by: Cr S Kneebone

RESOLVED (SECTION A):

1. THAT the minutes of the Lower Waikato Catchment Committee meeting held on 20 February 2019 be received; and
2. THAT the decisions in Section A of the report be noted

The motion was put and carried

ICM19/27
Moved by: K Holmes
Seconded by: Cr S Kneebone

RESOLVED (SECTION A):
Item 7: Election of Chair to Lower Waikato Catchment Committee
THAT Keith Holmes be appointed as the Chair, Lower Waikato Catchment Committee.

RECOMMENDED (SECTION B):
THAT the following recommendation contained in Section B of the report be endorsed:

Item 13: Dam Safety Management System - Update on Progress
THAT the proposed increase to the Annual Plan budget for operational costs of $23,970 (each year) for the Mangawara Flood Protection area for the 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22 financial years, as outlined in the Dam Safety Report, be included.

The motion was put and carried

ICM19/28
Moved by: K Holmes
Seconded by: Cr S Kneebone

RECOMMENDED (SECTION B):

Item 9 Issues and Actions from the Previous Meeting
THAT the Waikato Regional Council lobby the Department of Conservation and other central government agencies on the need to lead the investigation on the release of the herpes virus to eradicate Koi carp.

The motion was put and carried
Cr K White voted against.

12.4 Lake Taupo Catchment Committee 22 February 2019

Minutes of Lake Taupo Catchment Committee meeting of 22 February 2019.

ICM19/29
Moved by: S Yerex
Seconded by: Cr S Kneebone

RESOLVED (SECTION A)
1. THAT The minutes of the Lake Taupo Catchment Committee meeting held on 22 February 2019 be received; and
2. THAT the decisions in Section A of the report be noted.

The motion was put and carried

12.5 Waikato Central Drainage Advisory Subcommittee 1 March 2019

Minutes of Waikato Central Drainage Advisory Subcommittee of 1 March 2019.
M Moana-Tuwhangai spoke to the minutes and highlighted the following:

- The need for vegetation setback from drainage networks was discussed. It was noted that the rules in the regional plan specified setbacks which were being ignored by some croppers.
- The matter of Lake Rotokauri drainage area no longer being maintained by Waikato District Council and the implications on surrounding landowner drainage networks was discussed.
- The effects on surrounding landowners of the Porters stormwater pond which needs clearing was discussed. Noted Mayor King was present for this discussion.

**ICM19/30**

**Moved by:** Cr S Kneebone  
**Seconded by:** M Moana-Tuwhangai

**RESOLVED (SECTION A):**

1. THAT The minutes of the Waikato Central Drainage Advisory Subcommittee meeting held on 1 March 2019 be received; and
2. THAT the decisions in Section A of the report be noted.

The motion was put and carried.

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12.6 **Franklin Waikato Drainage Advisory Subcommittee 11 March 2019**

Minutes of Franklin Waikato Drainage Advisory Subcommittee of 11 March 2019.

J Hayman spoke to the minutes.

J Hayman highlighted her abstaining from voting on motion FWDAS19/12 at the Subcommittee. Noted that the recommendation was inappropriate due to Plan Change No.1 being a statutory process and there being no ability to influence statutory matters through the advisory Subcommittee mandate. The members discussed motion FWDAS19/12 and determined it would be more suitable to recommend to Council for decision. The recommendation was reworded prior to being put to Council.

**ICM19/31**

**Moved by:** Cr J Hayman  
**Seconded by:** Cr S Kneebone

**RESOLVED (SECTION A):**

1. THAT The minutes of the Franklin Waikato Drainage Advisory Subcommittee meeting held on 11 March 2019 be received; and
2. THAT the decisions in Section A of the report be noted.

The motion was put and carried.
ICM19/32
Moved by: Cr J Hayman
Seconded by: Cr S Kneebone

RECOMMENDED (SECTION B):

THAT the recommendations contained in Section B of the report be endorsed - being:

Item 10: Works Status Report - 1 November 2018 to 31 January 2019
1. That staff be requested to investigate and report back to the Committee on the findings, options and outcomes with respect to:
   a) what type/s of chemicals are approved/available for use in drain weed spraying programmes to replace the current chemicals that have not proven to be effective;
   b) the current legislative requirements for agrichemical user certification to confirm who needs to hold the appropriate certified handler accreditation; and
   c) the operating practices being used to optimise the weather/wind conditions spraying ‘window’ available within any applicable rules and/or guidelines.

