

Kaipara Moana Remediation Joint Committee Minutes

Rā Date:	Monday 8 April 2024
Wā Time:	10.00
Tauwāhi Location:	Online Access
Tuhinga Present	Tame Te Rangi (Chair), Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua Amy Macdonald (Deputy Chair), Northland Regional Council Georgina Curtis-Connelly, Te Uri o Hau Greg Sayers, Auckland Council Jack Craw, Northland Regional Council Jane Sherard, Ngā Maunga Whakahii o Kaipara John Blackwell, Northland Regional Council Kerrin Leoni, Auckland Council Michelle Carmichael, Auckland Council Taiāwhio Wati, Te Uri o Hau Virginia Warriner, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua
I Tae Mae In Attendance	Justine Daw, Pou Tātaki, KMR Ben Hope, Ringa-Pārongo, KMR Lisette Rawson, Amo-Rauora Kōawa, KMR Sophie Bone, PA to Pou Tātaki and Governance Support, KMR Stephanie Versteeg, Amo-Rautaki Pākihi, KMR Willie Wright, Mana Whenua Relations Lead, KMR (Presenter) Celia Witehira, Kōrero Tuku Iho Project Manager, Te Uri o Hau (Presenter) Ilka Pelzer, Kaitātari Matua, MfE (Observer)

The Chair declared the meeting open at 10.04am.

Karakia Timatanga and Whakataua (Item 1.0)

Ngā whakapahā | Apologies (Item 2.0)

Moved (Warriner / Curtis-Connelly)

1. That the apologies from Member Cherie Povey for non-attendance be received.

Carried

Ngā whakapuakanga | Declarations of Conflicts of Interest (Item 3.0)

It was advised that members should make declarations item-by-item as the meeting progressed.

Confirmation of Minutes- April 2024 (Item 4.1)

Report from Sophie Bone, PA and Governance Support

Moved (Macdonald/Sherard)

That the Joint Committee;

1. Confirm the minutes of the Kaipara Moana Remediation meeting held on 26 February 2024.

Carried

Joint Committee Action Tracker (Item 5.1)

Report from Sophie Bone, PA and Governance Support

Moved (Craw/Curtis-Connelly)

1. That the Joint Committee Action Tracker be received

Carried

Joint Committee Forward Workplan (Item 5.2)

Report from Sophie Bone, PA and Governance Support

Moved (Curtis-Connelly/Carmichael)

1. That the report 'Joint Committee Forward Workplan' be received.

Carried

Secretarial note:

Member Craw indicated an interest in increasing the number of Field Trips each year and passed on positive feedback he had heard regarding KMR's presence at the Freshwater Conference.

The Pou Tātaki noted that the Field Trip for April had unfortunately been cancelled by the third-party hosts. KMR would look to reschedule a KMR-hosted field trip before winter. She also suggested that the Maurikura could regularly provide indicative information on planned in-community events, open days and field trips associated with KMR projects. One example that was coming up is a King's Coronation Planting in the Whangārei District, as well as a number of events and community plantings in the Auckland region.

Chair Te Rangi encouraged the Members to review the Ballance Farm Environment Awards profiles that showed the reach and positive impact of KMR's work across multiple land use types.

Member Sherard noted a number of upcoming events in which Ngā Maunga Whakahii o Kaipara was participating.

Member Blackwell asked about environmental monitoring, and whether there were any sites that had been monitored prior to KMR project investment in order to demonstrate progress in reducing sediment over time. The Pou Tātaki explained that KMR did not have a mandate to invest in or undertake monitoring, and that this responsibility remains with the respective regional council or unitary authority. That said, through a commercial sponsorship from Phathom and Spark, and in collaboration with the University of Auckland, KMR was benefiting from next-generation sediment monitoring technology which is likely to be piloted this winter.

Member Blackwell suggested that monitoring may work best at a farm which contained its own catchment, where progress could easily be tracked. He suggested that KMR look out for suitable farms, as this type of monitoring would be invaluable for showing improvement over time. We agreed we would explore this with the relevant regional council or unitary authority.

