

**MINUTES OF FAR NORTH DISTRICT COUNCIL  
ORDINARY TE KUAKA - TE AO MĀORI COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MEMORIAL AVENUE, KAIKOHE  
ON THURSDAY, 24 APRIL 2025 AT 10:00 AM**

- PRESENT:** Deputy Chairperson Hilda Halkyard-Harawira, Kahika - Mayor Moko Tepania, Kōwhai – Deputy Mayor Kelly Stratford, Cr Ann Court, Cr Felicity Foy, Cr Steve McNally, Cr Mate Radich, Cr Tāmāti Rākena, Cr John Vujcich, Te Kahu o Taonui Representatives: Interim Chairperson Kipa Munro, Mane Tahere (online), Wallace Rivers (online), George Riley (online)
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Phil Grimshaw (Kaitohutohu Taiao Senior Advisor – Te Kahu o Taonui), Kawiti Waetford (Kaiwhakawhiti Reo Language Interpreter), Kiri Hobson-Slone (Operations Manager – Te Kahu o Taonui) (online)
- STAFF PRESENT:** Emma Healy (Chief of Staff), Charlie Billington (Group Manager - Corporate Services), Jacine Warmington (Group Manager - Strategic Relationships), Ruben Garcia (Group Manager - Delivery and Operations), Liani Harding (Pouhautu Te Hono), Casey Gannon (Manager Civic Engagement & Education), Tammy Wooster (Manager - Integrated Planning), Shayne Storey (Team Leader Policy & Bylaws), Marlema Baker (Te Kuaka Te Ao Māori Committee Coordinator), Jude Campbell (Principal Advisor - Te Hono), Piripi Rākena (Kaiarahi Kaupapa Māori), Dena-Maree Hemara (Kaiarahi Kaupapa Māori), Lawrence Wharerau (Kaiarahi Kaupapa Māori), Aisha Huriwai (Manager - Democracy Services), Amber Wihongi-Alderton (Democracy Advisor)

**1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA / OPENING PRAYER**

DEPUTY CHAIR HILDA HALKYARD-HARAWIRA COMMENCED THE MEETING AT 10:01AM AND KAWITI WAETFORD OPENED WITH A KARAKIA.

TE KAHU O TAONUI REPRESENTATIVE KIPA MUNRO WAS APPOINTED INTERIM CO-CHAIRPERSON FOR THIS MEETING.

COUNCILLOR TĀMATI RĀKENA AND KIPA MUNRO DELIVERED OPENING MIHI.

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

**APOLOGIES**

**RESOLUTION 2025/11**

Moved: Kahika - Mayor Moko Tepania  
Seconded: Cr Tāmāti Rākena

**That Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee apologies from Te Kahu o Taonui Representatives Pita Tipene, Pita Lucas, Aperahama Edwards, Katie Murray and Toa Faneva and Councillors Babe Kapa, Mate Radich and Penetaui Kleskovic be accepted and a leave of absence granted.**

**CARRIED**

**3 NGĀ TONO KŌRERO / DEPUTATION**

There were no deputations.

#### **4 NGĀ KŌRERO A TE HEAMANA / CHAIRPERSON ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Deputy Chairperson Hilda Halkyard-Harawira acknowledged ngā hunga mate, honouring those who passed recently. A mihi was extended to Councillor Ann Court, Ngāti Rēhia and the community for Te Puāwaitanga opening and Te Kahu o Taonui representatives were acknowledged.

Kahika Moko-Tepania recognised Councillor Hilda Halkyard-Harawira as a recipient of the New Zealander of the Year Local Hero Award, highlighting her numerous contributions to the community.

Councillor Tāmami Rākena highlighted recent achievements and events, including Far North District Council's recognition as finalists at the Human Resources Institute of New Zealand awards for Te Pae o Uta and the 50th Anniversary of Te Tai Tokerau Kapa Haka Festival, acknowledging staff involved.

Upcoming ANZAC remembrance services were also acknowledged with a mihi to soldiers and Te Hokowhitu-a-Tū.

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

##### **5.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Agenda item 4.1 document number A5117867, pages 8 - 15 refers

##### **RESOLUTION 2025/12**

Moved: Kōwhai – Deputy Mayor Kelly Stratford

Seconded: Kahika - Mayor Moko Tepania

**That Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee confirm the minutes of the meeting held 27 February 2025 as a true and correct.**

**CARRIED**

#### **6 NGĀ PŪRONGO / REPORTS**

##### **6.1 ELECTION OF TE KUAKA TE AO MĀORI COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON**

Agenda item 5.1 document number A5146532, pages 16 - 19 refers

##### **RESOLUTION 2025/13**

Moved: Cr Hilda Halkyard-Harawira

Seconded: Te Kahu o Taonui Representative George Riley

**That Te Kuaka Te Ao Māori Committee:**

**LEAVE TO LIE** the election of Te Kuaka Te Ao Māori Committee Chairperson until Te Kahu o Taonui have had opportunity to wananga this item at their meeting in May.

