

Minutes of the Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority Meeting held in Council Chamber, Western Bay of Plenty District Council, 1484 Cameron Road, Greerton on Friday, 27 April 2018 commencing at 10.30 a.m.

Present:

Chairperson: Dean Flavell (Tapuika Iwi Authority Trust)

Deputy Chairperson: Arapeta Tahana (Bay of Plenty Regional Council)

Appointees: Jane Nees (Bay of Plenty Regional Council), Matemoana McDonald (Bay of Plenty Regional Council Alternate), Tania Tapsell (Rotorua Lakes Council), Nick Chater (Lakes Community Board Alternate), Steve Morris (Tauranga City Council), Piki Thomas (Te Pumautanga o Te Arawa Alternate), Maria Horne (Te Komiti Nui o Ngāti Whakaue), Rikihana Hancock (Te Tahuhu o Tawakeheimoa Trust), Nicky Douglas (Te Tahuhu o Tawakeheimoa Trust Alternate), Kevin Marsh (Western Bay of Plenty District Council)

In Attendance: Bay of Plenty Regional Council – Toi Moana:
Namouta Poutasi (Water Policy Manager), Jo Watts (Water Policy Senior Planner), Anaru Vercoe (Maori Policy Team Leader), Rawiri Bhana (Maori Policy Advisor), Greg Corbett (Biosecurity Manager), Reuben Gardiner (Maori Policy Advisor), Pim De Monchy (Kaituna Catchments Manager), Tone Nerdrum-Smith (Committee Advisor)

Other Attendees
Campbell Larking (Tauranga City Council), Antoine Coffin (for Tauranga City Council), Matthew Leighton (Western Bay of Plenty District Council), Brendan Law (Law Creative)

Apologies: Dr Bryce Kihirini –(Tapuika Iwi Authority Alternate) (absence) and Rikihana Hancock (Te Tahuhu o Tawakeheimoa Trust) (lateness)

1 Opening Karakia

Piki Thomas opened the meeting with a karakia.

2 Apologies

It was noted that Hakopa Paul (Te Pumautanga o Te Arawa) was no longer in New Zealand and that the alternate, Piki Thomas, was attending in his place until a new appointment had been made.

Resolved

That the Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority:

- 1 **Accepts the apologies tendered at the meeting for absence for Dr B Kihirini (Tapuika Iwi Authority Alternate) and lateness for R Hancock (Te Tahuhu o Tawakeheimoa Trust).**

Flavell/Thomas
CARRIED

3 **General Business and Tabled Items**

Nil

4 **Declaration of conflicts of interest**

Nil

5 **Previous Minutes**

5.1 **Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority Minutes - 06 March 2018**

Resolved

That the Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority:

- 1 **Confirms the Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority Minutes - 06 March 2018**

Tahana/Horne
CARRIED

6 **Reports**

6.1 **Approval to Progress Design Work for Kaituna, He Taonga Tuku Iho and Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority Logo**

Refer PowerPoint presentations – Objective ID A2858759, A2858760 & A2858764

10.38 am - Rikihana Hancock **entered** the meeting.

In the absence of Ruth Keber, Marketing and Communications Advisor, Rawiri Bhana, Māori Policy Advisor highlighted key aspects of the report and drew attention to the decisions that were being asked of the Authority.

Brendan Law, Law Creative presented the proposed design of the Kaituna River document.

Key Points of Discussion

- Kaituna River was thought of as a 'living creature'.
- The cover page depicted the Kaituna River logo in a combination of green and silver to symbolise the river and the river stones.
- The photographer commissioned for the document had travelled the length of the river to gather imagery, with further photography scheduled to be taken.
- Design and imagery would tie in with the relevant sections in the document.
- A copy of the document would be available for the 22 June 2018 meeting. Noted that off-set press runs were expensive, which meant that a lesser quality print copy

would be presented for approval; however it would still be representative of the final document.

- The timeframe from here on would be discussed at the public excluded workshop at the conclusion of today's formal meeting.
- The document was produced from recycled and natural materials, incorporating elements of the flora along the Kaituna River, e.g. flax and vegetable oil inks.
- More robust digital technology than Quick Response (QR) codes was available and could be considered for inclusion in the document at a later stage.
- Explanations of the logos to be included in the Kaituna Document. Further text should be included regarding the development of the document, including how the colours came from the environment.
- Each section would have a translation in English underneath, including title pages, potentially in a small ribbon at the bottom of the page.
- Following the June 2018 meeting, members would socialise the document with Iwi, so a finalised hardcopy, as far as this was possible, would be helpful.
- Recognised the significant effort of those involved in the development of the document.
- Members were impressed by the design, look and feel.
- The summary document needed to be substantial enough to be representative of the main document and include the objectives.
- Recognised the importance of the imagery in the document. A member noted that photographs created an emotional attachment to the river.
- Design Working group membership was discussed.
- The production of summary documents/handouts would have to be considered by the design group as part of the development of the main document, e.g. number of hard copies of Complete document vs summary
- A production budget of \$78,000 had been allocated until the end of June 2018 and a further \$45,000 until the end of December 2018. This would cover 200 copies of the full document as an initial print run. It was noted that for the Rangitaiki River document, 1,500 were run off on the initial run.
- Of this total \$8,000 was allocated for printing of the summary document.

