



## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

**Date:** Wednesday 10 March 2021

**Time:** 1.30pm

**Venue:** Council Chamber  
Hawke's Bay Regional Council  
159 Dalton Street  
NAPIER

**Present:** Cr R Graham – Co Chair  
J Maihi-Carroll – Co Chair *Mana Ahuriri Trust*  
Cr R Barker – Deputy Co Chair  
K Brown – *Te Kopere o te Iwi Hineuru (from 1.38pm)*  
Cr C Foss  
T Huata – *Ngati Pahauwera Development and Tiaki Trusts*  
N Kirikiri – *Te Toi Kura O Waikaremoana (via Zoom)*  
Cr N Kirton  
M Mohi – *Ngāti Tuwharetoa Hapu Forum*  
L Munroe - *Heretaunga Tamatea Settlement Trust*  
Cr H Ormsby  
P Paku – *Heretaunga Tamatea Settlement Trust*  
A Tapine – *Tātau Tātau o Te Wairoa Trust*  
Cr J van Beek  
Cr M Williams

**In Attendance:** J Palmer – Chief Executive  
K Brunton – Group Manager Policy and Regulation  
P Munro – Te Pou Whakarae Māori Partnerships  
A Roets – Governance Advisor  
C Edmonds – Manager Policy and Planning  
M Taiaroa – Senior Advisor, Māori Partnerships  
T Munro – Māori Engagement Coordinator  
D Cull – Strategy & Governance Manager

## 1. Welcome/Apologies/Notices

The Chair, Cr Rex Graham welcomed everyone to the meeting and Pieri Munro opened with a karakia.

Cr Rick Barker notes that he needs to depart at 2.30pm and Liz Munroe to be excused for a conference call during the meeting.

### Resolution

RPC1/21 That the apologies for absence from Councillors Will Foley and Charles Lambert, and Tania Hopmans and for lateness from Karauna Brown be accepted.

van Beek/Tapine  
CARRIED

## 2. Conflict of Interest Declarations

Cr Martin Williams declared an interest in Item 11 Statutory Advocacy Update as he is involved in some of the processes noted in the item.

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

## 3. Confirmation of Minutes of the Regional Planning Committee meeting held on 14 October 2020

### RPC2/21 Resolution

Minutes of the Regional Planning Committee meeting held on Wednesday, 14 October 2020, a copy having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record.

Maihi-Carroll/Barker  
CARRIED

## 5. Follow-ups from Previous Regional Planning Committee Meetings

Verbal updates covered:

- Letter to Central Government about significant commitment of resources required to achieve Freshwater Plan notification for all HB catchments by 31 December 2024 is under way through the Māori (Nga Kairapu) Special Interest Group and paper currently undergoing review. Once finalised an update will come to this Committee.

### RPC3/21 Resolution

That the Regional Planning Committee receives the report "*Follow-up Items from Previous Meetings*".

Tapine/Barker  
CARRIED

## 6. Call for Minor Items Not on the Agenda

### Recommendations

That the Regional Planning Committee accepts the following "Minor Items Not on the Agenda" for discussion as Item 12:

Topic	Raised by
Flooding	Tania Huata
Upper Wairoa - Ruakituri River Catchment Group	Api Tapine

**7. Regional Planning Committee Tangata Whenua Representation on Council's Committees**

The item was taken as read with confirmation of members as resolved below.

