

# Iwi Liaison Committee

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Ngā mēniti o te Komiti Takawaenga-ā-Iwi I te Rūnanga o te Whare Matua o te Kaunihera, kei Te Hāwera i te Rāapa 29 Paenga-whā-whā 2020, ka tīmata i te 10.05 o te ata.

Minutes of the Iwi Liaison Committee meeting held via audio visual link on Wednesday 29 April 2020, commencing at 10.05 am.

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## NGĀ MEMA O TE KOMITI I KŌNEI / PRESENT:

Mayor Phil Nixon, Councillor Robert Northcott (Deputy Mayor), Councillor Aarun Langton, Puna Wano-Bryant (Te Kāhui o Taranaki), Marty Davis and Paul Sullivan (Te Kāhui o Rauru), John Hooker and Cheryl Luke-Maraki (Te Korowai o Ngāruahine), Sandy Parata and Graham Young (Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Ruanui).

## I KONEI / IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillor Celine Filbee, Waid Crockett (Chief Executive), Fiona Aitken (Group Manager Community and Infrastructure Services), Marianne Archibald (Group Manager Corporate Services), Liam Dagg (Group Manager Environmental Services), Recreation and Facilities Manager (Phil Waite), Claude Shaw (Assets Engineer), Reg Korau (Iwi Liaison Advisor), Darleena Christie (Governance and Support Team Leader), Sara Dymond (Governance Officer) and two members of the public.

## KĀORE I KONEI / APOLOGIES:

John Niwa (Te Kāhui o Taranaki) and Ngapari Nui (Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Ruanui).

## MŌTINI / RESOLUTION

(Mr Hooker/Mr Parata)

13/20 IL **THAT the apologies from John Niwa (Te Kāhui o Taranaki) and Ngapari Nui (Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Ruanui) be received .**

## TAUTOKO / CARRIED

The meeting was held in accordance with Amendment to Local Government Act 2002, 25B Modifications to clause 25A while epidemic notice in force for COVID-19:

- (1) *Subclauses (2) to (4) apply instead of clause 25A(1).*
- (2) *A member of a local authority, or of a committee of a local authority, has, unless lawfully excluded, the right to attend any meeting of the local authority or committee by means of audio link or audio-visual link.*
- (3) *To that end, a member may attend a meeting by means of audio link or audio-visual link despite—*
  - (a) *clause 27(5)(a); and*
  - (b) *any limitation or condition on the use of an audio link or audio-visual link that is contained in the local authority's standing orders; and*
  - (c) *anything else to the contrary in the local authority's standing orders.*

- (4) *For a Civil Defence Emergency Management Group, the reference in subclause (3) to a local authority's standing orders includes any standing orders that apply to the Group under section 19 of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002.*
- (5) *Subclause (6) applies instead of clause 25A(4).*
- (6) *A member of the local authority or committee who attends a meeting by means of audio link or audio-visual link, in accordance with this clause, is to be counted as present for the purposes of clause 23.*
- (7) *This clause is repealed when the Epidemic Preparedness (COVID-19) Notice 2020 expires or is revoked.*

The Mayor recognised how all parts of the community had supported each other through their various areas of responsibility. He acknowledged Council staff who continued to provide the essential services and the work undertaken behind the scenes to establish where to from here and how to get the District operating again. Iwi had supported their community which supported the whole community. Across the community whanau and loved ones had been lost and had been unable to be mourned the way that would normally be undertaken.

The Mayor acknowledged those who had passed; Rocky (Ronald Boyd) Hudson QSM was an Iwi radio announcer and hugely respected member of Ngāruahine. He was an advocate for Te Reo Māori and Māori Health throughout his life. He was an important member in the establishment of Te Rau Ora - formerly Te Rau Matatini; Dr Huirangi Eruera Waikerepuru was a Te Reo Māori advocate and Honorary doctorate from Waikato University. Huirangi was another great leader of South Taranaki and Ngāti Ruanui. He was recognised for his efforts to improve the number of Māori language programmes etc on radio and television. He was one of the original members to begin Te Reo o Taranaki; Whaea Diane Ratahi was a valued kuia of Orimupiko marae, stalwart of Ngāti Tamarongo Hapū and respected throughout Taranaki Iwi and beyond. She was recognised for her many years as a teacher and her involvement in the Ōpunakē area.

## **1 Mō Ngā Whānau Whānui / Open Forum and Presentations**

### **1.1 Annual Plan Update**

Mr Crockett provided the Committee with an update on the Annual Plan 2020/21. This was yet to be approved however had been thoroughly workshopped with the Councillors. He reinforced the unprecedented situation and the Council were looking at what life would look like for the next annual plan and beyond with long term discussions scheduled for the near future.

The Council was in a strong financial position due to prudent financial management and had a strong balance sheet and multiple assets. Along with the Council's Long Term Investment Fund (LTIF) this had provided the Council with an opportunity to look at the reduction in rates for the next annual plan.

The Council proposed a 0% rate increase which could be done with an additional LTIF subsidy. It was being suggested that all Water Supply, Wastewater, Kerbside Collection, Hāwera Business and Eltham Drainage rates remain the same as 2019/20.

The Council would assist ratepayers in various ways such as penalty remittance for ratepayers with payment plans, rate and water invoices assistance, payment plans, financial assistance through Central Government for projects coming up and rent freeze for Council's commercial tenants. Greenwaste stickers would be extended, library book fees waived, tradewaste charges reduced and fees and charges would remain unchanged. The Council had reviewed the Procurement Policy to look at the opportunity for projects to be bought forward that could be undertaken by local trades. Iwi organisations are asked to provide feedback to the Council on projects they had been considering that the Council could assist with.

