

# Kaipara Moana Remediation Joint Committee Minutes

Rā   Date:	Monday 29 July 2024
Wā   Time:	10.30am
Tauwāhi   Location:	Warkworth Town Hall, 2 Alnwick Street, Warkworth, 0910
Huihuinga   Gathering	Tame Te Rangi (Chair), Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua Amy Macdonald (Deputy Chair), Northland Regional Council Jack Craw, Northland Regional Council John Blackwell, Northland Regional Council Georgina Curtis-Connelly, Te Uri o Hau Greg Sayers, Auckland Council Michelle Carmichael, Auckland Council Virginia Warriner, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua
I Tae Mae   In Attendance	Justine Daw, Pou Tātaki, Kaipara Moana Remediation (KMR) Ben Hope, Ringa-Pārongo, KMR Lisette Rawson, Amo-Rauora Kōawa, KMR Sophie Bone, PA to Pou Tātaki and Governance Support, KMR Stephanie Versteeg, Amo-Rautaki Pākihi, KMR Ilka Pelzer, Kaitātari Matua, Ministry for the Environment (MfE) (Observer)

The Chair declared the meeting open at 10.35am.

## Karakia Tīmatanga and Whakatau (Item 1.0)

### Ngā whakapahā | Apologies (Item 2.0)

#### Moved Curtis-Connelly/Blackwell

1. That the apologies from Members Cherie Povey, Kerrin Leoni, Jane Sherard, and Taiāwhio Wati for non-attendance be received.

**Carried**

### Introduction of Supplementary Paper

#### Report from Justine Daw, Pou Tātaki

#### Moved (Curtis-Connelly/Blackwell)

1. That as permitted under section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 the Joint Committee receive the following tabled report:
  - Kōrero Tuku Iho Chair Vacancy.

**Carried**

### Ngā whakapuakanga | Declarations of Conflicts of Interest (Item 3.0)

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

*Secretarial note: Member Warriner noted her intent to recuse from item 6.4 due to a perceived conflict of interest.*

### Confirmation of Minutes - May 2024 (Item 4.1)

#### Report from Sophie Bone, PA to Pou Tātaki and Governance Support

#### Moved (Macdonald/Curtis-Connelly)

That the Joint Committee:

1. Confirm the minutes of the Kaipara Moana Remediation Meeting held on 6 May 2024 as a true and correct record.

**Carried**

### Joint Committee Action Tracker (Item 5.1)

#### Report from Sophie Bone, PA to Pou Tātaki and Governance Support

#### Moved (Craw/Blackwell)

1. That the report 'Joint Committee Action Tracker' be received.

**Carried**

## **Joint Committee Forward Workplan (Item 5.2)**

### **Report from Sophie Bone, PA to Pou Tātaki and Governance Support**

#### **Moved (Warriner/Macdonald)**

1. That the report 'Joint Committee Forward Workplan' be received.

#### **Carried**

##### *Secretarial note:*

*A correction was noted to be made in the Forward Workplan. Member Crow asked about the September Field Trip, and the Pou Tātaki provided indicative information on what was planned.*

## **Committee and Executive Interests (Item 6.1)**

### **Report from Sophie Bone, PA to Pou Tātaki and Governance Support**

#### **Moved (Curtis-Connelly/Carmichael)**

That the Joint Committee:

1. Note the paper 'Committee and Executive Interests', by Sophie Bone, PA to Pou Tātaki and Governance Support, dated 29 July 2024.
2. Request that Joint Committee Members provide advice of any new or changed interests to those shown in Attachment 1.

#### **Carried**

##### *Secretarial note:*

*A number of updates were noted by Members. These will be added to the Interests Register.*

## Indicative Year End Results (Item 6.2)

### Report from Stephanie Versteeg, Amo-Rautaki Pākihi and Galilee Miles, Kaitohutohu – Monitoring and Evaluation

#### Moved (Sayers/Blackwell)

That the Joint Committee:

1. Receive the report 'Indicative Year-End Results for 2023-2024' by Stephanie Versteeg, Strategic Business Manager and Galilee Miles, Advisor – Monitoring and Evaluation, dated 29 July 2024.
2. Note that audited year-end results for Year 4 of Kaipara Moana Remediation (KMR) are due to be submitted to the Ministry for the Environment by 31 October 2024.
3. Note the preliminary, unaudited Year 4 year-end results presented in this report, which will be communicated to Ministry for the Environment and others, as relevant.
4. Note that the preliminary, unaudited Year 4 year-end results indicate that KMR has met all of its Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), barring one metric (land area covered by new plan) which, while a valid measure, does not reflect activity by returning landowners/groups, nor the value – environmentally or culturally – of the projects supported by KMR grants.

