

Te Manawhenua Forum Mo Matamata-Piako



Mēneti Wātea | Open Minutes



Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Te Manawhenua Forum Mo Matamata-Piako held in the Council Chambers, 35 Kenrick Street, TE AROHA on Tuesday 11 February 2025 at 10:00.

Ngā Mema | Membership

**te kaunihera ā-rohe o |
Matamata-Piako District
Council**

Manuhuia | Mayor
Adrienne Wilcock, JP

Koromatua Tautoko | Deputy Mayor
James Thomas

Kaunihera ā-Rohe | District Councillors
Mātua Gary Thompson

Ngāti Hauā

Mema Tūturu | Principal Member
Whaea Te Ao Marama Maaka (Chair)

Mema Tautoko | Alternate Member
Whaea Rangitionga Kaukau

Ngāti Hinerangi

Whaea Hinerangi Vaimoso

Ngāti Maru

Mātua Craig Solomon

Mātua Wati Ngamane

Ngāti Rāhiri-Tumutumu

Whaea Jill Taylor

Mātua Norm Hill

Ngāti Pāoa

Mātua Tahuariki Thompson

Whaea Glenice Puke

Ngāti Whanaunga

Mātua Michael Baker

Mātua Gavin Anderson

Raukawa

Mātua Leo Whaiapu

Whaea Andrea Julian

Ngāti Tamaterā



Ngā whakapāha | Apologies

Cr Gary Thompson
 Waati Ngamane
 Rangitonga Kaukau
 Craig Solomon – early departure

Te Toa Horopū ā Matamata-Piako
 Ngāti Maru
 Ngati Pāoa
 Ngāti Maru

Kaimahi i reira | Staff Present

Name	Title	Item No.
Manaia Te Wiata	Tumu Whakarae Chief Executive Officer	
Marsha McMillan	Kaitohu Kāwana Governance Advisor	
Tamara Kingi	Kaiārahi Kāwana Governance Team Leader	
Samantha Oosthoek	Kaiwhakarite Kaupapa, Whai Wāhi Projects & Engagement Administrator	
Tuatahi Nightingale-Pene	Pou Tūhono Iwi Relationship Manager	
Sandra Harris	Pou Kaupapahere, Rāngai Mahitahi me te Kāwana Policy, Partnerships & Governance Manager	
Andrea Durie	Pou Whakapā, Whai Wāhi Communications & Engagement Manager	
Laura Hopkins	Kaitohu Kaupapahere Mātāmua Senior Policy Advisor	4.2, 5.1
Anne Gummer	Kaitohu Kaupapahere Mātāmua Senior Policy Advisor	4.2, 5.1
Olivia Picard	Kaitohu Kaupapahere Paetahi Graduate Policy Advisor	4.2, 5.1
Charlotte Walker	Kaitohu Kaupapahere Paetahi Graduate Policy Advisor	4.2, 5.1
Susanne Kampshof	Pou Rawa me ngā Kaupapa Assets & Projects Manager	5.1
Carolyn McAlley	Kaiārahi Rautaki RMA Team Leader RMA Policy	5.1, 5.2
Jayshree Kanji	Kaiwhakamahere Rautaki RMA Paetahi Graduate RMA Policy Planner	5.1, 5.2

I reira | In Attendance

Name	Position/Organisation	Item	Time In	Time Out
Tokaanu Thompson	Member of public		10:00am	12:05pm
Waihekarangi Maaka	Member of public		10:00am	12:05pm

1 Whakatūwheratanga o te hui | Meeting Opening

Chair Te Ao Marama Maaka declared the meeting open at 10:00 am and welcomed public, members and staff.

2 Karakia

Mātua Michael Baker performed the opening Karakia.

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Ngā whakapāha | Apologies/Leave of Absence

WHAKATAUNGA Ā-KOMITI | COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

That the apology from Waati Ngamane, Cr Gary Thompson, Rangitonga Kaukau and Tahauariki Thompson, be accepted and leave of absence from the meeting be granted.

Resolution number AC/2025/00001

Moved by: NH Hill

Seconded by: M Baker

KUA MANA | CARRIED

4 Pānui i Ngā Take Ohore Anō | Notification of Urgent/Additional Business

Section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (as amended) states:

“An item that is not on the agenda for a meeting may be dealt with at that meeting if-

- (a) The local authority by resolution so decides; and
- (b) The presiding member explains at the meeting, at a time when it is open to the public -
 - (i) The reason why the item is not on the agenda; and
 - (ii) The reason why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.”

