



MĀORI STANDING COMMITTEE Minutes from 7 November 2023

Present:	Andrea Rutene, Karen Mikaera (Chair), Violet Edwards-Hina, JD Smith, Dorothy Whittaker, TeRina Kaiwai, Councillor Pip Maynard, Mayor Martin Connelly, and Whitu Karauna.
In Attendance:	Leanne Karauna (Principal Advisor Māori), Amanda Bradley (GM Policy & Governance), Nicki Ansell (Lead Advisor – Community Governance).
Public Participation:	Rebecca Harper and Les Roberts.
Conduct of Business:	This meeting was conducted online and in public in the Supper Room, Martinborough Town Hall, Texas Street, Martinborough between 6.01pm and 7:05pm and was live streamed on the Council’s YouTube Channel.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

Members opened with a karakia.

1. EXTRAORDINARY BUSINESS

There was no extraordinary business.

2. APOLOGIES (YouTube streaming 1:57)

MSC RESOLVED (MSC 2023/47) to receive apologies for lateness from Andrea Rutene and apologies from Narida Hooper and Leonie Edwards.

(Moved Mikaera/Seconded Cr Maynard)

Carried

3. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (YouTube streaming 2:50)

There were no conflicts of interest

4. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND TRIBUTES (YouTube streaming 2:58)

Ms Edwards-Hina paid tribute to the passing of Mathew Mita-Waata.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (YouTube streaming 3:30)

Rebecca Harper – Māori Wards

Ms Harper spoke about Māori wards and the importance of them being accepted, to have a Māori representative to help understand marae, whanau, history, and land/water. Ms Harper talked about the importance of representation. Members clarified the role of the Māori Standing

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Committee and representation of each member.

6. ACTIONS FROM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members appreciated Ms Harper comments.

7. MINUTES FOR CONFIRMATION

No minutes to confirmed.

8. CHAIRPERSON REPORT

There was no chairperson report.

9. REPORTS FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND STAFF

9.1 Maori Standing Committee Appointment (YouTube streaming 11:44)

MSC RESOLVED (MSC 2023/48) to:

1. Receive the Māori Standing Committee Appointment report.

(Moved Cr Maynard/Seconded Smith) Carried

2. Resolve to make the following external appointment to the Māori Standing Committee: Whitu Karauna (Hau Ariki Marae)

(Moved Mayor Connelly/Seconded Edwards-Hina) Carried

Andrea Rutene arrived at 6:14pm

Mr Karauna addressed the Māori Standing Committee, and talked to his experience and expressed his gratitude to be there.

Te Rina Kaiwai arrived at 6:16pm

Mr Karauna talked about the importance of the Māori Standing Committee and the challenges of being a Māori representative and the challenges of Council.

9.2 2024 Meeting Schedule of Ordinary Meetings (YouTube streaming 17:14)

MSC RESOLVED (MSC 2023/49) to:

1. Receive the 2024 Meeting Schedule of Ordinary Meeting Report

(Moved Rutene/Seconder Smith) Carried

2. Adopt the first meeting date of Tuesday 30 January 2024 for the Māori Standing Committee.

(Moved Rutene/Seconded Cr Maynard) Carried

9.3 Maori Ward Report (YouTube streaming 19:53)

MSC RESOLVED (MSC 2023/50) to receive the Māori Ward Report.

(Moved Rutene/Seconded Karauna) Carried

Members discussed the history of Māori Wards and the reasons for considering Māori Wards. Members discussed the topics that had come up during the kōrero with hapū and

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iwi, and the options for voting on the Māori electoral role & the general electoral role.

Members of the public spoke to their support of the Māori Ward, to enable a representative with voting ability at Council.

Māori Standing Committee members spoke to their support in building and growing their representation in local government for the community. Each member of the Māori Standing Committee commented on their iwi views and discussions on Māori Wards.

Members queried how information came through to aid the decision for the wider Māori community, and what type of engagement took place.

MSC RESOLVED (MSC 2023/51) to:

1. Adopt a position of strong unanimous support, based on feedback and consultation with marae, whanau, hapū and iwi for one Māori Ward at South Wairarapa District Council to come into effect for the 2025 & 2028 elections.

(Moved Rutene/Seconded Smith)

Carried

Unanimously carried.

2. Agree that the committee recommends to Council to strongly unanimously support Māori Ward to come into effect for the 2025 & 2028 elections.

(Moved Mikaera/Seconded Smith)

Carried

Whitu Karauna left the meeting 6:59pm

Whitu Karauna returned to meeting 7:00pm

JD Smith left the meeting 7:01pm

3. Agree that Andrea Rutene present and submit supporting information on the position of Māori Wards at the Council meeting scheduled to be held on 22 November 2023, on behalf of the Māori Standing Committee.

(Moved Mikaera/Seconded Edwards-Hina)

Carried

JD Smith returned to the meeting 7:03pm

Members discussed their support and attendance in person at the Council meeting 22 November 2023.

Members discussed census information related to the Māori electoral role.

3. Members Reports

There are no members reports.

Members closed with a Karakia.

The meeting closed at 7.05pm.

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.....**Chairperson**

.....**Date**

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