Waikato District Council
Te Kaunihera aa Takiwaa o Waikato

MEETING MINUTES

TOITUU MARAE, MANU TAAIKO

Date: 28 September 2026

Time: 6pm

Place: Council Chambers

Maangai Present:

Rosalie Ellis, Ooraeroa
Rangimarie Mahuta, Waahi Paa
Leitia Preston, Maurea
Tineka Wymer, Mai Uenuku ki te Whenua
Tamorangi Reuben, Ngaa Tai E Rua Paa
Sonia Graham, Tikirahi
Kawekura Nikora, Hukanui Aa Muri Paa
Bernice Breckon, Kaitumutumu Marae
Te Pora Thompson, Te iti o Haua
Tim Tahapehi, Tauranganui Marae

Attendees from the wider marae network:

Kay Davis, Okarea Marae / Nga Muka Development Trust

Waikato District Council:

Mayor Aksel Bech, Maehe Paki, Kuiarangi Barnsdall, Alicia Sunnex, Vishal Ramduny, Amiria Mc Garvey, Paul Conder, Gannin Ormsby, Sonia Pan.

Other Representatives: IAWAI, Waikato Tainui and FENZ

Apologies:

Destiny Lord (Aramiro) Hori Awa (Kaitumutumu) Kandi Ngataki (Te Awamaarahi), Marian Tahana (Waikeri), Sharon Waitere (Te Papatapu Marae)

1	Karakia Timatanga: Gannin Ormsby	**6.05pm**
2	**Meeting Administration** Acknowledgements of those kaimahi in attendance, Registration	**6.08pm**
3	**Whakawhanaungatanga – IAWAI** **Amomai Pihama** Pou Aronui – GM Maaori Partnerships, Communications and Engagement	**6.12pm**

	Epaapara Poutapu (Paa) Maaori Partnerships Senior Advisor – Kaitohutohu Maataamua Aronui Maaori **Ngawati Apanui** Pou Arataki - Maaori Partnerships & Cultural Capability Manager Overview of team, the journey thus far over the past 3 months, the Water Services Strategy 2 overview and rates. The team outlined the water charges and billing explaining thare no new water charges for Waikato District Council residents. The charges on your bill are the same as before when the Council managed them. The difference is that water charges are now listed separately and shown as an IAWAI charge. Water charges and rates have gone up a little this year, but the increase is less than what the Council had expected. Contact can also take place with WDC for Rates and marae can apply for the Rates Remission Policy. Paatai: • *Te Pora Thompson, Te Iti o Hauaa* – What does this mean for marae that are not on reticulation, marae will have own water and wanted to know if there are ways marae can be addressed. • *Kawe Nikora, Hukanui a Muri* – we have our own water, but not connected to town supply, the cost for marae rates is $10k, we don't make sufficient money to pay for this, why are we paying for something that were not getting the sufficient pressure. The team will come to the marae to try and address concerns. • *Te Aira Berryman, Te Oohaki Marae* – What's the communications that can go to the marae about its purpose, who to contact and how to contact, the team will pull this together for distribution to the marae. • *Rosalie Ellis, Ooraeroa Marae*- Why are we being charged the rates for Halls when the marae are our halls. IAWAI are available for hui with any marae with water related queries contact Paa Poutapu Epaapara.Poutapu@iawai.co.nz **Action(s):** - IAWAI to work with WDC to improve communications and connections with marae.	
5	**Supporting Marae Priorities** • **Ngaati Aamaru Katoa Trust:** Refer to the one page update. • **Marae Resilience Fund & Ngaa Tai e Rua Paa case study:** Provided an overview of the fund and the process for applying, an overview of the data tool. The Marae Resilience Team are working collaboratively with Waikato-Tainui to enable training opportunities for tribal members and marae.	**6.40pm**

	Ngaa Tai e Rua Marae provided an update on their community energy hub eg (refer to the presentation). This was well received and an interest was expressed by the Forum in hearing about the other resilience initiatives taking place at Ngaa Tai e Rua. Tamorangi Reuben, to provide a Parakore presentation eg in Te Puaha o Waikato. Will aim to provide rapid numbers for every marae in collaboration with the iwi. Paatai: - *Tineka Wymer, Mai Uenuku ki te whenua,* Has the date closed, have since extended this timeframe, What are the reporting expectations and how will this information be used. Is there an opportunity to give more information to the proposal. - *Te Aira Berryman, Te Ohaaki Marae,* Raised technical issues with the form. *Action: The team will send through a copy of the form to marae until technical issues are addressed.* • **<u>Road Safety Discussion:</u>** Provided background to road safety signage and temporary speed limit signage, so it's more consistent across the district. Ideally signage would be installed together in alignment with the speed mgmt. plan. Janette will meet with each marae on which package that will suit them. Motion: Move a motion for a marae sign and a temporary speed limit sign? Moved: All marae in attendance, in support. Paatai: Is there a process for applying for this funding. *Action: Would like to get an indication of costs for this signage.* • **<u>Head Start Update:</u>** Mayor Aksel Bech provided an overview of our Head Start proposal and how we captured the voices of our marae, communities. He thanked the Forum and communities for their feedback and engagement. • **<u>Long Term Plan (LTP) Engagement:</u>** Paul Conder (WDC Chief Financial Officer) provided an overview of LTP, Councils 10 year plan, key issues for consideration, marae priorities. Paatai: • Te Pora Thompson, Te Iti o Haua, Would be good to see how Council and marae aspirations line up, would like more information so that the marae know and understand better. And to understand the process to understand the trade offs that are made why something isn't funded via the LTP.	**7.50pm**

