

Minutes of a meeting of the Waikato Raupatu River Trust and Waikato District Council Co-Governance Joint Committee held in Committee Rooms 1 & 2, Waikato District Council, 15 Galileo Street, Ngaruawahia on **WEDNESDAY, 14 OCTOBER 2020** commencing at **10.02am**.

**Present:**

His Worship the Mayor, Mr AM Sanson (Co-Chair)  
Cr AD Bech  
Cr JM Gibb

Trustee Rukumoana Schaafhausen (Co-Chair)  
Trustee Hemi Rau  
Trustee Tahi Rangiawha

**Attending:**

Mr Brendon Green (Maangai Maaori)  
Mrs Maxine Moana-Tuwahangi (Maangai Maaori)

Mr GJ Ion (Chief Executive)  
Mr T Whittaker (Chief Operations Officer)  
Mr J Quinn (Communications, Engagement and Marketing Manager)  
Mr S Toka (Iwi & Community Partnership Manager)  
Mr V Ramduny (Strategic Projects Manager)  
Mrs J Dolan (Economic and Community Development Manager)  
Mr B Stringer (Democracy Manager)

Ms M Nepia (Strategy Manager)  
Mr D Turner (Board Member of Te Arataura)  
Ms A Abraham (Policy & Strategy Advisor)

The Iwi & Community Partnership Manager opened the meeting with a karakia.

The Co-Chairs welcomed the Maangai Maaori and attendees. Trustee Schaafhausen acknowledged the engagement and work undertaken by respective staff from Waikato Tainui and Waikato District Council since July 2020.

## **APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

An apology for lateness from the Council's Chief Executive, Mr Ion, was noted.

**Resolved: (Trustee Rangiawha/Cr Gibb)**

**THAT** an apology be received from Trustee Raumati-Tuu'a, Trustee Te Ao and Cr Thomson.

**CARRIED**

**JMA2010/01**

## **CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS**

**Resolved: (Trustee Rangiawha/Cr Gibb)**

**THAT** the agenda for a meeting of the Waikato District Council held on Wednesday, 14 October 2020 be confirmed and all items therein be considered in open meeting;

**AND THAT** the Committee resolves that the following item be added to the agenda as a matter of urgency as advised by the Co-Chairs:

- General Business – Huntly Rail Platform.

**CARRIED**

**JMA2010/02**

## **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of interest.

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Resolved: (Mayor Sanson/Trustee Schaafhausen)**

**THAT** the minutes of the meeting of the Waikato Raupatu River Trust and Waikato District Council Co-Governance Joint Committee held on Thursday, 16 July 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

**CARRIED**

**JMA2010/03**

## **REPORTS**

### Major Consents in District Agenda Item 5.1

#### Tabled Item: Major Developments and Consents in the Waikato District

The General Manager Customer Support spoke to the tabled item. The following matters were discussed in response to questions:

- There was engagement with mana whenua in relation to the major consents noted.
- Mana whenua forums, which would be discussed later in the meeting.
- Gleeson & Cox, Huntly

#### **Resolved: (Trustee Rangiawha/Cr Bech)**

**THAT the verbal report from the General Manager Customer Support be received.**

**CARRIED**

**JMA2010/04**

### Three Waters Service Delivery Reform/Stimulus Programme Agenda Item 5.2

The Chief Operating Officer spoke to the report and noted the list of projects for which the Council had applied for funding. The Council expected to receive a response on its application by the end of October 2020.

The work undertaken between Council and Waikato-Tainui staff in relation to connecting projects to employment was noted.

#### **Resolved: (Trustee Schaafhausen/Mayor Sanson)**

**THAT the report from the Chief Executive, Waikato District Council be received.**

**CARRIED**

**JMA2010/05**

Maaori Wards  
Agenda Item 5.3

The Strategy Manager, Waikato-Tainui, spoke to her report and highlighted the following:

- Appointment of Maangai Maaori by the Council was acknowledged.
- Legislation change in relation to public polls.
  - Waipa District Council appeared to be supportive of legislative change.
  - An in-depth korero required with JMA partners on how best to pursue legislative change.
- Interest in the New Plymouth and Tauranga councils' respective decisions to establish Maaori wards.

His Worship the Mayor outlined the view of Councillors:

- generally supportive of advocating for legislative change to discard polls;
- unlikely to support the establishment of Maaori wards given the cost and likely outcome of a poll.

The following issues were also discussed:

- Positive relationship between Waikato Tainui and the Council.
- Appointment of Maangai Maaori
  - whether there would be potential to increase the number of appointments given the workload required.
  - the more extensive delegations to the committees on which the Maangai Maaori had been appointed.
  - status of embedding Maangai Maaori positions into the JMA.
  - experiences of the Maangai Maaori to date.
  - potential of Maangai Maaori appointees across Waikato councils connecting and learning from each other.
- Mana whenua forums
  - Background to the work and engagement undertaken by the Iwi & Community Partnership Manager.
  - Committee supportive of mana whenua clusters; issue would be how best to connect the marae that would best work together and had shared interests.
  - Waikato Tainui could utilise for its engagement with mana whenua.
  - Remuneration/resourcing the forums to give effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi and to achieve better outcomes. The Chief Operating Officer noted the need to balance resourcing and provide consistency across the Council's stakeholders.
  - Examples of where mana whenua forums have worked (e.g. NZTA and Waikato Expressway).

- Next steps:
  - Continue to build on the strong relationship between the partners.
  - Important to speak to the correct marae representatives who had the mandate to represent mana whenua.
  - Waikato Tainui's work to build capability of marae.
  - Acknowledgement of the relationship between the Council and King Arikini Tuuheitia Paki.

