

**MINUTES OF FAR NORTH DISTRICT COUNCIL
ORDINARY TE KUAKA - TE AO MĀORI COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MEMORIAL AVENUE, KAIKOHE
ON WEDNESDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 10:01 AM**

PRESENT: Chairperson Harry Burkhardt, Cr Hilda Halkyard-Harawira, Kahika - Mayor Moko Tepania, Kōwhai – Deputy Mayor Kelly Stratford, Cr Ann Court, Cr Babe Kapa, Cr Steve McNally (online), Cr Mate Radich (online), Cr John Vujcich, Te Kahu o Taonui Representatives Craig Hobson representing Ngai Takoto, and Lisa McNab representing Te Rarawa

IN ATTENDANCE: Adele Gardner (Te Hiku Community Board Chairperson) (online), Chicky Rudkin (Kaikohe-Hokianga Community Board Chairperson), Phil Grimshaw (Kaitohutohu Taiao Senior Advisor - Te Kahu o Taonui), Kiri Sloane-Hobson (Operations Manager – Te Kahu o Taonui) (online), Kanewa Harrison, Kawiti Waetford (Kaiwhakawhiti Reo – Language Interpreter)

STAFF PRESENT: Guy Holroyd (Chief Executive Officer), Margriet Veenstra (Manager – Property Data and Business Compliance), Jacine Warmington (Group Manager – Strategic Relationships), Roger Ackers (General Manager – Planning and Policy), Charlie Billington (General Manager – Corporate Services), Jonathan Slavich (Chief Financial Officer), Llani Harding (Manager- Te Hono), Lawrence Wharerau (Kaiarahi Kaupapa Māori)(online), Scott May (Manager - Stakeholder Relationships), Marysa Maheno (Democracy Advisor), Imrie Dunn (Democracy Advisor).

1 KARAKIA TĪMATANGA / OPENING PRAYER

At 10:01am Chairperson Harry Burkhardt commenced the meeting, Kawiti Waetford continued the meeting with a karakia. Mihi provided by Cr Babe Kapa.

2 NGĀ WHAKAPĀHA ME NGĀ PĀNGA MEMA / APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

APOLOGY

RESOLUTION 2024/32

Moved: Kōwhai – Deputy Mayor Kelly Stratford

Seconded: Cr Hilda Halkyard-Harawira

That the apology received from Crs Tāmāti Rākena, Penetaui Kleskovic, Felicity Foy and Te Kahu o Taonui Representatives Maahia Nathan, Wallace Rivers, Margaret Mutu, Katie Murray, Teresa Tepania-Ashton, Toa Faneva, Mane Tahere, Pita Tipene, Aperahama Edwards, Naida Glavish and Thomas Hohaia be accepted.

CARRIED

3 NGĀ KŌRERO A TE HEAMANA/ CHAIRPERSON ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Harry Burkhardt

- The Extraordinary Council meeting held a couple of weeks ago, viewed as a very articulate expression of aspirations. Acknowledged Kahika Moko and the way he led the meeting.

- Attended the Aerospace Summit in Christchurch yesterday as a part of a Māori rōpū thinking about how our epistemology reflect the space which is called up there by the power and how might we use that for good.
- Observed protesters waving Palestinian flags and speaking against militarization, which sparked thoughts on how technological innovation should be used for positive purposes, particularly in areas like climate change adaptation. Emphasized the need to harness these technologies to make informed decisions for the future.

Kahika/Mayor Moko Tepania

- Over the weekend, Kahika returned home to Mitimiti for the unveiling of the new carved Waharoa at Mātihetihe Marae, alongside Cr Rākena. It was a beautiful celebration for the hapū, Te Tao Maui and Te Hokoheha.
- Expressed joy about returning home, sharing a saying: *"All you with fairer hair, come sit down, and if your hair is dark and vibrant, get up and go."*
- Acknowledged Kyla Campbell-Kamariera, Chair of the marae committee, who is in her late 20s, and Wiremu Reid, a new treasurer and old schoolmate, who is 34 and from Mitimiti. Noted the emergence of young leaders actioning the aspirations of their people.
- Highlighted the recommissioning of the wharekai at Waipuna Marae after 4 years of refurbishment, which included a new roof. The celebration was significant for Panguru and the wider Hokianga, as other marae had to open their doors during Waipuna's closure.
- On Sunday, attended the ceremony in Ahipara for the blessing of a new pouwhenua, featuring the ancestor Toakai as the kaitiaki of the land at Moringaēhe, now a Historic reserve.
- The weekend was a major celebration for Te Rarawa Kaiwhare.

