

## Minutes of a meeting of the Māori Committee

**Date:** 8 February 2023  
**Time:** 10.00am  
**Venue:** Council Chamber  
Hawke's Bay Regional Council  
159 Dalton Street  
NAPIER

**Present:** M Paku (*Heretaunga*) (Chair)  
M Apatu (*Heretaunga*)  
B Barber (*Ngati Kahungunu Iwi Inc*)(online)  
P Eden (*Te Whanganui-a-Orotū*)  
Cr W Foley  
R Hiha (*Te Whanganui-a-Orotū*)  
H Hilton (*Heretaunga*)  
P Kelly (*Wairoa*)  
Cr C Lambert  
H Mita (*Wairoa*)  
Cr H Ormsby  
A Robin (*Te Whanganui-a-Orotū*)  
P Sciascia (*Tamatea*)  
D Smith (*Tamatea*)  
A Te Whaiti (*Heretaunga alternate*)

**In Attendance:** J Palmer –Chief Executive  
P Munro – Te Pou Whakarae Māori Partnerships  
K Brunton – Group Manager Policy & Regulation  
J Smith-Ballingall – Manager, Central and Internal Relationships  
T Gilbert – Senior Advisor Māori  
A Tipene-Matua – Māori Relationships Manager Southern HB  
N Heath – Māori Relationships Manager Norther HB  
L Hooper – Team Leader Governance  
P Martin – Senior Governance Advisor  
N Nicholson – Team Leader Policy & Planning  
C Edmonds – Manager Policy & Planning  
D Cull – Manager Strategy & Governance  
M Johansson – Director Communications & Engagement  
I Maxwell – Group Manager Integrated Catchment Management

## 1. Welcome/Karakia /Apologies/Notices

Haami Hilton welcomed everyone and opened with a karakia.

A poroporoaki for James Palmer expressed gratitude for his service to the region and mahi to build strong partnerships with Māori.

### Resolution

MC1/23 That the apologies for absence from Martin Williams and Roger Maaka be accepted.

**Paku/Sciascia  
CARRIED**

## 2. Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

## 3. Māori Committee Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson

Pieri Munro introduced the item and an overview was provided, of discussions held amongst Taiwhenua representatives prior to today's meeting including the appointment of co-chairs rather than chair and deputy chair.

### MC2/23 Resolutions

That the Māori Committee:

1. Receives and considers the *Māori Committee Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson* staff report.
2. Agrees to continue the Committee Co-chair construct as was the case in the previous term.

Marei Apatu nominated Mike Paku, seconded by Api Robin.

Api Robin nominated Katarina Kawana, seconded by Paora Sciascia.

3. There being no further nominations, Katarina Kawana and Mike Paku are elected Co-chairs of the Māori Committee.
4. Recommends that Hawke's Bay Regional Council confirms that Mike Paku and Katarina Kawana are the Māori Committee Co-chairs.

**Apatu/Sciascia  
CARRIED**

*Mike Paku assumed the Chair at 11.10am*

New members of the committee introduced themselves, being Paul Kelly (Wairoa), Ana Te Whaiti (Heretaunga), Will Foley (councillor), Bayden Barber (NKII), Henare Mita (Wairoa), Charles Lambert (councillor) and Hinewai Ormsby (HBRC Chair).

## 4. Māori Committee Terms of Reference and Charter

Pieri Munro introduced the item which was taken as read.

### MC3/23 Resolutions

That the Māori Committee:

1. Receives and considers the *Māori Committee Terms of Reference and Charter* staff report.
2. 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. Confirms the Terms of Reference for the Committee as adopted by the Regional Council on 16 November 2022.
4. Recommends the Charter between the Committee and the Regional Council as proposed, incorporating amendments agreed today, to Hawke's Bay Regional Council for adoption and signing.

Amendments agreed are:

6. *Hapū have Mana Whenua, Mana Moana **and Mana Motuhake** (Tino rangatiratanga – self determination, control over their own affairs, **collective responsibility**) relating to the land or sea, as established in the Treaty, and the Regional council exercises its functions as established by legislation.*
- 43.1 *sufficient **timely** information is provided to the consulted party, so that they can make informed decisions.*

**Eden/Ormsby  
CARRIED**

## **5. Appointment of Taiwhenua representatives to the Māori Committee**

Pieri Munro introduced the item, which was taken as read.

