

Kaipara Moana Remediation Joint Committee Minutes

Rā Date:	30 October 2023
Tāima Time:	11.30
Tauwāhi Location:	Online Access
Tuhinga Present	Tame Te Rangi (Chair), Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua Amy Macdonald (Deputy Chair), Northland Regional Council Georgina Curtis-Connelly, Te Uri o Hau Greg Sayers, Auckland Council Jack Craw, Northland Regional Council John Blackwell, Northland Regional Council Kerrin Leoni, Auckland Council (Arrival 13.34) Michelle Carmichael, Auckland Council Taiāwhio Wati, Te Uri o Hau
I Tae Mae In Attendance	Justine Daw, Pou Tātaki, Kaipara Maurikura Ben Hope, Ringa-Pārongo, Kaipara Maurikura Lisette Rawson, Amo-Rauora Kōawa, Kaipara Maurikura Sophie Bone, PA and Governance Support, Kaipara Maurikura Stephanie Versteeg, Amo-Rautaki Pākihi, Kaipara Maurikura William Wright, Ringa-Hononga Mana Whenua, Kaipara Maurikura Ilka Pelzer, Ministry for the Environment (Observer) Brooke Waterson, Auckland Council (Observer)

The Chair declared the meeting open at 11.36am.

Karakia Timatanga and Whakatau

Ngā whakapahā | Apologies (Item 1.0)

Moved (Macdonald / Curtis-Connelly)

That the apologies from Members Cherie Povey, Jane Sherard and Virginia Warriner for non-attendance be received.

Carried

Ngā whakapuakanga | Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

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

Confirmation of Minutes - October 2023 (Item 4.1)

Report from Sophie Bone, PA and Governance Support

Moved (Blackwell / Carmichael)

1. That the minutes of the Kaipara Moana Remediation meeting held on 24 July 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Carried

Joint Committee Action Tracker (Item 5.1)

Report from Sophie Bone, PA and Governance Support

Moved (Curtis-Connelly / Craw)

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

Carried

Joint Committee Forward Workplan (Item 5.2)

Report from Sophie Bone, PA and Governance Support

Moved (Sayers / Blackwell)

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

Carried

Pou Tātaki Report (Item 6.1)

Report from Sophie Bone, PA and Governance Support

Moved (Craw / Macdonald)

That the Joint Committee:

1. Receive the report 'Pou Tātaki Report', by Justine Daw dated 30 October 2023.

Carried

Secretarial note:

In respect to Member interests, Member Carmichael declared her longstanding work in the Tapora area. The Pou Tātaki clarified that KMR maintained, managed and periodically reported on the full register of Member interests (including that interest). In addition, direct Member interests in KMR grants were reported on at each Hui, as per advice from the Office of the Auditor-General. The Member's Tapora interests were not in this category.

Member Carmichael asked if KMR was engaging with the Healthy Waters Team, and also whether the Pou Tātaki had generally found commonality of views in her engagement with external stakeholders. The Pou Tātaki confirmed that KMR were working closely with Healthy Waters (including having an observer present at each Hui) as well as having regular engagement with wider Auckland Council interests. Feedback from external stakeholders mainly focused on: welcoming the speed of KMR's scale-up and the recent expansion of KMR activity from waterways to the whole landscape; and indicating that ongoing uncertainty in legislation, policy and regulation continued to drive a 'wait and see' position among many primary sector groups.

The Chair raised the matter of the Hikurangi swamp. In response, the Pou Tātaki confirmed that KMR funding could not be used for land purchase, that it must be used for sediment remediation purposes

(not flood protection purposes), that all KMR contracts must be with the landowner, that our 50-50 matching co-funding requirement could not be waived, and that all KMR projects must abide by all local planning rules. That said, KMR worked across the full ecological catchment, including with landowners in the northern parts of the catchment. KMR remained ready to engage with landowners in the Hikurangi repo area if they wished to explore projects that met our funding criteria.

Member Backwell asked about Silver Fern Farms, the largest employer in Dargaville, which were promoting environmental and carbon neutral incentives. KMR confirmed that we were due to meet with Silver Fern Farms to discuss areas of mutual interest. As with any potential strategic partnership, KMR will undertake due diligence.

Member Craw asked about the Freshwater Farm Plan public consultation in Auckland. The KMR team agreed that consultation in both regions was likely create a surge in landowner engagement with KMR, but that this may create some capacity pressures, and there were some advantages if each region worked on slightly different timeframes.

Annual Report (year 3) (Item 6.2)

Report from Sophie Bone, PA and Governance Support

Moved (Macdonald / Blackwell)

That the Joint Committee:

1. Receive the report 'Annual Report (Year 3)', by Stephanie Versteeg dated 30 October 2023.
2. Approve the final draft of the Annual Report 2022-2023 for provision to the Ministry for the Environment.
3. Delegate to the Joint Committee Chair power to approve the final Annual Report, with the ability for the Pou Tātaki to make minor editorial changes prior to publication if required.

Carried

Secretarial note:

A Word document version of the draft final Annual Report was provided to the Auditors who had accepted it. An Audit letter will be forthcoming once the Joint Committee has signed off on the report, and the Chair has signed it out for submission to the Ministry for the Environment.

Member Carmichael provided some suggestions on corrections to the image-designed version of the Annual Report tabled to the Joint Committee. The Pou Tātaki confirmed that errors in the image designed version would be rectified before finalisation the report. The Member provided positive feedback on the Report's 'plain English' and its personal stories, which aided understanding and readability. The Member suggested that the Report include acknowledgement of the work that came before KMR. In response, the Chair commented that KMR was the first of its kind in the country, with no other blueprint. The numbers, stories and milestones portrayed in the Report reflected this.

Member Sayers sought to confirm that Page 61 of the Annual Report provided a detailed enough financial breakdown and met reporting requirements. The KMR team responded that the format was agreed in the KMR Deed of Funding, was standard each year, and met Auditor requirements.

Karakia Mutunga

Whakamutunga (Conclusion)

The meeting concluded at 12.41pm.