**ACTION:** Waikato Tainui staff to work with the Iwi & Community Partnership Manager to advance the establishment of mana whenua forums in the District.

**Resolved: (Trustee Schaaflhausen/Cr Bech)**

**THAT the report and the update on mana whenua engagement be received;**

**AND THAT a joint workshop between Waikato Tainui and Waikato local authorities be convened to discuss legislative changes required to progress Maaori wards.**

**CARRIED**

**JMA2010/06**

Item 5.5 was considered by the Co-Governance Joint Committee prior to Item 5.4.

Horsham Downs Link Road  
Agenda Item 5.5

The Strategic Property Manager summarised the report and the Council's intention to progress the matter as quickly as possible.

- NZTA had acquired the land under the Public Works Act; the next step was to transfer the land to local government.

**Resolved: (Cr Gibb/Trustee Rangiawha)**

**THAT the report from the General Manager Service Delivery be received;**

**AND THAT Waikato District Council staff consult directly with Waikato-Tainui's General Manager – Rights and Interests, noting the need for urgency to meet construction timetables.**

## SCHEDULE

- All of the Horsham Downs Link Road land (“the land”) as delineated on Land Requirement Plan 3311244-SK-ZA-14001(A) (LRP) shown as areas A being 4.3930 hectares and B being 0.4912 hectares totalling approximately 4.8842 hectares (subject to survey) appended as Attachment 1;
- An area of 73m<sup>2</sup> legally described as Section 7 SO 500297 (coloured pink on Attachment 2) held for use in connection in record of title 773526 NZGZ 2017 In 457 was omitted from the Land Requirement Plan (sits outside of the designation). It was acquired for footpath and should form part of the transfer.

**CARRIED**

**JMA2010/07**

### Maaori Participation in Council Decision Making Agenda Item 5.4

The Communications, Engagement and Marketing Manager summarised the background to the report and highlighted that staff were seeking the Committee’s view on whether a policy was still required as part of the Council’s Long Term Plan. The alternative option was to embed the story on how Council engaged with Maaori within the LTP. The following matters were discussed:

- The rationale behind the options, noting that a policy was optional.
- Support expressed for embedding recognition of tangata whenua in the LTP story; connection with earlier discussion on mana whenua forums and work undertaken on Blueprints.
- The LTP process and engagement at iwi level.

**ACTION:** The Strategy Manager (Waikato Tainui) to work with Council staff to ensure that iwi is part of the Council’s LTP process.

Following further discussion, Committee members noted the benefits of having both a policy and story embedded in the LTP.

**Resolved: (Cr Gibb/Trustee Schaafhausen)**

**THAT** the report from the Chief Executive, Waikato District Council be received;

**AND THAT** the Co-Governance Joint Committee recommends to Council that both Options 1 and 2 in the staff report be supported in the Long Term Plan.

**CARRIED**

**JMA2010/08**

## Updates on Strategic Projects

### Agenda Item 5.6

The Strategic Projects Manager introduced the report, and the following matters were discussed:

- Waikato-Hamilton Wastewater Detailed Business Case – update provided and explanation of coverage and timeframes of two business cases.
- Rapid rail business case – options that were canvassed. Work would continue on a detailed business case following the general elections.
- Te Huia – timeframe for completion of Huntly platform and Park and Ride service.
  - Iwi blessing for Huntly rail station proposed for end of November 2020; mana whenua in Papakura would be part of this.
  - service expected to launch in February 2021; some charter services to commence in January 2021.
- Mapping of River Communities Spatial Intent – finalised documentation would be presented to the Co-Governance Joint Committee for information purposes.
- Metropolitan Spatial Plan
- Mercer Domain – Te Paina – the Iwi & Community Partnership Manager provided an update and outlined the proposed next steps.
  - Council's Strategic Property team working to transfer to Department of Conservation by March 2021.
  - Waikato Tainui's General Manager Oranga would be meeting with DOC to discuss the process shortly.
- The Economic and Community Development Manager provided an update on the joint work of Waikato Tainui and Waikato District Council staff on building capability and resilience in communities.
  - Community-led development programmes were underway.
  - Strong connection with central government departments – representatives currently working 'inhouse' at the Council (Ministry of Social Development, Kainga Ora and Te Puni Kokiri);
  - Synergies between Council and Iwi resilience plans (e.g. social enterprise, infrastructure, FutureProof).

**Resolved: (Mayor Sanson/Cr Gibb)**

**THAT the report from the Chief Executive, Waikato District Council be received.**

**CARRIED**

**JMA2010/09**

Strategic Work Programme 2018-2021  
Agenda Item 5.7

Trustee Schaafhausen summarised the work programme and the progress made by staff from both organisations. It was noted that Covid-19 had required resilience planning to be brought forward.

**ACTION:** Council and Waikato-Tainui staff to review the Work Programme in light of activity that needs to be completed and the work required going forward, and present an updated Work Programme to the next Co-Governance Joint Committee meeting.

**Resolved: (Trustees Schaafhausen/Rangiawha)**

**THAT the report from the Chief Executive, Waikato District Council be received.**

**CARRIED**

**JMA2010/10**

General Business  
Agenda Item 4.9

Naming of Huntly Rail Station

Mr Turner sought the Co-Governance Joint Committee's views in relation to naming the new Huntly Rail Station, Raahui Pookeka.

Mayor Sanson noted the two different processes for the proposed naming for the Huntly station and for Huntly itself.

- Naming of Huntly station was a Council decision based on feedback from the community in accordance with Council policy. The proposal needed to be canvassed through the Huntly Community Board first, and then the wider Huntly community. Cr Patterson, as Chair of the Infrastructure Committee, and Mr Turner would work together in this regard.
- This would then help inform the separate decision on the proposed dual name for Huntly. This was a more complex matter.



