

**MINUTES OF SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL
MĀORI PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE SUPPER ROOM, WAIHINGA CENTRE, TEXAS STREET, MARTINBOROUGH
ON TUESDAY, 2 JUNE 2026 AT 6:00 PM**

PRESENT:	Mr Gillies Baker (Chair), Cr Andrea Rutene, Ms Karen Mikaera, Mr Mark Fenwick, Mr JD Smith, Mr Whitu Karauna
APOLOGIES:	Cr Andrea Rutene, Mayor Fran Wilde
NOT PRESENT:	Ms Denise Riwai, Ms Memory Te Whaiti, Ms Dorothy Whittaker
IN ATTENDANCE:	Narida Hooper (Kaitohu Matua, Pou Māori) Amy Andersen (Lead Advisor, Democracy and Committees), Siv Fjaerestad (Advisor, Community Governance)
PUBLIC FORUM:	Jo Clarke (Pae tū Mōkai o Tauira), Warren Maxwell (Matariki Featherston), Maureen Hyatt and Julia Milne (Fareham Journey), Ariana Te Whetu (Kahutara School), Quentin and Victoria Parr (SMAC Gym), Wiremu Dawson and Roberts (Hau Ariki Marae)
CONDUCT OF BUSINESS:	This meeting was held in the Supper Room, Waihinga Centre, Texas Street, Martinborough and via audio-visual conference. This meeting was live-streamed and is available to view on our YouTube channel. The meeting was held in public under the above provisions from 6pm to 7.55pm, except where expressly noted.

OPEN SECTION

1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA – OPENING

Chair Gillies Baker opened the meeting.

2 APOLOGIES

2.1 APOLOGIES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MPC2026/08

Moved: Mr Karauna

Seconded: Cr Baker

The Māori Partnership Committee resolved to accept apologies from Cr Rutene and Mayor Wilde.

CARRIED

3 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

- Ms Mikaera declared conflict of interest as committee member of Pae tū Mōkai o Tauira.
- Mr Smith and Mr Karauna declared conflict of interest as members of Hau Ariki Marae.

- Mr Baker declared conflict of interest as a member of Papawai Marae.

4 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND TRIBUTES

Mr Karauna acknowledged the passing of Paora Ammunson's mother, Mizpah Elizabeth Mansfield.

Cr Baker acknowledged Mike Kawana for being appointed a member of the New Zealand Order of Merit (MNZM).

Chair Baker acknowledged the passing of Whana Himona Rohe.

Chair Baker also acknowledged Shanin Brider's contribution to the Māori Partnership Committee as Advisor, Community Governance, Amy Andersen's support to the committee and welcomed Siv Fjaerestad to the role of Advisor, Community Governance.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Jo Clarke spoke to the application of Pae tū Mōkai o Tauira for operational funding to purchase a low cost computer and printer for the nursery to support day to day running, and for programme funding towards running a school programme with various South Wairarapa schools.

Members asked about the project partners and the applicant spoke to the project being a collaboration with Ruamāhanga Foundation, St Teresas School and Enviroschools.

- Warren Maxwell spoke to his application for the Matariki Featherston event, now in its 7th year, supporting a range of activities for whānau and community. Funding requested for purchasing protein for the hāngī.

Members raised queries about event location, noting the proximity to pou Nuku Pewapewa, and regarding sustainability of the celebrations.

- Maureen Hyatt and Julia Milne presented an application to support two community events, including a public blessing and open day of Fareham House and whenua, and a Matariki strategic community hui to enable discussions and aspirations for the site and wider community wellbeing.

Members enquired about the history of Fareham House and how they were working with mana whenua to support the blessing.

- Ariana Te Whitu (Principal) spoke to Kahutara School's application to support efforts to strengthen te reo Māori, tikanga and local history knowledge among 88 tamariki. Funding is sought to cover kapa haka costs, including tutoring and travel.

Discussion acknowledged that the schools' activities being support by external expertise, including the expertise of proposed tutor Kepa Smith, and the opportunities to perform at regional events.

- Victoria Parr (Head Coach) spoke to SMAC Gym's application for funding, and the Gym's participation in nationals, providing unique opportunities and legacy for participants and a small rural community.

Discussion noted that funding was directed to athletes only, and participant heritage, reflecting strong Māori representation in the sport nationally.

- Wiremu Dawson and Les Roberts spoke to Hau Ariki Marae's application for funding to undertake essential maintenance and infrastructure upgrades to ensure the marae can safely and effectively continue to host whānau, hapori and manuhiri, including shower, ablution and kitchen plumbing.
- Mr Baker vacated the chair to Mark Fenwick, and Mr Baker spoke to the Papawai application.

Mr Baker spoke to Papawai Marae's application for funding to manaaki guests, including bedding, cutlery and maintenance tools.

