

**MINUTES OF SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL
MĀORI PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE SUPPER ROOM, WAIHINGA CENTRE, TEXAS STREET, MARTINBOROUGH
ON TUESDAY, 25 AUGUST 2026 AT 6:00 PM**

- PRESENT:** Mr Gillies Baker (Chair), Cr Andrea Rutene, Ms Karen Mikaera, Mr Mark Fenwick.
- APOLOGIES:** Cr Simone Baker, Mr JD Smith and Mayor Fran Wilde.
- NOT PRESENT:** Ms Dorothy Whittaker, Mr Whitu Karauna, Ms Memory Te Whaiti and Ms Denise Riwai.
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Clare Barton (General Manager, Planning and Regulatory), Narida Hooper (Pou Māori), Nicki Ansell (Lead Advisor, Performance and Strategy) and Amy Andersen (Lead Advisor, Democracy and Committees).
- 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 is available to view on our YouTube channel. The meeting was held in public under the above provisions from 6:06pm to 6:48pm except where expressly noted.

OPEN SECTION

1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA – OPENING

All in attendance opened the meeting.

2 APOLOGIES

2.1 APOLOGIES - 25 AUGUST 2026

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MPC2026/25

Moved: Ms Mikaera

Seconded: Mr Fenwick

The Māori Partnership Committee resolved to accept apologies from Cr Baker, Mr Smith and Mayor Wilde.

CARRIED

3 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No interests were disclosed relating to items on the agenda or interests not already recorded on a relevant register.

4 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND TRIBUTES

There were no acknowledgements and tributes.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

6 ACTIONS FROM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no actions from public participation.

7 URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business.

8 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**8.1 MINUTES OF THE MĀORI PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 14 JULY 2026****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MPC2026/26**

Moved: Mr Fenwick

Seconded: Ms Mikaera

The Māori Partnership Committee resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 July 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 LONG-TERM PLAN 2027-37**

Ms Ansell presented a report outlining the statutory requirements, key milestones and consultation process for the development of the upcoming Long Term Plan (LTP). Ms Ansell advised that formal public consultation on the LTP is expected to occur in March 2027 and recommended that the Māori Partnership Committee consider preparing a formal submission as part of that process. Members were informed that the Committee may also wish to appoint a representative to coordinate the preparation of the submission and speak to it during the formal hearings process.

Members were encouraged to review the priorities identified in the current 2025-34 Long Term Plan and provide informal feedback to officers by the end of September 2026. It was noted that feedback could be provided directly to officers or through the Council representatives serving on the Committee.

During discussion, members considered potential projects and priorities that they may wish to see reflected in the future Long Term Plan. This included discussion on previous funding requests, particularly those relating to urupā maintenance and other community priorities. Members also discussed the availability of printed copies of the current Long Term Plan for those wishing to review the document in hard copy format.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MPC2026/27**Moved: Ms Mikaera****Seconded: Cr Rutene**

The Māori Partnership Committee resolved to receive the Long-Term Plan 2027-37 Report.

CARRIED**11 INFORMATION REPORTS FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND STAFF****11.1 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT**

The Committee reviewed the financial report, which outlined the grant funding allocations for the 2026/27 financial year, the budget available for the Strategic Māori Framework work programme, operational expenditure, Committee administration costs, and the proposed development of a transparent assessment matrix for grant applications.

Members noted that a workshop is being arranged for October to develop a funding assessment framework and matrix to support a clear and transparent grants process. Members also noted that previous one-off funding provided for marae development was not included in the current budget allocation.

During discussion, members reflected on the earlier funding provided to local marae for maintenance and development needs and considered whether similar support could be sought through the Long Term Plan process in the future.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MPC2026/28**Moved: Mr Fenwick****Seconded: Ms Mikaera**

The Māori Partnership Committee resolved to receive the Income and Expenditure Report.

CARRIED**12 CHAIRPERSON REPORTS****12.1 CHAIRPERSON'S UPDATE**

Mr Baker provided an update on the development of the Strategic Māori Framework, noting that it is intended to be a shared document between Council and Māori that guides engagement and supports Treaty-centred decision-making. Members emphasised the importance of embedding the framework across Council operations and were advised that a facilitated workshop would be held in September 2026 to help shape the framework and identify future work. An update was also provided on the proposal previously submitted to Council, which remains under consideration.

The Committee considered correspondence from the Martinborough Community Board. Members agreed to invite the Community Board to participate in a future Papawai planting day and noted that any matters relating to Considine Park would need to comply with the Reserves

Act. The Committee also discussed a proposal for a trail network linking Martinborough, Greytown and Featherston and agreed that further information was required before any formal support could be considered. It was further agreed to explore community resilience initiatives, including community energy networks, through a future presentation. Mr Baker advised that he would respond to the correspondence and invite the Chair of the Martinborough Community Board to attend a future meeting.

Members discussed priorities for consideration through the Long Term Plan review process, including support for marae maintenance and development, funding for urupā maintenance and associated facilities, and the potential introduction of a rates remission policy for local marae.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MPC2026/29

Moved: Ms Mikaera

Seconded: Cr Rutene

The Māori Partnership Committee resolved to:

1. Receive the Chairperson's Update Report; and
2. Agree to supply feedback to council officers to be considered as part of the Long Term Plan review process by the end of September 2026 (including items for marae development and urupā maintenance, the Te Rata Road proposal and relief to marae operational expenses).

CARRIED

13 KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA – CLOSING

All in attendance closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 6:48pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record.

..... (Chair)

..... (Date)

..... (Chief Executive)

..... (Date)