
Minutes for a meeting of the Waikato Raupatu River Trust and Waikato District Council Co-Governance Joint Committee held via Audio Visual Conference on **WEDNESDAY, 10 AUGUST 2022** at **10.00am.**

Present:

Mayor JA Church (Co-Chair)
Cr C Eyre
Cr J Gibb
Cr K Ngataki

Trustee Hinerangi Raumati–Tu’ua (Co-Chair)
Trustee Huirama Matatahi
Trustee Donald Turner

Attending:

Cr C Beavis (*via Audio Visual Link*)
Cr M Keir (*via Audio Visual Link*)
Cr P Matatahi-Poutapu
Cr M Raumati
Cr L Thomson
Cr T Turner

Waikato District Council

Mr TG Whittaker (Chief Operating Officer)
Mr K Martin (Waters Manager)
Mr V Ramduny (Strategic Initiatives & Projects Manager)
Mr D Sharma (Three Waters Reform Project Manager)
Mr E Whangaparita (Procurement Manager)
Ms N Armstrong-Nield (Iwi & Partnerships Advisor)
Ms K Rhind (Senior Community Engagement Advisor)
Ms D Tracey (Strategic Planning Team Leader)
Mr F Bell (Strategic Planner)
Ms K Davis-Miller (Resource Management Policy Team Leader)
Ms E Saunders (Democracy Advisor)

Waikato Tainui

Ms M Tukere (Acting Chief Executive)
Mr J Falwasser (Environment Manager)
Mr T Paki (General Manager – Rights and Interests) – *via Audio Visual Link*
Ms R Veall-Dunn (Governance Executive)
Ms K Flavell (Oranga Project Advisor)

Mr H Matatahi opened the hui with a karakia.

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Resolved: (Mr D Turner/Cr Gibb)

THAT the:

- a. apology for non-attendance from Mr Gavin Ion (Chief Executive – Waikato District Council and Ms M Nepia (Strategy & Relationship Manager – Waikato Tainui) be accepted.

CARRIED

JMA2304/01

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Resolved: (Cr Ngataki/Her Worship the Mayor, Mrs JA Church)

THAT the agenda for the meeting of the Waikato Raupatu River Trust and Waikato District Council Co-Governance Joint Committee held on Friday, 14 April 2023 be confirmed and all items therein be considered in open meeting.

CARRIED

JMA2304/02

It was noted by Cr Ngataki and confirmed by the Co-chairs that the Terms of Reference would be discussed at the start of Agenda Item 7 – Reports.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

It was noted that Hinerangi Raumati (Tuurangawaeawae), Donald Turner (Taupiri) and Kandi Ngataki (Te Awamaarahi) are all Elected Members of Te Whakakitenga who represent their marae.

It was noted that Mr D Turner is the Co-Chair of the Southern Wastewater Governance Committee

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved: (Cr Gibb/Mr D Turner)

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Waikato Raupatu River Trust and Waikato District Council Co-Governance Joint Committee held on Wednesday,

10 August 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record, with the following amendments:

- Glenda was not present at the last meeting – her name needs to be removed from the attendance list
- Ms K Flavell is Oranga Project Advisor – not an Intern.
- Agenda Item 6.2 – The word Tuhi needs to be removed and replaced with Turei.

CARRIED

JMA2304/03

ACTIONS REGISTER/MATTERS ARISING

Agenda Item 6

Mana Whenua Action - Page 3 and Page 5:

- It was confirmed that Cr Turner will discuss this action point further in the Mana Whenua Forum Update (Agenda Item 7.1C)

Policy Planning Action - Page 4:

- It was confirmed that the WDC Policy Planning Manager is yet to meet with Mr H Matatahi – this action is to remain on the actions list.

Taiao Strategy Action – Page 4:

- It was confirmed that Waikato Tainui had made a submission for the Taiao Strategy which was received and this action could now be removed, however WDC and WT staff will continue to work together with this moving forward.

ACTION: Taiao Strategy Action to be removed and become part of business as usual now with staff moving forward
Ms D Tracey – WDC and Mr J Svadlenak along with Mr J Falwasser – WT.

Northern Hamilton-Waikato Metropolitan Wastewater Project Update – Page 5:

- The Strategic Initiatives & Projects Manager provided an update on this item and Mr D Turner chaired the Governance Hui that occurred on Tuesday, 11th April 2023.
- The Discharge Consent for the Cambridge Wastewater Treatment Plant has been lodged and Waipa Council have awarded the contract for the Cambridge Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade.
- The Project Team (led by Ms J Collier) are finalising and publishing the Northern & Southern Wastewater detailed Business Cases as they have all been approved.

