



## **MĀORI STANDING COMMITTEE Minutes from 17 February 2020**

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<b>Present:</b>	Raihānia Tipoki (Chair), Narida Hooper, Teresa Aporo, Nathan Maynard, Karen Mikaera, Terry Te Maari, Deborah Davidson, Cr Pip Maynard and Cr Brian Jephson.
<b>In Attendance:</b>	Harry Wilson (Chief Executive), Euan Stitt (Group Manager Partnerships and Operations), Mélanie Barthe (Climate Change Advisor) and Steph Dorne (Committee Advisor).
<b>Also in Attendance:</b>	Te Puritanga Jefferies (Greater Wellington Regional Council), Ian McSherry (Wellington Water) and Maiora Dentice (Wellington Water).
<b>Conduct of Business:</b>	The meeting was held in the Council Chambers, 18 Kitchener Street, Martinborough. The meeting was conducted in public between 6:30pm and 8.34pm.

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### **PUBLIC BUSINESS**

Mr Tipoki opened with a Karakia.

Mr Tipoki clarified the purpose of members coming together ahead of meetings and apologised for any inconvenience caused by the formal workshop invite.

Mr Tipoki advised that agenda items 6.8 Water Resilience Strategy and Wakamoekau Storage Scheme and 6.9 Wastewater Release into the Ruamāhanga River would be brought forward ahead of agenda item 6.2 Officers' report. Mr Tipoki also explained that member item 7.1 Lake Reserve Motorcycle Track would be withdrawn and a new item 7.1 Owhanga Landing Reserve would be added to the agenda as an item from Karen Mikaera.

#### **1. APOLOGIES**

Mr Tipoki updated members that Amiria Te Whaiti has resigned from the Committee and noted a new Papawai Marae representative would be sought. Mr Tipoki also updated members on the Kahungunu ki Wairarapa vacancy.

*MSC RESOLVED (MSC 2020/01) to receive apologies from Mayor Alex Beijen, Cr Garrick Emms, pending member Carlene Te Tau, and Tai Gemmell (General Manager of Kahungunu ki Wairarapa).*

*(Moved Tipoki/Seconded Cr Maynard)*

Carried

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*MSC NOTED:*

Action 53: Arrange to send flowers to Amiria Te Whaiti in appreciation of the time and effort she has put into the Māori Standing Committee during her tenure, N Hooper.

**2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

**3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Māori Economic Development – Te Puritanga Jefferies

Ms Jefferies updated members on the progress of developing a Māori Economy Strategy. Ms Jefferies covered the strategy purpose and the process and timeframes for launching the strategy and action plan which is planned for May 2020. Ms Jefferies updated members on community engagement and invited members to attend the upcoming hui. Ms Jefferies also encouraged members to share their ideas and visit the Ruruku website.

**4. ACTIONS FROM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no actions from public participation as the matters would be discussed further at the upcoming hui.

**5. MINUTES FOR CONFIRMATION**

5.1 Māori Standing Committee – 9 December 2019

*MSC RESOLVED (MSC 2020/02)* that the minutes of the Māori Standing Committee meeting held on 9 December 2019 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

*(Moved Tipoki/Seconded Te Maari)*

Carried

**6. OPERATIONAL REPORTS – COUNCIL OFFICERS**

6.1 Maiora Dentice - Wellington Water

Ms Dentice (Māori Capability Advisor of Wellington Water) introduced herself and noted the intention to build a partnership with the Committee given the recent joining of South Wairarapa District Council. Ms Dentice discussed her role in building capability to ensure Wellington Water is taking a Māori perspective in the management of water and noted the importance of working with the Committee to achieve the same outcomes.

6.2 Officers' Report

*MSC RESOLVED (MSC 2020/03)* to receive the Officers' Report.

*(Moved Cr Maynard/Seconded Tipoki)*

Carried

6.3 Lake Reserve Motorcycle Track

Mr Wilson updated members on the situation with the Lake Reserve Motorcycle Track and the actions being undertaken to remedy the situation,

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including closing off present use of the track, restoring the reserve and investigating alternative sites. Mr Wilson responded to questions on restoration and restorative justice.

