

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 6 August 2024 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
Gary Thompson

Ngāti Hauā

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

Mema Tautoko | Alternate Member
Ms Rangitionga Kaukau

Ngāti Hinerangi

Mr Reece Marsh

Ms Hinerangi Vaimoso

Ngāti Maru

Mrs Kathy Ngamane

Mr Wati Ngamane

Ngāti Rāhiri-Tumutumu

Mrs Jill Taylor

Mr Norm Hill

Ngāti Pāoa

Mr Tahauariki Thompson

Mrs Glenice Puke

Ngāti Whanaunga

Mr Michael Baker

Mr Gavin Anderson

Raukawa

Mr Leo Whaiapu

Mrs Andrea Julian

Ngāti Tamaterā

Minutes completed by:

Kuljeet Kaur

Governance Advisor



Ngā whakapāha | Apologies

Mr Gary Thompson	Apologies accepted
Mr Tahauariki Thompson.	Apologies accepted
Mr Leo Whaiapu	Apologies accepted

Members Present

Name	Organisation	Time In	Time Out
Chair Mrs Te Ao Marama		10.00 am	12.04pm
Maaka	Ngāti Hauā		
Wati Ngamane	Ngāti Maru	10.00 am	12.04pm
Mr Norm Hill	Ngāti Rāhiri-Tumutumu	10.00 am	12.04pm
Mr Reece Marsh	Ngāti Hinerangi	10.00 am	12.04pm
Jill Taylor	Ngāti Rāhiri-Tumutumu	10.04 am	12.04pm
Ms Rangitionga Kauka	Ngāti Hauā	10.00 am	12.04pm
Mrs Andrea Julian	Raukawa	10.00 am	12.04pm
Mr Michael Baker	Ngāti Whanaunga	10.00 am	12.04pm
Mayor Adrienne Wilcock	Matamata-Piako District Council	10.00 am	12.04pm
Deputy Mayor James Thomas	Matamata-Piako District Council	10.00 am	12.04pm

Kaimahi i reira | Staff Present

Name	Title	Item No.
Sandra Harris	Policy, Partnerships and Governance Manager	
Tuatahi Nightingale - Pene	Pou Tūhono Iwi Relationship Management'	
Tamara Kingi	Governance Team Leader	
Kuljeet Kaur	Governance Advisor	
Laura Hopkins	Senior Policy Advisor	8.1,8.2
Olivia Picard	Graduate Policy Advisor	8.2
Carolyn McAlley	Senior RMA Policy Planner	8.3
Nathan Sutherland	Team Leader RMA Policy	8.3

I reira | In Attendance

Name	Position/Organisation	Item	Time In	Time Out
Craig	Ngāti Maru		10.00am	12.04pm
Jade Green	Member of Public		10.00am	12.04pm

1 Whakatūwheratanga o te hui | Meeting Opening

Chair, Te Ao Marama Maaka, declared the meeting open at 10.04am and welcomed the forum members and public. The members were notified the meeting was being livestreamed.

2 Karakia

Michael Baker performed the opening Karakia.

3 Ngā whakapāha | Apologies/Leave of Absence

Apology

WHAKATAUNGA Ā-KOMITI | COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

That the apologies from Cr Gary Thompson, Mr Tahau Thompson and Mr Leo Whaiapu be accepted and leave of absence from the meeting be granted.

Resolution number AC/2024/00001

Moved by: NH Hill

Seconded by: R Kaukau

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 Whākī pānga | Declaration of Interest

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as a member and any private or other external interest.

6 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 Mo Matamata-Piako held on Tuesday, 11 June 2024, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

Resolution number AC/2024/00002

Moved by: Mayor A Wilcock

Seconded by: NH Hill

KUA MANA | CARRIED

NGĀ PŪRONGO A NGĀ ĀPIHA | OFFICER REPORTS

7 Pūrongo me whakatau | Decision Reports

7.1 Introduction of Local Government (Electoral Legislation and Māori Wards and Constituencies) Amendment Bill

CM No.: 2881690

Te Kaupapa | Purpose

The purpose of this report is to give an update of the options provided to Council and allow for discussion. The forum may also provide feedback to Council to be reported at their next formal meeting on 28 August 2024.

Rāpopotonga Matua | Executive Summary

The Local Government (Electoral Legislation and Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Bill (the Act) at the time of writing this report has completed the select committee process and the Justice Committee has reported back to Parliament. The full report can be found [here](#). In short, the majority recommend that the Bill be passed with minor amendments.

