

Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke Rūnanga Meeting 11 December

Present: Māui Stuart, Mishele Radford, Roy Tikao, Donald Couch, Helen Bairds, Elaine Dell, Flora McGregor, Lynette Cotterill, Makere Fahey, Herewini Banks, Dave Banks, Karen Timihou, Gail Gordon, Hapeti Stone, Sheena Stone, Karl Stone, Kiri Rowe, Rewi Couch, Reihana Parata, Manawanui Parata.

Apologies: Ila Couch, Jo Tyro, Isaac Fahey, Pani Zaitsev, Dorothy Couch

Ngā Mate: Paul Karaitiana

Governance Project Update

The Chair overviewed progress on this and noted there are a number of final steps to be undertaken in 2023

1. Final Exec session with Te Wharehukahuka to develop a decision-making framework for assessing key projects in the strategy.
2. Developing SMART goals + turning one existing goal into a SMART goal
3. Further work with committees and external reps to finalise terms of reference
4. Updating of constitution

The first two steps above will lead into a review of the strategic plan to assess how well it is working, how it fits what we are planning to do, and what we might need to change.

Capital Projects Update

The Chair overviewed the status of various projects as follows:

Marae: final laundry construction should be completed by Christmas

School: Awaiting decision on final funding & building consent. Should commence early 2023. Engineers report from recent work not available as yet.

18A: TRONT funding confirmed of \$500,000 subject to confirmation of consents. Plans should be available for whānau feedback February 2023. It is envisaged the work will be staged to enable the building to continue being utilised as far as possible.

Urupā handwashing facilities: Ashley Warnes installing something in the next couple of weeks connected to the water supply.

Urupā Road: awaiting funding. Reserve Trustees looking at other cheaper options for achieving same result.

Flood Mitigation Work: work commenced costing solutions to flood risk to marae from Ōmaru Stream.

Lyttelton West School Update

Meeting with Kāinga Ora Wednesday 14th December to map out steps for feasibility study including whānau consultation

Coastal Hazards Hui

Gail Gordon noted we can mark important cultural sites on the online flood mapping system so we can plan but these will be kept private.

Query re remedial work and completion of the sea wall.

Noted that the seawall still not completed. Has been raised a number of times. Need to be brought to attention of the CCC group.

Noted we had some engineering/cost assessments done for extension completion of the wall a couple of years back with costs coming in at \$250,000 plus.

Te Ahu Pātiki Trust Launch Event at Rāpaki

The Chair report on this event which was a good event with close to 100 people coming to the marae to celebrate the launch of the Trust and its work to help restore the mauri of Te Ahu Pātiki by ending farming and returning the land to ngahere. Thanks given by the Chair and Trust rep Roy Tikao for all who have supported this kaupapa

Staffing Update

- Whānau ora role(s): interviewing and appointments to be completed by Christmas
- Further work on scoping roles for the Tongarerewa and Taiao areas is ongoing

TRONT Rep report

Gail overviewed her report.

Noted underspend meant \$1.25 million being given to each Rūnanga (in our case to Te Poho o Tamatea Ltd).

Gail noted water service entity bill had final reading that will have 4 regional entities with our one having the Ngāi Tahu takiwā as the boundaries.

Noted ongoing discussion regarding the takiwā boundary issues with other iwi as this differs in different regulatory regimes.

Finance Report

Karen overviewed the report.

LPC

Discussion regarding the possible partial sale and a suggestion that we should buy some LPC shares if they come available. TPOT could purchase or possibly Rūnanga using compensation money from reclamation court case.

Need to also push for a director.

Noted that two vacancies on the MAG to be filled in the new year and that we need to be more involved in LPC

Noted ongoing impact of port activities on Whakaraupō and the need to quantify the loss.

SailGP

Gail gave an overview of progress to date across all the teams.

Query raised re fanzone. May look to have one at the Marae

Could do something at Lyttelton West school site also (could use a van to move whānau between Lyttelton West and Rāpaki)

Noted transport plan will restrict movement and parking. More details to be confirmed.

All reports accepted

Trustee Report

Mishele overviewed trustee meeting noting delays in trustee appointments and ongoing issues around urupa.

Kaumātua Report

Elaine thanked everyone who helped arrange for kaumātua to go to Hui a Iwi in the van especially Catherine for her driving, and noted it was good to be there after a break for a year or two.

Elaine also reported the kaumātua went to lunch at the Richmond Club and it was very good.

Lynette and Paula thanked for all the help organising kaumātua events.

Kaumātua now looking at events for 2023.

Lynette noted we had graduation ceremony for Ka pou pou Reo for 30 plus primary and pre school teachers.

General Business

Makawhiua waka – Donald moved that reference to Makawhiua removed. Donald/Herewini. Approved.

Action: Office to notify Ngāi Tahu.

Waka Naming

Kerepeti overviewed the creation process for the new waka creation that utilized modern materials with a traditional look. Noted that this has been an ongoing process and that the newest waka is the endpoint of this design process. Kerepeti overviewed the relationship between the naming of all three waka. Te Kōhaka represents how we bring people in to the hapū and how Whakaraupō acts as a nursery for a range of species. Noted how the Kaupapa are linked together and that they relate to Mahinga kai which happens every year and need to be prioritised.

Query as to why are we asking about names here at the Rūnanga? Noted that is the usual practice we follow.

Kerepeti thanked for the good work done on the name,

Agreed: Te Kōhaka is the name for the new waka. Kerepeti/Reihana

Action: Needs to have a blessing ceremony utilizing those who were used previously – perhaps when carvings completed? Before Waitangi?

Approval of November Rūnanga minutes

Approved.

Mishele gave an overview of the year as chair and finished by asking all to work together to make the Rūnanga a place where rangatahi choose to come to in the future.

Meeting closed 11.50 am with karakia from Māui