

**MINUTES OF FAR NORTH DISTRICT COUNCIL
ORDINARY TE KUAKA - TE AO MĀORI COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MEMORIAL AVENUE, KAIKOHE
ON THURSDAY, 27 FEBRUARY 2025 AT 10:05 AM**

PRESENT: Chairperson Hilda Halkyard-Harawira, Kahika - Kōwhai – Deputy Mayor Kelly Stratford, Cr Felicity Foy (virtually), Cr Babe Kapa (virtually), Cr Penetaui Kleskovic, Cr Tāmāti Rākena (virtually), Pita Tipene (Interim Deputy Chairperson), Katie Murray, Kipa Munro, Craig Hobson (virtually) George Riley, (Te Kahu o Taonui Representatives).

IN ATTENDANCE: Phil Grimshaw (Kaitohutohu Taiao Senior Advisor – Te Kahu o Taonui) , Kiri Hobson-Slone (Operations Manager – Te Kahu o Taonui), Kawiti Waetford (Kaiwhakawhiti Reo Language Interpreter)

STAFF PRESENT: Guy Holroyd (Chief Executive), Roger Ackers (Group Manager Planning & Policy), Charlie Billington (Group Manager Corporate Services), Tanya Proctor (Head of Infrastructure), Casey Gannon (Manager Civic Engagement & Education), Lawrence Wharerau (Kaiarahi Kaupapa Māori), Zena Tango (Team Leader Transaction Services), Carolyn Dudley (Team Leader Rating Services), (Aisha Huriwai (Manager – Democracy Services), Marlema Baker (Te Kuaka Te Ao Māori Committee Coordinator)

STAFF VIRTUAL: Ruben Garcia (Group Manager Communications & Engagement) Piripi Rākena (Kaiarahi Kaupapa Māori), Rebecca Rowsell (Senior Solicitor)

1 KARAKIA - TIMATANGA / OPENING PRAYER

Chair Hilda Halkyard-Harawira commenced the meeting and Kawiti Waetford opened the hui with a karakia.

Cr Penetaui Kleskovic – opening mihimihi.

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

2.1 APOLOGIES

RESOLUTION 2025/1

Moved: Cr Hilda Halkyard-Harawira

Seconded: Kōwhai – Deputy Mayor Kelly Stratford

That Te Kuaka Te Ao Māori Committee receive apologies from Kahika-Mayor Moko Tepania and Crs Ann Court, Steve McNally and John Vujcich and a leave of absence granted.

CARRIED

3 NGĀ TONO KŌRERO / DEPUTATION

There were no deputations for this meeting.

4 NGĀ KŌRERO A TE KAHIKA / CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mihi to those who have passed on.
- Mihi to all representatives who are present.

- Mihi to whaea Tapi in Auckland Hospital.
- Mihi to Kawiti Waetford for opening the meeting with a karakia.
- Mihi to matua Harry Burkhardt, former co-chair of Te Kahu o Taonui and Te Kuaka Te Ao Māori Committee'. We wish him the best and thank him for his work here on Te Kuaka.
- Mihi to Te Kahu o Taonui and Te Rūnanga o Te Rarawa for the excellent work during Waitangi Week 2025. For all of us in the North Waitangi and Māngungu are very important.
- Waipoua Forest Fire – mihi to whanau in Te Roroa and Ngāti Whātua during this time.
- Mihi to Kipa Munro and acknowledge that we are waiting for the opening of the new kura and return of Kororipo Pā.
- Te Pae o Uta Te Ao Maori Framework was nominated for, and is a finalist for, the Human Resources New Zealand awards happening tonight in Te Raki Paewhenua Auckland. Mihi to Te Hono for the great work.
- Mihi to all Tai Tokerau groups attending Te Matatini 2025.
- The 180th Commemoration of the Battle of Kororāreka will take place on 11th March 2025 in Kororāreka Russell.
- Te Mauri o Te Wai - Community Open Day at Te Raupo (Rāwene Wastewater Treatment Plant) took place on the 1st March 2025.

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

4.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Agenda item 4.1 document number A5055237, pages 8 - 16 refers

RESOLUTION 2025/2

Moved: Pita Tipene Te Kahu o Taonui Representatives

Seconded: Kōwhai – Deputy Mayor Kelly Stratford

That Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee confirm the minutes of the meeting held 11 December 2024 as a true and correct.

CARRIED

6 NGĀ PŪRONGO TAIPITOPITO / INFORMATION REPORTS

5.1 MATAURI X INCORPORATION PROGRESS UPDATE

Agenda item 5.1 document number A5085893, pages 17 - 18 refers

RESOLUTION 2025/3

Moved: Kōwhai – Deputy Mayor Kelly Stratford

Seconded: Cr Penetaui Kleskovic

That Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee receive the report Matauri X Incorporation Progress Update.