RPC4/21 **Resolutions**

That the Regional Planning Committee:

1. Considers the "Regional Planning Committee Tangata Whenua Representation on Council's Committees" staff report and nominates tangata whenua representatives to Council Committees as follows.
  - 1.1. Peter Paku as a member of the Environment and Integrated Catchments Committee
  - 1.2. Apiata Tapine as a member of the Corporate and Strategic Committee
  - 1.3. Mike Mohi as a member of the Hearings Committee in addition to Tania Huata as previously appointed
  - 1.4. Apiata Tapine as a representative on the Hawke's Bay Regional Council, with speaking rights only.
2. Confirms that the remuneration to be paid for attendance at Regional Council and Committee meetings is \$452 per meeting plus associated travel cost reimbursement. This will be paid upon approval of an eligible travel claim form submitted by the tangata whenua representative.
3. Recommends that Hawke's Bay Regional Council:
  - 3.1. Agrees that the decisions to be made are not significant under the criteria contained in Council's adopted Significance and Engagement Policy, and that Council can exercise its discretion and make decisions on this issue without conferring directly with the community or persons likely to have an interest in the decision.
  - 3.2. formally confirms the appointments above.

**Foss/Barker  
CARRIED**

*Karauna Brown arrived at 1.38pm.*

**8. Kotahi Project Principles**

Ceri Edmonds introduced the item which proposes a set of principles for both the development and decision making for Kotahi. Discussions traversed:

- With Reference to "no new western science" – the Science Team will be dedicating their time to support the Kotahi plan, continuing current science programmes and looking for new Matauranga Māori science so will not have resource to embark on any new research investigations
- Through the discussions, amendments to the "project principles" agreed by the Committee are noted in red text following.

Option A (Ngāti Pāhauwera)¶ Behavioural Competencies	Option B (RPC workshop)¶ RPC draft Principles	Option C (staff recommend)¶ Kotahi Project Principles
Communication – access to timely and consistent information, fit for purpose, tailored for the partnership	Māori communications – communicating to the Māori community¶ Timing and advance notice to the RPC about when decisions need to be made	Communication¶ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• → Timely¶</li> <li>• → Consistent information¶</li> <li>• → Fit for purpose¶</li> <li>• → Tailored to the audience</li> </ul>
Relationship Management – consistent with the values of partnership, active involvement, relationship-led mana to mana	He waka hourua (translates as the double hulled canoe – intended to mean a partnership where two people/groups are working together towards the same common goal/objective, but also recognising that they are different and retaining their own sense of identity)¶ Tangata whenua leads the process¶ Following Treaty of Waitangi principles – partnership, active protection, participation	Relationship Management¶ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• → Partnership¶</li> <li>• → Active involvement¶</li> <li>• → Respect of values¶</li> <li>• → Recognition of differences and¶</li> <li>• → Retention of identity¶</li> <li>• → Tangata whenua led components¶</li> <li>• → Recognition of mana whenua status</li> </ul>
Results orientation – empowering the achievement of mutual results, decision making over key matters, equitable citizen rights, place based solutions	Realism (definition – the attitude or practice of accepting a situation as it is and being prepared to deal with it accordingly)¶ Focus on the destination	Outcome/results focused¶ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• → Decision making on key matters¶</li> <li>• → Realistic expectations (time, resources and finance)¶</li> <li>• → Agile</li> </ul>
Awareness of operational settings – way of working, progress focused – effective snapshots of interactions and work programme, priorities and focus, capability and capacity, resourcing	No new <del>Western</del> science¶ Resourcing – appropriate to the task, both for the organisation and for tangata whenua	Operational Awareness¶ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• → Priorities¶</li> <li>• → Progress focused¶</li> <li>• → Work programme¶</li> <li>• → Resourcing for both HBRC and tangata whenua¶</li> <li>• → Maturanga Māori¶</li> <li>• → Policy direction &amp; change¶</li> <li>• → Limitations &amp; constraints</li> </ul>
Core competencies of Māori engagement – Partnership and Treaty knowledge, delegated authority, working understanding of status of Māori groups, interests and priorities, performance frameworks to ensure agents and results are working well	Following Treaty of Waitangi principles – partnership, active protection, participation	Core competencies of Māori engagement¶ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• → Commitment to build capacity and capability¶</li> <li>• → Understanding of values, interests and priorities¶</li> <li>• → Knowledge of Treaty of Waitangi</li> </ul>

## RPC5/21 Resolutions

That the Regional Planning Committee

1. Receives and considers the 'Kotahi Project Principles' staff report.
2. Agrees that the decisions to be made are not significant under the criteria contained in Hawke's Bay Regional Council's adopted Significance and Engagement Policy, and that the Committee can exercise its discretion and make decisions on this issue without conferring directly with the community or persons likely to have an interest in the decision.
3. Adopts **Option C** (following) as the Kotahi Project Principles to ensure a common understanding of how the Kotahi Plan will be progressed providing a foundation/code of practice for both staff and decision-makers.

