

**MINUTES OF FAR NORTH DISTRICT COUNCIL
ORDINARY TE KUAKA COMMITTEE FOR MĀORI STRATEGIC RELATIONSHIPS MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MEMORIAL AVE, KAIKOHE
ON TUESDAY, 19 MAY 2026 AT 10:02 AM**

- PRESENT:** Heamana Tāmati Rākena, Kohepu - Deputy Mayor Chicky Rudkin, Cr Arohanui Allen, Cr Hilda Halkyard-Harawira, Cr Davina Smolders, Cr Kelly Stratford, Wallace Rivers Te Kahu o Taonui, Kipa Munro Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rēhia, Mike Te Wake Te Rūnanga o Te Rarawa (online), Rukuwai Allen Te Whiu Hapū, Nyze Manuel Te Rūnanga o Whaingaroa (online)
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Rowena Tana (on behalf of Pita Tipene Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hine), Kawiti Waetford (Kaiwhakawhiti Reo Language Interpreter)
- STAFF PRESENT:** Guy Holroyd (Chief Executive), Aaron Taikato (Manuhautu – Te Hono), Charlie Billington (GM – Corporate Services), Tanya Proctor (Head of Infrastructure), Ruben Garcia (GM – Community & Engagement), Llani Harding (Pouhautu – Te Hono), Sarah Peri (Kaupapa Māori Lead) Ken Lewis (Manager Communications & Engagement), Lawrence Wharerau (Kaiarahi Kaupapa Māori), Andy Dowdle (Change Specialist), Marlema Baker (Te Kuaka Committee Coordinator)
- ONLINE:** Natasha Rmandic (Democracy Advisor), Imrie Dunn (Democracy Advisor), Emma Healy (Chief of Staff), Marysa Maheno (Democracy Advisor), Roger Ackers (Head of Strategic Reforms Initiatives), Hilary Sumpter GM -Delivery & Operations),

1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA / OPENING PRAYER

Heamana-Chairman Tāmati Rākena commenced the meeting with a karakia.

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

2.1 APOLOGIES

RESOLUTION 2026/13

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

That Te Kuaka Committee for Māori Strategic Relationships receive apologies from Kahika-Mayor Moko Tepania and Heamana Tuarua-Deputy Chair Mane Tahere, Nicole Anderson (Far North Holdings Ltd), Pita Tipene (Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hine), and JJ Ripikoi and a leave of absence be granted.

CARRIED

3 NGĀ TONO KŌRERO / DEPUTATION

There are no deputations for this meeting.

4 NGĀ KŌRERO A TE HEAMANA / CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Heamana (Chairman) acknowledged those who have passed away, shared a summary of past events and those forthcoming, and invited committee members to present their panui. He also extended speaking rights to non-committee members, welcoming them to contribute their panui as well.

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

4.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Agenda item 4.1 document number A5763661, pages 8 - 15 refers

RESOLUTION 2026/14

Moved: Cr Hilda Halkyard-Harawira
Seconded: Kohepu - Deputy Mayor Chicky Rudkin

That Te Kuaka Committee for Māori Strategic Relationships confirm the minutes of the extraordinary meeting held 20 April 2026 as a true and correct.

Abstained: Cr Kelly Stratford

CARRIED

Secretarial Note: GM – Te Hono outlined an oversight relating to item 4.2, Kaitiaki Agreement – Moringaehe Reserve, as included in the 20 April 2026 Extraordinary Te Kuaka agenda. Following execution of the agreement, staff identified the oversight; a report will be presented to the Council meeting scheduled for 28 May 2026. No works have been undertaken in relation to the agreement to date.

Secretarial Note: Cr Smolders requested that a note be added to the minutes of 20 April 2026. As this matter was not part of the original discussion on that date, it cannot be incorporated into those minutes; however, it will be recorded here in the current minutes, in the secretarial note above.

6 NGĀ PŪRONGO TAIPITOPITO / INFORMATION REPORTS

5.1 TE PAE O UTA TE AO MĀORI FRAMEWORK - MAY 2026 UPDATE

Agenda item 5.1 document number A5744313, pages 16 - 19 refers

RESOLUTION 2026/15

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

That Te Kuaka Committee for Māori Strategic Relationships receive the Te Pae o Uta Te Ao Māori Framework - May 2026 Update Report.

CARRIED

5.2 NGĀ KAUPAPA MĀORI / MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE TO MĀORI

Agenda item 5.2 document number A5744715, pages 20 - 27 refers

RESOLUTION 2026/16

Moved: Cr Arohanui Allen

Seconded: Cr Kelly Stratford

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

CARRIED

5.3 UPDATE IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT REFORMS MAY - JUNE 2026

Agenda item 5.3 document number A5766856, pages 28 - 29 refers

RESOLUTION 2026/17

Moved: Kipa Munro -Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Rēhia

Seconded: Rukuwai Allen - Te Whiu Hapū

That Te Kuaka receives the update on Local Government and Resource Management Reforms for information and notes the planned reporting cycle, with the next update covering May - June 2026.

CARRIED

Secretarial note: Cr Smolders requested that a note be added that the current report is outdated. The Head of Strategic Reforms Initiatives reaffirmed that the report is current until the end of May 2026.

Secretarial Note: Kohepu Chicky Rudkin and the Chair requests that staff organise weekly drop-in sessions for Stakeholders, communities to attend for further information and updates.

5.5 LOCAL WATER DONE WELL UPDATE MAY 2026

Agenda item 5.1 document number A5771105, pages 5 - 8 refers

RESOLUTION 2026/18

Moved: Cr Kelly Stratford

Seconded: Cr Arohanui Allen

That the Te Kuaka Committee for Māori Strategic Relationships receive the report Local Water Done Well Update May 2026.

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 12:01pm for lunch and reconvened at 12.31pm.

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

Agenda item 5.4 document number A5753910, pages 30 - 31 refers

RESOLUTION 2026/19

Moved: Cr Hilda Halkyard-Harawira

Seconded: Rukuwai Allen - Te Whiu Hapū

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

In Favour: Heamana-Chairman Tāmāti Rākena, Kohepu-Deputy Mayor Chicky Rudkin, Cr Arohanui Allen, Cr Hilda Halkyard-Harawira, Cr Kelly Stratford, Members Wallace

Rivers, Kipa Munro, Mike Te Wake, Rukuwai Allen and Nyze Manuel

Against: Cr Davina Smolders

CARRIED

Secretarial Note: Te Kahu o Taonui will provide a formal report to the next Te Kuaka Committee meeting to further expand on recommendations 1 – 6 included in their tabled report (Objective ID A5788916).

7 MEETING CLOSE

The meeting closed at 1:25pm.

The minutes of this meeting will be confirmed at the Ordinary Te Kuaka Committee for Māori Strategic Relationships Meeting held on 14 July 2026.

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CHAIRPERSON