- A Terms of Reference is being worked on for a Programme Partnership Group to oversee implementation is currently being developed by staff and will come to the Committee in due course.
- Staff are currently preparing an application to Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) seeking confirmation that the Southern Wastewater Treatment Plant (located in the Hamilton Airport precinct) could proceed with the proposed timeframes and investment required.
- Mr D Turner asked whether this project could be elevated to the Kotahitanga space? Mr Turner advised that he would leave that to the teams to work out what that strategy might look like with Waikato Tainui in there too (particularly with all the partners involved in the project).

ACTION: Staff to look at a consideration moving forward for a Kotahitanga approach being used for this Northern Hamilton-Waikato Metropolitan Wastewater Project.

Ngaati Naho – Pookeno Marae Action – Page 6:

- Cr Ngataki confirmed to the committee that a hui with Ngaati Naho had taken place and at this stage Ngaati Naho is going to have further discussions and then come back to Council for a further hui.

Iwi & Cultural Relationship Manager Update:

- Mr Whittaker gave the Committee an update and confirmed that Mr Ion is leading this action and it is a key priority for Council. It is acknowledged that the Iwi & Cultural Relationship team currently consists of Ms Armstrong-Neild (who is now a permanent employee within the team) and Ms K Rhind is assisting in this space.
- Council are currently looking at the mahi in this space and to see what best practice would look like and a team of three (3) staff was the best way forward. Mr Ion has had conversations with Ms Flavell regarding this.
- Waikato Tainui see the role of Iwi & Cultural Relationship Manager as Strategic and would like to see this role sit within the Executive Leadership capability within Council. This will allow a greater understanding of the partnership but still have the requirement for people on the ground doing the day to day business work.

REPORTS

Terms of Reference:

Agenda Item 7

- Cr Ngataki raised a question about the wording for the membership of the Joint committee – particularly the wording that the Co-chair for Waikato Tainui “must be chair of Te Arataura” – this is not currently the case.
- Ms Raumati-Tu’ua confirmed that the decision for having another Co-chair for the Joint Committee goes back three years when Ms Te Aho was chair of Te Arataura. Ms Te

Aho put in place for members of Te Arataura to take on various chairperson roles for other council Joint Management Agreements. This was done to provide Leadership and Engagement opportunities for Te Arataura members and Mr Morgan (current Te Arataura Chairperson) is happy to maintain this.

- Mr Matatahi also spoke to the Leadership & Engagement opportunities and thought the Terms of Reference could reflect that to show the history.
- A simple change of wording could be added to the Terms of Reference to reflect this with a suggestion to include or delegate for both Waikato Tainui and Waikato District Council Representatives given the current delegation is for the Mayor.
- It was noted that Te Arataura Elections are coming up later in 2023 so this could change again.
- It was confirmed that decisions made by the committee are still binding as long as the membership at the table can reflect the quorum and have the delegation to make the decision.
- It was confirmed that Waikato Tainui chair the JMA hui when they are the host and Council chair the JMA hui when they host.

ACTION: The Terms of Reference to be updated by Waikato District Council staff to reflect the change in wording and the intent of the representation for the Joint Management Agreement Committee. The updated draft Terms of Reference is to be sent to Waikato Tainui for approval before going to Council for adoption.

Strategic Work Programmes Joint Update Report Agenda Item 7.1

The report was taken as read, and the Strategic Initiatives & Project Manager along with Ms Tukere gave an update to the committee.

- Local Body Elections have now been completed with Two Maaori Ward Councillors having been elected along with three General Ward Councillors of Maaori descent which is something to be celebrated.

Ngaaruawaahia/Hopuhopu/Taupiri Structure Plan Update:

- A Reference group has been established for the structure plan and all pieces of work or communications are brought to the reference group for discussion and planning.
- Mr Turner asked how marae participated in the conversation particularly around future transport located close to marae? It was confirmed that it all depends on the scale of the transport project – if it is Structure Plan related then engagement through the Policy Team but if it is more Strategic then the engagement is picked up at another level as it depends on the scale and the impacts on communities.
- The Mana Whenua forum once established will assist greatly with this type of engagement to ensure affected communities are involved with projects adequately particularly from a marae perspective.

