

**MINUTES OF FAR NORTH DISTRICT COUNCIL
ORDINARY TE KUAKA - TE AO MĀORI COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MEMORIAL AVENUE, KAIKOHE
ON THURSDAY, 19 JUNE 2025 AT 10:02 AM**

PRESENT: Cr Hilda Halkyard-Harawira, Kōwhai – Deputy Mayor Kelly Stratford, Cr John Vujcich, Cr Babe Kapa (online), Te Kahu o Taonui Representatives Pita Tipene, Wallace Rivers (online), Phil Grimshaw (online)

IN ATTENDANCE: Kahika-Mayor Moko Tepania (online), Cr Tāmāti Rākena (online) Cr Felicity Foy (online),

STAFF PRESENT: Lawrence Wharerau (Kaiarahi Kaupapa Māori), Piripi Rākena (Kaiarahi Kaupapa Māori), Ken Lewis (Manager – Communications & Engagement), Ken MacDonald (Chief Financial Officer), Ruben Garcia (Group Manager – Delivery & Operations), Tanya Proctor (Head of Infrastructure), Roger Ackers (Group Manager – Planning & Policy), Llani Harding (Pouhautu – Te Hono), Jacine Warmington (Group Manager – Strategic Relationships), Kayla Jones (Acting Chief of Staff), Aisha Huriwai (Manager – Democracy Services), Marlema Baker (Te Kuaka Te Ao Māori Coordinator).

1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA / OPENING PRAYER

Te Kahu o Taonui representative Pita Tipene commenced the meeting with a karakia.

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

2.1 APOLOGIES

RESOLUTION 2025/24

Moved: Cr Hilda Halkyard-Harawira

Seconded: Cr John Vujcich

That Te Kuaka Te Ao Māori Committee receive apologies from Cr Ann Court, Te Kahu o Taonui representative Kiri Sloane-Hobson and Ngāti Rēhia representative Kipa Munro.

CARRIED

3 NGĀ TONO KŌRERO / DEPUTATION

- Rāniera Warren representing Taurangi Kōhanga Reo in relation to the tarsealing of Whakataha Road.
- Arohanui Allen representing Tauwhara Marae, Te Whiu Hapu and Ngāi Tawake in relation to the tarsealing of Whakataha Road.

4 NGĀ KŌRERO A TE HEAMANA/CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- FNDC – Te Rarawa MOU signed on 23 May at Te Ahu in Kaitaia.
- Opening of Te Whakaruruhau o Kaingahoa Papakainga on 26 May in Rāwhiti.

- Coby Warmington - farm manager at Waima Topu B Trust and winner of the 2025 Ahuwhenua Young Māori Farmer Award – Son of Rob and Jacine Warmington
- Judge Alana Thomas is presiding over her first Waitangi Tribunal Hearing at Tūrangawaewae Marae, Ngāruawāhia 17-19 June 2025
- Kings Birthday Honours
 - Mr Hohepa (Joe) Conrad, of Kaitiāia. For services to Māori, particularly kaupapa waka.
 - Mrs Portia Louise Woodman-Wickliffe, of Ngāwhā. For services to rugby.
 - Mr Martin Kaipo, of Whangārei. For services to social services and the community.
 - Mr Phillip Wayne Paikea, of Ruakākā. For services to the prevention of family violence and the community.
 - The Honourable Dover Spencer Samuels, of Kerikeri. For services as a Member of Parliament.
 - Mr Peter William Tipene, of Kawakawa. For services to Māori.
 - Mr John Albert Coleman, of Kaikohe. For services to the community and sport.
 - Mrs Lily Coleman, of Kaikohe. For services to the community and sport.
 - Mr Aperira Ngahau Davis, of Moerewa. For services to the community.
 - Mrs Deborah Grace Davis, of Moerewa. For services to the community.
 - Mrs Katerina (Bina) Hauhaua Hepi, of Kawakawa. For services to Māori language education.
- Closing date for submissions on the Regulatory Standards Bill is 1pm on Friday 20th
- Ngaio Tonga-Whangaroa Trust – also awarded the supreme Ahuwhenua farm of the year.
 - 10:42am – Cr Kapa arrived in-person
- Kahika-Mayor Moko Tepania and Cr Tāmati Rākena are both attending Matariki celebrations at Government House later today.
- Co-Chair Hilda Halkyard-Harawira acknowledged the passing of James Cross. Morehu MacDonald, Lady Arapera Sharples and those who have pass on throughout the district.
- Co-Chair Pita Tipene mentioned that NRC & Council need to work better on flooding and other things.

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

4.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Agenda item 4.1 document number A5195822, pages 8 - 14 refers

RESOLUTION 2025/25

Moved: Kōwhai – Deputy Mayor Kelly Stratford

Seconded: Cr John Vujcich

That Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee confirm the minutes of the meeting held 24 April 2025 as a true and correct.

CARRIED

6 NGĀ PŪRONGO / REPORTS

5.1 ELECTION OF TE KUAKA TE AO MĀORI COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

Agenda item 5.1 document number A5146532, pages 15 – 18 refers

RESOLUTION 2025/26

Moved: Kahika - Mayor Moko Tepania

Seconded: Cr Babe Kapa

That Te Kuaka Te Ao Māori Committee:

- a) uplift the report: Election of Te Kuaka Te Ao Māori Committee Chairperson, which was left to lie at the meeting held on 24 April 2025.
- c) elect Pita Tipene as Chairperson for the remainder of the triennium April 2025 to October 2025, in accordance with Standing Orders.

