



MĀORI STANDING COMMITTEE

Minutes from 4 June 2020

Present:	Narida Hooper (Deputy Chair), Teresa Aporo, Nathan Maynard, Karen Mikaera, Carlene Te Tau, Mayor Alex Beijen, Councillor Pip Maynard and Councillor Garrick Emms.
In Attendance:	Euan Stitt (Group Manager Partnerships and Operations) and Steph Dorne (Committee Advisor).
Conduct of Business:	The meeting was held in the Martinborough Town Hall, Texas Street, Martinborough. The meeting was conducted in public between 6:32pm and 7.16pm.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

Ms Hooper opened with a Karakia.

Ms Hooper tabled the resignations of Chair Rāihania Tipoki and Papawai Marae representative Deborah Davidson. Ms Hooper acknowledged the contribution of Mr Tipoki and Ms Davidson during their time on the Committee and the passion and leadership of Mr Tipoki as Chair. Ms Hooper wished them all the best with their future endeavors and noted members would continue to stay in touch as whānau.

Ms Hooper welcomed new member Carlene Te Tau who is representing Rangitāne o Wairarapa. Ms Te Tau introduced herself to the Committee and has been a member of Rangitāne o Wairarapa since its inception. Ms Te Tau provided an update from Kahungunu ki Wairarapa that the iwi intends to bring another member on board shortly so the Committee will have both iwis represented again soon.

1. APOLOGIES

MSC RESOLVED (MSC2020/08) to receive apologies from Terry Te Maari, Councillor Jephson and Harry Wilson (Chief Executive).

(Moved Hooper/Seconded Aporo)

Carried

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation

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4. ACTIONS FROM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no actions from public participation.

5. MINUTES FOR CONFIRMATION

5.1 Māori Standing Committee – 17 February 2020

Mayor Beijen responded to questions on the progress of developing a Māori Economy Strategy and the Committee undertook to invite Te Puritanga Jefferies back to present to the Committee.

Mayor Beijen and Mr Stitt responded to questions on the present situation and remedial action with the Lake Reserve Motorcycle Track and the wetland of international importance status that is being sought for the Wairarapa Moana under the Ramsar Convention. Mayor Beijen updated members on the variety of sources of funding for native planting and restoration and noted the need to compile these to ensure awareness of what is available. Mayor Beijen invited the Committee's input in this process and Ms Hooper expressed the Committee could add value.

Mayor Beijen responded to questions on the Water Resilience Strategy and Water Reservoir. Ms Te Tau noted that with respect to water resilience, work is being done to ensure both iwi have input into decision making.

Members sought clarification on the ways Wellington Water could meaningfully make restorative justice for the wastewater overflow incident and noted an update to Action 54 to invite Maiora Dentice of Wellington Water to attend the meeting in August 2020 to discuss ideas on how restorative justice could be made.

Mr Stitt updated members on the progress of exploring access to Owhanga Landing Reserve, including discussions had with Department of Conservation as owners of the land. Ms Mikaera clarified her request was for access to the paper road that leads to the Owhanga Landing Reserve with the aspiration of joining that to the nearby Cross Creek cycle track and developing walking tracks around to Lake Domain.

MSC RESOLVED (MSC 2020/02) that the minutes of the Māori Standing Committee meeting held on 17 February 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

(Moved Mikaera/Seconded Aporo)

Carried

MSC NOTED:

Action 176: To request Te Puritanga Jefferies present to the Committee on progress made developing a Māori Economy Strategy since the Committee meeting in February 2020; N Hooper.

Action 177: To discuss the Māori Standing Committee budget with Katrina Neems, Chief Financial Officer, ahead of the next Māori Standing Committee meeting; N Hooper.

Action 178: To investigate opening walking and cycling access to the paper road that leads to the Owhanga Landing Reserve; E Stitt.

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6. OPERATIONAL REPORTS – COUNCIL OFFICERS

6.1 There were no operational reports.

7. CHAIRPERSON REPORT

7.1 There was no chairperson report.

8. MEMBER REPORTS

8.1 Deputy Chairperson Report – Narida Hooper

Ms Hooper spoke to the Committee’s Annual Plan submission and highlighted the focus of the submission on water supply and water resilience issues. Members discussed the importance of ensuring marae are exempt from any excess water usage charges or restrictions.

Members also supported the consent process for the Featherston wastewater treatment plant being a fully transparent process with meaningful consultation.

MSC RESOLVED (MSC 2020/09):

- 1. To receive the tabled Deputy Chairperson Report.

(Moved Cr Maynard/Seconded Mikaera)

Carried

- 2. To approve the Māori Standing Committee’s submission to the South Wairarapa District Council’s Annual Plan 2020/21.

(Moved Aporo/Seconded Mayor Beijen)

Carried

The meeting closed at 7.16pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record

.....Chairperson

.....Date

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