

**MINUTES OF FAR NORTH DISTRICT COUNCIL
EXTRAORDINARY TE KUAKA COMMITTEE FOR MĀORI STRATEGIC RELATIONSHIPS
MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MEMORIAL AVE, KAIKOHE
ON MONDAY, 20 APRIL 2026 AT 10:02 AM**

- PRESENT:** Heamana Tāmati Rākena, Cr Hilda Halkyard-Harawira, Cr Arohanui Allen (online), Kohepu-Deputy Mayor Chicky Rudkin, Cr Davina Smolders, Mane Tahere (Te Kahu o Taonui), Wallace Rivers (Te Kahu o Taonui), Kahika-Mayor Moko Tepania (Ex-officio Member),
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Kipa Munro (Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rēhia), Mike Te Wake (Te Rūnanga o Te Rarawa), Kiri Sloane-Hobson (Te Kahu o Taonui), Phillip Grimshaw (Te Kahu o Taonui),
- ONLINE:** Nyze Manuel (Te Rūnanga o Whaingaroa), Rukuwai Allen (Te Whiu Hapū), Kawiti Waetford (Kaiwhakawhiti Roe – Language Translator)
- STAFF PRESENT:** Aaron Taikato (GM – Te Hono), Kate Ivicheva (GM – Planning & Policy), , Charlie Billington (GM – Corporate Services), Tanya Proctor (Head of Infrastructure), Llanī Harding (Pouhautu – Te Hono) , Dena-Maree Hemara (Kaiarahi Kaupapa Māori), Lawrence Wharerau (Kaiarahi Kaupapa Māori), Rachel Smith (Executive Officer), Ken Lewis (Manager – Communications & Engagement) Sarah Peri (Kaupapa Māori Lead), Myjanne Jensen (Communications Advisor), Tammy Wooster (Manager – Integrated Planning), Zena Tango (Team Leader – Transactional Services), Andy Dowdle (Change Specialist), Juvarn Gray-Nikora (Cadet – Te Hono), Marlema Baker (Te Kuaka Coordinator)

1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA / OPENING PRAYER

Heamana Tāmati Rākena commenced the meeting with an opening karakia and mihimihi.

This was followed by mihi whakahokia by Mike Te Wake (Chairman - Te Rūnanga o Te Rarawa).

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

APOLOGY

RESOLUTION 2026/1

Moved: Heamana (Chairperson) Tāmati Rākena

Seconded: Kahika-Mayor Moko Tepania

That the apology received from Cr Kelly Stratford and CEO Guy Holroyd, be accepted and leave of absence granted.

CARRIED

3 NGĀ KŌRERO A TE HEAMANA / CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Welcome Councillors, Iwi, Hapū and whanau to the meeting.
- Note that representatives from Ngā Hapū o Ahipara are present for their deputation regarding report 4.2: Kaitiaki Agreement – Moringaehe Reserve.

- Kaiwhakawhiti Reo Māori Language Translator today is Kawiti Waetford.
- Headsets have been provided for live translations if members need them.
- The meeting is being recorded and will be uploaded to the FNDC YouTube channel.
- Reminder to everyone that the microphones in chambers will pick up all sounds so to keep side chats and paper shuffling to a minimum.
- Public Agenda available on the FNDC Website.
- ANZAC Day 27 April 2028 – Lest We Forget
- Te Hiku Te Tiriti Signing Kaitaia 28 April 2026
- Acknowledged Lani Daniels – three-weight world champion winning the IBF and WBO world super middleweight belts at Madison Square Garden.
- Acknowledged the Tainui Kapa Haka Regionals and the successful kapa teams heading to Matatini 2027: Te Pou o Mangatāwhiri, Te Iti Kahurangi, Te Kapa Haka o Aawhina i Te Kaupapa, Te Haona Kaha, Mōtai Tangata Rau, and Te Kapa Haka o Ngā Pua o Te Kōwhara.

4 NGĀ TONO KŌRERO / DEPUTATION

Rueben Taipari representing Ngā Hapū o Ahipara in relations to Report 4.2 Kaitiaki Agreement – Moringaehe Reserve.