CARRIED

5.2 AMENDED RATING RELIEF POLICY DRAFT - PROPOSAL FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Agenda item 5.2 document number A5198783, pages 19 - 52 refers

RESOLUTION 2025/27

Moved: Cr Babe Kapa

Seconded: Cr John Vujcich

That Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee recommend that Council:

- a) adopts the proposal in attachment 2 to be released for public consultation to meet the requirements of section 82 of the Local Government Act 2002.
- b) approves, the period for making written submissions on the proposal will be a minimum of 4 weeks.
- c) delegates authority to the Mayor to decide on the date of oral presentation/s of submissions.
- d) authorises the Chief Executive to make any necessary minor drafting or presentation amendments to the proposal to correct errors or omissions, or to reflect the decisions made by the Council prior to final publication and public release.

CARRIED

5.3 DISTRICTWIDE REORUA - TE AO MĀRAMA STRATEGY

Agenda item 5.3 document number A5226932, pages 53 - 88 refers

RESOLUTION 2025/28

Moved: Cr Babe Kapa

Seconded: Kōwhai – Deputy Mayor Kelly Stratford

That Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee approve the Districtwide Reorua - Te Ao Mārama Strategy.

CARRIED

6 NGĀ PŪRONGO TAIPITOPITO / INFORMATION REPORTS

6.1 WHENUA MAORI - FREEHOLD LAND RATING RELIEF

Agenda item 6.1 document number A5202855, pages 89 - 91 refers

RESOLUTION 2025/29

Moved: Kahika - Mayor Moko Tepania

Seconded: Cr Babe Kapa

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

CARRIED

6.2 LOCAL WATERS DONE WELL - JUNE UPDATE

Agenda item 6.2 document number A5225104, pages 92 - 141 refers

RESOLUTION 2025/30

Moved: Cr John Vujcich

Seconded: Kōwhai – Deputy Mayor Kelly Stratford

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

CARRIED

6.3 CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND EDUCATION UPDATE

Agenda item 6.3 document number A5230446, pages 142 - 165 refers

RESOLUTION 2025/31

Moved: Cr Babe Kapa

Seconded: Kōwhai – Deputy Mayor Kelly Stratford

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

CARRIED

6.4 TE PAE O UTA - TE AO MĀORI FRAMEWORK QUARTERLY PROGRESS UPDATE

Agenda item 6.4 document number A5195840, pages 166 - 170 refers

RESOLUTION 2025/32

Moved: Te Kahu o Taonui Representatives

Seconded: Cr Hilda Halkyard-Harawira

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

CARRIED

6.5 OPEN RESOLUTIONS AND ACTIONS UPDATE - JUNE 2025.

Agenda item 6.5 document number A5187752, pages 171 - 181 refers

RESOLUTION 2025/33

Moved: Kōwhai – Deputy Mayor Kelly Stratford

Seconded: Cr John Vujcich

That Te Kuaka – Te Māori Committee receive the Open Resolutions and Actions Update – June 2025 report.

CARRIED

12:15 pm Kowhai Kelly Stratford left the meeting and returned at 12:18pm

12:15 pm Kahika Moko Tepania and Cr Tāmati Rākena left the meeting.

7 SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEMS**7.1 REVIEW TOWNS AND COMMUNITY NAMES FOR GEOGRAPHIC BOARD**

Agenda item 7.1 document number A5187006, pages 5 - 14 refers

RESOLUTION 2025/34

Moved: Cr Babe Kapa

Seconded: Cr John Vujcich

That Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee receive the report Review Towns and Community Names for Geographic Board.

CARRIED

7.2 UPDATE ON A REGIONAL DEALS FOR NORTHLAND

Agenda item 7.2 document number A5234991, pages 15 - 90 refers

MOTION

Moved: Cr John Vujcich

Seconded: Cr Babe Kapa

That Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee receive the report Update on a Regional Deals for Northland.

AMENDMENT

Moved: Cr John Vujcich

Seconded: Kōwhai – Deputy Mayor Kelly Stratford

and recommend that Council form a working group to advance Te Tai Tokerau economic priorities and relationships through our regional deals.

CARRIED

The amendment became the substantive motion.

RESOLUTION 2025/35

Moved: Cr John Vujcich

Seconded: Kōwhai – Deputy Mayor Kelly Stratford

That Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee

- a) receive the report Update on a Regional Deals for Northland;**
- b) and recommend that Council form a working group to advance Te Tai Tokerau economic priorities and relationships through our regional deals.**

CARRIED

Co-Chair Pita Tipene gave a verbal Te Kahu o Taonui (TKoT) Report

- TKoT's last meeting was held on 29 May and hosted by Ngati Wai.
- Whaea Katie Murray was confirmed as Chair.
- TKoT are undergoing a strategic review and refresh of key portfolio areas as well as how it works with local/central government.
- TKoT will continue to attend with strategic intent and Pita noted that there is a meeting with key Crs, staff and TKoT representatives on 8 July to set the Strategic Intent of Te Kuaka Te Ao Māori Committee going forward.

8 MEETING CLOSE

The meeting closed at 12:50pm.

The minutes of this meeting will be confirmed at the Ordinary Te Kuaka - Te Ao Māori Committee Meeting held on 14 August 2025.

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CHAIRPERSON