



NGĀ MĀNUKANUKA O TE IWI (MĀORI COMMITTEE)

Open Minutes

Meeting Date: Wednesday 13 November 2024

Time: 12:30pm – 2:39pm

Venue Small Exhibition Hall
War Memorial Centre
Marine Parade
Napier

Livestreamed via Council's Facebook page

Present

Acting Chair: Mayor Kirsten Wise
Mana Ahuriri Trust (Evelyn Ratima)
Moteo Marae (Maureen Box)
Petane Marae (Shyann Raihania)
Pukemokimoki Marae (Tiwana Aranui)
Timikara Marae (Kirk Leonard)
Wharerangi Marae (Tipene Cottrell)
Sustainable Napier Committee Chair (Councillor Price)
Napier People & Places Committee Chair (Councillor McGrath)
Prosperous Napier Committee Chair (Councillor Crown)
Chief Executive (Louise Miller)
Executive Director Community Services (Thunes Cloete)
Executive Director Infrastructure Services (Russell Bond)
Executive Director City Strategy (Rachael Bailey)
Manager Community Strategies (Anne Bradbury)
Manager Strategy and Transformation (Stephanie Murphy)
Team Leader Governance (Anna Eady)
Team Leader Corporate Planning (Jane McLoughlin)
Māori Partnership Manager – Te Kaiwhakahaere Hononga Māori (Hilary Prentice)
Māori Partnership Manager (Jackie Ham)
Te Waka Rangapū Kaiawhina (Xanthia Ashby)

Senior Policy Analyst (Michele Grigg)
Strategic Planning Lead (Connie Mills)
Manager City Development (Paulina Wilhelm) [online]
Manager Water Reforms Transition (Andrew Lebioda)

In Attendance Pou Whakarae (Mōrehu Te Tomo)

Administration Governance Advisor (Jemma McDade)

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

Karakia

Tiwana Aranui opened the meeting with a Karakia

Apologies

COUNCIL Beverley Kemp-Harmer / Kirk Leonard

RESOLUTION

That the apologies from Deputy Mayor Brosnan and Krystal Haimona be accepted.

Carried

Conflicts of interest

Nil

Public forum

Nil

Announcements by the Chairperson

Mayor Wise acknowledged the passing of Sir Robert 'Bom' Gillies, the last surviving member of the 28th Māori battalion, as a sad day for the nation. Tiwana Aranui recognised the local connection with the Māori battalion.

Announcements by the management

Nil

Confirmation of minutes

Evelyn Ratima / Mayor Wise

That the Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 29 August 2024 were taken as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Carried

AGENDA ITEMS

1. HOUSING STRATEGY

Type of Report: Enter Significance of Report

Legal Reference: Enter Legal Reference

Document ID: 1803568

Reporting Officer/s & Unit: Anne Bradbury, Manager Community Strategies

1.1 Purpose of Report

This report outlines the final Housing Strategy and seeks endorsement for the Housing Strategy. It also asks the komiti (committee) to recommend the Housing Strategy is taken to the Council for adoption.

At the meeting

The officer presented the report providing the update that due to the postponement of this Komiti's 18 October meeting, the Housing Strategy has been approved by Council. Amendments have been made following consultation and these changes are outlined in the paper. The Strategy is not the end point, the three focus areas for Council will continue.

Questions were answered clarifying:

- The development arm of Mana Ahuriri has been consulted. Although they are not providing housing yet, they are in the process of developing housing. There are no other Māori housing providers in Ahuriri that could have been engaged.
- Information has been sourced from Housing Aotearoa, Ministry of Housing and Urban Development, Kāinga Ora, Mana Ahuriri, Councillor Boag, and K3. These stakeholders provided the vision. The Strategy is wider than housing provision and seeks to enable the progression from sleeping rough to home ownership.
- This Strategy is still the start of this journey. The action plans developed from this strategy will be a collective and collaborative effort to overcome challenges and meet the needs of the community.
- Conversations with marae could form part of the climate resilience outcomes. Many of our marae are in the Hastings boundary. This would need to be a collaborative approach. Council's role is as regulator and enabler. Treaty partners would need to take the lead.
- Additional housing proposals and capacity fall within the District Plan and Future Development Strategy. Natural Hazards provide multiple constraints. Updates will be provided to the Committee at the relevant junctures.