**CARRIED**

## **6.2 REORUA TE KERIKERI**

Agenda item 5.2 document number A5158118, pages 20 - 37 refers

### **RESOLUTION 2025/14**

Moved: Interim Chairperson Kipa Munro

Seconded: Cr Tāmāti Rākena

**That Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee:**

- a) receive the report Reorua Te Kerikeri;
- b) endorse the new Reorua Strategy name, “Te Rauora” – “Kia rāhiri te reo, hei mōhiohio ka rauora te tūākiri (The revitalisation of language through education, respect and identity)”; and
- c) recommend to Council to approve the new Reorua strategy name.

**CARRIED**

## **6.3 RATING RELIEF POLICY 2021 REVIEW**

Agenda item 5.3 document number A5100885, pages 38 - 80 refers

### **RESOLUTION 2025/15**

Moved: Cr Tāmāti Rākena

Seconded: Cr John Vujcich

**That Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee receive the report Rating Relief Policy 2021 Review and recommend that Council**

- a) agree, the Rating Relief Policy has been reviewed.
- b) approve, the Rating Relief Policy continue with amendment.

**CARRIED**

## **7 NGĀ PŪRONGO TAIPITOPITO / INFORMATION REPORTS**

### **7.1 CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND EDUCATION UPDATE**

Agenda item 6.1 document number A5119317, pages 81 - 83 refers

### **RESOLUTION 2025/16**

Moved: Cr Tāmāti Rākena

Seconded: Interim Chairperson Kipa Munro

**That Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee receive the report Civic Engagement and Education Update.**

**CARRIED**

## **7.2 WHENUA MĀORI - FREEHOLD LAND RATING RELIEF**

Agenda item 6.2 document number A5151433, pages 84 - 86 refers

### **RESOLUTION 2025/17**

Moved: Interim Chairperson Kipa Munro

Seconded: Te Kahu o Taonui Representative George Riley

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

**CARRIED**

*At 11:16 AM Te Kahu o Taonui Representative Mane Tahere left the meeting.*

*At 11:49 AM the meeting was adjourned and resumed at 12:03 PM.*

The Deputy Chairperson announced an additional item, Te Kahu o Taonui Update

## **7.3 TE KAHU O TAONUI UPDATE**

Additional Item

### **RESOLUTION 2025/18**

Moved: Interim Chairperson Kipa Munro

Seconded: Cr John Vujcich

**That Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee receive Te Kahu o Taonui Update report circulated prior to the meeting.**

**CARRIED**

## **7.4 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING UPDATE**

Agenda item 6.3 document number A5162537, pages 87 - 90 refers

### **RESOLUTION 2025/19**

Moved: Cr Tāmāti Rākena

Seconded: Interim Chairperson Kipa Munro

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

**CARRIED**

## **7.5 TE PAE O UTA - TE AO MĀORI FRAMEWORK QUARTERLY PROGRESS UPDATE**

Agenda item 6.4 document number A5135703, pages 91 - 94 refers

### **RESOLUTION 2025/20**

Moved: Kahika - Mayor Moko Tepania

Seconded: Interim Chairperson Kipa Munro

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

**CARRIED**

**7.6 NGĀ KAUPAPA MĀORI / MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE TO MĀORI**

Agenda item 6.5 document number A5136455, pages 95 - 99 refers

**RESOLUTION 2025/21**

Moved: Cr Tāmāti Rākena

Seconded: Interim Chairperson Kipa Munro

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

**CARRIED**

**7.7 TE KUAKA - TE AO MĀORI COMMITTEE OPEN RESOLUTIONS UPDATE**

Agenda item 6.6 document number A5119668, pages 100 - 107 refers

**RESOLUTION 2025/22**

Moved: Cr John Vujcich

Seconded: Te Kahu o Taonui Representative Wallace Rivers

**That Te Kuaka – Te Māori Committee receive the report Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Open Resolution Report as at 15 April 2025.**

**CARRIED**

**7.8 LOCAL WATERS DONE WELL - UPDATE**

Supplementary Agenda item 6.7 document number A5162872, pages 4 - 29 refers

**RESOLUTION 2025/23**

Moved: Kahika - Mayor Moko Tepania

Seconded: Te Kahu o Taonui Representative George Riley

**That Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee receive the report Local Waters Done Well - Update.**

**CARRIED**

**8 MEETING CLOSE**

The meeting closed at 1.20pm.

The minutes of this meeting will be confirmed at the Ordinary Te Kuaka - Te Ao Māori Committee Meeting held on 19 June 2025.

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**CHAIRPERSON**