

RECORD OF ACTIONS

TE TAITOKERAU MĀORI AND COUNCIL WORKING PARTY (TTMAC)

Discussion held at Council Chambers on 8 March 2018, at 11am

Present:

Cr Penny Smart Northland Regional Council	Rihari Dargaville Te Rūnanga o Te Rarawa	Kitty Mahanga Ngāti Manu
Cr Mike Finlayson Northland Regional Council	Michelle (Barb) Elboz Ngāti Kuta Patukeha	Fred Sadler Te Rūnanga Ā Iwi O Ngāpuhi
Cr Bill Shepherd Northland Regional Council	Shirley Hakaraia Ngāti Kuta Patukeha	Rowan Tautari Te Whakapiko Hapū
Cr Joce Yeoman Northland Regional Council	Te Huranga Hohaia Ngāti Rehia	Malcolm Welsh Te Uri o Hau Settlement Trust
Juliane Chetham Patuharakeke Te Iwi Trust Board	Mike Kake Te Rūnanga-Ā-Iwi-O- Ngāpuhi	Georgina Connelly Te Uri o Hau Settlement Trust
Mira Norris Te Parawhau Hapū Authority Charitable Trust	Bundy Waitai Ngā Hapū o Ngāti Kuri/Te Hiku O Te Ika Marae Trust	

In attendance (all or part):

Chief Executive Officer, Northland Regional Council
GM –Governance and Engagement
GM – Regulatory Services
Kaiarahi – Kaupapa Māori
Kaiarahi – Tikanga Māori
Resource Management Planning and Policy Manager
Policy Development Manager
Policy Specialist – Water Quality, Planning and Policy
Coastal and Works Consents Manager
Strategy Specialist, Governance and Engagement
PA/Team Admin, Governance and Engagement
GM, Māori Economic Development, Northland Inc
Portfolio Manager, Tai Tokerau Northland Economic Action Plan

Apologies:

Cr Paul Dimery (co-Chair), Northland Regional Council
Patu Hohepa, Hokianga o Ngā Hapū Whānau
Nora Rameka, Ngāti Rehia
Pita Tipene (co-Chair), Te Rūnanga O Ngāti Hine
Rudy Taylor, Hokianga o Ngā Hapū Whānau

MATTERS DISCUSSED

Secretarial note:

Member Hohaia and Councillor Smart Co-Chaired the meeting due to apologies from both Co-Chairs and the non-elected members Deputy Co-Chair.

1. Opening of meeting – Karakia

The opening karakia and mihi were held at the beginning of the non-elected members caucus session.

2. Apologies (Item 2.0)

As noted above. Also noted was the resignation of Hone (John) Harawene.

3. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest (Item 3.0)

Nil.

4. Record of Actions – 7 December 2017 (Item 4.0)

It was agreed that the notes were an accurate record of what transpired at the last meeting. TTMAC Working Party (TTMAC) non-appointed members caucus session (“caucus”) advised that they were taking action on Items 6.0, 9.0 and 10.0 as follows:

- Item 6.0 – the Kaitiaki Rōpū will organise a Northport site visit for caucus members that are interested
- Item 9.0 – Milan Ruka will be invited to the next members caucus session to speak about Poroti springs.
- Item 10.0 – caucus members will write to Hon Nanaia Mahuta inviting her to address issues around Māori representation under the Local Government Act. Council indicated that it would be happy to support the Ministers visit by providing use of council’s facilities or to discuss council support in other ways.

5. Presentation: resource consent processing (Item 5.0)

As part of a wider capacity building programme of presentations, the Coastal and Works Consents Manager provided a presentation focused on the non-notified consents pathway. Various issues emerged about how the current process impacts on rohe and how it might be tweaked to improve both tools, such as the AAE forms, and engagement in the process.

Agreed action point

- To address the various issues raised about the non-notified consent process, it was recommended that, as a starting point, staff and the Māori Technical Advisory Group (MTAG) identify which issues could be dealt with by council and which would require policy changes at a government level.
- That staff prepare an agenda item for council seeking their approval for MTAG to work on these issues with staff and provide recommendations back to TTMAC.

Secretarial note:

While discussing Item 5.0 it was noted that caucus would also like to speak with the Minister for the Environment and the Minister for Māori Development.

6. Presentation: Kaipara Harbour Sedimentation Plan (Item 6.0)

Council's Policy Specialist – Water Quality, Planning and Policy presented the second in a series of presentations focused on water.

Agreed action point

There was an offer for the Coastal Monitoring team to provide further information about estuarine health at the working party's request.

Secretarial note:

- A hand out, 'Summary of key economic and environmental variables with the baseline scenario' was tabled at the meeting
- The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.37pm and reconvened at 1.18pm.