The Bill identifies two different groups of Councils that have established Māori Wards. Matamata-Piako District Council falls into 'Group 1' as a Council that established a Māori Ward ahead of the 2022 local elections. Matamata-Piako District Council can either:

Option 1 - Disestablish the Māori Ward and complete a shortened representation review to come into effect in 2025. A full representation review is not available to our Council at this stage.

Option 2 - Hold a binding poll alongside the 2025 local elections with the outcome to come into effect in 2028.

Council must resolve an option at their hui on 28 August 2024.

In 2019, the Local Government Commission (Commission) provided Matamata-Piako District Council an exemption to the +/-10% rule. That exemption continues to apply only to those specific wards, constituencies or subdivision that were non-compliant at the time of approved exemption. This means, if a ward, constituency, or subdivision was compliant when the pre-2020 arrangements were determined but is not compliant when 2023 population estimates are applied, Council may not revert to its pre-2020 arrangements and must carry out a shortened review. A shortened review is carried out under the same provisions as for a normal review but using a different timeline.

In the case of Matamata-Piako District, the representation arrangements that applied at the time of the 2019 election were:

Ward	Population	Members	Population-member ratio	Difference from quota	% Difference from quota
Morrinsville	12,700	4	3,175	18	0.56
Te Aroha	8,230	3	2743	-414	-13.11

Matamata	13,800	4	3,450	293	9.27
Total	34,730	11	3,157		

Source: Stats NZ 2017 population estimates

In its 2019 determination, the Commission upheld an exception to the +/-10% rule in respect of Te Aroha.

Applying 2023 population estimates to these arrangements results in the following:

Ward	Population	Members	Population-member ratio	Difference from quota	% Difference from quota
Morrinsville	13,850	4	3,463	35	1.03
Te Aroha	8,550	3	2,850	-577	-16.84
Matamata	15,250	4	3,813	385	11.24
Total	37,700	11	3,427		

Source: Stats NZ 2023 population estimates

When 2023 population estimates are applied, Te Aroha Ward remains non-compliant at -16.84% and the Matamata Ward becomes newly non-compliant, at 11.24%.

The Commission's 2019 determination did not require an exception to the +/-10% rule in respect of the Matamata Ward. Therefore, if Matamata-Piako District Council wishes to resolve to dis-establish its Māori Ward it would not be able to revert to its pre-2020 representation arrangements in accordance with clause 15 of the Bill. Instead, it would have to carry out a shortened representation review.

Tūtohunga | Recommendation

That:

- The information be received.**
- Te Manawhenua Forum mo Matamata-Piako provides feedback to Council (*feedback to be specified if desired*).**

WHAKATAUNGA Ā-KOMITI | COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

That:

- The information be received.**
- Te Manawhenua Forum mō Matamata-Piako opposes the Bill. The Forum wishes to retain the Māori Ward and would like to progress with the Forum's aspirations.**

Resolution number AC/2024/00003

Moved by: Chair T Maaka

Seconded by: W Ngamane

KUA MANA | CARRIED

8 Ngā Pūrongo Whakamārama | Information Reports

8.1 Adoption of Long Term Plan 2024-2034

CM No.: 2889672

Te Kaupapa | Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Te Manawhenua Forum (the Forum) with an update following the adoption of the Long Term Plan 2024-2034 and the completion of this project and to provide an opportunity for feedback on the following:

- The Long Term Plan project 2024-2034.
- How the Forum would like to engage on the Long Term Plan project for 2027-2037.

Rāpopotonga Matua | Executive Summary

Every three years, Council is required to prepare and adopt a Long Term Plan under the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA). This document sets out the activities, budgets, Financial Strategy, and key financial policies for the Council for the next ten years, and the Infrastructure Strategy for the next 30 years.

Council's final Long Term Plan 2024-2034 was adopted at the Council meeting held on 3 July 2024 and is available to view on our website: <https://ltp.mpdc.nz/>. The plan is centered around affordability with a focus on the 'must do' projects. It's a plan that strikes a balance between what is affordable and essential in these uncertain times, and what the district really needs to progress with to ensure it remains not just a well-serviced community, but a place that puts people at its heart.

This report confirms the decisions made as part of the Long Term Plan process and provides an opportunity for the Forum to indicate how they would like to be involved going forward. It is anticipated that work on the Long Term Plan will be an ongoing process to lessen the burden on staff when it comes to review the plan in the next cycle and to allow for further input from the Forum.