#### Carried

##### Secretarial Note:

*Members congratulated KMR staff on the excellent year-end results. Member Carmichael asked whether returning landowners had been delayed by weather damages, economic downturn or other factors. KMR staff confirmed that was the situation in some cases, however we welcomed landowners and groups continuing projects with KMR on a multi-year basis.*

*The Member also sought clarification on the correlation between project activity as reported and environmental outcomes on the ground. The Pou Tātaki clarified that as sediment was a 'decadal contaminant' it would take years if not decades to statistically demonstrate meaningful reductions in sediment levels in the harbour. Nonetheless, there was clear scientific evidence that the actions funded via KMR grants would deliver a material and cumulative benefit when undertaken at scale across the catchment. This was why the modelling work underpinning Tātaki Wai was also important – using scientifically validated modelling outputs, KMR will be able to demonstrate the expected outcomes from our investments.*

*MfE Observer Ilka Pelzer elaborated that as the Jobs for Nature Key Performance Indicators were national – i.e. they applied across all Jobs for Nature projects – KMR was welcome to add its own indicators, and had begun to do so. In time, KMR would be able to draw on both scientific and cultural inputs to develop and investment strategy to optimise outcomes from the programme.*

## Pou Tātaki Report (Item 6.3)

### Report from Sophie Bone, PA to Pou Tātaki and Governance Support

#### Moved (Craw/Curtis-Connelly)

That the Joint Committee:

1. Receive the report 'Pou Tātaki Report', by Justine Daw dated 29 July 2024.

#### Carried

##### Secretarial Note:

*Members and staff discussed Trees That Count (TTC)'s contribution to KMR of over 90,000 free trees, and how they helped some groups to meet KMR's co-funding requirements. All TTC trees are locally sourced, from KMR accredited nurseries within the appropriate ecological district.*

*Members and staff further discussed how landowners and groups were supported when unable to meet the KMR co-funding requirements through third-party contributions, their own time and/or materials. It was acknowledged that times were financially very tight. As a voluntary programme, in which landowners and groups had to contribute up to half of the project value, KMR was therefore expecting a relatively flat year. The most recent independent survey of landowners and groups working with KMR confirmed that many of those working with us would like to take additional action but were unable to due to financial constraints.*

*Member Warriner asked about the Field Advisor training Key Performance Indicator, and whether it was possible to identify how many FAs were from local hapū. The Pou Tātaki responded that KMR did not report specifically on that as FAs did not always identify their affiliations, but we estimated that the figure was approximately one third.*

*Deputy Chair Macdonald asked about the strategic opportunities for third-party co-funding, noting the Pou Tātaki's experience in the philanthropic space, and encouraged creativity in finding new ways to secure co-funding. The Pou Tātaki responded that there were several third-party opportunities in the pipeline, some of which were in confidence and some of which were dependent on future policy settings. It was acknowledged that KMR's digital tools were a significant enabler in securing new revenue.*

## **Kōrero Tuku Iho Chair Vacancy (Item 6.4)**

**Report from Justine Daw, Pou Tātaki.**

**Moved (Macdonald/Craw)**

That the Joint Committee;

1. Receive the report 'Kōrero Tuku Iho Chair Vacancy' by Justine Daw dated 29 July 2024.

**Moved (Macdonald/Sayers)**

2. Note that in May 2024 Willie Wright was appointed as Interim Kōrero Tuku Iho Reference Rōpū Chair in his capacity as KMR Mana Whenua Relations Lead;
3. Note that with Willie's retirement from the Mana Whenua Relations Lead role, the Kōrero Tuku Iho Interim Reference Rōpū Chair role is now vacant;
4. Acknowledge and thank Willie Wright for the significant and enduring contribution that he has made to KMR through its development and establishment phase; and
5. Agree to appoint the KMR Joint Committee Chair to the role of Interim Reference Rōpū Chair to strengthen connection between the Rōpū, Joint Committee and KMR Maurikura; and ensure effective delivery of the Kōrero Tuku Iho project in line with Joint Committee decisions.

**Carried**

*Secretarial note:*

*Chair Te Rangi and Member Warriner recused themselves for this paper to manage actual or perceived conflicts of interest.*

*The first recommendation to receive the paper was moved, before a brief recess from 11.55am – 12.05pm.*

*The Pou Tātaki provided an overview of the tabled paper. As one of KMR's two foundations, effective delivery of Kōrero Tuku project was critical to KMR's overall success. She explained that there were two primary drivers for the change sought: the need for KMR to operate in alignment with the previously agreed Terms of Reference for the Kōrero Tuku Iho project, and the need to demonstrate delivery in this critical area, which had been rated as 'amber' by the Crown given the delays to date.*

*MfE Observer Ilka Pelzer confirmed that the tight Crown Funding environment was driving agencies to carefully monitor high-value programmes like KMR, and encouraged the Joint Committee to take actions that would support a move to a 'green' rating.*

*Staff reminded Members of the previously agreed report-back deadlines for the Kōrero Tuku Iho project relating to a plan for engagement, update on the first Whakatauirā, and a process to confirm final membership of the Reference Rōpū by February 2025.*

*Acting Chair Macdonald noted that in other local government contexts it was not unusual for the Governing Body Chair to also be Chair of a sub-committee or similar. The Member encouraged other Members to support the paper's recommendations as a way to move the project into delivery, while acknowledging that wider discussion on the Kōrero Tuku project would be held via scheduled report-backs. She reminded Members that the proposal was to fill the newly vacant Interim Reference Rōpū Chair role in a timely way, and noted that William Wright would remain on the Interim Rōpū in a private capacity.*

*Members spoke with one voice about the incomparable contribution of William Wright to IKHMG and now KMR, working for decades for the restoration of the harbour. The Joint Committee expressed significant gratitude and noted the desire to acknowledge and celebrate his contribution in an appropriate way. The Pou Tātaki agreed that KMR Maurikura staff would seek a suitable opportunity to do this as soon as practicable.*

## **Correspondence (Item 7.1)**

### **Report from Sophie Bone, PA to Pou Tātaki and Governance Support**

#### **Moved (Blackwell/Curtis-Connelly)**

Correspondence received.

**Carried**

## **Karakia Mutunga**

### **Whakamutunga (Conclusion)**

**The meeting concluded at 12.56.**