



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE HAWKE'S BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL  
MĀORI COMMITTEE**

*Unconfirmed*

**Date:** Tuesday 27 October

**Time:** 11.30am

**Venue:** Council Chamber  
Hawke's Bay Regional Council  
159 Dalton Street  
NAPIER

**Present:** M Mohi - Chairman  
T Gilbertson  
E McGregor  
L Remmerswaal  
N Taylor  
M Apatu  
P Paku  
C Lambert  
H Hiha  
F McRoberts  
V Wairau  
T Tareha  
M Black  
A Tipene

**In Attendance:** A Newman – Chief Executive  
L Lambert – Group Manager External Relations  
D Lew – Group Manager Resource Management  
E Bate – Planner (Item 13)  
V Moule – Kaitohutohu  
M Drury – Minute Secretary

**1. KARAKIA – HEITIA HIHA**

**2. WELCOME/APOLOGIES**

Chairman Mohi welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that because the pre meeting with Council was longer than anticipated that agenda items 8, 11, 12 and 14 would be included on the Agenda for the next Maori Committee meeting.

Chairman Mohi also advised that agenda items to be discussed at this meeting would also be discussed out of order.

An apology was received from Mr Hilton.

**Resolution:**

That the Committee accept the apology from Mr Hilton.

**Apatu/Black  
CARRIED**

**3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

**9. UPDATE REPORT ON CURRENT ISSUES BY CEO – NGARURORO WATER STORAGE PROJECT**

Mr Newman updated the Committee on progress in regard to Council's water initiatives and introduced Mr Bruce Corbett, Group Manager, Water Initiatives, Kelvin Ferguson, Monique Benson and Janine Dunlop who are recently appointed staff members of the newly established water initiatives group.

Mr Corbett then gave the Committee a brief outline of his work in South Africa where he worked in the water strategy area and oversaw many changes in water policies and water management. Mr Corbett stressed that in order for water management to be successful, it was necessary to have a clear direction forward and for everyone to be 'on board' and to be going in the same direction.

Mr Corbett said he was excited about the development of water initiatives in the region and stressed the importance for New Zealanders not to take water for granted.

**Resolution:**

That the Committee accept the CEO's verbal report.

**Lambert/Hiha  
CARRIED**

**Councillor Gilbertson left the meeting at 11.45am**

**4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 26 AUGUST 2009**

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 26 August 2009, a copy having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read and confirmed.

**Hiha/Taylor  
CARRIED**

**5. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON TUESDAY, 26 AUGUST 2009**

**7. Presentation by the Kairakau Lands Trust**

In response to a question from Councillor Remmerswaal, Chairman Mohi advised that the concerns expressed by the Kairakau Lands Trust had been

discussed and agreement had been reached at a mediation meeting. The Kairakau Lands Trust were very happy with the final outcome.

## **6. CONSIDERATION OF GENERAL BUSINESS**

- (a) Hui at Waimarama
- (b) Contact Information

## **10. ALLOCATION STATUS OF HAWKE'S BAY SURFACE WATERS**

Mr Lew updated the Committee on the allocation status for surface water catchments in Hawke's Bay which are defined as follows:

- Under allocated (less than 50% allocated)
- Nearing full allocation (between 50-100% allocated)
- Fully allocated (100% or greater allocated).

Mr Lew also outlined the process Council had undertaken to convert the allocatable volumes as outlined in the RRMP from m<sup>3</sup>/week to L/s for each Stream Management Zone (SMZ) which was then compared to the currently consented rates from Council's consent database. Mr Lew noted that following investigations into the Ngaruroro catchment the methodology used was applied to other surface water catchments the region to determine their allocatable volumes but unfortunately this methodology to determine the minimum flows and allocatable volumes was later considered not to be sufficiently scientifically robust.

The Committee discussed Appendix 2 of the agenda item – a map - which illustrated the surface water catchments and their allocated status and noted that there were several omissions on the map. Mr Lew explained that there were some catchments in the region which have never had an allocation limit on them and it was important to understand that science continues to move the goal posts and also the fact that whether there was a flood or drought the statistics could change. Mr Lew advised that if Committee members were interested in more detail than currently shown on Appendix 2, there was a large database where further information could be gained and staff would be able to assist members with any queries.

Replying to a question about water storage in Tamatea rohe, Mr Newman updated the Committee on progress with this proposal and noted that now Mr Corbett had commenced with Council, this project would commence to move forward again with a final decision to be made by Council at a future Council meeting. It was important that other options to manage water were fully discussed and agreed that iwi must be part of any ongoing discussions in order for a successful outcome to be achieved.

Mr Lew advised the Committee that a 2 day workshop was planned in the future to which stakeholders would be invited to participate in discussions relating to Council's plans for water storage and the areas where the dams could be located.

Responding to a question from Mr Lambert, Mr Lew confirmed that in the northern area of the region, the requirement for a similar allocation process to that of the central and southern areas was unnecessary as the demands were not as intense.

**Resolution:**

1. That the Committee receives the report titled '*Allocation Status of Hawke's Bay Surface Waters*'.

**Lambert/Black  
CARRIED**

**7. ACTION ITEMS**

**8. Update on Current Issues by CEO**

Mr Lew gave a Power-point presentation which highlighted ongoing water/consent issues including the transfer and trading of water permits.

The Committee expressed concern with the issues and discretion around water transfer and trading and suggested that the proposed cultural index once established could alleviate some of the difficulties that could be encountered.

The Committee also noted that Council could decline applications for transfer of water takes not within the same SMA or aquifer and this would be treated as a new application. An increase in the volume of water or a significant change in activity would also become a new application.

**Resolution:**

That Council receives the report "Action Items from the Maori Committee Meetings".

**Apatu/Black  
CARRIED**

**13. STATUTORY ADVOCACY**

Ms Bate presented this agenda item which set out proposals considered under Council's statutory advocacy project and the Resource Management Act 1991.

Following discussion, the Committee agreed that a Statutory Advocacy matters paper would be a regular agenda item replacing the posted out version.

**Resolution:**

1. That the Committee:
  - 1.1 Receive the updated report "Statutory Advocacy Matters
  - 1.2 Agrees to have the Statutory Advocacy matters paper as a regular agenda item.

**Paku/Lambert  
CARRIED**

**15. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Hui at Waimarama**

Councillor Remmerswaal updated the Committee on a recent hui she attended at Waimarama in regard to the Waingororo Stream. Work would be undertaken on the stream beside the marae. Councillor Remmerswaal said this was a great example of a good working relationship between Councils.

**Contact Information**

Mr Moule advised that if the Committee agreed, Committee members names would be included on Council's website. However, there would not be any further contact information available on the site.

**Extra Meeting in December**

There will be an extra meeting for the Maori Committee on Wednesday 2 December. An agenda will be posted out the previous week.

**Closure:**

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 1.05pm.

Signed as a true and correct record.

**DATE:** .....

**CHAIRMAN:** .....