Staff Follow-Up:

- The importance of a digital storage area for photographs. Staff to include as part of the website.
- Staff to investigate a request for the four parts of the logo's waterways be connected or linked together.

Resolved

That the Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report 'Approval to progress design work for Kaituna, he taonga tuku iho and Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority logo';**
- 2 Approves the proposed overall design for Kaituna, he taonga tuku iho;**
- 3 Approves the proposed logo for Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority o Kaituna River Authority;**
- 4 Delegates to the Chair and the Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority Design Working Group all necessary design decisions to finalise and publish the final version of Kaituna, he taonga tuku iho – the Kaituna River Document and logo;**

5 Delegates to the Chair the ability to co-opt other Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority Members to the Design Working Groups as required.

Hancock/Nees
CARRIED

6.2 Launch of 'Kaituna, He Taonga Tuku Iho' document developed by Te Maru o Kaituna (Kaituna River Authority)

Refer PowerPoint presentation – Objective ID A2859402

Rawiri Bhana, Māori Policy Advisor provided a brief outline of the report.

Key Points of Discussion

- There would be two events to launch the Kaituna, He Taonga Tuku Iho; one following the 22 June 2018 meeting, and the other a wider community launch.
- Options for the public launch were discussed.
- The Working Group, on behalf of the Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority, would further develop the details of the two separate launch events.
- The first launch was significant in that it represented a 'full circle' for Tapuika Iwi Authority, and this would be symbolised by the handing over of the document.
- The website would be ready at the same time as the public launch.
- A communication & engagement plan was being prepared to align information on the BOPRC website with the document, and to ensure the community was well informed of the upcoming launch.

Resolved

That the Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, 'Launch of Kaituna, he taonga tuku iho'.**
- 2 Approves the launch details outlined in this paper and delegates to the Chair of Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority and the Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority Design Working Group responsibility for the preparation and planning of the launch.**

Marsh/Tapsell
CARRIED

6.3 Presentation – Kaituna Catchment Operations Update

Refer PowerPoint presentation – Objective ID A2873114

Pim De Monchy, Kaituna Catchment Manager outlined the following:

Kaituna Rediversion Update

- Overall project would go from July 2018- 30th June 2020 (including contingency days), and the contract had been awarded to J Swap.
- From 1 August 2018 up to 20 December 2018 (worst case scenario), Ford Road would be closed for realignment, which would significantly restrict access to the river during the whitebait season and the following fishing season.
- Contractors would endeavour to provide alternative access as and when possible, however as it would be a construction site, this would not always be an option.

- Residents and members of the community could contact the Catchment Manager and the contractor with any enquiries or concerns.
- Communication regarding the project included email updates, Facebook and website posts, and fishing pages. Staff requested members to advise them of any other forums where communication would be appropriate.
- Re-contouring of the river had progressed significantly towards the target to create 100ha of wetlands.
- There was currently no industry standard for fencing along rivers and BOPRC was working with land owners to ensure fencing was adequate for their purpose. It was noted that a range of issues would be brought to the BOPRC freshwater workshop in May 2018 for possible inclusion in Plan Change 12, including fencing for stock control.
- An information library on the Kaituna River was retained within the BOPRC electronic document management system.
- A query was raised regarding the effect on other boat ramps of closing a boat ramp. Three other ramps would be affected including Pilot Bay and Bell Road. An assessment had determined that no additional parking was required at these areas.
- Feedback was sought from members, and when the blessing should occur i.e. site possession or when the first sod was turned. Feedback from members indicated on site possession was appropriate given there would be people working on site from that date.
- In response to a query regarding Health and safety responsibilities it was noted that this sat with Pim De Monchy as project manager and J Swap.

Staff Follow-Up:

- Staff to present the suggestion that the blessing should occur at the time of site possession, rather than at sod turning, to Tangata Whenua Working Party for consideration.
- Notify Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority Members of the time/date when the blessing would occur.

6.4 Report - Te Tumu Structure Plan and Rezoning Project

Refer PowerPoint presentation – Objective ID A2859143

Campbell Larking, Tauranga City Council and Antoine Coffin, Te Onewa presented the report.