Item 14: Members Report - March 2019
1. That staff provide a breakdown of what it costs to hold a Franklin Waikato Drainage Advisory Subcommittee meeting.
2. That the Franklin Waikato Drainage Advisory Subcommittee requests that the Waikato Regional Council:
   a) Communicates with other Regional Councils and central Government on the need to reform the Resource Management Act so that it does not place New Zealand’s Drainage Districts with unsustainable cost increases.

   The motion was put and carried

ICM19/33
Moved by: Cr J Hayman
Seconded by: Cr S Kneebone

RECOMMENDED (SECTION B):

THAT staff consider opportunity to simplify the process for planning resource consents and speeding up decision making and bringing down costs.

   The motion was put and carried

12.7 Coromandel Catchment Committee 12 March 2019

Minutes of Coromandel Catchment Committee of 12 March 2019 and Section B recommendations of Minutes of Coromandel Catchment Committee of 16 November 2018.

J Sanford spoke to the minutes. It was noted that due to an administrative oversight a number of Section B recommendations had been noted as Section A items within the 16 November 2018 Coromandel Catchment Committee meeting minutes. This
meant that these had not been highlighted to the Integrated Catchment Management Committee previously for endorsement. The 12 March 2019 Coromandel Catchment Committee determined to correct the oversight through a motion to present the Section B recommendations to the 10 April 2019 Integrated Catchment Management Committee.

ICM19/34
Moved by: J Sanford
Seconded by: Cr D Minogue

RESOLVED (SECTION A):
1. THAT The minutes of the Coromandel Catchment Committee meeting held on 12 March 2019 be received; and
2. THAT the decisions in Section A of the report be noted.

The motion was put and carried

ICM19/35
Moved by: J Sanford
Seconded by: Cr D Minogue

RECOMMENDED (SECTION B):
THAT the recommendations contained in Section B of the report for the 16 November 2018 Coromandel Catchment Committee be endorsed - being:

Item: Finance and Reserve Management Report
1. THAT the Coromandel Catchment Committee support the increase across the Coromandel Zone River Management and Improvement contracted services budgets of $80,000 from the Coromandel Zone Operating Reserve for the Annual Plan 2019/20 year.
2. That the Coromandel Catchment Committee support the Coromandel Operating Reserve to be managed to a target range of between $200,000 and $300,000, until such time that Council provides further guidance.

Item: Coromandel Flood Protection Scheme Review Service Level Report
1. THAT service levels for each major stop bank and flood wall within the Coromandel flood protection scheme are adopted (refer Figure 5.3 to 5.5 of the attached document).
2. THAT the Coromandel flood protection scheme design standard is formalised for the current design freeboard of 0.50 m be retained for the stop banks and flood wall.
3. THAT a gauging station be installed in the Coromandel flood protection scheme catchment.

Item: Harbour and Catchment Management Plan Step Changes
1. THAT the Coromandel Catchment Committee approve the transfer of $150,000 from the Coromandel Zone Reserve to the Coromandel Zone budgets to
implement the HCMP Step-Changes for Wentworth, Wharekawa and Otahuhu River Catchments projects.

The motion was put and carried

12.8 Waihou Piako Catchment Committee 18 March 2019

Minutes of Waihou Piako Catchment Committee of 18 March 2019.

R Hicks spoke to the minutes and highlighted the following:

- Muggeridges project was progressing well.
- Official opening and blessing of the Paeroa office was held this week. The new office provided a greatly improved working space for staff and the public.

ICM19/36
Moved by: R Hicks
Seconded by: J Sanford

RESOLVED (SECTION A):

1. THAT The minutes of the Lower Waikato Catchment Committee meeting held on 18 March 2019 be received; and
2. THAT the decisions in Section A of the report be noted.

