

Kaipara Moana Remediation Joint Committee Minutes

Meeting held in the Ahikiwi Marae, 213 Ahikiwi Road, Kaihū
on Monday 19 April 2021, commencing at 09:30

Tuhinga (Present):

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua Tame Te Rangi
NRC Chair Penny Smart
NRC Councillor Amy Macdonald
Auckland Council Councillor Daniel Newman
Ngā Maunga Whakahī o Kaipara, Cherie Povey
Auckland Council Greg Sayers
Ngā Maunga Whakahī o Kaipara, Jane Sherard
Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua Virginia Warriner
Te Uri o Hau Malcolm Welsh
Te Uri o Hau Willie Wright
NRC Councillor Joce Yeoman

I Tae Mai (In Attendance):

Jonathan Rishworth, TUOH
Trevor Tucker, IKHMG
Patricia Clark, IKHMG
Leane Makey
Kelly Retimana
Susan Botting
Barney Mackie
Whaea Toko Mikahere
Christine Panapa
John Panapa

Wikitoria Wright
Rex Nathan
Anaru Tau
Paa Hita
Jessie Baker
Jonathan Gibbard, NRC
Leah Porter, NRC
Penny Pirrit, NRC
John Hutton, Auckland Council
Alan Wilcox

The meeting opened at 09:30am with a pōwhiri.

Official proceedings commenced at 11:00am

Karakia Tīmatanga and Whakatau

Ngā whakapahā/Apologies (Item 1.0)

Moved (Wright/Sayers)

That the apologies from Councillor Phelan Pirrie for non-attendance be received.

Carried

Nga whakapuakanga (Declarations of Conflicts of Interest)

It was advised that members should make declarations item-by-item as the meeting progressed.

Kaipara Moana Nursery Strategy Stage One (Item 4.1)

ID: A1433891

Report from Alan Wilcox, Kaipara Uri Management Representative

Moved

1. That the report 'Kaipara Moana Nursery Strategy Stage One' by Alan Wilcox, Kaipara Uri Management Representative and dated 13 April 2021, be received. **(Welsh/Yeoman)**
2. That the Joint Committee approve the Kaipara Moana Nursery Strategy Stage One report, included as Attachment 1 to this agenda, and endorse the following principles recommended in the Kaipara Moana Nursery Strategy to inform future remediation implementation outcomes:
 - a. Plants are grown to order from landowners and consumers (not based on requests from a centralised agency)
 - b. Preferred nurseries are identified by the KMR Programme and are monitored for price, plant quality standards for bio-security, health and safety, workforce, and eco-sourcing reasons
 - c. Prices are set at a level the KMR Programme is prepared to pay through grants funding for plants based on species and grades and reflecting a current market average.
 - d. The establishment of an intergenerational Kaipara Seedbank and database based on Mātauranga Māori and science.
 - e. The planting of taonga species for enrichment planting and biodiversity, along with standard remediation species.
 - f. Hapū and marae within the Kaipara Moana catchment are supported to develop nurseries, including to propagate taonga species, act as hubs for new nurseries or plant standing areas, and contribute to an intergenerational seed bank, with agreements to be negotiated.
 - g. Other organisations are encouraged to develop a workforce for planting activity, training provision and local marae kaitiaki, being sourced from communities residing within the Kaipara Moana catchment.
 - h. There is sufficient capacity within current nurseries to expand to meet KMR Programme requirements. **(Newman/Wright) Against (Povey; Sherard)**
3. Agree to a budget of \$35,000 to complete Stage Two of the Kaipara Moana Nursery Strategy, drawing on unallocated budget from Nursery Partnerships – plant propagation and supply Year 1 project (K2020-010). **(Newman/Wright)**

Carried

Secretarial Note: Amendments were made to resolutions 2b and 2f following conversation of the Joint Committee members.

Response to Te Uri o Hau Settlement Trust (Item 4.2)

ID: A1433476

Report from Alan Wilcox, Kaipara Uri Management Representative

Moved

1. That the report 'Response to Te Uri o Hau Settlement Trust' by Alan Wilcox, Kaipara Uri Management Representative and dated 12 April 2021, be received. **(Newman/Povey)**
2. That the Joint Committee supports further discussions with Te Uri o Hau Settlement Trust to deliver the following nursery services (while noting that such discussions will need to be informed by the proposed Kaipara Nursery Strategy (Stage 2) implementation plan):
 - a) Production of Taonga species;
 - b) Hosting a database and seed bank for plants and trees for use by landowners and other groups who participating the Kaipara Moana Remediation Programme;
 - c) Acting as a hub to provide technical assistance, oversight and quality control for satellite nurseries that may want to establish. **(Warriner/Yeoman)**
3. That the Joint Committee supports further discussions with Te Uri o Hau Settlement Trust, acting on behalf of Kaipara Uri, to deliver the following potential KMR delivery services:
 - a) Engaging with landowners to complete Sediment Reduction Plans to facilitate provision of landowner grants assistance;
 - b) Completing the formation of landowner groups, as started under the MPI Sustainable Land Use contract held by the Integrated Kaipara Harbour Management Group, to coordinate uptake of KMR landowner grants funding;
 - c) Engagement with Māori landowners to contribute to the KMR Programme effort, including uptake of grants funding when available;
 - d) Mātauranga Māori advice and research as may be required, in accordance with the upcoming Mātauranga Māori Strategy; and
 - e) Engagement assistance to carry out community and partners forums to promote engagement with the KMR Programme and uptake of KMR grants funding. **(Warriner/Yeoman)**
4. That the Joint Committee requests the Interim Management Team and Group Manager Environmental Services to engage with Te Uri o Hau Settlement Trust, to develop a robust business case and financial forecast for the provision of these services, and any other services that may come up through those further discussions, and present this back to the Joint Committee for consideration and budget approval. **(Warriner/Yeoman)**

Secretarial Note: Member Wright declared a conflict of interest and abstained from voting on Item 4.2, recommendations 1-4.

Carried

Secretarial Note: The meeting adjourned at 1:20pm and reconvened at 2:10pm.

Secretarial Note: Newman left the meeting at 2:00pm.

Operations Vehicle Establishment Update (Item 4.3)

ID: A1430311

Report from Penny Pirrit, Northland Regional Council Management Representative

Moved

1. That the report 'Operations Vehicle Establishment Update' by Penny Pirrit, Northland Regional Council Management Representative and dated 31 March 2021, be received. **(Sherard/Smart)**
2. That it is recommended to Member Parties of the Kaipara Moana Remediation Programme (Ngā Maunga Whakahi o Kaipara Development Trust, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua, and Te Uri o Hau Settlement Trust, Northland Regional Council, and Auckland Council) that, they approve an operations vehicle being a business unit within the Northland Regional Council, until such time as the statutory Kaipara Moana Body is established through the Te Tiriti o Waitangi Settlement process. **(Sayers/Warriner)**
3. That the presentation, tabled at this meeting, outlining the options considered and the reasoning behind the recommended option be made available for each Member Party meeting at which the above recommendation is discussed. **(Sayers/Warriner)**

Carried

Karakia Mutunga

Whakamutunga (Conclusion)

The meeting concluded at 2:15.