

Ōhiti Stakeholder Advisory Group

Meeting Minutes

Date: 17 February 2026

Time: 4.00pm – 6.30pm

Location: Ōmāhu Marae

Meeting Chair: Tania Kerr

Attendees: Delia Ropiha, Kate Davison, Brian Darragh, Val Darragh, Kerri Nuku, (Landowners), Wayne Ropiha (Cultural Monitor) Simon Moffitt (Compliance – HBRC), Dugan Weitz, Jacqui Davis and Kim Thomas (Project Team - HBRC)

Apologies: Trish Nuku (Manu Whenua Rep), Ngahuia Tahau and Lynn McCowan

	Items	Actions
1.	Opening Karakia <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Shared by all in attendance.	
2.	Welcome and Apologies <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Tania opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees- A respectful acknowledgment was made of the recent loss of life on the whenua over the past month.- Thanks were extended to Ōmāhu Marae for hosting the hui.- It was noted that the STAG group had been shared with the Pōrangahau community as an exemplar, including an overview of the engagement log and how the meetings are conducted.- Whakawhanaungatanga (introductions) then followed from those present.	
3.	Review of Previous Meeting Minutes <p>Minutes of the 20 January 2026 meeting were circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p><u>Discussion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The soil testing was shared with the group.- Mitigation measures are on the road.- Jacqui had circulated the STAG contact details with the group. <p>Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 20 January 2026 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.</p>	

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4.	<p>Project Manager's Update Item for information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The project continues to move at pace and in programme. - We've had to utilise different ways forward as we have dealt with the discovery of the body. - Still continuing to hit milestones and goals. - Looking to conclude the Benson property at the end of this week. - The Kupa property is taking shape, next week we are looking to put the topsoil on and hydroseed it. - The next phase is sealing Ōhiti Road – HDC have signed this off and will be handed back over to HDC. - Focus now shifts to the Ōmāhu side of the project - building up the Lloyd property and stripping and building up the Ōmāhu side of the project. - All vegetation and trees will be removed from the Ōmāhu side of the project where topsoil was found in the centre of the stopbank. The trees have compromised the stopbank so this will help with the longevity of the stopbanks for any future weather events. Natives will be planted here rather than pines. - Chorus will be onsite to remove their infrastructure that is no longer needed. - Leftover material that is clean will be placed on Billy's lot where he is looking to build his new house. - Contaminated soil that was removed includes asbestos, lead and other materials that have been unidentified. - The drain that has been dug to the side of the stopbank pools any excess water that is then reused as dust suppression on top of the stopbank. - The driveway for the houses along Taihape Road who are sharing Ōhiti Lane now have the culverts in place, due to be concreted at the end of this week with access for residents in the coming weeks. - Shown where the additional silt fence will be installed on the flyover video. - 9m of vegetation will be removed for the rear bund for construction and maintenance from the back fences of the properties. The toe of the stopbank will be 3 metres from the boundary. - Working closely with HDC on where the swale was. Flood mitigation project coming into place with HDC for drainage down Ōhiti Lane. - Dugan to send flood modelling to STAG group around ponding on the rear of the properties (consequential flood modelling). - For every 200mm added onto the stopbank level there is testing by WSP – example shown to STAG of a pass and fail report. - Any contaminated soil has to follow procedure to ensure it is removed from site safely. The hydroseed contains the material whilst the contaminated material sits on site. - Dugan to send over a link to all STAG members for all documentation available to the public. - Footpaths that were originally onsite will be reinstated. - Continue to put the pressure on with HDC around the footpaths – squeaky wheel gets oiled. 	<p><i>Dugan</i></p> <p><i>Dugan</i></p>

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5.	<p>Review of Information and Advice Log</p> <p>Item for information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All complaints and compliments are closed. - The majority of those received this past month have been around drivers not sticking to the 30km/ph speed limit and their vehicles getting damaged as a result of this. - Category change is in process. We are working on one final landowner. Working with residents on anything related to insurance where possible. Advised that this will be changed in the next days/weeks. 	
6.	<p>Ecologist's Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Item for information - T&T completed a full ecology report around what is going on in the project. - There is constant consultation reviewing the project site along with Cam Burton. - Working very closely with Mana whenua around preparing the documentation presented at STAG. - There are no lizards where we have been building, the fields are being maintained so that no wildlife return or create a habitat whilst works are continuing. - Had to defer some vegetation clearance until the end of February to allow wildlife to see out their breeding season. - No bat activity recorded onsite. - Not working in freshwater and wetlands. Still appropriately following the CEMP so no waterways are impacted by sediment. - Site inspections are undertaken prior to forecasted weather events and the site is prepared accordingly. - Additional silt fence installed near Okawa Stream. - Works are to commence in the coming weeks regarding dense vegetation clearance. Mana whenua and archaeologist will be onsite based on historical data – all only for the read bund and what has been agreed on. - The vegetation debris will be chipped up and will be offered to community. The balance will be used for the planting when the project is close to completion. 	
7.	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting will be 17 March 2026 at 4pm.</p>	
6.	<p>Closing Karakia</p> <p>Lead by Wayne.</p>	