

Kaipara Moana Remediation Joint Committee Meeting Minutes

Rā Date:	Thursday, 1 December 2022
Hui Meeting:	Kaipara Moana Remediation Joint Committee Hui Meeting location: The Bridge House, Warkworth and Online (Zoom)
Tuhinga Present:	Tame Te Rangi (Chair), Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua Amy Macdonald, Northland Regional Council Cherie Povey, Ngā Maunga Whakahī o Kaipara Greg Sayers, Auckland Council (Attended via online Zoom Link) Jack Crow, Northland Regional Council John Blackwell, Northland Regional Council Malcolm Welsh, Te Uri o Hau (Attended via online Zoom Link) Michelle Carmichael, Auckland Council (confirmed on 7 December 2022) Virginia Warriner, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua
I tae mai In Attendance	Justine Daw, Pou Tātaki, Kaipara Maurikura Ben Hope, Ringa Pārongo/Communications and Governance Lead, Kaipara Maurikura William Wright, Ringa-Hononga Mana Whenua/Mana Whenua Relations Lead, Kaipara Maurikura Sophie Bone, PA and Governance Support, Kaipara Maurikura Ilka Pelzer, Ministry for the Environment (Observer)

The Chair declared the meeting open at 3.06pm. Following a karakia tīmatanga, the Chair acknowledged that this was the first time in over a year that the Joint Committee had been able to meet in person due to COVID-19 constraints, and a hiatus due to local government elections. The Chair emphasised the importance of in-person meetings, including on marae, as was planned to resume in 2023. The Chair also called for the work of the Joint Committee in future to not be impeded in terms of business continuity, as it had been in 2022, by the lack of quorum caused by the local government elections.

Tahitahi | Housekeeping

Joint Committee members were advised and consented to proceedings being livestreamed and recorded in order to be open to the public.

Secretarial note: Unfortunately, due to limited WiFi bandwidth, the livestream commenced to record the meeting as intended, but dropped out shortly afterwards, resulting in no capture of the meeting for public viewing. The Kaipara Maurikura staff apologise sincerely for this omission and regret any inconvenience caused.

Ngā whakapahā | Apologies

That the apologies from Georgina Curtis-Connelly (Te Uri o Hau), Jane Sherard (Ngā Maunga Whakahī o Kaipara), and Kerrin Leoni (Auckland Council) be received.

Moved (Macdonald/Warriner)

Carried

Ngā whakapuakanga | Declarations of Interest

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

Whakaea Ngā Minitī / Confirmation of Minutes (Item 5.1)

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

That the minutes of the Kaipara Moana Remediation Joint Committee meeting held virtually on 15 August 2022, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Moved (Macdonald/Povey)

Carried

Whiwhinga Mahi / Receipt of Action Tracker (Item 6.1)

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

That the Kaipara Moana Remediation Joint Committee Action Tracker be received.

Moved (Warriner/Craw)

Carried

Ngā Rīmiti | Items

Joint Committee Meeting Dates – Item 7.1

Report from Ben Hope – Ringa-Pārongo | Communications and Governance Lead

1. That the report 'Joint Committee Meeting Dates 2023' by Ben Hope dated 1 December 2022 be received
2. That the indicative dates for Joint Committee meetings in 2023 (Attachment 1) be adopted
3. That the Joint Committee advise Kaipara Maurikura staff of any scheduling conflicts as soon as practicable.

4. *Note* that Hui be held in person at rotating locations across the Kaipara Moana catchment, including on marae in line with earlier commitments
5. *Note* that Workshops will be held online as per common Council practice and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and the risks and costs of vehicle travel
6. *Note* that Joint Committee Hui will be held in a public forum, allowing a slot for guest speakers from the area to discuss relevant projects or issues of importance to them

Moved (Povey/Carmichael)

Carried

Registers of Interests– Item 7.2

Report from Ben Hope – Ringa-Pārongo | Communications and Governance Lead

1. That the report ‘Registers of Interests’ by Ben Hope and dated 1 December 2022 be received.
2. That any revisions to the Joint Committee Members’ Register of Interests be advised
3. *Note* the KMR Joint Committee Members’ Register of Interests (Attachment 1)
4. *Note* the KMR Leadership Team’s Register of Interests (Attachment 2)

Secretarial note: Member Cherie Povey noted that her listed role as Lead Treaty Negotiator is incorrect. She is a Negotiator, not a ‘Lead Negotiator’. Sophie Bone will amend this in the Register of Interests for Joint Committee members.

Moved (Warriner / Blackwell)

Carried

Appointment of Deputy Chair– Item 7.3

Report from Ben Hope – Ringa-Pārongo | Communications and Governance Lead

1. That the report ‘Appointment of Deputy Chair’ by Ben Hope and dated 1 December 2022 be received.
2. That the appointment of Northland regional Councillor Amy Macdonald to the role of Deputy Chair of the Kaipara Moana Remediation Joint Committee to replace outgoing Northland Regional Councillor Penny Smart be confirmed

Moved (Blackwell/Craw)