### **MC4/23 Resolutions**

That the Māori Committee:

1. Receives and considers the *Appointment of Tangata Whenua Representatives to the Māori Committee* staff report.
2. Agrees that the decisions to be made are not significant under the criteria contained in Council's adopted Significance and Engagement Policy, and that the Māori Committee can exercise its discretion and make these without conferring with the community or persons likely to have an interest in the decisions.
3. Agrees to the membership as detailed in the Terms of Reference adopted 16 November 2022, and accepts the appointment of Tangata Whenua representatives, being:
  - 3.1. Katarina Kawana and Henare Mita representing Wairoa Taiwhenua.
  - 3.2. Paul Kelly representing Wairoa Kahungunu Executive, with Teresa Smith as the alternate member for the Wairoa rohe.
  - 3.3. Haami Hilton, Marei Apatu and Michael Paku representing Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga, with Ana Te Whaiti as the alternate member.
  - 3.4. Bayden Barber representing the Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated Board with an alternate member to be advised.
  - 3.5. Dr Roger Maaka, Dianne Smith and Paora Sciascia representing Tamatea Taiwhenua and an alternate member to be advised.
  - 3.6. Peter Eden, Api Robin and Rose Hiha representing Te Taiwhenua o Te Whanganui-a-Orotū, with an alternate member to be advised.

The Māori Committee recommends that Hawke's Bay Regional Council:

4. Confirms the appointments detailed in 3 above, to the Māori Committee.

**Paku/Ormsby  
CARRIED**

## 6. Nomination of Māori Committee representatives to Council's committees

Pieri Munro introduced the item, which was taken as read.

MC5/23

### Resolutions

That the Māori Committee:

1. Receives and considers the *Nomination of Māori Committee representatives to Council's Committees* staff report.
2. 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. Nominates the following representatives for appointment:
  - 3.1. Peter Eden as a member of the Corporate and Strategic Committee
  - 3.2. Katarina Kawana as a member of the Environment and Integrated Catchments Committee
  - 3.3. Api Robin as an Advisory Member of the Regional Transport Committee
  - 3.4. A representative of Tamatea Taiwhenua to be confirmed and Paul Kelly as members of the Climate Action Joint Committee, and Marei Apatu as alternate.
4. The Māori Committee recommends that Hawke's Bay Regional Council confirms:
  - 4.1. the appointments to the Corporate and Strategic, Environment and Integrated Catchments and Regional Transport committees and the Climate Action Joint Committee as detailed in 3. above.
  - 4.2. The appointment of the Māori Committee Co-chairs, Katarina Kawana and Mike Paku, to the Regional Council with full speaking rights.

**Barber/Eden  
CARRIED**

## 7. Freshwater Management Units

The item was taken as read. Nichola Nicholson, Ceri Edmonds, Katrina Brunton and Iain Maxwell provided an overview of what Freshwater Management Units (FMUs) are.

Discussions traversed:

- Sub-FMUs within each of the larger FMUs
- Additional matauranga Māori monitoring sites to be established
- The detail of FMUs presented today has come from discussions through RPC and the All Governors Forum.

*The meeting adjourned at 12.40pm and reconvened at 1.20pm with Marei Apatu having left the meeting*