Beverley Kemp-Harmer / Kirk Leonard

The Ngā Mānukanuka o te Iwi (Māori Committee):

- a. **Endorse** the Housing Strategy shown in Attachment 1 DOC ID 1800288 .

ACTION: Continue to provide updates to the Komiti

Carried

2. UPDATE ON CLIMATE ACTION JOINT COMMITTEE AND COASTAL HAZARDS STRATEGY

<i>Type of Report:</i>	Information
<i>Legal Reference:</i>	N/A
<i>Document ID:</i>	1803570
<i>Reporting Officer/s & Unit:</i>	Michele Grigg, Senior Policy Analyst Connie Mills, Strategic Planning Lead

2.1 Purpose of Report

To provide an update to Ngā Mānukanuka o te Iwi on the work of the Climate Action Joint Committee and an update on the Clifton to Tangoio Coastal Hazards Strategy.

At the meeting

The officers presented the report.

This paper was brought in response to a request from the Komiti.

The Climate Action Joint Committee includes five Councils, mana whenua representatives and a technical advisory group. The Committee focuses on promoting action to mitigate climate action changes through its endorsed work programme. A regional climate change risk assessment has been undertaken using data held by the councils and other entities to identify the climate risks and their impact.

The Clifton to Tangoio Coastal Hazards Strategy Committee was established in 2014 with the Strategy finalised in August 2024. Hawkes Bay Regional Council (HBRC) is best placed to implement the strategy with Napier City Council (NCC) remaining on the technical advisory group. Short, medium and long terms views are being considered, with most of the implementations for Ahuriri in the medium phase (20-30 years). This has been developed in collaboration with the community including academic, engineering experts. The next steps sit with HBRC.

Questions were answered clarifying:

- As the leading agency, HBRC will be working through the implications for coastal properties weighing up the private and public benefit. Information will be reported back as it becomes available.
 - Staff from both planning and infrastructure directorates within NCC are part of the process. This will also ensures sound succession planning with the organisation.
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- The Strategy review sits with HBRC. Membership is reviewed on a three yearly basis in line with the election cycle. NCC is involved in an advisory capacity.
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Evelyn Ratima / Shyann Raihania

The Ngā Mānukanuka o te Iwi (Māori Committee):

- a. **Note** the update on the work of the Climate Action Joint Committee.
- b. **Note** the update on the work of the Coastal Hazards Strategy.

ACTION: Continue to provide updates to the Komiti

Carried

3. UPDATE ON SITES OF SIGNIFICANCE TO MĀORI VARIATION TO PROPOSED NAPIER DISTRICT PLAN

Type of Report: Operational

Legal Reference: Resource Management Act 1991

Document ID: 1803571

Reporting Officer/s & Unit: Fleur Lincoln, Principal Policy Planner

3.1 Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the Sites of Significance to Māori variation to the Proposed Napier District Plan.

At the meeting

Manager City Development (Paulina Wilhelm) presented the report online.

Questions were answered clarifying:

- Council's preferred approach is to engage with affected landowners in partnership with mana whenua.
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Beverley Kemp-Harmer / Maureen Box

The Ngā Mānukanuka o te Iwi (Māori Committee):

- a. **Note** the update provided on the Sites of Significance to Māori variation to the Proposed Napier District Plan.

ACTION: Amend the report: Section 3.4 of the report will be amended to replace 'dependent on mana whenua appetite to be involved' with 'whether mana whenua would like to be involved'.

Carried

4. DISTRICT PLAN SUBMISSIONS SUMMARY

Type of Report: Information

Legal Reference: N/A

Document ID: 1803566

Reporting Officer/s & Unit: Paulina Wilhelm, Manager City Development

4. Purpose of Report

To update Ngā Mānukanuka o te Iwi on the submissions for the Proposed District Plan

At the meeting

The officer presented the report online:

Questions were answered clarifying:

- The Māori Commissioner is Rauru Kirikiri.
- The District Plan covers a wide range of topics and is a long process involving officers and elected members.

