

Ōhiti Stakeholder Advisory Group

Meeting Minutes

Date: 29 October 2025

Time: 5.00pm – 6.30pm

Location: Ōmāhu Marae

Meeting Chair: Tania Kerr

Attendees: Ngahua Tahau, Kate Davison, Grant Davison, Malcolm Taylor, Tony Andrews, Shane Nuku and Delia Ropiha (Landowners), Trish Nuku (Manu Whenua Rep), Wayne Ropiha (Cultural Monitor), Debz Hurst (Compliance – HBRC), Dugan Weitz, Jacqui Davis and Lynn McCowan (Project Team - HBRC)

Apologies: Malcolm Smith (Landowner)

	Items	Actions
1.	Opening Karakia – Wayne	
2.	Welcome and Apologies <ul style="list-style-type: none">Opening remarks were given by Tania, who acknowledged the purpose of the meeting and welcomed attendees.It was noted that any questions relating to legislation should be directed through the appropriate channels for clarification as the STAG meetings are quite confined in scope.A round of introductions was held so members could share who they were, their connection to the area and their interest in the project.Interest was expressed in understanding how the works will affect their properties and the local community as well as how feedback will be managed.	
3.	Overview of the Stakeholder Advisory Group (STAG) - Jacqui Purpose <ul style="list-style-type: none">The STAG was established under an Order in Council (OIC) as part of the legislative requirements following the flood event.Its purpose is to inform and advise the Regional Council about the management and monitoring of flood mitigation construction works.An Independent Commissioner reviews the project application to ensure compliance with the legislation and considers whether additional consent conditions may be necessary.The STAG group provides feedback and recommendations but holds	

	<p>no delegated decision-making authority</p> <p>Membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defined by legislation owners and occupiers of the land adjoiners plus others who have commented on the OIC application. <p>Process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The draft Terms of Reference (ToR) outlines communication and reporting processes. For example, community concerns such as dust, noise, or traffic issues are reported to Jacqui and registered with Dugan as the contractor liaison for follow-up. It ensures the community has a direct line to report both positive and negative effects of the construction to their STAG representative who will raise them through Jacqui and/or at meetings. <p>The Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) will address environmental impacts and a CEMP workshop will be held next week to review the document and make recommendations to the contractor. The timelines are tight so feedback will need to be prompt.</p> <p>Additional discussion:</p> <p>Shane raised a concern about potential devaluation of land due to the works.</p> <p>Malcolm asked about how the flood protection system will work. Dugan confirmed that the stopbank will be built to a 1-in-100-year flood capacity and will include a telemetry systems. He is also working with HDC regarding an early warning system.</p>	<p><i>Dugan</i></p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Terms of Reference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any issues or concerns arising during construction should be recorded, discussed and followed up to ensure clear responses and accountability. Confidentiality was discussed to ensure that meetings provide a safe space for open and honest discussion. There is nothing to prevent members from sharing general information or updates with neighbours but with the focus on keeping constructive respectful dialogue within the group while ensuring that accurate information is communicated through agreed channels. Membership: Grant confirmed he is happy to speak with other residents in his street to share information and bring feedback. Monthly meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of each month starting in January for the six months that construction takes place. Every second month the meeting will include an ecology report. Information about the project as well as confirmed minutes from the STAG group as found on Ōhiti Road Ōmāhu Hawke's Bay Regional Council 	

5.	<p>General Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Malcolm and Tony’s eligibility for membership to be clarified. • To be confirmed by Billy Ropiha that Delia can be his delegate at the meetings • Grant will check in with residents who may not have responded. • Shane and his wife are proposed as alternates if needed as was Grant and Kate. 	<p><i>Jacqui</i> <i>Jacqui/</i> <i>Delia</i> <i>Grant</i></p>
6.	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>Wednesday 5 November, 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM, Ōmāhu Marae - CEMP Workshop</p>	
7.	<p>Closing Karakia – Wayne</p>	