	Action: Send all Toituu marae members a detailed list of priorities, including how each priority may or may not be addressed. • Te Aira Berryman, Te Ohaaki, Need to have values and our relationships at the forefront of priorities. We bring added value to WDC, it's more than essential services. Still a lot of work to do to build relationships. • Leitia Preston, Maurea Marae, Would like to include rangatahi and economic development, digital connectivity. • Marae representative not recorded, Agree that there has been a lot of movement forward, look to change/address colours on a slide (don't use red), • Te Pora Thompson, Te Iti o Haua, Would like to be a Parakore Hub and be a facility to manage our own waste, the Resilience plans could also have further information to help with LTP aspirations. • Marae representative not recorded, An intergenerational view is missing from the Toituu Marae priorities.	
6	**Co-Chair positions** Outlined resignations of co-chairs and can suggest a proposed process on who/how co-chairs will be put forward. Most marae prefer to have time to consider the Co-Chair roles. The Crs were asked if they could stay in the Co-chair roles as they do a great job and it would be difficult to chair while taking onboard the information being presented. The Councilors advised this is a capacity issue for them Action: Appoint Co-Chairs at the next Toituu marae on 23 November.	
7	**Te Matatini update** Provided overview of Te Matatini and how WDC are supporting the event, Phase 1: Marae readiness/resilience incl road signs Phase 2: Destination readiness – working with community boards and businesses being prepared for this event, Phase 3: Community activation: That our communities throughout the region can activate to prepare for this event. i.e. Raahui Pookeka have already reached out for night markets leading up to the event. Have also secured Waste Management funding to support marae to prepare for this. Paatai was asked about planning for public toilets are there is a shortage of those on the west. Mead's confirmed this has been considered and will be addressed.	**8.40**
8	**Shaping Toituu: Future workshops:** Time ran out to confirm a date, however the Chair shared that we would look to set up hui (can be online) to waananga important kaupapa that do not fit into the 3 monthly forum.	**8.50**

	Toituu Marae Webpage: A dedicated page has been set up on the Council website. This is where the agenda kaupapa, important links and information can be found. Marae are encouraged to check it out and let us know if there's anything else we can include Action: Alicia will contact and arrange with the Forum	
9	**Next Forum Meeting:** Monday 23 November, 6pm.	
10	Karakia Whakamutunga, Gannin Ormsby.	
11	**Meeting closed at 8.55pm**	

Actions		
1	*Indication of cost for road signage*	***NOT REQUIRED:*** *The WDC team is working to secure funding for the signage. Marae are therefore unlikely to be asked to contribute towards the cost.*
2	*Send all Toituu marae members a detailed list of priorities, including how each priority may or may not be addressed.*	***ONGOING:*** *Marae are encouraged to see the LTP webpage. Further detail will be provided before consultation in March*
3	*Arrange online waananga*	***ONGOING:*** *Alicia will arrange*
4	*IAWAI to work with WDC to improve communications and connections with marae.*	***ONGOING*** *IAWAI have an open invitation to Toituu Marae Forums and related kaupapa*

Decisions		
1	*All marae present are in favour of the Marae Road Signage project*	*An update will be provided at the next Toituu Marae*
2	*Appointment of Toituu Marae Co-chairs to be held at the November Forum*	

Toituu Marae Network Overview

Toituu Marae Signatories	present	Wider Marae Network	present
Aramiro Paa (Te Kaharoa)		Hukanui	
Horahora Paa		Mootakotako	
Hukanui aa Muri	✓	Tauhei	
Kaitumutumu Marae	✓	Mangatangi Marae	
Mai Uenuku ki te Whenua	✓	Ookarea Marae	✓
Ngaa Tai e Rua Marae	✓	Te Poho o Tanikena (Opuatia) Marae	
Maurea Marae	✓	Te Tihi o Moerangi (Makomako)	
Oomaero Paa		Weraroa (Waikaretuu) Marae	
Ooraeroa Marae	✓	Matahuru Marae	
Taupiri Marae		Te Kotahitanga Marae	
Tauranganui Marae	✓	Poihaakena	
Te Aakau Marae		Pukerewa Marae	
Te Awamaarahi Marae		Taniwha (Tangoao) Marae	
Te Hoe o Tainui Marae		Te Papa-o-Rotu	
Te iti o Hauaa Marae	✓	Waimakariri	
Te Kauri Marae		Waingaro	
Te Ohaaki Paa		Waitii	
Te Papatapu			
Tikirahi Paa	✓		
Tuurangawaewae Marae			
Waahi Paa	✓		
Waikare Marae			
Waikeri (Tangirau) Marae			

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