- It was noted by Ms Raumati-Tu'ua that there is no Ngaaruawaahia Marae. It is Tuurangawaewae marae so can we make sure that we make those references clear and also note that Tuurangawaewae marae is mana whenua in Ngaaruawaahia and all communications or correspondence relating to Council projects should be going to Tuurangawaewae for that mana whenua voice.

Engagement update:

- Ms K Rhind gave the committee a brief update on the engagement strategy and work that has been done to date.
- There are a few moving pieces within engagement that rely on Iwi & Partnerships manager to ensure not only consistency but meaningful engagement.

Mana Whenua Forum Update:

Cr Turner gave a verbal update to the Committee and the following matters were discussed:

- Cr Turner gave a brief overview of how this project came into being.
- A selection for representation can sit with either marae, iwi or hapuu.
- Cr Turner attended the Tainui Games and there was overall support for this approach.
- There are 38 marae in the cluster with more that could become part of it.
- A 6-12 month timeframe for going into consultation with marae (engagement being undertaken both face to face and through Social Media) has been outlined.
- There are Four Clusters broken into North, South, East & West (19 in Tai Raro Takiwaa and 19 in Tai Runga Takiwaa).
- Cr Matatahi-Poutapu and Cr Turner will undertake initial engagement and then bring Council staff on board to round out the process and take over moving forward.
- Council staff can then pool those marae with Councillor Representatives to try and make a process like Community Boards currently have (each Community Board have Councillor Representatives from the Ward in which those Boards sit) and have Marae Representatives to speak to Council issues.
- The elected members will start the process and then leave in the hands of staff to implement moving forward.

Questions/Discussion Points:

- It was noted by the Committee that the work that has been done to date has been really good and the process for this can and may evolve over time.
- A process like this makes it easier for Council staff to ensure they know exactly who they should be engaging with and who the right representative is to speak for marae. It is great to give Maaori a voice and promote engagement between Council and our people.
- Makes the engagement pathway straight and an avenue for good engagement with marae.
- All marae operate differently in terms of engagement and representation so we need to make it work with all marae and Council.

- A query around remuneration was raised. A more committed representation requires the same value so consultation is fair and we need to ensure that we are not using our whaanau and their skills without properly recognising the work they are doing.
- Mr D Turner commented on partnerships in the true sense and again reiterated that our people and their skills in this space are not to be used – our whaanau is a true expert in this space and should be treated and remunerated accordingly – ‘we want to be valued’.
- Mr Whittaker explained the challenge between providing technical advice ‘for which payment makes sense’ and community engagement ‘for which we undertake with many stakeholders in our community for no charge’. It was agreed that was something that needs to be worked through.
- This forum will provide good relationship building for Council staff and will ensure consistency with marae even when there is staff turnover.
- A Terms of Reference has not been seen by the Committee to date – can this please be forwarded for consideration.
- It was noted that it’s really important that all marae are contacted and engaged with and that Iwi has a voice with the design of this forum moving forward.
- The strategic work for this forum will be taken offline and can be discussed further with Ms Nepia and Ms Tukere to start thinking of the next strategic plan.
- Mr Turner raised a question around population growth and how the mana of our communities can be maintained. What is the council process for this particularly around community boundaries?
- It was confirmed that a Representation Review process is undertaken every 6 years through the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) but a conversation with DIA could be had to make the processes and rules more modern and in step with the rapid growth of our communities.
- Council will also capture in an Action what our Strategy is moving forward to ensure the mana of our communities are maintained.

ACTION: A Terms of Reference design for the Mana Whenua Forum is to be circulated to the Committee for their consideration and information.

ACTION: A review of remuneration for Mana Whenua forums and ensuring that representatives to this forum are valued to be looked into further by Council.

ACTION: Council to look at a strategy moving forward for our communities and how they will maintain their mana with the rapid population growth and boundary changes.

Resolved: (Mr Turner/Cr Gibb)

THAT the Joint Management Agreement Committee receives the report.

CARRIED

JMA2304/04

The meeting was adjourned at 11.05am for 10 minutes for a morning tea break.