Carried

Audit and Validation reports – Item 7.4

Report from Ben Hope – Ringa-Pārongo | Communications and Governance Lead

Stephanie Versteeg – Amo-Rautaki Pākihi | Strategic Business

1. That the report ‘Audit and Validation Reports’ from Ben Hope and Steph Versteeg dated 1 December 2022 be received
2. *Note* that the KMR Annual Report was sent to the Ministry for the Environment on 31 October 2022, as required under the Deed of Funding
3. *Note* the satisfactory Deloitte Audit of the Kaipara Moana Remediation (KMR) Programme for 2021/2022, centring on the Annual Report (Attachment 1)
4. *Note* the associated satisfactory Validation Report from the Ministry for the Environment (Attachment 2)

5. Note that KMR management will respond to the minor Validation Report recommendations in consultation with the Ministry for the Environment

Moved (Macdonald/Blackwell)

Carried

Secretarial note: Justine Daw spoke to the positive result of the validation exercise. Ilka Pelzer (Observer) was invited to comment, and expressed support of the positive findings in the validation report. Justine Daw noted that the recommendations of the report will be explored over the next 12 months, including a recommendation to consider a trust-based framework for grant management (e.g. to enable smaller grants to be treated in a more streamlined way in order to make funding more accessible for smaller projects). Amy Macdonald congratulated the team on the two successful reports.

Karakia Mutunga

Secretarial note: Before the meeting came to a close, the Chair recommended that, in the interests of efficiency for future meetings, that the Joint Committee proceed on the basis that all materials be taken as read unless items require particular discussion. There was general agreement to proceed on this basis at subsequent meetings.

Malcolm Welsh acknowledged the Kaipara Maurikura for their work and progress, as evidenced in the materials presented at the Hui, and congratulated Amy Macdonald on her appointment to the Deputy Chair role.

Whakamutunga (Conclusion)

The meeting concluded at 4.10pm.

Kaipara Moana Joint Committee Workshop

In a Joint Committee Workshop held adjacent to the Joint Committee Hui, Stephanie Versteeg (Amo-Rautaki Pākihi/Strategic Business Advisor, Kaipara Maurikura), Duncan Kervell (Contractor, Kaipara Maurikura), and David McDermott (Contractor and Nursery Coordinator, Kaipara Maurikura) presented on progress to date to develop a KMR Soil Conservation Strategy and Action Plan.

Joint Committee Members in the Workshop were:

Tame Te Rangi (Chair), Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua

Amy Macdonald, Northland Regional Council

Cherie Povey, Ngā Maunga Whakahī o Kaipara

Jack Craw, Northland Regional Council

John Blackwell, Northland Regional Council

Virginia Warriner, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua

Michelle Carmichael, Auckland Council (Confirmed on 7 December 2022)

Also present were: Justine Daw, Pou Tātaki, Kaipara Maurikura, Stephanie Versteeg, Amo-Rautaki Pākihi/Strategic Business Manager, Kaipara Maurikura, Lisette Rawson, Amo Rauora-Kōawa/Catchment Remediation Manager, Kaipara Maurikura, Ben Hope, Ringa Pārongo/Communications and Governance Lead, Kaipara Maurikura, William Wright, Ringa-Hononga Mana Whenua/Mana Whenua Relations Lead, Kaipara Maurikura, Sophie Bone, PA

and Governance Support, Kaipara Maurikura, and Ilka Pelzer, Ministry for the Environment (Observer).

Discussion

The Kaipara Maurikura team sought direction from the KMR Joint Committee Members present on three specific (pilot) initiatives that were time sensitive in order to progress work to scale up the KMR programme at pace, in line with the KMR Memorandum of Understanding. The three pilot initiatives all aim to reduce sediment flows into the Kaipara Moana by achieving ongoing and significant uplift in planting and other sediment remediation activities through KMR grants from winter 2023.

The following discussion points were presented to the Joint Committee members in attendance, and direction sought for the proposed initiatives:

1: Pre-ordering of plants

- Do you agree that KMR pre-order 400,000 native plants in December 2022, in line with the KMR Nursery Strategy?
- Do you agree with the proposed approach to sharing orders across nurseries (i.e. order size correlates to nursery size (FTE))?

The members present agreed with the direction suggested above, and the Kaipara Maurikura took a direction to work with accredited KMR nurseries to engage, communicate and operationalise pre-ordering before Christmas.

2: Extending native planting into areas of high sediment yield risk to waterways

- Do you support KMR trialling the funding of native planting in areas with high sediment yield risk to waterways to accelerate planting to reduce sediment from 2023?
- Do you support KMR implementing this immediately, in advance of Soil Conservation decisions in February 2023?

The members present supported the direction suggested above. The Kaipara Maurikura took a direction to clarify and roll out the operational settings required to implement this initiative.

3: Flagship (Navigator) projects

- Do you agree with KMR introducing flagship (Navigator) projects to act as demonstration sites for approaches to reduce sediment flows at scale and pace?
- Do you agree with KMR promoting flagship (Navigator) projects and seeking expressions of interest (EOIs) from December 2022 to enable potential projects to prepare for an EOI in February 2023?
- Do you agree that KMR seek flagship (Navigator) projects that demonstrate a range of good practices, which could potentially involve exotic as well as native tree species, and constructed sediment reduction options?

The members present agreed with the directions suggested above. The Kaipara Maurikura took a direction to communicate and operationalise these approaches ahead of winter 2023. It was noted that the settings and investments in Navigator projects do not prejudice future Joint Committee decisions on the KMR Soil Conservation Strategy and Action Plan, which is likely to be workshopped with the Joint Committee in March 2023 with decisions sought in May 2023.

A report-back to the Joint Committee will be made on these three pilot initiatives in early 2023.