3 NGĀ PŪRONGO / REPORTS

4.1 APPOINTMENT OF TE KUAKA COMMITTEE FOR MĀORI STRATEGIC RELATIONSHIPS DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON

Agenda item 4.1 document number A5674693, pages 8 - 11 refers

RESOLUTION 2026/2

Moved: Kohepu- Deputy Mayor Chicky Rudkin

Seconded: Wallace Rivers – Te Kahu o Taonui

That Te Kuaka Committee for Māori Strategic Relationships:

- use System B as the preferred voting system to elect a Deputy Chairperson.**
- Elects external member Mane Tahere as Deputy Chairperson of the Te Kuaka Committee for Māori Strategic Relationships, in accordance with Standing Orders and clause 25, Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002; and**
- Notes that the appointment gives effect to the Committee's revised Terms of Reference (adopted 5 March 2026).**

In Favour: (Heamana) Tāmami Rākena, Crs Hilda Halkyard-Harawira, Arohanui Allen, Kohepu-Deputy Mayor Chicky Rudkin, Kahika-Mayor Moko Tepania and Wallace Rivers - Te Kahu o Taonui.

Against: Nil

Abstained: Crs Davina Smolders, Mane Tahere – Te Kahu o Taonui

CARRIED

4.2 KAITIAKI AGREEMENT - MORINGAEHE RESERVE

Agenda item 4.2 document number A5629604, pages 12 - 17 refers

RESOLUTION 2026/3

Moved: Kohepu-Deputy Mayor Chicky Rudkin

Seconded: Wallace Rivers – Te Kahu o Taonui

That Te Kuaka Committee for Strategic Māori Relationships;

- a) **approve the draft Kaitiaki Agreement – Moringaehe Reserve between Ngā Hapū o Ahipara and the Far North District Council; and**
- b) **approve the formal establishment of the Moringaehe Reserve Working Group; and**
- c) **appoint Councillor Cr Halkyard-Harawira as Council’s representative on the Moringaehe Reserve Working Group.**

In Favour: (Heamana) Tāmati Rākena, Crs Hilda Halkyard-Harawira, Arohanui Allen, Kohepu-Deputy Mayor Chicky Rudkin, Kahika-Mayor Moko Tepania and Mane Tahere and Wallace Rivers - Te Kahu o Taonui.

Against: Cr Davina Smolders

CARRIED

At 11:17 am meeting adjourned and resumed at 11:32am

4.3 DISTRICT WIDE SPATIAL STRATEGY PROJECT AND DISTRICT WIDE KAUPAPA STEERING RŌPŪ

Agenda item 4.3 document number A5675236, pages 31 - 40 refers

RESOLUTION 2026/4

Moved: Kohepu-Deputy Mayor Chicky Rudkin

Seconded: Heamana Tāmati Rākena

That Te Kuaka Committee for Strategic Māori Relationships:

- a) **Receive the report on the District Wide Spatial Strategy project; and**
- b) **Confirm that the Kaupapa Steering Rōpū is the preferred forum for the District-Wide Spatial Strategy (DWSS) project; and**
- c) **Confirm that the Kaupapa Steering Rōpū is to be re-convened, in line with the District Wide Kaupapa Framework; and**
- d) **Endorse the updated Kaupapa Steering Rōpū Terms of Reference (Attachment 3); and**
- e) **Endorse the removal of the Open Spaces Strategy project from Kaupapa Steering Group oversight.**

In Favour: (Heamana) Tāmati Rākena, (Heamana Tuarua) Mane Tahere, Crs Hilda Halkyard-Harawira, Arohanui Allen, Kohepu-Deputy Mayor Chicky Rudkin, Kahika-Mayor Moko Tepania and Wallace Rivers - Te Kahu o Taonui.

Against: Cr Davina Smolders

CARRIED

4 NGĀ PŪRONGO TAIPITOPITO / INFORMATION REPORTS

5.1 WHENUA MĀORI - FREEHOLD LAND RATING RELIEF UPDATE

Agenda item 5.1 document number A5629589, pages 70 - 73 refers

RESOLUTION 2026/5

Moved: Heamana Tāmati Rākena

Seconded: Kohepu-Deputy Mayor Chicky Rudkin

That Te Kuaka Committee for Māori Strategic Relationships for Strategic Māori Relationships receive the report Whenua Māori - Freehold Land Rating Relief Update.

In Favour: (Heamana) Tāmati Rākena, (Heamana Tuarua) Mane Tahere, Crs Hilda Halkyard-Harawira, Arohanui Allen, Kohepu-Deputy Mayor Chicky Rudkin, Kahika-Mayor Moko Tepania and Wallace Rivers - Te Kahu o Taonui.

Against: Nil

Abstained: Cr Davina Smolders

CARRIED

5.2 NGĀ KAUPAPA MĀORI / MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE TO MĀORI

Agenda item 5.2 document number A5629595, pages 74 - 83 refers

RESOLUTION 2026/6

Moved: Heamana Tuarua Mane Tahere

Seconded: Cr Hilda Halkyard-Harawira

That Te Kuaka Committee for Māori Strategic Relationships receive the report Ngā Kaupapa Māori / Matters of Importance to Māori.