Unconfirmed

Three Waters Reform Project Update – March 2023

Agenda Item 7.2

The Three Waters Reform Project Manager and Keith for WDC spoke to the report and the following matters were discussed:

- The Three Waters Government announcement on Thursday, 13th April updated the Four water entities to 10.
- Council was in Entity B but not sure what entity they will be in now. It will be made up of the 10 councils in the Waikato Region.
- The Three Waters reform was due to roll out on 1 July 2024 – this has now been pushed out to 2026.
- The Regional Representation Group has been changed from Six to now One representative from Council (Mayor will be delegate for Waikato District Council) and One from Mana Whenua working in partnership.
- The Better off Funding Tranche 2 has now been disestablished so any discussion around that cannot continue although it was confirmed that Tranche 1 funding is assured and will go through.
- The current Council Capital Works Programme is unaffordable to our communities.
- Compliance, particularly with Wastewater Treatment Plants have nudged the line on Resource Consents but targets are still being met and the Awa remains a top priority.
- The Watercare arrangement has provided Council with great savings to date along with good momentum but even this is not sustainable long term. This delivers well but moving forward with the entity approach even Council is not convinced with the size and scale that it's enough.
- Investment is required and the Wastewater space in particular is eye-watering and if we borrow all the money for this space our ratepayers cannot possibly pay it back. Government Investment is need so this remains a challenge.
- The two year extension to Three Waters may be good for some Councils but it's not good news for Waikato District and it would have been more helpful to keep to the previous 1 July 2024 timeframe.

Questions/Discussion:

- The Government Announcement was helpful in clarifying questions councils had about Three Waters.
- Using Regional Councils as a guide for entity groupings was a good idea however it was noted that it would have been good for the previous Entity B to go now (1 July 2024) too for investment purposes.
- Ms Tukere asked if either the Co-chair or Ms Flavell have the ability to influence the Three Waters conversations at a higher level. It would be beneficial to encourage the chairs to have a conversation with Mr Morgan (Chair of Entity 1) to see what influence he has at the Ministers table.

- Mr Turner asked about a Kotahitanga approach and determining what is the collective message for Marae and the plan to meet that? Is there a collaborative approach for this? It was confirmed that there is not a collective message within councils in the Waikato Region – each have different opinions.
- There was discussion around Entity 1 going early and if Council could stay with that then it would be beneficial as it doesn't make sense to come off our Watercare partnership and start again with Entity 2.
- Cr Gibb asked if it might be beneficial to brief Mr Morgan on what the actual impacts are on the person who pays rates on the ground. Is there any way we can give this knowledge to him whilst he is at the table with the ministers concerned and provide that voice?
- Mr Matatahi spoke to having a Kotahitanga forum within the Waikato Region and whether this is something Mr Morgan could also take to the table? This is to be made an action.
- It was confirmed that the vision of the entities have not changed with this announcement – just the number of them.
- A brief overview of why Council decided to partner with Watercare occurred and it was confirmed that Watercare offered Council the size and scale that a relationship with both Waipa and Hamilton City Council could not provide.

ACTION: Discuss with Mr Morgan (Chair of Entity 1) the possibility of a Kotahitanga forum for the Waikato Region and having the concerns of the Government announcement discussed with Ministers at the Three Waters table.

ACTION: The Three Waters Reform Project Manager is to send a list of the projects that were approved in Tranche 1 of Better off Funding to Waikato Tainui.

Resolved: (Ms Raumati-Tu'ua/Cr Ngataki)

THAT the Joint Management Agreement Committee receives the report.

CARRIED

JMA2304/05

Waikato District Council Water & Wastewater Capital Delivery Update
Agenda Item 7.3

The Waters Manager for WDC spoke to the report and the following matters were discussed:

- Waters Manager gave a brief overview of the report which was taken as read.
- Te Kauwhata Wastewater Treatment Plant – a raahui has been placed on the wetlands (not on the lake as previously advised).

- An upgrade is happening onsite at the Plant and commitments had been made at the hui held in August 2022 at Matahuru Marae to stop discharging into the lake as soon as possible. Council are currently looking at different discharge options and have undertaken site visits to two of those locations.
- A second commitment was to get the Te Kauwhata Wastewater Treatment plant back into compliance as soon as possible. The plant was not compliant from a Resource Consent point of view but steps have been taken to reach full compliance.
- There is still testing to do along with reporting back to both Waikato Regional Council and Nga Muka as a key stakeholder. Three months of results need to be submitted (currently in the first month now) and this will bring the plant into compliance with the current consent (by June 2023).
- The Plant from an environmental perspective and a public health perspective is starting to show the promises that Council said it could and Council are looking forward to the plant being finished in September 2023 and to take the final step of a new discharge option.