Section 46A(7A) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (as amended) states:

“Where an item is not on the agenda for a meeting -

- (a) That item may be discussed at that meeting if-
 - (i) That item is a minor matter relating to the general business of the local authority; and
 - (ii) the presiding member explains at the beginning of the meeting, at a time when it is open to the public, that the item will be discussed at the meeting; but
 - (iii) no resolution, decision or recommendation may be made in respect of that item except to refer that item to a subsequent meeting of the local authority for further discussion.”

5 Whakaaetanga meneti | Confirmation of Minutes

WHAKATAUNGA Ā-KOMITI | COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

That the minutes of the meeting of the Ordinary meeting of the Te Manawhenua Forum mō Matamata-Piako held on Tuesday, 3 December 2024, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

Resolution number AC/2025/00002

Moved by: Deputy Mayor J Thomas

Seconded by: Mayor A Wilcock

KUA MANA | CARRIED

NGĀ PŪRONGO A NGĀ ĀPIHA | OFFICER REPORTS

6 Pūrongo me whakatau | Decision Reports

6.1 Waikato Water Done Well update

CM No.: 2989705

Te Kaupapa | Purpose

The purpose of this report is to present and update on Waikato Water Done Well.

Rāpopotonga Matua | Executive Summary

All New Zealand councils must identify a sustainable model for delivering water services while complying with regulations. Councils must analyse existing options and explore alternatives, including establishing a Council-Controlled Organisation (CCO).

Council must follow a process to:

- Identify a preferred option
- Consult the community

Councils must submit water service delivery plans to the Department of Internal Affairs by 3 September 2025.

A number of Waikato councils have been working collaboratively to explore options for a regional delivery model.

This co-designed regional model will be evaluated alongside existing arrangements. The proposed model seeks to achieve greater efficiency and access to borrowing beyond the level available for individual councils. Under the regional model, a limited liability water services company (CCO) would be established, with specific governance structures and a Shareholder Representative Forum involving iwi chairs.

Vaughan Payne of Kahu Manawa has been leading the project on behalf of the Councils and will be in attendance to provide an update.

WHAKATAUNGA Ā-KOMITI | COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

That:

1. The information be received.
2. The forum provided feedback that they want an extraordinary workshop for representatives and an opportunity for hapori (communities) to be engaged. It was suggested that engagements be done in clusters.

Resolution number AC/2025/00003

Moved by: NH Hill

Seconded by: H Vaimoso

KUA MANA | CARRIED

6.2 Policy and Bylaw update

CM No.: 2990470

Te Kaupapa | Purpose

To provide the Forum with an update on upcoming policy and bylaw consultations.

Rāpopotonga Matua | Executive Summary

Council are consulting on a number of policies and bylaws in the period from the end of February to the middle of April 2025. The majority of these documents have been previously discussed with Te Manawhenua Forum. These include:

- 1) Gambling and TAB Venue Policies
- 2) Community Safety Bylaw
- 3) Cemeteries Bylaw
- 4) Alcohol Licensing Fees Bylaw
- 5) Dangerous and Insanitary Buildings Policy
- 6) Fees and Charges 2025/26

WHAKATAUNGA Ā-KOMITI | COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

That:

1. The information be received.
2. Te Manawhenua Forum mō Matamata-Piako provide feedback on how Council can effectively engage with iwi and communities during the consultation on relevant policies, bylaws and documents. It was suggested that staff promote engagements through social media avenues and radio stations such as Radio Tainui and Ngā Iwi.

Resolution number AC/2025/00004

Moved by: H Vaimoso

Seconded by: NH Hill

KUA MANA | CARRIED

7 Ngā Pūrongo Whakamārama | Information Reports

7.1 Climate Change update

CM No.: 299155

Te Kaupapa | Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the presentation that Waikato Regional Council gave to Council in October 2024 on the topic of Climate Risks and Resilience in the Waikato, and to give an update on Council's climate change work programme.

Rāpopotonga Matua | Executive Summary

Waikato Regional Council presented to Matamata-Piako District Council on the topic of Climate Risks and Resilience in the Waikato at a Council workshop on 30 October 2024. Te Manawhenua Forum mō Matamata-Piako members were invited to attend. Slides from the presentation are attached, and an overview of the presentation and opportunity for discussion will be provided at the meeting.

Council's climate change work programme is progressing across the five workstreams of the Climate Change Rivermap. An update and opportunity for discussion will be provided at the meeting.

WHAKATAUNGA Ā-KOMITI | COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

That:

- 1. The report be received.**
- 2. Forum members provided feedback on the presentation from Waikato Regional Council, to focus on immediate issues and then on climate change, plant trees in the rohe to increase rainfall and to have indicators to monitor the mauri of water quality and storm water network, such as attenuation, quality, quantity, erosion and first flush.**

Resolution number AC/2025/00005

Moved by: NH Hill

Seconded by: L Whaiapu

KUA MANA | CARRIED

ATTACHMENTS

- A Climate Change update
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7.2 District Plan and Resource Management Update

CM No.: 2979267

Te Kaupapa | Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Te Manawhenua Forum with an update on the rolling review of the District Plan and Resource Management Act Reform. Jayshree Kanji and Carolyn McAlley are available to deliver the update and answer any questions.