7. Mana Whakahono a Rohe (Item 7.0)

This paper advised of the council's decisions at their December 2017 meeting regarding Mana Whakahono a Rohe | Iwi Participation Agreements (MWR). The paper also sought TTMAC's direction about reinstating the Māori Technical Working Group (MTAG) to provide recommendations back to TTMAC regarding issues that council had raised about the development of hapū-based MWR agreements.

Agreed action point

- That TTMAC recommend to council that MTAG be reinstated with a view to consider further the development of hapū-based MWR and to provide recommendations back to TTMAC on how to address the issues highlighted in the December Council report
- That non-elected members Hakaraia and Sadler be included onto MTAG for these discussions
- That the guidance sheets being developed by MfE be circulated to TTMAC when they become available.

Secretarial note: the part of Item 10.0 pertaining to the LTP was dealt with out of order, ahead of Item 7.0.

8. Iwi Environmental Management Plan (Item 8.0)

Council has funding to assist in the development or review of environmental management plans (EMP) developed by iwi or hapū. This paper sought advice on proposed changes to the current process for allocating EMP funding, including the establishment of a three-member panel comprising one councillor and two non-elected members, to review and allocate funding.

Agreed action point

- That the recommended process for allocation of funds be as follows:
 - That the fund be promoted via panui and direct email
 - That staff consider all applications and make a recommendation to the GM Governance and Engagement who will make the final decision
 - Once funds are allocated a report be tabled to the next TTMAC meeting
- That this process be trialled for two years with a report tabled to TTMAC on the uptake and success of the fund for further consideration.

Secretarial note: It was noted that non-elected members can make submissions for additional EMP funding through the council's and district councils' Long Term Plans, and that council could be asked whether there is any internal capacity to assist with writing EMPs

9. TTMAC Working Party meetings schedule 2018 (Item 9.0)

The paper was to confirm the location and hosts for the five regional marae-based hui for 2018, which had been deferred from the 7 December 2017 meeting.

Agreed action point

- That the 5 April hui date be cancelled as non-elected members had not had a chance to discuss this item during the caucus session and therefore had not agreed which clusters would host the upcoming regional hui and at which marae
- That the 2018 TTMAC meeting schedule be re-tabled at the next TTMAC meeting for confirmation of the regional hui dates.

10. Māori Technical Advisory Group and LTP update (Item 10.0)

Council's Strategy Specialist provided an update on the progress of the Long Term Plan (LTP), provided a copy of the Consultation Document, and advised of the dates of Have Your Say events (which replace traditional hearings). The Council Chair outlined the significant changes the council sought in the LTP, especially regarding stepping up activity on freshwater quality, pest management and flood control. Updates were also provided on the first TTMAC Working Party panui, identified in the communications plan and the Regional Land Transport Plan.

Agreed action point

Any feedback on the TTMAC panui to be sent to Kaiarahi Tikanga Māori.

Secretarial note: the part of Item 10.0 pertaining to the LTP was dealt with out of order, ahead of Item 7.0.

11. Other working parties – update (Item 11.0)

This report provided an update of other Working Party meetings that had taken place since the drafting of the December 2017 meeting agenda.

Secretarial note: The Chair of the Natural Resources Working Party is Cr Blaikie not Councillor Finlayson as reported in this item.

12. Council governance structure review / working parties (Item 12.0)

This paper outlined a review of the governance structure by council and senior managers, which resulted in the Marine Management Working Party being absorbed into the Natural Resources Working party. Direction was sought from TTMAC about whether they wished to retain the current Natural Resources representatives or reassess membership to be a mix of both the Marine Management and Natural Resources working parties.

Agreed action point

- That this item be returned to the agenda for the May meeting as prior to the formal meeting the caucus did not have time to discuss and come to any agreement on membership
- That staff provide the names and numbers to caucus members for each working party with TTMAC representation.

13. Proposed Regional Plan for Northland update (Item 13.0)

An update on the Proposed Regional Plan (PRP) process was tabled. A part of this was a review of previously agreed processes to both identify an independent commissioner and how to provide practical assistance to Māori wishing to make submissions on the plan. Advice was also sought on council's decision to hold part of the hearing into the Proposed Regional Plan, on a marae. Specifically, whether Ōtiria Marae was an acceptable venue, given its central proximity.

Agreed action point

- That the Policy Development Manager work with and support members Chetham and Tautari to host a marae-based workshop for submitters so that they can work through the 'further submissions' process
- That the email invitation to the further submissions workshop come from the TTMAC caucus (submitters email addresses are public)
- That Otiria Marae is endorsed as the marae for the marae-based hearings location and that, where possible, tikanga be followed.

The meeting closed with a karakia by Fred Sadler at 2.58 pm.