Key Points - Presenters

- Tauranga City Council was looking to rezone an area of land called Te Tumu, which had a range of owners with diverse areas of interest.
- There was close cooperation with NZTA with regards to roading connectivity and infrastructure.
- Te Tumu Tangata Whenua Working Party had been set up and met on a monthly basis and was jointly chaired by the presenters.
- Worked closely with the Ministry of Education and District Health Board to identify and, to the extent possible, meet the needs of the increased population in the area. Noted that the Ministry of Education had not yet confirmed the type of school needed.
- Noted that 50% of the land was not developable and would be open space.
- Development also had to take into consideration the need for movement and connectivity.
- Population growth meant higher density, multi-story residential developments were required.

- Timeframe for delivery of the project had been postponed by six month, which had a flow-on effect on Tauranga City Council's commitment to provide additional housing to meet growth needs.
- Tauranga City Council held a comprehensive stormwater consent for the area, granted by BOPRC which covered stormwater discharges.
- Would work through the Kaituna River document. Recognised the conflict by the Ford landowner's aspirations with regards to building height, versus the sensitivity of that particular site.
- The land use at the mouth of the Kaituna River was queried and it was noted that the land developer wanted it to be a marina.
- Tauranga City Council noted that it would not support the development of a marina.
- Concerns were raised regarding increased intensification and resulting impact of increased recreational use of the Kaituna River. Queries were raised regarding increased access to the Kaituna River, particularly on the other side of the spit.
- There was an existing paper road traversing the river and discussions had been held with regards to converting it into a possible bridge crossing, however this was considered a matter for discussion by the SmartGrowth partners.

Resolved

That the Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority:

1 Receives the report, Report - Te Tumu Structure Plan and Rezoning Project

**Flavell/Nees
CARRIED**

6.5 Brown Bullhead Catfish - Incursion Update

Refer PowerPoint presentation – Objective ID A2858839

Greg Corbett, Biosecurity Manager outlined the following:

Key Points of Presenter

- A 48 hour stand-down period between moving vessels from one lake to another, to minimise the transfer of catfish contamination was suggested by a member.
- More than 26,000 catfish had been caught in Lake Rotoiti since January 2018.
- Expected there was by now occurrences of catfish in the Kaituna River.
- Flash fishing was currently the most effective ways of catching catfish, however it did not meet the required demand and BOPRC was working with NIWA and the University of Waikato in innovation and applying more effective methods.
- Biological control, e.g. brown trout and longfin eel was considered, however it was recognised that they would also eat other life forms, e.g. koura.
- Acoustic tagging programme was going through the approval process, which once approved, would track the movements of the catfish.
- Focused on catching in warmer months as in winter, the catfish were dormant.
- A query was asked about whether any catfish had been found in the Kaituna River and it was note that although this had not occurred yet, it was anticipated that they would expand. The upper reaches would not be ideal, however the lower reaches and drains would be a more desirable habitat.
- Anticipated that arriving at brackish water would deter the catfish from progressing, however their tolerance to saltwater was not well known.
- Education and behavioural change of water users was a key aspect of management. There was a desire from members to see more information being made publicly available.

- Allocation of a separate budget for catfish management had been repeatedly requested by submitters during the BOPRC Long Term Plan 2018/2028 hearings process and would be considered during the deliberations.
- Rotorua Lakes Council was involved in the catfish management at a staff-to-staff level.

Resolved

That the Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority under its delegated authority:

- 1 **Receives the report, Brown Bullhead Catfish - Incursion Update.**

**Flavell/Nees
CARRIED**

6.6 Freshwater Update

Refer PowerPoint presentation – Objective ID A2859018

Jo Watts, Senior Planner (Water Policy) provided Freshwater updates on Plan Change 12, draft regional targets, map on water quality for swimming. t

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- National swimability targets were based on larger rivers, such as the Kaituna, and were rated on e-coli counts.

Resolved

That the Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority under its delegated authority:

- 1 **Receives the report, Freshwater update.**

**Flavell/Tapsell
CARRIED**

6.7 Governance Update

Noted that a formal resignation from the Te Pumautanga o Te Arawa, Hakopa Paul, was yet to be received and that the alternate, Piki Thomas would follow up on this so a permanent replacement appoint could be made.

Namouta Poutasi, Water Policy Manager provided an outline of the key issues in the report and the decisions required by the meeting.

Resolved

That the Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority under its delegated authority:

- 1 **Receives the report, Governance Update.**
- 2 **Approves the content of the letter to Rotorua Lakes Council, Western Bay of Plenty District Council and Tauranga City Council seeking consideration of**

the Kaituna River Document's vision, objectives and desired outcomes during the 2018-2028 Long Term Plan deliberations.

3 Approves the lodgement of the letters outlined in Recommendation 2.

**Tahana/Douglas
CARRIED**

6.8 Verbal Updates from Members

Nil

6.9 Consideration of General Business

Nil

The meeting closed at 1.04 pm