Rāpopotonga Matua | Executive Summary

A District Plan and Resource Management summary is provided below. The update specifically refers to Waharoa (PC49), Fonterra Waitoa (PPC55), Calcutta (PPC57), and the National Planning Standards (PC61), Resource Management Act Reform (RMA Reform) and Hauraki Gulf Forum (HGF).

WHAKATAUNGA Ā-KOMITI | COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

That:

1. The report be received.

Resolution number AC/2025/00006

Moved by: NH Hill

Seconded by: M Baker

KUA MANA | CARRIED

ATTACHMENTS

- A MPDC Version Proposed Plan Change 61 Summary Report 18 09 2024 Updated Jan 2025

7.3 Ko te Kaupapahere Reo Māori / Māori language policy implementation update

CM No.: 2991036

Te Kaupapa | Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on progress towards actioning the principles outlined in the Ko te Kaupapahere Reo Māori / Māori language policy.

Rāpopotonga Matua | Executive Summary

The Ko te Kaupapahere Reo Māori / Māori language policy was adopted in September 2019 and outlined a number of policy principles to be actioned.

Progress has been made on implementing the principles and is outlined in this report.

Of note is a significant milestone that has recently been achieved - the introduction of bilingual position titles in Council staff email signatures, and Council and Committee meeting agendas and minutes.

WHAKATAUNGA Ā-KOMITI | COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

That:

1. The report be received.

Resolution number AC/2025/00007

Moved by: Chair T Maaka

Seconded by: J Taylor

KUA MANA | CARRIED

7.4 2025 Local Elections - Project Update

CM No.: 2986382

Te Kaupapa | Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide an update of the 2025 triennial local elections process.

Rāpopotonga Matua | Executive Summary

As a result of the Local Government (Electoral Legislation and Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Act, on 28 August 2024, Council resolved to retain the Māori Ward, Te Toa Horopū ā Matamata-Piako, and undertake a binding poll alongside the 2025 triennial elections. The poll will be on whether the district should be divided into 1 or more Māori Wards. The result of the binding poll will come into effect from 2028.

Through engagement with the Local Electoral Commission, it was identified that there are five groups that least engage with elections i) Māori ii) Disability iii) Rangatahi iv) Pasifika and v) Ethnic. Staff have been making connections with organisations to support encouraging these groups. So far, CCS Disability Action have indicated that they would mobilise their network with the Matamata-Piako District and offered to support a Karanga Maha at an accessible marae in the district. Karanga Maha, meaning many voices, are a series of grassroots hui to create a safe space for disability and Māori.

The Vote 2025 non-residents national ratepayer flyers will be sent out in the next rates instalment notice. All ratepayers in the district will receive the flyer.

Furthermore, we are in the process of nominating electoral officials who will be delegated in accordance with the Local Electoral Act 2001.

WHAKATAUNGA Ā-KOMITI | COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

That:

1. The information be received.

Resolution number AC/2025/00008

Moved by: M Baker

Seconded by: J Taylor

KUA MANA | CARRIED

7.5 Ngāti Hinerangi Membership

CM No.: 2992947

Te Kaupapa | Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to the membership of Ngāti Hinerangi.

Rāpopotonga Matua | Executive Summary

In 2024, Reece Marsh was appointed by Te Puāwaitanga o Ngāti Hinerangi Iwi Trust, as the principal member on Te Manawhenua Forum mō Matamata-Piako.

Early in January, staff were notified that Mr Marsh has resigned from his position at a trustee of Te Puāwaitanga o Ngāti Hinerangi Iwi Trust, and accordingly, is stepping down as a representative on the forum.

Hinerangi Vaimoso will be the primary representative for Ngāti Hinerangi on the forum until Mr Marsh's position is filled.

WHAKATAUNGA Ā-KOMITI | COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

That:

1. The report be received.

Resolution number AC/2025/00009

Moved by: NH Hill

Seconded by: M Baker

KUA MANA | CARRIED

7.6 Forum Representatives Update

CM No.: 2988850

Te Kaupapa | Purpose

The purpose of this report is for Forum Representatives to provide an update of their activities.

Rāpopotonga Matua | Executive Summary

Forum representatives have the opportunity to provide an update of their activities since the last meeting.