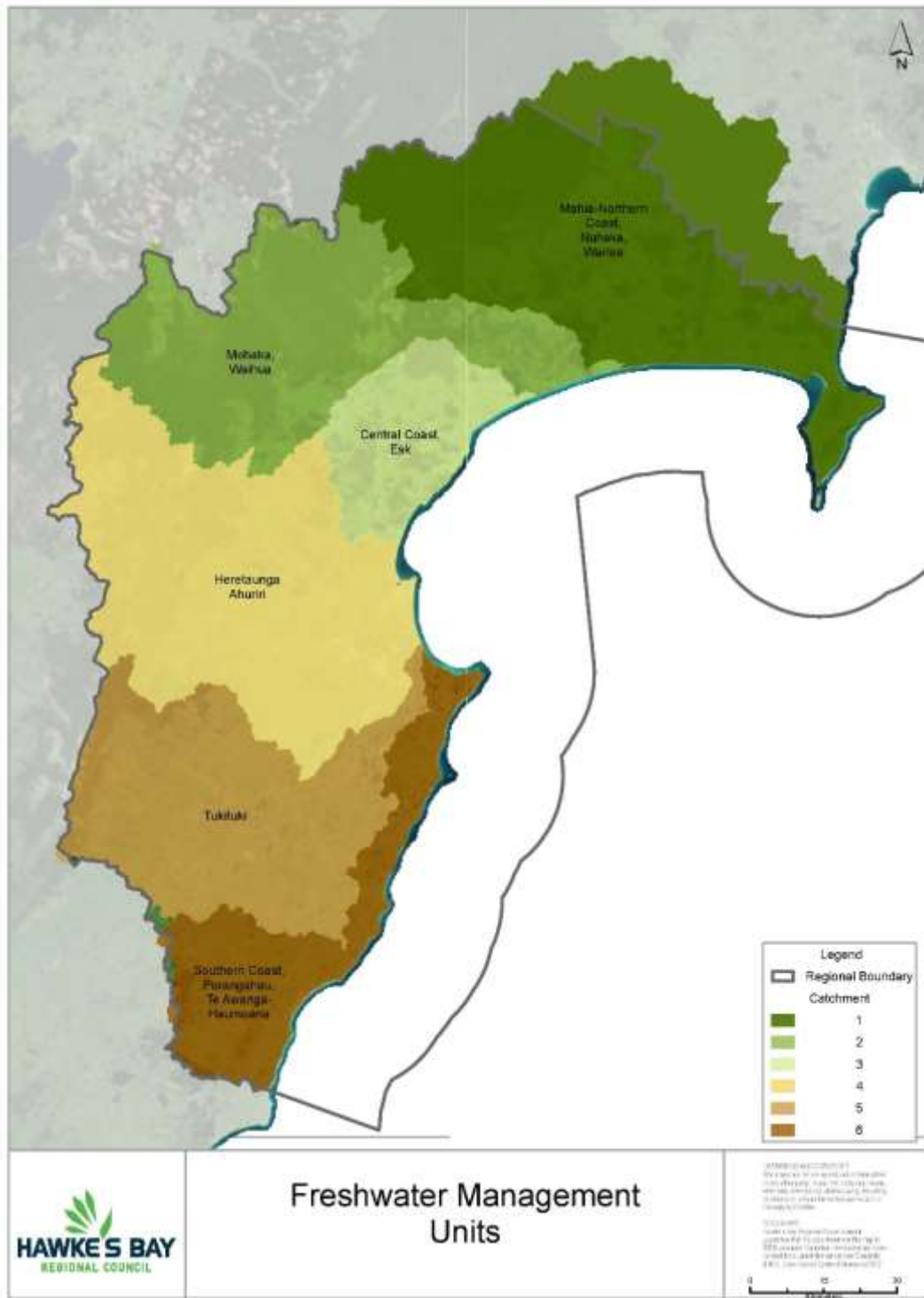
MC6/23

### Resolutions

That the Māori Committee:

1. Receives and considers the *Freshwater Management Units* staff report.
2. Agrees that the decisions to be made are not significant under the criteria contained in Council's adopted Significance and Engagement Policy, and that the Māori Committee can exercise its discretion and make decisions on this issue without conferring directly with the community which will have the opportunity to engage with the Regional Council through the Kotahi Plan process.

3. Endorses in principle, to the Regional Planning Committee, the adoption of the six FMUs for the region as proposed and depicted following.



**Barber/Mita**  
**Abstain: Eden, Sciascia**  
**CARRIED**

### 8. Kotahi and All Governors Forum

Katrina Brunton introduced the item and outlined the process of decision-making and engagement through the All Governors Forum for the development of the Kotahi Plan as aligned to the principles of Te Mana o Te Wai.

MC7/23

**Resolution**

That the Māori Committee receives and notes the *Kotahi and All Governors Forum* staff report and presentation.

**Eden/Hiha  
CARRIED**

**9. January 2023 Statutory Advocacy update**

This item was not considered.

Haami Hilton offered a karakia to close the meeting.

**Closure:**

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 1.40pm on Wednesday, 8 February 2023.

Signed as a true and correct record.

**Date:** .....

**Chair:** .....