<b>Option C Kotahi Project Principles</b>
<p>Communication</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Timely</li> <li>• Consistent information</li> <li>• Fit for purpose</li> <li>• Tailored to the audience</li> </ul>
<p>Relationship Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partnership</li> <li>• Active involvement</li> <li>• Respect of values</li> <li>• Recognition of differences and</li> <li>• Retention of identity</li> <li>• Tangata whenua led components</li> <li>• Recognition of mana whenua status</li> </ul>
<p>Outcome/results focused</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decision making on key matters</li> <li>• Realistic expectations (time, resources &amp; finance)</li> <li>• Agile</li> </ul>
<p>Operational Awareness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Priorities</li> <li>• Progress focused</li> <li>• Work programme</li> <li>• Resourcing for both HBRC and tangata whenua</li> <li>• Maturanga Māori</li> <li>• Policy direction &amp; change</li> <li>• Limitations &amp; constraints</li> </ul>
<p>Core competencies of Māori engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commitment to build capacity and capability</li> <li>• Understanding of values, interests and priorities</li> <li>• Knowledge of Treaty of Waitangi</li> </ul>

**Munroe/Barker  
CARRIED**

**9. Resource Management Reform Announcements by Government**

The item was taken as read.

RPC6/21 **Resolution**

That the Regional Planning Committee receives and notes the “*Resource Management Announcements by Government*” staff report.

**Maihi-Carroll/van Beek  
CARRIED**

**10. Resource Management Policy Projects March 2021 Update**

The item was taken as read, noting that decisions on the Outstanding Water Bodies Plan change are expected soon.

RPC7/21 **Resolution**

That the Regional Planning Committee receives and notes the “*Resource Management Policy Projects March 2021 Update*” staff report.

**Ormsby/Maihi-Carroll  
CARRIED**

**11. March 2021 Statutory Advocacy Update**

The item was taken as read noting and acknowledging the amount of involvement in the seven week Takutai Moana hearings as well as that the Water Conservation Order Hearings were paused and a date to reconvene has not yet been scheduled.

**RPC8/21 Resolution**

That the Regional Planning Committee receives and notes the “March 2021 Statutory Advocacy Update” staff report.

**Maihi-Carroll/Barker  
CARRIED**

**12. Discussion of Minor Matters Not on the Agenda**

Topic	Raised by
<p>Flooding - A document was tabled on behalf of Ngati Pahauwera Development Trust (following)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u><i>Ngati Pahauwera Development Trust</i></u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u><i>TW RPC Report</i></u></p> <p><i>I have been asked by Ngati Pahauwera Development Trust to bring to Hawkes Bay Regional Councils attention flood issues regarding the Te Ngarue river mouth being blocked.</i></p> <p><b><u>Background</u></b> <i>An incident occurred in the first week of January where the area flooded prior to the warnings of heavy rain.</i></p> <p><i>Flood water had sat among neighbouring properties and Ngati Pahawera’s Development Trusts newly developed orchard for some days.</i></p> <p><i>Ngati Pahauwera Development Trust concerns are there is no flood mitigation policy undertaking river mouth openings whenever asked to do so by residents.</i></p> <p><i>There is a judgement call required by HBRC staff, but they also rely on local knowledge on the ground who can assist HBRC with advice.</i></p> <p><i>Although there needs to be a more consistent and understood decision process so everyone knows when they can expect a river mouth to be opened and when it will not.</i></p> <p><i>If a landowner wishes to have the mouth opened when HBRC has determined not to do so then they are required to engage an HBRC approved contractor and fund it themselves and if the community have an expectation that the river mouth will be opened whenever it blocks, there will need to be a discussion about how this is funded.</i></p> <p><i>As a rate payer in this area and part of the community like those affected Ngati Pahauwera Development Trust pay rates to fund the maintenance work required. This work includes flood forecasting and early warning, removal of unwanted vegetation from channels and banks.</i></p> <p><b><u>Objective</u></b> <i>Ngati Pahauwera Development Trust would like to see is a Policy Document to mitigate the flooding issues to address their concerns..</i></p> <p><b><u>Solution</u></b> <i>What I am requesting from this meeting is a Co-management arrangement with iwi on scheme policies and management mitigating the flood issues, an opportunity to get together with all parties having flood issues due to blocked river mouths.</i></p>	<p>Tania Huata</p>
<p>Upper catchment of Wairoa - Concerns raised about Guardians of the Ruakituri River Catchment Group projects proceeding in the upper Wairoa rohe in the absence of mana whenua involvement/ engagement.</p>	<p>Api Tapine</p>