Deputy Chairperson – Hilda Halkyard Harawira

- Acknowledged the guests from Te Tii Marae in Waitangi, noting it was great to see them 4 months ahead of the upcoming gathering in Waitangi.
- Ngā ingoa o ngā pānui mate
 - Ted Watts (Ōtamatea)
 - Bella Leaf (Whangape)
 - Vanessa Smith (Manukau)
 - Manemane Henare (Whangape)
 - Winiata Brown (Te Kao, Te Aupouri)
 - Dave Ruru (Tokomaru)
 - Te Arikinui Kīngi Tuheitia Pōtatau Te Wherowhero Te Tuawhiti
 - Des Mahoney (Ngākahu/Ngākohu Steering Committee)
- Also acknowledged recent passings:
 - Burt Henry (Ngai Takoto)
 - Jude Cooper (returning home to Akerama)
 - Cyril Tainui Chapman (Radio Tautoko)
- Gave acknowledgements to all present in the room.
- Recognised the North Hokianga Roding Group, chaired by Cr Tāmāti Rākena.

- Celebrated Moringaehē's return to hapū as a historic reserve, with hopes it may become a Māori reserve in the future.
- Acknowledged the new Queen Ngā wai hono i te pō Paki, and noted two youth from Tainui, Ngā wai hono i te pō and Hana-Rawhiti Maipi-Clarke, the latter awarded Politician of the Year and recently receiving her tohu in Canada.
- Expressed hope that securing the lease for Kaitaia Airport would bring great satisfaction to the people of Muriwhenua.
- Acknowledged Kahika, Kōwhai, and all the Councillors for their tireless mahi.

Councillor - John Vujcich:

- Acknowledged Cr Hilda for reminding everyone of those who have passed and for highlighting the great work that has been done.
- Acknowledged the Chair for his ongoing mahi.

Kōwhai Deputy Mayor Kelly Stratford

- Acknowledged Cr Hilda Halkyard-Harawira and Cr Tāmāti Rākena for their comprehensive Kaikaunihēra reports, reflecting on how busy the councillors have been and what we actually did in some of the hui.
- Provided an update on Cyclone Gabriel recovery efforts, noting the development of an exit strategy. While recovery reports have been distributed in glossy documents, the exit strategy will be concise, and hopefully we are set for any other weather events that come our way working together with iwi and hapū.
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At 10:02 am, Cr Steve McNally joined the meeting.

At 10:09 am, Cr Mate Radich joined the meeting.

At 10:09 am, Te Kahu o Taonui Representative Lisa McNab joined the meeting.

At 10:25 am, Kahika - Mayor Moko Tepania left the meeting and returned at 10:27 am.

4 NGĀ TONO KŌRERO / DEPUTATION

Ngāti Kawa Taituha in relation to Waitangi Marae's preparations for the re-opening of Te Tii Marae as well as Waitangi 2025 Commemorations.

Also gave acknowledgements to those who had passed Renata Tane and Moana Apiata.

Attachments tabled at meeting

1 Deputation attachment - Document number A4901538 refers.

5 TE WHAKAAETANGA O NGĀ MENETI O MUA / CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Agenda item 4.1 document number A4536234, pages 8 - 16 refers.

RESOLUTION 2024/33

Moved: Kōwhai – Deputy Mayor Kelly Stratford

Seconded: Cr Babe Kapa

That Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee confirm the minutes of the meeting held 27 June 2024, as a true and correct.

CARRIED

6 NGĀ PŪRONGO / REPORTS

6.1 TE REO AND TIKANGA POLICY - KA IRIHIA TE REO MĀORI ACTION PLAN

Agenda item 5.1 document number A4719012, pages 17 - 39 refers.

RESOLUTION 2024/34

Moved: Cr Hilda Halkyard-Harawira

Seconded: Cr John Vujcich

That Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee receive and endorse Te Reo and Tikanga Policy - Ka Irihia Te Reo Māori Action Plan.

CARRIED

At 11:12 am, Kahika - Mayor Moko Tepania, and returned at 11:14 am.

6.2 TAIAO PORTAL UPDATE

Agenda item 5.2 document number A4889003, pages 40 - 45 refers.

RESOLUTION 2024/35

Moved: Kahika - Mayor Moko Tepania

Seconded: Cr John Vujcich

That Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee receive the Taiao Portal Update Report and seek to maintain and support its development specifically with regards to Resource Consent (RC) data sharing and to support Te Kahu o Taonui socialising Iwi/Hapū Environmental Management Plans and Treaty Settlements with Council's Resource Consents Team.