Questions/Discussion:

- Who will be Waikato District Council representative for the working party to set up the Whangamarino Restoration? Mr James Baldwin joins Council at the end of May but in the meantime it will be Mr K Martin (Waters Manager).
- The Te Kauwhata Consultation Group has the funding for the restoration project which Council contributes \$45,000 a year. There is a set of work programmes around the restoration from the Te Kauwhata Consultation Group for planting and clean up in this space.
- From a Council perspective it is about us managing the impacts that we have in this space in terms of contributing to the restoration project.
- Cr Raumati addressed the committee and requested that the following points be noted:
 - There cannot be a raahui over the lake whilst there is still discharge occurring.
 - The request for an apology, from Waikato-Tainui to the farming community, was symbolic and more about raising the point as opposed to expecting an outcome; - this is about relationship building and being a voice for all constituents.
 - Being the elected member of Waerenga-Whitikahu, it may be beneficial that she be kept in the loop with regards to issues related to her Ward, with particular reference to the lake, wetlands and the river.
 - Being a general ward Councillor of Maaori descent, it is incumbent of her to represent both Maaori and Non-Maaori residents and ratepayers, on all matters of significance. It is a privilege to wear two hats however, such a privilege requires a considered and balanced approach.
- Mr Falwasser gave an update on a meeting that he attended yesterday at Nga Muka and advised that there was no Council representative present. A holistic approach was discussed at the meeting and it was agreed that drastic change is required for the environment and a bigger approach is needed.

- Mr Matatahi raised a question around land ownership by Council and what response is in place particularly for Botulism in this space. There does not need to be an answer now but wants the question noted with answers provided at a later time.
- Two main things have come out of the report today - Compliance & Restoration and it was noted that better communication to fix this going forward needs to occur to ensure transparency and consistency.

Resolved: (Ms Raumati-Tu'ua/Cr Ngataki)

THAT the Joint Management Agreement Committee receives the report.

CARRIED

JMA2304/06

Waikato-Tainui All of Council Hui Presentation

Agenda Item 7.4

Ms Tukere spoke to the powerpoint presentation and the following matters were discussed:

- A brief overview of the presentation was given to the Committee with an emphasis on the relationship between Waikato-Tainui and local authorities being a key part of the recognition and implementation of Treaty Settlements at a regional and local level.
- Congratulations was given to our newly elected Maaori Ward Councillors – very proud of the roll Waikato Tainui played in making sure this came to fruition.
- The Maangai Maaori space is still very important to Waikato Tainui and would like this to retained - what is Councils position on this? Can these rolls be entrenched into the current Council structure?
- The recent extreme weather events was discussed and there was a very good response from marae. Processes need to be embedded moving forward particularly with climate change and these extreme weather events happening more often.
- It is good to see the Social Procurement on the agenda as Waikato Tainui want to partner with councils to support maaori businesses in all areas. It was noted that maaori businesses range across all different types of industry which is great to see.
- An overview of Cultural awareness & Footprint Initiatives was provided.
- It is hoped that this all Councils hui powerpoint presentation can be distributed amongst all Council staff and conversations can start happening to ensure the action points requested are acknowledged and worked on.
- For Tainui Group Holdings it was confirmed that a lot of responses to their questions raised had already been provided in the work programme update which is really good.
- The purpose of social procurement is to raise profile of Maaori business and take them on the journey from small to medium and to fit the needs of the community.

Questions/Discussions:

- Her Worship the Mayor, Mrs Church spoke to the weather and climate response plan along with resilience and communications.
- Maangai Maaori – it was confirmed that fixed term contracts have ended and not looking at reinstating these at this time. It will be an ongoing conversation and there are always opportunities to keep looking at this and it will be kept on the action list for this Committee moving forward.
- The question was asked for Council to confirm – is that a “No” to Maangai Maaori? Her Worship the Mayor advised that it was not a ‘No’ – it was a ‘Not at this time’.
- The Procurement Manager responded to the action points noted in the powerpoint presentation and confirmed that at this stage data within Council is very poor but will pull data from the big contracts that Council have.
- The Procurement Management absolutely agrees with Action Point 2 - Partnering with Waikato Tainui to lift the capability of businesses and is excited to get this work moving. The Procurement Manager will continue to work with Trina in this space.
- A Procurement process review is currently underway and framework is being looked at.
- Mr Turner wanted to add a note around resetting thinking and Maangai Maaori and gave a history of why Maangai Maaori would be important to keep and embracing the idea of building onto what we have already built.

ACTION: Maangai Maaori Representatives item is to stay on the action list and discussion will be had at the next JMA committee meeting.

ACTION: The Procurement Manager will provide data from the big business contracts that Council have to Waikato Tainui and will take all the actions noted from the powerpoint presentation

Resolved: (Mr Turner/Cr Gibb)

THAT the Joint Management Agreement Committee receives the report.