Shyann Raihania / Beverley Kemp-Harmer

The Ngā Mānukanuka o te Iwi (Māori Committee):

- a. **Receive** the presentation on the summary of submissions for the Proposed District Plan. DOC ID 1799557

Carried

5. 2025 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION UPDATE

Type of Report: Operational

Legal Reference: Local Government Act 2002, Local Electoral Act 2001

Document ID: 1804240

Reporting Officer/s & Unit: Anna Eady, Team Leader Governance
Jane McLoughlin, Project Manager - Strategy and Transformation

5.1 Purpose of Report

This paper seeks insights from the Komiti on the best ways to increase community participation in the key steps of the 2025 Local Government Election, those being enrolment on the electoral roll, nomination and standing for election, and voting for the new Council and also on the Māori wards poll. The Komiti's input is essential in shaping our approach and ensuring a successful election.

This paper will also give an update on the Representation Review.

At the meeting

The officers presented the report.

Questions were answered clarifying:

- Council is keen to work alongside communities to encourage voter engagement. It was recognised that change is needed to increase voter turnout and get the community involved.
- Engagement with rangatahi is key. Marae can play their part, having champions and promoting the importance of voting through appropriate social media channels. It was noted that rangatahi need to receive the message that their vote counts so that taking part in local and national elections becomes a normal practice for them. Messaging should be conveyed in a way that is relatable, accessible and meaningful to rangatahi.
- Schools and Kura Kaupapa can be involved in the communication and education process. Information should be shared in an accessible way that outlines why voting is important and the impact it can have. Social media platforms could be utilised using local places and faces. Campaign elements would be targeted to specific groups. Youth Council could also be involved.
- A Hui a Iwi will be held in December to brainstorm good ways to reach people. The Komiti are invited to this hui. Engagement will be an ongoing part of the election process. Officers are scoping how to best involve Youth Council in this part of the engagement.

Evelyn Ratima / Kirk Leonard

The Ngā Mānukanuka o te Iwi (Māori Committee):

- a. **Note** election planning is underway and officers seek the Komiti's insights on how to encourage participation at the 2025 local government election and Māori wards poll.
- b. **Note** the following insights to facilitate enrolment on the electoral roll for Māori in Napier, in particular 18-24 year olds.
 - i. Feedback should be sought from youth and youth providers.
 - ii. Send information to organisations to post of their social media pages and to give to their champions to share.
 - iii. Through the schools, in particular the Kura Kaupapa.
 - iv. Through Radio Kahungunu.
 - v. Messaging to younger Māori should be relevant and focus on why their input is important.
 - vi. Provide suggested communications plan for iwi organisation input.

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- c. **Note** the following insights to encourage Māori candidates to stand in the 2025 local government election in the Te Whanga Māori ward, or one of the three general wards, and/or the Mayoralty.
 - i. Send information to organisations to share with their people and to post on their social media pages.
 - ii. Through Radio Kahungunu
 - iii. Messaging to younger Māori should be relevant and focus on why their input is important.
 - iv. Provide suggested communications plan for iwi organisation input.
 - d. **Note** Council has received legal advice that Councils cannot promote a position on whether or not to retain Māori ward(s). Promoting a 'Council position' would likely breach the principles in the Local Electoral Act 2001 and could cause the Poll to be declared void.

Carried

6. MARAENUI TO TE AWA STORMWATER PROJECT

Type of Report: Information

Legal Reference: N/A

Document ID: 1806627

Reporting Officer/s & Unit: Andrew Lebioda, Manager Water Reforms Transition

6.1 Purpose of Report

To provide the Committee with an update of the Maraenui to Te Awa Stormwater project to date.

At the meeting

The officer presented the report.

Questions were answered clarifying:

- An ecology expert has been engaged to assist with the skink habitat. Although prolific along the east coast, the habitat is shrinking and the species is protected. It has not been determined if this is a native species.
- A driver of this project is to mitigate the future flooding effects in Maraenui to allow for development.
- Mana whenua and tangata whenua contribution is welcomed particularly to the cultural narrative, plantings, storytelling and wayfinding sections of the detailed design. The full detailed design will come back to the Komiti as one of the gateways.
- Engagement with the Komiti will also be sought regarding other current water projects including stormwater.

Kirk Leonard / Tiwana Aranui

The Ngā Mānukanuka o te Iwi (Māori Committee):

- a. Receive the report titled 'Maraenui to Te Awa Stormwater Project' dated 13 November 2024.

ACTION: The Stormwater Improvements Since 2020 Napier Flood report from the 24 October Sustainable Napier Committee to be shared with the Komiti

Carried

Updates from Committee Representatives

Timikara Marae

The marae is waiting for their new marae and is working to maintain their identity; manaaki is key. The construction of a new wharenuui is anticipated.