Api Tapine currently involved, together with Te Pou Whakarae, Pieri Munro have been working with communities to build capacity and engagement for over a year and a half. Applaud Guardians of the Ruakituri for their environmental work looking to address water quality issues, however this should be done with iwi involvement to ensure that the cultural values and sites of significance are taken into account.

#### 4. Tātau Tātau o Te Wairoa - Post Settlement Governance Entity Presentation

Apiata Tapine delivered a presentation about Tātau Tātau o Te Wairoa, covering:

- Mana Motuhake is *Kia tutuki te wawata kia tū anō tātau ngā whānau, ngā hapū, ngā iwi, i runga i ō tātau ake mana motuhake* (to realise our dreams for our people to stand on our own authority)
- Four strategic pou (pillars) are Mana Māori (pride of identity and connection), Tāngata (Resilience and wellbeing of the people), Taiao (Health of the natural environment) and Te Pātaka (Wealth and organisational strength of the people)
- Divided into 7 kāhui or clusters (Rongomaiwahine Iwi Trust, Te Wairoa Tapokorau Whānau Trust, Ngā Tokorima a Hinemanuhiri Trust, Te Hononga o Ngā Awa Trust, Te Iwi o Rākaipaaka Trust, Te Wairoa Tapokorau Mai Tawhiti Trust and Te Whakakī-Nui-A-Rua Trust), which are the primary decision makers
- Now building relationships through te matangaro
- Building a comprehensive engagement strategy with a Māori focus to engage effectively with partners to affect change.
- Current priorities are Horticulture and land utilisation, Water and Housing.



RPC9/21 **Resolution**

That the Regional Planning Committee receives and considers the "Post Settlement Governance Entity Presentation made by Apiata Tapine.

**Graham/Barker  
CARRIED**

**13. Long Term Plan 2021- 31 Development Update**

That Hawke’s Bay Regional Council excludes the public from this section of the meeting, being Agenda Item 13 Long Term Plan 2021- 31 Development Update with the general subject of the item to be considered while the public is excluded; the reasons for passing the resolution and the specific grounds under Section 48 (1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution being:

GENERAL SUBJECT OF THE ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED	REASON FOR PASSING THIS RESOLUTION	GROUNDS UNDER SECTION 48(1) FOR THE PASSING OF THE RESOLUTION
Long Term Plan 2021- 31 Development Update	s7(2)(i) That the public conduct of this agenda item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information where the withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	The Council is specified, in the First Schedule to this Act, as a body to which the Act applies.

**Barker/Tapine  
CARRIED**

***The meeting went into public excluded session at 2.38pm and out of public excluded session at 3.00pm.***

**Closure:**

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 3.00pm on Wednesday, 10 March 2021.

Signed as a true and correct record.

**DATE:** .....

**CHAIR:** .....