CARRIED

JMA2304/07

Maori Ward Councillors Update – Tai Runga Takiwaa and Tai Raro Takiwaa Agenda Item 7.5

Cr T Turner and Cr P Matatahi-Poutapu gave verbal updates to the Committee and the following matters were discussed:

Cr P Matatahi-Poutapu – Tai Raro Takiwaa:

Cr Matatahi-Poutapu provided a presentation to the Committee outlining the mahi that she has been working on with emphasis on Four Kaupapa:

Mayoral Fund for Marae:

- Given the recent flood impacts a Mayoral Fund has been established.
- Support all our impacted marae to lodge an application and Cr Matatahi-Poutapu will be participating in the panel decisions ensure our marae and mana whenua applications are presented in a supported manner.

Mana Whenua Engagement:

- Key concerns from Mana Whenua was raised.
- What has been heard from Mana Whenua voices on Engagement was presented along with an emphasis on Maangai Maaori and the value that they represent.

One Approach

- Marae are our heartbeat and we want to grow the capability to participate in Council submissions and engagement on the future of the rohe.
- By resourcing Marae instead of individuals, each marae could grow their capacity to respond and engage on Council plans.
- This gives Marae a direct line to influence Council plans, with Maaori Ward Councillors supporting their Mana Whenua voices and Mana Whenua engagement to grow

Mana Whenua Voices and Marae

- While Mana Whenua forums can be held (proposed North South East West) Mana Whenua voices have said they want a marae based engagement to ensure the forums aren't reliant on one individual but allow Marae bodies to participate.
- It is important to build marae capability –as there are many opportunities for Marae to have direct links to Council. There are critical future issues that Mana Whenua have important and relevant whakaaaro on Re-development, Infrastructure, Te Mana o Te Wai and the Taiao.
- There are 23 marae in the Tai Raro Maaori Takiwaa area alone. Each have their own priority areas so we are ensuring that our Council engages with Marae when changes are proposed. There is lots going on but the intention is to provide bite-sized updates and info so Marae can choose and identify the kaupapa they want to engage on easily and regularly.
- There is an intention to hold workshops with the Marae and go to them when they have their Marae Committee Hui to talk about big impact reforms, LTP and Council priorities, to ensure we reflect Marae priorities.

Cr Matatahi-Poutapu also wanted to acknowledge the work that was undertaken during Cyclone Gabrielle and the response to Port Waikato.

Cr Turner – Tai Runga Takiwaa:

- Confirmed that this Committee is the forum for the Mana Whenua plans to be looked at and thinks that this is the best space to get this moving.
- Visited Huakina marae along with Cr Ngataki for the marae forum hui.
- There are Five wards in the Tai Runga Takiwaa area that Cr Turner is covering along with Three Community Boards.
- Cr Turner provided a list of the hui that she has attended to date which totals 76 meetings including Poukai.
- Cr Turner advised that she is becoming more comfortable in the Council space and is navigating all the hui and staff well.

Mr H Matatahi advised that the updates were very good and speaks to the kaupapa of supporting this space.

- Encourage the Maaori Ward Councillors to have a team behind them to ensure mahi gets done and not having all the mahi sitting on them alone.
- There needs to be a process around intent vs delivery to assist Council staff to bring this forward along with quickly getting the Iwi & Consultation team up and running to support this maaori space.

Cr L Thomson addressed the Committee before closing and spoke to a recent conversation she had with some constituents around engagement with Council.

Cr Raumati addressed the Committee before closing and expressed her thanks for being able to attend today.

General Business

Agenda Item 7.6

There were two items noted for General Business:

- Is there any chance that this Committee can meet more frequently? It was advised that the next Committee Meeting could be in August 2023 rather than in October as the Te Arataura Elections take place in September.
- Mr Turner wanted to note again the importance of Maangai Maaori especially in this space.

CLOSING COMMENTS FROM CO-CHAIRS

Trustee Hinerangi Raumati–Tu’ua:

- Wanted to acknowledge the mahi of all of our staff and is excited about the response to the Strategic Work Programme.

Her Worship the Mayor, JA Church:

- No further points to raise.

Closing Karakia

Mr Turner closed the meeting with a karakia.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 12.57PM.

Minutes approved and confirmed this day of 2023

Mrs JA Church
HER WORSHIP THE MAYOR

Ms H Raumati-Tu’ua
CO-CHAIR AND TRUSTEE