The Council's key projects had been sent to Government that were believed to be the most shovel ready. The Council had allocated funds towards Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga however if the Council were successful in securing government funding then that money set aside could be used for another project that would assist with stimulating jobs and growth.

Mr Hooker congratulated the Council as he believed it was sending a visionary message to the community.

## **2 Whakaae o Ngā Mēniti / Confirmation of Minutes**

### **2.1 Iwi Liaison Committee minutes held on 18 March 2020.**

Mr Crockett highlighted that the establishment of the Road Naming Advisory Group was signed off by the Council. Representatives from the Committee on that group would be sought in the near future.

#### **MŌTINI / RESOLUTION**

**(Cr Northcott/Cr Langton)**

**14/20 IL THAT the minutes of the Iwi Liaison Committee meeting held on 18 March 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record.**

**TAUTOKO / CARRIED**

## **3 Pūrongo-Whakamārama / Information Reports**

### **3.1 Pātea Moles Repairs**

The report was to advise the Committee of the maintenance repairs required on the Pātea Moles.

Mr Young asked how the project would progress with Iwi in partnership to ensure the work did not begin without Iwi involvement and engagement in terms of ensuring they were in line with timeframes, general understanding of the work and contractors so that Iwi could put the necessary tikanga in place around the project. He believed it was important to ensure Iwi were actively engaged with each step. Ms Aitken explained that Iwi would be liaised with in terms of the project.

#### **MŌTINI / RESOLUTION**

**(Mr Parata/Ms Wano-Bryant)**

**15/20 IL THAT the Iwi Liaison Committee receives the Pātea Moles Repairs.**

**TAUTOKO / CARRIED**

### 3.2 Community Services Activity Report

The report updated the Committee on recent and current activities by the Community Services Group across the District and other items of interest.

In terms of Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga, Mr Young asked why a hearing was required and had it not been resolved through a prehearing. Mr Dagg explained that the Council received two submissions to the consent application, one from Heritage New Zealand and one from Fire and Emergency New Zealand. A prehearing took place which did not resolve the key issues between Heritage New Zealand and the Council. The hearing was scheduled to be held on 8 May 2020. The submission from Fire Emergency had now been resolved through a condition resulting in the submission being withdrawn.

In response to what issue was raised by Heritage New Zealand, Mr Dagg explained that this was around the preference of adaptive reuse of the current building's façade.

Mr Korau explained that there had been thought on how the story of Ruapūtahanga and the cultural reflection of the District would be told throughout the building. The Council proposed to establish a working party of nominated delegates from the four Iwi to discuss how their stories and connection with Ruapūtahanga would be told within the building.

#### **MŌTINI / RESOLUTION**

(Mr Young/Ms Luke-Maraki)

**16/20 IL** **THAT the Iwi Liaison Committee receives the Community Services Activity Report.**

**TAUTOKO / CARRIED**

### 3.3 Community Development Activity Report

The report updated the Committee on progress with community development projects and activities across the District and other items of interest.

Mayor Nixon was pleased to be able to recognise and celebrate the successful apprentices in their various fields at an event on 18 March 2020 at the Normanby Hall. He thanked Mr Korau who provided a personal and inspirational speech on *Beating the Odds*.

In terms of the Tangata Whenua Liaison Fund applications' deadline, it was supported that this be extended to 31 May 2020 and remaining funds be carried over into the next financial year.

#### **MŌTINI / RESOLUTION**

(Cr Northcott/Mr Hooker)

**17/20 IL** **THAT the Iwi Liaison Committee receives the Community Development Activity Report.**

**TAUTOKO / CARRIED**

### 3.4 Te Maruata Report

The report updated the Committee on Te Maruata activities at the request of the Committee. This was provided by Bonita Bigham.

Mrs Bigham had been confirmed as a representative on the New Zealand Geographic Board. Keeping South Taranaki at the forefront of that mahi.

**MŌTINI / RESOLUTION**

**(Mr Hooker/Mr Davis)**

**18/20 IL** **THAT the Iwi Liaison Committee receives the Te Maruata Update Report.**

**TAUTOKO / CARRIED**

**4 Umanga whanui / General Business**

Mr Young requested an explanation on the Council's Burial Policy that was updated in respect of urupa and the status of urupa under that Policy. Mr Korau explained that the focus was around providing the community with guidance on where they could be buried and what they could do and was not to encroach on marae or Iwi's jurisdiction on urupa but to ensure people had options.

Mr Young believed it was around clarification that this was guidance rather than direction.

Mr Young expressed his disappointment with regard to obtaining staff to assist the community with traffic management at a check point site and instead staff had been soaked up by Civil Defence to manage traffic through takeaways. He considered the check points a higher priority. The Mayor's understanding was that this was a directive from NZ Police to Civil Defence to ensure traffic control measures were in place around those two outlets because they were on a main road and in close proximity to the fire station. This was in place for 48 hours to ensure there was flow of traffic for essential services, safe services and the emergency services being in close proximity.

**Karakia Whakamutunga / Closing Karakia**

**Ko te wā whakamutunga 10.54 o te ata.  
Meeting closed at 10.54 am.**

**(Ko te rangi / dated this)**

**(te rā o / day of)**

**2020.**

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**TIAMANA / CHAIRPERSON**