WHAKATAUNGA Ā-KOMITI | COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

That:

1. The information is received.

Resolution number AC/2025/00010

Moved by: M Baker

Seconded by: L Whaiapu

KUA MANA | CARRIED

Discussion notes:

Ngāti Whanaunga

- At their iwi chairs forum a lot of opportunity for housing needs were identified. They are being reconfigured but the best model to look for is Waikato-Tainui.
- Mātua acknowledged kuia, Dame Iritana Tāwhiwhirangi, who at 86 was interviewed by Billy Jackson. Kuia lived to 95, passing in February 2025. Language being pushed at Council is one of the exemplars of the mahi from kuia with the kōhanga reo movement. Spectacular mihi back to the kaumatua and kuia to where we are today.
- Attended the Toitū te Tiriti march in Wellington. It was great to see the rangatahi coming through and also their interest in the upcoming poll.
- Stated that any educational authority which is monitoring Māori progress, should be monitored by Māori.

Ngāti Hauā

- Advised that Mayor Adrienne and Tumu Whakarae Manaia Te Wiata attended the first poukai of the year. Poukai is hui held at marae, there have been 28 official hui scheduled for the year. Ngāti Hauā will support the poukai held at Hokanui marae.
- Acknowledged the mahi of Ngā Wai Hono i te Pō, who has attended a lot of hui including tangi and the Tumuaki, Hone Tamihana, attended Waitangi to represent her.
- Ngāti Hauā are expected to support a lot of kaupapa. There are many others happening closer to home. They are a very busy people and so much has changed over the years where iwi representatives are expected to attend.
- Hapori in Morrinsville Schools are now opting to have pōwhiri to learn and educate our tamariki.
- The Morrinsville Museum are undertaking big kaupapa to tell the story of Ngāti Hauā. It shows a strong partnerships with iwi and the community.
- Acknowledgment to Norm Hill's contributions as a representative on many kaupapa, the iwi trust has entrusted him with responsibilities related to water and the environment, recognising his strong advocacy.

- Acknowledged the pōwhiri held in January, showing a fantastic celebration of our leader and expressing that the vibe was great.
- Ngāti Hauā and Ngāti Tumutumu are working collaboratively on the largest solar farm in New Zealand, which is being established in Te Aroha West. They are also working alongside Ngāti Hinerangi and Raukawa on other kaupapa.

Mayor update

- The Mayor reflected on the pōwhiri and thanked iwi for making the day special. Acknowledged and appreciated the translation to allow inclusiveness to non reo speaking attendees.

Ngāti Hinerangi

- Leadership camp being held by the College which will include a hangi.

Ngāti Tumutumu

- Ngāti Hauā and Ngāti Tumutumu are working collaboratively on the largest solar farm in New Zealand, which is being established in Te Aroha West.
- In terms of the poll, should the Māori ward be disestablished for the 2028 elections, MPDC could consider The Māngai Māori model which Hamilton City Council adopted years ago, which would still have Māori involved in some of the committees and have influence within the Council. Plant seeds around representation and being a part of the democratic process.

Extraordinary Business: Whaea Te Ao Marama Maaka Resignation as Te Mana Whenua mō Matamata-Piako Chairperson

CM No.: 2996362

Te Kaupapa | Purpose

The purpose of this report is to hear a late item as requested by Chairperson, Whaea Te Ao Marama Maaka.

Rāpopotonga Matua | Executive Summary

Giving effect to section 46A (7) and (7A) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA) 1987, Whaea Te Ao Marama Maaka, Chairperson of Te Mana Whenua Forum, tabled her resignation, effective 11 February 2025.

Where a matter is urgent, but has not been placed on the agenda, it may be brought before a meeting as extraordinary business. This process gives effect to section 46A (7) and (7A) of the Local Government and Official Information Meetings Act (LGOIMA) 1987.

Whaea Te Ao Marama Maaka has been a member on the forum since its establishment on 8 July 2004, as representative of Ngāti Hauā Iwi Trust, and became the chairperson of the forum in December 2013.

WHAKATAUNGA Ā-KOMITI | COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

That:

1. The forum receives Whaea Te Ao Marama Maaka's resignation as Chairperson from Te Mana Whenua Forum mō Matamata-Piako.

Resolution number AC/2025/00011

Moved by: NH Hill

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor J Thomas

KUA MANA | CARRIED

12:05pm

Mātua Mike Baker performed the closing Karakia and the Chairperson thanked Members for their attendance and attention to business and declared the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD
OF THE MEETING OF TE MANAWHENUA FORUM
MO MATAMATA-PIAKO HELD ON 11 FEBRUARY
2025.

1 April 2025

KO TE RĀ | DATE:

TIAMANA | CHAIRPERSON: