

Joint Climate Change Adaptation Committee Workshop Notes

Workshop held in the Kaipara District Council (meeting room)
Unit 6, The Hub, 6 Molesworth Drive, Mangawhai
on Monday 20 February 2023, commencing at 1.00pm

Tuhinga/Present:

KDC Mayor Craig Jepson
KDC iwi/hapu representative Fiona Kemp
FNDC Councillor Tamati Rakena
WDC Councillor Scott McKenzie (online)
NRC Councillor Amy Macdonald (online)

I Tae Mai/In Attendance:

Full Meeting

FNDC Deputy Mayor Kelly Stratford (alternate member)
WDC Councillor Nicholas Connop (alternate member, online)
NRC Councillor Jack Craw (alternate member, online)
NRC Tāhūhū Rangapū - Chief Executive Officer Jonathan Gibbard
KDC Chief Executive Jason Marris
WDC Councillor Deb Harding (alternate iwi/hapu representative)
NRC Group Manager - Community Resilience, Louisa Grigg
NRC Climate Change Manager, Tom FitzGerald
NRC Climate Resilience Advisor, Kim Wall
NRC Zero Carbon Transition Advisor, Natalie Child
NRC Governance Specialist, Christine Taylor
NRC PA to GM – Community Resilience, Lou Hartigan
KDC Representative, Michael Day
WDC Representative Kylie Petersen (online)
WDC Communications Advisor Emma Jelsma
FNDC Climate Change Manager Rakesh Pinao
KDC Climate Change Advisor, Katy Simon
Te Tai Tokerau Māori Trust Secretariat, Rowan Tautari

The NRC Tāhūhū Rangapū - Chief Executive Officer, who was chairing the initial part of the meeting (as the Chief Executive of the administering council), declared the meeting open at 1.09pm and commenced proceedings with a karakia.

Secretariat Note: In the absence of a quorum the meeting lapsed and it was agreed to proceed with a workshop where no decisions could be made. The members also agreed that the NRC Chief Executive Officer would continue to chair the workshop.

Confirmation of Minutes - 29 August 2022 (Item 4.1)

Report from Louise Hartigan, NRC Personal Assistant to GM Community Resilience

Secretariat Note: Cr Amy McDonald and KDC iwi/hapu representative, Fiona Kemp, confirmed the minutes as true and correct record, subject to the NRC GM – Community Resilience being listed as an attendee and Penny Smart being recorded as NRC Chair.

Election of Chair and Deputy Chair (Item 5.1)

Report from Tom FitzGerald, NRC Climate Change Manager

Secretariat Note: It was agreed that the matter of the election of Chair and Deputy Chair would not be discussed until the next meeting.

Overview of Joint Climate Change Adaptation Committee Purpose and Member Roles and Responsibilities (Item 5.2)

Report from Tom FitzGerald, NRC Climate Change Manager

The discussion focussed on the importance of cohesion and certainty around roles and responsibilities.

Te Tai Tokerau Climate Adaptation Strategy Update (Item 5.3)

Report from Tom FitzGerald, NRC Climate Change Manager

Key aspects of the discussion included:

- It was noted that this paper was prepared by collectively by numerous parties.
- Considered Priority Actions T3, T42, T44 and T45 in depth and including staff resourcing, funding and adaptation funding.
- Committee should continue to keep the strategy on track so that momentum can continue in light of the current weather event.
- Proposal to invite a Pacific Island leader to the Committee given their first hand experience with weather events and strategies.
- Suggested the Committee considers more “ground work” as opposed to commissioning more reports.
- Typographical error - noted that on page 23 the colouration is light blue for Three Water Reforms (should be dark blue ie “major”).
- Discussions around climate change when processing resource consents should be taken in account.
- Agreed that the Committee will reschedule for a further meeting in early April 2023.

Climate Governance Workshop Summary (Item 5.4)

Report from Tom FitzGerald, NRC Climate Change Manager

Key aspects of the discussion included:

- Challenges faced by climate governance to identify options and opportunities. Staff had identified a number of challenges being experienced.

- Noted the requirements under the new Zero Carbon Act to provide a description of risks of climate change, potential impacts on council's activities, metrics and targets to manage those risks.
- Intention to identify some short and longer term actions, for example, inclusion of mitigation actions.
- Staff were requested to be mindful of how much information is contained in reports.
- Consideration should be given to reviewing the Terms of Reference to include mitigation and it currently stands as adaptation.
- Avenues should be pursued to give consideration to LGNZ reinstating voting online given the weather events, road closures and climate change.
- Discussions were had around whether the Committee decisions would need to be considered by TTMAC.

Whakamutunga (Conclusion)

The meeting concluded at 2.43pm with a karakia by the Chair.

Secretary note: Chair Fiona Kemp confirmed these record of actions to be true and correct on 03 April 2023