Pukemokimoki Marae

It is positive to have such a busy Council marae and to have a two way conversation with Council to find solutions. The relationship has been cemented, in part, through working together in the last flood. The door is always open. A new project is to investigate the installation of solar panels on the marae and funding is currently being sought. This month saw the marae welcome it's 900,000 visitor, celebrating the legacy to be left for those who follow.

Wharerangi Marae

The marae opened in 2022 and has had many visits from schools. It was great to welcome the Council onto the marae last week to see the working of the marae and who we are. In December the harakeke group are coming in to work on the marae so there will be no visitors during this period. It takes a lot of mahi and the whole whanau to put together the whariki.

Petane Marae

The marae board have been involved in a cultural impact assessment with HBRC. We are nearly at the end of that process. On the positive side we have participated in many local activities. We are at the first stage of our relocation and are looking for whenua to be able to move to stage two and rebuild our whare. We are energised and ready for these next steps.

Moteo Marae

The marae is nearly there with the sewerage system being renewed following Cyclone Gabrielle. There was silt in the tank and pump. The wharenuui and wharekai have been relined and the white goods replaced. Monitoring has been taking place at the Tūtaekurī with tests for eels being carried out at Redclyffe. 75 eels were caught overnight and released back into the river. A cultural impact assessment has been carried out in the kawekas and of the bridges at Rissington, Patoka and Dartmoor. The reopening of the Puketapu bridge has begun and funding has been received from the Cyclone fund to replace equipment from the pā and add a bus shelter. There has been a safety concern since the cyclone due to an increase in heavy traffic. Timikara was the top marae at the Pā wars event at Greenmeadows school with over 419 registrations.

Mana Ahuriri

Mana Ahuriri were proud sponsors of the Pā wars. The attendees made the day a success and next year is being anticipated. The focus is building relationships; growing and getting

closer to people. On November 29 there are celebrations at Waiohiki to coincide with the opening of the wharekura. It is great to see the marae coming together after the Cyclone and gaining momentum. Our AGM is on 7 December. We have also hosted a symposium with 80 iwi who came together to build connections. We appreciate the relationship with councils and recognise the importance of working together and building strong relationships. Our commercial arm has housing projects coming up and is planning to lead the way in nurturing and building for the next generation.

Prosperous Napier Committee

Councillor Crown acknowledged the mahi that the marae are currently involved in. The Prosperous Napier Committee is the Corporate Services arm of Council. Work has started on the annual plan for 2025. The projects that are to be delivered, funded and tracked have been identified as part of the three year plan. Council is enabling development to happen and working to make good things happen that have an impact on the people who live here.

Napier People and Places Committee

Councillor McGrath informed the Komiti about the work of the Community Services directorate which includes the operation of Kennedy Park, Ocean Spa, McLean Park, the Pools and more. A major review of the facilities is currently being undertaken. This is a big time consuming task, the aim of which is to use the money in the best way we can.

Sustainable Napier Committee

Councillor Price updated the current projects from the Infrastructure directorate. A lot of work recently has been on progressing Local Water Done Well and working out what our long term model will be. The paper detailing work done since the 2020 floods will be sent out to the Komiti.

Questions were answered clarifying:

- Council welcomes mana whenua involvement and notes the offer of advice or guidance. Building and maintaining open and communicative relationships with mana whenua is important to Council.
- Recent news stories regarding the land at Riverbend road are frustrating. Council has been working with land owners to determine whether the site can be included as a potential development site. A significant process has to be undertaken before that can occur to ensure that it will not flood. Inadequate explanation of the situation was given in the article.

Updates from Pou Whakarae

The team is busy with the 150 year celebrations. We are looking forward to welcoming visitors from our sister city in Canada with 11 visitors set to attend a pōhiri at Wharerangi marae. The Te Aka project and Waka hub are progressing well. Te Reo Māori resources have been produced for all staff with inductions for new staff on the marae for half a day. Te Waka Rangapū are reviewing our Strategy which will go until July 2025. The Wall Walk event last month with Council staff was a huge success, excellent Kaupapa from a different point of view. We have the Hui a iwi coming up and are looking forward to the kōrero. Council staff have passed level 1 and 2 Te Reo classes recently and are looking forward to further success next year.

General business

Nil

Tiwana Aranui closed the meeting with a karakia at 2:39pm

Approved and adopted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Chairperson

Date of approval