The motion was put and carried

ICM19/37
Moved by: R Hicks
Seconded by: J Sanford

RECOMMENDED (SECTION B):

THAT the recommendations contained in Section B of the report be endorsed - being:

Item 8: Issues and Actions from the Previous Meeting

THAT the Waihou Piako Catchment Committee recommends to the Council that the buildings owned by the Waikato Regional Council at the Paeroa Maritime Park (licence area W117), be transferred to the Paeroa Maritime Park.

Item 14: Operational Agreement for Scheme Assets

THAT the Waihou Piako Catchment Committee recommend to Council that the proposed Operational Agreement between Waikato Regional Council and Hauraki District Council for Scheme Assets (Doc #11739829) for signing, without amendments.

Item 17: Upcoming Agenda Items

THAT the Waihou Piako Catchment Committee recommends that the Waikato Regional Council declare Koi Carp a pest throughout the Waikato region.
12.9 West Coast Catchments Committee 19 March 2019

Minutes of West Coast Catchments Committee of 19 March 2019.

ICM19/38
Moved by: Cr S Kneebone
Seconded by: Cr A Livingston

RESOLVED (SECTION A):
1. THAT The minutes of the West Coast Catchments Committee meeting held on 20 February 2019 be received; and
2. THAT the decisions in Section A of the report be noted.

The motion was put and carried

12.10 Upper Waikato Catchment Committee 22 March 2019

Minutes of Upper Waikato Catchment Committee of 22 March 2019.

Cr K White advised of receiving Cr S Husband’s apologies prior to the 22 March 2019 Upper Waikato Catchment Committee, however this was not highlighted during the meeting and recorded in the minutes.

ICM19/39
Moved by: R Stokes
Seconded by: Cr S Kneebone

RESOLVED (SECTION A):
1. THAT The minutes of the Upper Waikato Catchment Committee meeting held on 22 March 2019 be received; and
2. THAT the decisions in Section A of the report be noted.

The motion was put and carried

12.11 Thames Valley Drainage Advisory Subcommittee 25 March 2019

Minutes of Thames Valley Drainage Advisory Subcommittee of 25 March 2019.

R Hicks spoke to the minutes.

During questions, answers and related discussions the following was noted:

- Members discussed effects of sediment from cropping operations, particularly where cropping was occurring close to waterways and shifting from one area to another. Noted that more education was needed to resolve the issues. Staff undertook to investigate the issues and options for improvement.
- A member asked that the matter be brought to the attention of the Vegetable Growers Federation and relevant contractors to ensure good practice was followed.
ICM19/40

Moved by: R Hicks
Seconded by: Cr S Kneebone

RESOLVED (SECTION A):

1. THAT The minutes of the Thames Valley Drainage Advisory Subcommittee meeting held on 25 March 2019 be received; and
2. THAT the decisions in Section A of the report be noted.

The motion was put and carried

12.12 Central Waikato Catchment Committee 27 March 2019

Minutes of Central Waikato Catchment Committee of 27 March 2019.

M Moana-Tuwhangai spoke to the minutes.

During questions, answers and related discussion the following was noted:

- The issue of drainage clearance at Lake Ngaroto and impacts on adjacent landowners was highlighted.
- A member advised that Cr P Southgate was seeking to strengthen the relationship between Hamilton City Council and Waikato Regional Council by attending the committee.

ICM19/41

Moved by: M Moana-Tuwhangai
Seconded by: Cr S Kneebone

RESOLVED (SECTION A):

1. THAT The minutes of the Lower Waikato Catchment Committee meeting held on 20 February 2019 be received; and
2. THAT the decisions in Section A of the report be noted.

The motion was put and carried

ICM19/42

Moved by: M Moana-Tuwhangai
Seconded by: Cr S Kneebone

RECOMMENDED (SECTION B)

THAT the recommendations contained in Section B of the report be endorsed - being:

Item 7: Central Waikato Zone Status Report
THAT staff prepare a report for the next Central Waikato Catchment Committee to provide oversight of how drainage is managed throughout the region and the issues arising as a result of the areas which are not currently managed by Council.