CARRIED

7 NGĀ PŪRONGO TAIPITOPITO / INFORMATION REPORTS

7.1 WHENUA MĀORI - FREEHOLD LAND RATING RELIEF

Agenda item 6.1 document number A4875309, pages 46 - 60 refers.

RESOLUTION 2024/36

Moved: Cr Hilda Halkyard-Harawira

Seconded: Cr Babe Kapa

That Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee receive the report Whenua Māori - Freehold Land Rating Relief.

CARRIED

7.2 TE PAE O WAHO REPORT

Agenda item 6.2 document number A4774988, pages 61 - 62 refers.

RESOLUTION 2024/37

Moved: Kōwhai – Deputy Mayor Kelly Stratford

Seconded: Cr Hilda Halkyard-Harawira

That Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee receive the report Te Pae o Waho.

CARRIED

7.3 TE PAE O UTA TE AO MĀORI FRAMEWORK PROGRESS UPDATE

Agenda item 6.3 document number A4709084, pages 63 - 64 refers.

RESOLUTION 2024/38

Moved: Cr Hilda Halkyard-Harawira

Seconded: Kahika - Mayor Moko Tepania

That Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee receive the Te Pae O Uta Te Ao Māori Framework Progress Update.

CARRIED

At 12:02 pm, Kōwhai – Deputy Mayor Kelly Stratford left the meeting and returned at 12:06 pm.

7.4 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING UPDATE AUGUST 2024

Agenda item 6.4 document number A4709060, pages 65 - 66 refers.

RESOLUTION 2024/39

Moved: Cr John Vujcich

Seconded: Cr Hilda Halkyard-Harawira

That Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee receive the report Memorandum of Understanding Update August 2024.

CARRIED

7.5 IWI/HAPŪ ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT PLANS - UPDATE

Agenda item 6.5 document number A4811131, pages 67 - 68 refers.

RESOLUTION 2024/40

Moved: Kōwhai – Deputy Mayor Kelly Stratford

Seconded: Kahika - Mayor Moko Tepania

That Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee receive the report Iwi/Hapū Environment Management Plans - Update.

CARRIED

7.6 NGĀ KAUPAPA MĀORI – MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE TO MĀORI – TE HIKU WARD

Agenda item 6.6 document number A4718806, pages 69 - 100 refers.

RESOLUTION 2024/41

Moved: Cr Hilda Halkyard-Harawira

Seconded: Kōwhai – Deputy Mayor Kelly Stratford

That Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee receive the report Ngā Kaupapa Māori – Matters of Importance to Māori – Te Hiku Ward.

CARRIED

7.7 NGĀ KAUPAPA MĀORI – MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE TO MĀORI – BAY OF ISLANDS-WHANGAROA WARD

Agenda item 6.7 document number A4809969, pages 101 - 102 refers.

RESOLUTION 2024/42

Moved: Cr Babe Kapa

Seconded: Cr John Vujcich

That Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee receive the report Ngā Kaupapa Māori – Matters of Importance to Māori – Bay of Islands-Whangaroa Ward.

CARRIED

7.8 NGĀ KAUPAPA MĀORI – MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE TO MĀORI – KAIKOHE-HOKIANGA WARD

Agenda item 6.8 document number A4809979, pages 103 - 104 refers.

RESOLUTION 2024/43

Moved: Cr John Vujcich

Seconded: Kōwhai – Deputy Mayor Kelly Stratford

That Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee receive the report Ngā Kaupapa Māori – Matters of Importance to Māori – Kaikohe-Hokianga Ward.

CARRIED

At 12:18 pm, Kahika - Mayor Moko Tepania left the meeting.

7.9 TE KUAKA - TE AO MĀORI COMMITTEE OPEN RESOLUTIONS UPDATE SEPTEMBER 2024

Agenda item 6.9 document number A4709002, pages 105 – 111 refers.

RESOLUTION 2024/44

Moved: Kōwhai – Deputy Mayor Kelly Stratford

Seconded: Cr John Vujcich

That Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee receive the report Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori August 2024 Open Resolution Report.

CARRIED

8 MEETING CLOSE

The meeting closed at 12:21 pm.

The minutes of this meeting will be confirmed at the Ordinary Te Kuaka - Te Ao Māori Committee Meeting held on 31 October 2024.

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CHAIRPERSON