Meeting adjourned 6.50pm

Meeting resumed 7.06pm

6 ACTIONS FROM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The applications were discussed in item 10.2

ITEM MOVED

10.2 MPC GRANT ALLOCATIONS - JUNE 2026

Foreshadowed amendment by Mr Baker in relation to recommendation 3; to change the amount of \$1,400 to \$3,000 due to admin errors, recommendation 4; to change the amount of \$1,000 to \$800 due to admin error, and in relation to recommendation 6; to update the funding application to be for the Community Blessing and Open Day only, as per discussion.

During the discussion, members were reminded about discussing items and their conflicts of interest.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MPC2026/09

Moved: Mr Baker

Seconded: Ms Mikaera

The Māori Partnership Committee resolved to receive the "Applications to the board's April 2026 funding round" report.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MPC2026/10

Moved: Mr Baker

Seconded: Ms Mikaera

The Māori Partnership Committee resolved to accept in full the application from Hau Ariki Marae for \$3,707 to fund the essential infrastructure upgrades.

Abstained: Mr Smith, Mr Karauna

CARRIED

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MPC2026/11

Moved: Mr Karauna

Seconded: Mr Fenwick

The Māori Partnership Committee accepted the amendment from Mr Baker as part of the substantive resolution and resolved to accept in full the application from Kahutara School for \$3,000 to fund the Kapa Haka Tutoring.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MPC2026/12

Moved: Mr Smith

Seconded: Ms Mikaera

The Māori Partnership Committee accepted the amendment from Mr Baker as part of the substantive resolution and resolved to Accept in full the application from the South Wairarapa Working Men's Club for \$800 to fund a Matariki event at the Club.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MPC2026/13

Moved: Mr Smith

Seconded: Mr Fenwick

The Māori Partnership Committee resolved to accept in full the application from Pae tū Mōkai o Taurira for \$1,456 to purchase a computer and printer, plus \$7,700 to deliver their school group environmental sessions.

Abstained: Ms Mikaera

CARRIED

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MPC2026/14

Moved: Ms Mikaera

Seconded: Cr Baker

The Māori Partnership Committee accepted the amendment from Mr Baker as part of the substantive resolution and resolved to accept in full the application from Fareham for \$1,000 to fund the Community Blessing and Open Day.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MPC2026/15

Moved: Mr Fenwick

Seconded: Mr Smith

The Māori Partnership Committee resolved to accept in full the application from Featherston Matariki Events Committee for \$1,500 to fund the Featherston Matariki Festival.

CARRIED**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MPC2026/16****Moved: Mr Smith****Seconded: Cr Baker**

The Māori Partnership Committee resolved to accept in full the application from SMAC Gym for \$5,000 to fund the NZ Nationals Black Gloves team camp hosted in South Wairarapa.

CARRIED**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MPC2026/17****Moved: Ms Mikaera****Seconded: Mr Karauna**

The Māori Partnership Committee resolved to accept in full the application from Papawai Marae for \$4,300 to fund the purchase of bedding, basic kitchen cutlery and garden maintenance.

Abstained: Mr Baker**CARRIED****7 URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business.

8 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**8.1 MINUTES OF THE MĀORI PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 10 MARCH 2026****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MPC2026/18****Moved: Mr Fenwick****Seconded: Ms Mikaera**

That the minutes of the Māori Partnership Committee meeting held on 10 March 2026 are confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED**9 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

There were no matters arising.

10 DECISION REPORTS FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND STAFF**10.1 CHAIRPERSON UPDATE**

- The Chair emphasised the priority of developing a strategic framework. Pou Māori confirmed SLT endorsement and funding to begin initial work, including engaging Scott Summerfield to undertake a desktop analysis of how Council gives effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi.
- A top-down approach was supported, with an SLT workshop planned (15 June). Outputs will include a report (due end of June) with recommendations on the framework form, operational delivery, and next steps, including broader co-development.
- Capability-building initiatives are underway, including an SLT noho at Papawai Marae in late June.
- Discussion noted the Strategic Framework would strengthen future collaboration and prepare for potential amalgamation. Concerns raised about meaningful hapū involvement. Hapū involvement will occur in phase 2 of the process of writing a Strategic Māori Framework.

Matariki:

- Internal events planned (morning tea, staff activities, communications). External events by Papawai and Hau Ariki noted. Representatives to share event dates to avoid clashes.

Other Updates:

- Taituarā Awards: Council's Paper Road Consultation nominated in two categories.
- Marae updates included wastewater issues, planting opportunities, partnership work, and infrastructure concerns.
- Action: Narida to contact Peter Trafford regarding surplus riparian plants.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MPC2026/19**Moved: Mr Smith****Seconded: Ms Mikaera**

That the Māori Partnership Committee receive the Chairperson's Update Report.

CARRIED**11 KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA – CLOSING**

Mr Baker closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm

Confirmed as a true and correct record.

..... (Chair)

..... (Date)

..... (Chief Executive)

..... (Date)