6.4 Climate Change Report

Ms Barthe spoke to matters outlined in the Climate Change Report and discussed the progress to date, scope of the strategy, next steps, and sought feedback from the Committee ahead of the strategy being presented to Council for adoption.

Members praised the work that has been done and discussed managing wastewater, the contribution of solid waste and waste minimisation.

Cr Jephson updated members on a recent meeting he attended as a member of the Wellington Region Climate Change Working Group. Cr Jephson noted there was a presentation by Wellington Regional Growth Framework on spatial planning and suggested members be involved in shaping the direction of the strategy.

*MSC RESOLVED (MSC 2020/04) to receive the Climate Change Report.*

*(Moved Cr Maynard/Seconded Mikaera)*

Carried

6.5 Action Items Report

Members discussed updates to the action items. Mr Wilson and Mr Tipoki undertook to review the outstanding actions.

*MSC RESOLVED (MSC 2020/05) to receive the Action Items Report.*

*(Moved Cr Maynard/Seconded Davidson)*

Carried

6.6 Income and Expenditure Report

Mr Tipoki updated members that he met with Ms Mitchell to discuss the budget and Mr Wilson undertook to obtain a copy of the funding allocation document from Ms Mitchell.

*MSC RESOLVED (MSC 2020/06):*

1. To receive the Income and Expenditure Statement for the period 1 July 2018 – 30 June 2019.
2. To receive the Income and Expenditure Statement for the period 1 July 2019 – 31 December 2019.

*(Moved Tipoki/Seconded Cr Maynard)*

Carried

6.7 Funding Criteria for Financial Assistance Report

Members deferred discussions on the Funding Criteria for Financial Assistance Report until a copy of the funding allocation document from Ms Mitchell has been obtained.

6.8 Water Resilience Strategy and Wakamoekau Storage Scheme

Mr Wilson updated members on the design work being undertaken as part of the Wairarapa Economic Development Strategy to develop a Water Resilience Strategy which will explore options to address water storage. Mr

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Wilson noted there is a Council workshop on the framework of the strategy on 26 February that Mr Tipoki will attend as Chair.

6.9 Wastewater release into the Ruamāhanga River

Mr McSherry expressed disappointment for the wastewater overflow incident into the Ruamāhanga River and updated members on the work being undertaken to improve resiliency.

Mr McSherry noted Wellington Water are keen to make restorative justice and sought input from the Committee to ensure it is meaningful.

Mr Wilson discussed the compliance status of the current wastewater systems and Mr Wilson and Mr McSherry responded to questions on the consent, resiliency of the system, and infrastructure investment.

Members discussed monitoring and testing, the need for sustainable and long-term thinking and undertook to discuss ideas for restorative justice.

*MSC NOTED:*

Action 54: Discuss ideas for how Wellington Water could make restorative justice for the wastewater overflow incident, MSC.

Cr Jephson left the meeting at 8.25pm.

**7. MEMBER ITEMS**

7.1 Owhanga Landing Reserve – Karen Mikaera

Ms Mikaera spoke on her request to explore opening access to the Owhanga Landing Reserve and suggested there is an opportunity to explore developing a cycle trail. Mr Wilson outlined the process for progressing this through the Annual or Long-Term Plan. Members undertook to work with Mr Stitt to progress this and discussed undertaking a site visit.

Ms Hooper undertook to email Mr Wilson about her request to join the Annual Plan Committee.

7.2 Significant Sites Working Party Terms of Reference – Karen Mikaera

Ms Mikaera discussed the proposed amendments to the Terms of Reference, confirming it would remain as a working party and that there would be minor wording amendments to replace the terms 'pre-history' and 'history' with 'Whakapapa.'

*MSC RESOLVED (MSC 2020/07):*

1. To receive the tabled Significant Sites Working Party Terms of Reference.
2. To adopt the proposed Significant Sites Working Party Terms of Reference subject to the minor wording amendments noted above and that it remains as a working party.

*(Moved N Maynard/Seconded Hooper)*

Carried

*MSC NOTED:*

Action 55: Provide a revised version of the Significant Sites Working Party Terms of Reference with the agreed amendments, K Mikaera.

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Mr. Tipoki closed with a Karakia.

The meeting closed at 8.34pm.

**Confirmed as a true and correct record**

.....Chairperson

.....Date

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