**Item 11: Central Waikato Catchment - Te Awa Lakes development Alligator Weed biosecurity restriction**

1. THAT when the economic impact assessment determining the costs of Alligator weed is received from the New Zealand Institute of Innovation Research by staff, council then use this as a leverage tool and advocate to central government for support to manage Alligator weed at a national, regional and local level; and

2. THAT staff present the Alligator Weed presentation presented at the 27 March 2019 Central Waikato Catchment Committee to the upcoming Waikato Central Drainage Advisory Subcommittee Meeting; and

3. THAT staff present the Alligator Weed presentation presented at the 27 March 2019 Central Waikato Catchment Committee to the upcoming Mayoral Forum

4. THAT staff investigate options for implementing Mayor King’s recommendation to implement a region wide rate to fund works to safeguard future generations against Alligator weed spread and its implications.

The motion was put and carried

13. **Resolutions to Exclude the Public**

ICM19/43

**Moved by:** Cr S Kneebone

**Seconded by:** Cr F Lichtwark

RESOLVED (SECTION A):

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

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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- To protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons [S7(2)(a)]; and

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

**Priority Possum Control Area pest control operation:**

- To avoid prejudice to the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation and detection of offences and the right to a fair trial (S6(a)); and
• To protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information (S7(2)(b)(ii)).

The motion was put and carried

Meeting closed 1.05pm
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 Māori 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)
M Workman (Crown Representative - Ministry for Environment)

Others Present:

Waikato Regional Council Cr F Lichtwark
Councillors

Ministry for the Environment T Bennetts – Principal Analyst
Taupō District Council T Wood (Policy Advisor)
Staff

Waikato Regional Council N Williams (Director - Community and Services)
Staff A McLeod (Manager – Upper Waikato/Taupō)
T Bio (Democracy 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. He noted that Taupō District Councillors had another appointment for 12.30pm so may need to leave early.

1. **Apologies**
   
   Apologies from 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 Māori 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 discussion, the Committee was referred 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. Waikato Regional Council had decided not to proceed with the request as the project was well advanced and had alternative funding.

**LTJC19/03**

*Moved By* | Cr R Jollands
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*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 satisfied with the information provided and had no further questions.

**LTJC19/04**

*Moved By* | S Lewis
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*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 December 2018 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 satisfied 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 the Lake Taupō Protection Project 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**

Waikato Regional Council’s Manager Farming and Maritime Services (N Botherway) provided a verbal report which noted that there were 36 live resource consents. None were considered to be significantly non-compliant. Members were satisfied 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**

Waikato Regional Council’s Manager of Upper Waikato/Taupō (A McLeod) presented this report, on behalf of Communications Advisor (W Valois). It provided an annual update on the communications plan.
During discussion, the following was noted:

- The Committee was referred to the 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 committee requested that the Officials Working Party (OWP) review these actions to determine whether these were the most effective channels for communicating the long term importance of the project.
- It was noted that these projects fell outside the mandate for funding from the Lake Taupō Protection Project Trust and should the partners want to progress any specific tactics then funding would need to be sourced. Taupō District Councillors stated that they 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

Waikato Regional Council Principal Strategic Advisor (U Trebilco) presented the report via teleconference.

During discussion, the following was noted:

- The Regional Plan Governance Committee had been populated but was not yet fully established.
- AgFirst had been contracted to undertake the research into the effects of the nitrogen cap on Taupō farmers.
- It was understood that the work load was now bigger than expected.
- The reviewed plan will be required to use the new template developed by the Ministry for the Environment. Much of the contextual information in the plan itself will be removed and this may have implications for visibility of the Lake Taupō Protection Project. The importance of the December 2020 notification of the plan change for the Taupō catchment was noted It was also noted that notification was now expected in May/June 2021.
- The project group would make the call on when and how notification in Taupō occurred.
• The Committee noted that the Issues/Options paper was available for distribution. Members requested that they received a copy. It was highlighted that this was a draft.
• It was requested that the research paper being worked on by AgFirst be presented to the committee once completed.

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

Waikato Regional Council 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 be circulated to members 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**

   Waikato Regional Council 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. Members had no questions or comments.

   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.

   **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 Māori 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**

   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:

**Item Name: Public Excluded Minutes of 30 November 2019**

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

Good reason to withhold exists under Section 7.

That the public conduct of the relevant parts 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) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

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

The meeting moved into closed session at 11.36am

Return to Open Meeting at 11.50am.

Meeting closed with a karakia at 11.55am.