Chair Te Rangi commented that in addition to future modelling of sediment reduction through KMR's digital tools and on-the-ground scientific monitoring by councils, there was a longer-term opportunity to involve local people and communities in monitoring indicators of progress. At a recent KMR Navigator event in the Mangakāhia, a KMR Field Advisor spoke to the importance of neighbours talking to neighbours about effective actions on the land, what they had learnt, and where they were seeing benefits and progress towards sediment reduction.

Member Carmichael suggested that working through schools might be a suitable way to reach the community and get them into wider water quality monitoring activities. The Pou Tātaki agreed and noted the partnerships with both Enviroschools and Wai Connection, whose work included an element of water quality monitoring.

Kōrero Tuku Iho (Item 6.1)

Secretarial Note: Please note that the recommendations differ from the original recommendations published in the agenda. The amended recommendations were agreed by the Committee.

Report from Celia Witehira, Kōrero Tuku Iho Project Manager

Moved (Te Rangi/Macdonald)

That the Joint Committee:

1. Receive the report titled 'Kōrero Tuku Iho Update' by Celia Witehira, Kōrero Tuku Iho Project Manager, dated 2 April 2024.-
2. Direct that the feedback received from the Joint Committee about the Kōrero Tuku Iho project inform revision of the project scope, budget, case study selection criteria and terms of reference.
3. Direct that a revised version of the Kōrero Tuku Iho project documentation be tabled to the Joint Committee for further consideration on 6 May 2024.

Carried

Secretarial Note:

Member Craw indicated his support for the Dune Lakes whakatauirā proposal, subject to sufficient demonstration that case study activities would reduce sediment flows into the Kaipara Moana. He suggested that the Terms of Reference include a specific Objective to ensure sufficient focus on, and integration with, KMR objectives.

Member Carmichael suggested that the Terms of Reference also be revised to acknowledge and accommodate sediment reduction activity led by others (for example, on the peninsula as a whole) to ensure case study alignment to KMR's sediment remediation goals.

Member Blackwell asked that the case study project draw on information already gathered by a previous catchment group (for example, studies undertaken six years ago re how lake water quality is affected by land use activity).

Deputy Chair Macdonald thanked the Kōrero Tuku Iho project group for their work to date, and acknowledged the value of Member Warriner's membership on the steering group in order to ensure connection to KMR's objectives and the KMR Joint Committee. The Member went on to seek greater clarity on project outputs and alignment of the project Work Plan to KMR objectives given the proposed scale of the project investment.

Member Sherard noted that in reviewing the project's proposed Outcomes, Attributes and Capabilities, there was an opportunity to future-proof these by referencing the value that whānau and rōpū can bring to the picture.

Chair Te Rangi questioned why the phrase Kaipara Uri (which was used in formalised KMR documents with the Crown) appeared to have been superseded by the more generic term 'tangata whenua'. He added his support to earlier recommendations that the Poutō Lakes case study elevate the significance of sediment reduction by aligning with wider KMR processes, for example, using trained Field Advisors to work with other landowners in the area and support them to take action to reduce sediment with KMR support.

Member Carmichael asked whether there was an opportunity through the project to develop a 'kete' of indigenous land management knowledge. Member Wati supported the project having an information-sharing database, recognising that KMR's work is not (yet) statutory. Chair Te Rangi acknowledged the value of information collation in such a way that would ensure the integrity of the information gathered, particularly in light of the forthcoming Treaty Settlement.

The Pou Tātaki noted that a key deliverable from the Kōrero Tuku Iho project was a 'blueprint' for how customary practices can support sediment reduction efforts across the catchment, and that the proposed Terms of Reference included an (appropriately protected) repository of information.

The Joint Committee agreed that the Kaipara Maurikura would work closely with the Kōrero Tuku Iho project group to develop an intervention logic to demonstrate how the project aligns to KMR's four investment objectives agreed to in the KMR Memorandum of Understanding, and help the project team revise the project scope, budget, case study selection criteria and terms of reference in line with Joint Committee feedback.

Karakia Mutunga

Whakamutunga (Conclusion)

The meeting concluded at 11.29am.