In Favour: (Heamana) Tāmati Rākena, (Heamana Tuarua) Mane Tahere, Crs Hilda Halkyard-Harawira, Arohanui Allen, Kohepu-Deputy Mayor Chicky Rudkin, Kahika-Mayor Moko Tepania and Wallace Rivers - Te Kahu o Taonui.

Against: Cr Davina Smolders

CARRIED

5.3 TE REO AND TIKANGA MĀORI POLICY REPORT

Agenda item 5.3 document number A5630796, pages 84 - 87 refers

RESOLUTION 2026/7

Moved: Heamana Tuarua Mane Tahere

Seconded: Kohepu-Deputy Mayor Chicky Rudkin

That Te Kuaka Committee for Māori Strategic Relationships receive the report Te Reo and Tikanga Māori Policy Report.

CARRIED

5.4 TE PAE O UTA TE AO MĀORI FRAMEWORK UPDATE

Agenda item 5.4 document number A5629557, pages 197 - 201 refers

RESOLUTION 2026/8

Moved: Cr Davina Smolders

Seconded: Cr Arohanui Allen

That Te Kuaka Committee for Māori Strategic Relationships receive the Te Pae o Uta Te Ao Māori Framework Update Report.

CARRIED

5.5 STATUS UPDATE ON HE ARA KI TUA | TANGATA WHENUA CLIMATE ADAPTATION PLANNING AND NGĀ KETE TAUTOKO | TOOLS, RESOURCES AND TEMPLATES

Agenda item 5.5 document number A5629652, pages 224 - 226 refers

RESOLUTION 2026/9

Moved: Cr Hilda Halkyard-Harawira
Seconded: Heamana Tāmati Rākena

That Te Kuaka Committee for Māori Strategic Relationships receive the report Status Update on He Ara Ki Tua | Tangata Whenua Climate Adaptation Planning and Ngā Kete Tautoko | Tools, Resources and Templates.

In Favour: (Heamana) Tāmati Rākena, (Heamana Tuarua) Mane Tahere, Crs Hilda Halkyard-Harawira, Arohanui Allen, Kohepu-Deputy Mayor Chicky Rudkin, Kahika-Mayor Moko Tepania and Wallace Rivers - Te Kahu o Taonui.

Against: Cr Davina Smolders

CARRIED

5.6 LOCAL WATER DONE WELL – UPDATE AND FNDC POSITIONING

Agenda item 5.6 document number A5629636, pages 227 - 229 refers

RESOLUTION 2026/10

Moved: Kahika - Mayor Moko Tepania
Seconded: Heamana Tuarua Mane Tahere

That Te Kuaka Committee for Māori Strategic Relationships receive the report Local Water Done Well – Update and FNDC Positioning.

CARRIED

12:58 pm – Chair Tāmati Rākena left the room. Deputy Chair Mane Tahere assumed the Chair.

1:00pm - Chair Rākena returned to the meeting and resumed the Chair role.

5.7 UPDATE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORMS

Agenda item 5.7 document number A5630756, pages 230 - 2 refers

RESOLUTION 2026/11

Moved: Heamana Tāmati Rākena
Seconded: Kohepu-Deputy Mayor Chicky Rudkin

That Te Kuaka Committee for Māori Strategic Relationships receive the outdated report Update on Local Government Reforms.

CARRIED

5.8 STANDING AGENDA ITEM - TE KAHU O TAONUI AND HAPŪ VERBAL REPORTS TO TE KUAKA COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Agenda item 5.8 document number A5669640, pages 251 - 252 refers

RESOLUTION 2026/12

Moved: Mema (Member) Hilda Halkyard-Harawira
Seconded: Heamana (Chairperson) Tāmati Rākena

That Te Kuaka Committee for Māori Strategic Relationships receive the report Standing Agenda Item - Te Kahu o Taonui and Hapū Verbal Reports to Te Kuaka Committee Meetings.

Secretarial Note:

- Deputy Chair Mane Tahere gave a verbal report on behalf of Te Kahu o Taonui and will submit a hardcopy via email to Democracy Services after this meeting.
- Kahika – joint workshops for EOC will be set up to work collaboratively. This will enable live-date to be captured to evolve and learn how to better respond to emergencies.
- Nyze Manuel – acknowledged Marae and Community Hubs that stood up and opened their doors during recent adverse weather events.

CARRIED

5 MEETING CLOSE

The meeting closed at 1:23 pm with a karakia .

The minutes of this meeting will be confirmed at the Extraordinary Te Kuaka Committee for Māori Strategic Relationships Meeting held on 19 May 2026.

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CHAIRPERSON