CARRIED

5.2 WHENUA MĀORI - FREEHOLD LAND RATING RELIEF

Agenda item 5.2 document number A5060876, pages 19 - 21 refers

RESOLUTION 2025/4

Moved: Kōwhai – Deputy Mayor Kelly Stratford

Seconded: Katie Murray - Te Kahu o Taonui Representatives

That Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee receive the report Whenua Māori - Freehold Land Rating Relief.**CARRIED****5.3 CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND EDUCATION UPDATE**

Agenda item 5.3 document number A5055150, pages 22 - 28 refers

RESOLUTION 2025/5

Moved: Cr Penetaui Kleskovic

Seconded: Te Kahu o Taonui Representatives

That Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee receive the report Civic Engagement and Education Update.**CARRIED***George Riley (Te Kahu o Taonui) arrived 10:43 am***5.4 TE PAE O UTA ACTIONS – COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT UPDATE**

Agenda item 5.4 document number A4944061, pages 29 - 31 refers

RESOLUTION 2025/6

Moved: Pita Tipene - Te Kahu o Taonui Representatives

Seconded: Cr Penetaui Kleskovic

That Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee receive the report Te Pae o Uta Actions – Communications and Engagement Update.**CARRIED****5.5 TE PAE O UTA - TE AO MĀORI FRAMEWORK QUARTERLY PROGRESS UPDATE**

Agenda item 5.5 document number A5074629, pages 32 - 34 refers

RESOLUTION 2025/7

Moved: Kōwhai – Deputy Mayor Kelly Stratford

Seconded: Te Kahu o Taonui Representatives

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

5.7 TE KAHU O TAONUI UPDATE 1 JANUARY 2025 - 28 FEBRUARY 2025.

Separate Cover - Agenda item 5.7 document number A5089158, pages 5 - 11 refers – *presented by Kiri Hobson-Sloane and Phil Grimshaw gave a verbal update on the Taiao Portal Progress*

RESOLUTION 2025/8

Moved: Te Kahu o Taonui Representatives

Seconded: Kōwhai – Deputy Mayor Kelly Stratford

That Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee receive the report Te Kahu o Taonui Update 1 January 2025 - 28 February 2025

AMENDMENT

Moved: Cr Penetaui Kleskovic

Seconded: Te Kahu o Taonui Representatives

That Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee:

- a) receive the report Te Kahu o Taonui Update 1 January 2025 - 28 February 2025.
- b) and that Te Kuaka support a recommendation that Council, before 1 April 2025, direct the CE to dedicate at least 2 new FTE's in Te Hono to ensure:
 - i) development of Whenua Māori and
 - ii) streamlining and expediting the consenting process and facilitation between landowners and relevant stakeholders.
 - iii) and allocate a budget of \$700k per annum.

And:

- c) that Te Hono have their own General Manager at Senior Leadership Level.
- d) that Council make submissions to Central Government to support the removal of regulatory barriers to the cost of consenting and development of Whenua Māori.

CARRIED

The amendment became the substantive motion:

Moved: Cr Penetaui Kleskovic

Seconded: Katie Murray - Te Kahu o Taonui Representatives

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CARRIED

Chair Hilda Halkyard-Harawira vacated the Chair and left the meeting 12:09 pm.

Interim Chairperson Pita Tipene (Te Kahu o Taonui) assumed the Chair.

5.6 TE KUAKA- TE AO MĀORI COMMITTEE OPEN RESOLUTIONS UPDATE FEBRUARY 2025

Agenda item 5.6 document number A5055225, pages 35 - 35 refers

RESOLUTION 2025/9

Moved: Kōwhai – Deputy Mayor Kelly Stratford

Seconded: Cr Penetaui Kleskovic

That Te Kuaka – Te Māori Committee receive the report Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori February 2025 Open Resolution Report.

CARRIED

7 TE WĀHANGA TŪMATAITI / PUBLIC EXCLUDED

RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

RESOLUTION 2025/10

Moved: Kōwhai – Deputy Mayor Kelly Stratford

Seconded: Te Kahu o Taonui Representatives

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject matter of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48 for the passing of this resolution
6.1 - Confirmation of Previous Minutes	s7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7
6.2 - Kauri Dam Decommissioned Public Work - Transfer of Land - Update	s7(2)(i) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7

and that Kaiwhakawhiti Reo Language Translator Kawiti Waetford a remain in the public excluded part of the meeting.

CARRIED

CONFIRMATION OF INFORMATION AND DECISIONS TO BE RELEASED IN PUBLIC

At the conclusion of the public excluded part of the meeting Te Kuaka Te Ao Māori Committee confirmed the following decision be restated in the public meeting as follows:

PX Item 6.2 – Kauri Dam Decommissioned Public Works – Transfer of Land - Update

8 KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA / CLOSING PRAYER

9 MEETING CLOSE

The meeting closed with a karakia by Kawiti Waetford at 12:25 pm.

The minutes of this meeting will be confirmed at the Ordinary Te Kuaka - Te Ao Māori Committee Meeting held on 24 April 2025.

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CHAIRPERSON