

HOKIANGA HARBOUR FERRY LIAISON GROUP MEETING (COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS AND NTA STAFF) COUNCIL CHAMBER, MEMORIAL DRIVE, KAIKOHE

12 JUNE 2023 COMMENCING AT 1 PM

A G E N D A

PRESENT

John Wigglesworth - Chair and Kohukohu Representative

Angela Lush - Hokianga Tourism Association

Louis Toorenburg - Formerly Kaikohe-Hokianga Community Board (South)

Aaron Reilly - Lighting & Transport Operations Specialist (NTA)

Jessie McVeagh - Kaikohe-Hokianga Community Board South Hokianga Subdivision

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

- Jessie was welcomed to the Group as a Community Board member appointed to the Group.
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APOLOGIES

- Keith Kent - Transport Planner (FNDC)
 - Emma Davis - Formerly Kaikohe-Hokianga Community Board (North)
 - Margareth Broodkoorn – Hokianga Health (via Teams link)
 - Musheer Khan - Regional Operations Lead (NTA)
 - Harmonie Gundry - Kaikohe-Hokianga Community Board North Hokianga Subdivision
 - Craig Joiner - Rawene Representative
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PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES & GENERAL MEETING ADMIN

- Confirmed.
 - It was noted that Steve Morunga hadn't attended the last few meetings – Craig was going to talk to Steve.
 - It was raised by Jessie that there was some confusion regarding the start time of the meeting. This was noted and will be clearer in the next invite.
 - Aaron clarified that the 1st meeting commenced at 1pm and was for all invitees apart from the Operator.
 - The background for holding 2 separate meetings/agendas was clarified as follows: Operator is not involved in matters around concept long term planning and not privy to financial information. 2 separate meetings also gives the Group the opportunity to discuss any performance matters directly with Staff if they arise.
 - It was noted that not all invitees were responding (accepting or declining) to the meeting invites. It was agreed to respond to the invites to assist meeting planning.
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LONG TERM PLANNING

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- The Draft outline Hokianga Harbour Link Long Term Plan (LTP) was discussed.
 - Action: The Group: Discussed and agreed that the Group would give a consolidated response on the scope from the outline Plan (Keith's document) via the Chair.
 - Action: Keith – Please provide full descriptions of acronyms.
 - Action: Keith – Please remove historical references to estimated bridge costs (16 million). Concern was raised that could misunderstood and assumed that is the present estimated cost.
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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

- The Financial Summary for Quarter 3 (ending 31 March) was tabled and discussed.
 - John raised that the expenditure to date was still approximately half of the full year forecast despite being approximately 9 months through the financial year:
 - Expenditure: Aaron explained that the reason for actual expenditure vs forecast is a timing issue. The significant expenditure for the Out of Water project is not in this summary as it occurred in May (will appear in 4th quarter summary).
 - Revenue: Aaron commented that the ferry revenue was significantly lower than forecast due to the particularly poor weather which had impacted the peak season this financial year (FY). The previous FY was impacted by Covid-19.
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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Aaron provided an update on the recent contract renewal. Council at its April meeting approved the 3-year Contract extension with Northland Ferries until 30 April 2026 in April. The total term of the contract is 10 years (until 30 April 2030).
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CLOSE OF MEETING

- Approx. 2pm
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HOKIANGA HARBOUR FERRY LIAISON GROUP FULL MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBER, MEMORIAL DRIVE, KAIKOHE

12 JUNE 2023 COMMENCING AT 2 PM

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PRESENT

John Wigglesworth - Chair and Kohukohu Representative
Angela Lush - Hokianga Tourism Association
Louis Toorenburg - Formerly Kaikohe-Hokianga Community Board (South)
Aaron Reilly – Lighting & Transport Operations Specialist (NTA)
Sam Peate – General Manager NZ Operations Entrada Group/Northland Ferries
Jessie McVeagh - Kaikohe-Hokianga Community Board South Hokianga Subdivision

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

- Sam Peate from Northland Ferries joined the meeting and introductions took place.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- Confirmed.

APOLOGIES

- Margareth Broodkoorn – Hokianga Health
- Keith Kent - Transport Planner (NTA)
- Musheer Khan - Regional Operations Lead (NTA)
- Harmonie Gundry - Kaikohe-Hokianga Community Board North Hokianga Subdivision
- Craig Joiner - Rawene Representative
- Rachel Kennedy - Operations Manager Northland Ferries
- Emma Davis - Formerly Kaikohe-Hokianga Community Board (North)

OPERATIONAL MATTERS AND SERVICE UPDATE

- NTA provided update on KPI as relates to the Ferry service running in accordance to advertised timetable: 95.4% to end of May 2023.
 - John noted that the Rawene pontoon safety concerns. Movement can make it difficult to board the pax vessel. This feedback was noted by NTA/NF for further discussion.
 - Angela raised that Craig Pinkney not able to use Narrows for his fishing business and this impacted on his business operation. This issue was raised 1st directly with NF and then with Aaron via John (Chair) – The responses were around the site could not be opened to any public due to the significant safety hazards and lack of available space within the site. Sam noted that this feedback provided a learning
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opportunity that although significant forward notification was provided, we may need to engage earlier with stakeholders who may be directly impacted such as Craig.

- Sam outlined that were 3 events that impacted passenger only vessel operations (Tsunami, weather and refuelling event).
- Discussion around the passenger only vessel and queried whether it was a suitable replacement as it was out of service a couple of times. Noted a separate vessel operator had collected passengers from Rawene. Sam commented that each skipper makes an individual decision to sail or not. This is in line with relevant Maritime law/regulations.
- Jessie raised that it would have been good to see local business providers (Craig/Peter). These concerns were noted
- Action – Aaron to include quarterly summary of sailings impacted by weather/mechanical.
- Sam gave an update on some conflict resolution/de-escalation training the crew are going through and
- Narrows Speed Reduction project - John reported that there are signs that have been installed (not yet unveiled) but is great to see that this is progressing/nearing completion.
- Display board on Vessel – HTA (Dee) and Rachel to continue liaising about this.

COMMUNITY INITIATIVES AND EVENTS

- N/A

PLANNED AND COMPLETED WORKS UPDATE

- Update on the Out of Water Survey (OoW) project was provided with agenda and Sam spoke to this – Certificate of Survey (CoS) has been issued for the next 3 years. In 3-years' time there will be an in-water survey, followed by the next OoW.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- N/A.

CLOSE OF MEETING

- 2.42pm.
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