Tūtohunga | Recommendation

That:

1. The information be received.
2. Te Manawhenua Forum provide feedback on the Long Term Plan 2024-2034 project *[feedback to be specified]*.
3. Te Manawhenua Forum provide feedback as to how they how they wish to engage with Council on the Long Term Plan project for 2027-2037 *[feedback to be specified]*.

WHAKATAUNGA Ā-KOMITI | COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

That:

1. The information be received.
2. Te Manawhenua Forum provided feedback that the Long Term Plan 2024-2034 project was brought to the forum late in the piece. They would like more time to engage on future Long Term Plans.

Resolution number AC/2024/00004

Moved by: NH Hill

Seconded by: W Ngamane

KUA MANA | CARRIED

8.2 Te Manawhenua Forum Annual Survey

CM No.: 2893495

Te Kaupapa | Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide an opportunity for Te Manawhenua Forum mō Matamata-Piako (Forum) members to complete the annual Te Manawhenua mō Matamata-Piako (Forum) Survey (Survey) and to ask any further questions of staff that they may have. The results of this survey are reported on in the Annual Report.

Feedback is invited as to how the Survey can be accessible so that all Forum members have the opportunity to have their say.

Rāpopotonga Matua | Executive Summary

Council have undertaken the survey since 2009/10 (apart from 2018/19-2020/21), and results are reported in the Annual Report. The 2023/24 Annual Report is the final Annual Report for the 2021-31 Long Term Plan (LTP) cycle. The 2024/25 Annual Report will begin reporting on the performance measures set out in the 2024-34 LTP.

Tūtohunga | Recommendation

That:

1. Te Manawhenua Forum mō Matamata-Piako are provided with the opportunity to complete the annual Te Manawhenua mō Matamata-Piako Survey.
2. Te Manawhenua Forum mō Matamata-Piako provide feedback as to how Te Manawhenua mō Matamata-Piako Survey can be accessible so that all Forum members have the opportunity to have their say [*feedback to be specified*].

WHAKATAUNGA Ā-KOMITI | COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

That:

1. Te Manawhenua Forum mō Matamata-Piako are provided with the opportunity to complete the annual Te Manawhenua mō Matamata-Piako Survey and asked to receive the feedback summary formally.

Resolution number AC/2024/00005

Moved by: J Taylor

Seconded by: NH Hill

KUA MANA | CARRIED

8.3 Resource Management Update

CM No.: 2890658

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, a description of the changes occurring in Resource Management, an update from the Hauraki Gulf Forum, and information regarding Te Mana Whakahono ā Rohe agreements. Carolyn McAlley is 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), Papakainga (PC54), Fonterra Waitoa (PPC55), Calcutta (PPC57), Avenue Business Park (PPC58), the National Planning Standards and the Resource Management Reform. There is also information regarding Te Mana Whakahono ā Rohe agreements and an update from the Hauraki Gulf Forum.

WHAKATAUNGA Ā-KOMITI | COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

That:

1. The information be received.

Resolution number AC/2024/00006

Moved by: J Taylor

Seconded by: A Julian

KUA MANA | CARRIED

8.4 Iwi Representatives Update

CM No.: 2893103

Te Kaupapa | Purpose

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

Rāpopotonga Matua | Executive Summary

Iwi representatives have the opportunity to provide an update of their activities to the Forum.

WHAKATAUNGA Ā-KOMITI | COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

That:

1. The information is received.

Resolution number AC/2024/00007

Moved by: NH Hill

Seconded by: R Kaukau

KUA MANA | CARRIED

Summary of updates provided:

Ngāti Tumutumu:

- Ngāti Tumutumu have partnered with Ngāti Hinerangi to operate satellites in Matamata and Te Aroha.
- Have been working with rangatahi primarily from Te Aroha and Morrinsville College.
- Mahi on the maunga coming to an end due to the change in funding priorities. Seeking Council feedback on how it intends to maintain the mahi already undertaken by the trust. Specifically, on the reserves as part of their tree settlements.

Ngāti Hauā:

- Acknowledge Ally van Kuijk proactively working on consents.
- Waste water treatment plant project progressing. Working in partnership with Raukawa and Ngāti Hinerangi. Additionally, there are a number of proposed solar farms in the area – there is an uplift in the renewable energy sector. Seeking update on a local solar farm (West Harmony) which is located in West Te Aroha.
- Seeking feedback from communications manager, Andrea Durie, who attended the launch of Tumuake of the Kingitanga book. Noted it was a successful day. The book is now sold out.
- The King's Coronation will be held at Thames Coromandel. It commences on 15 August and will run for 7 days this year. Ngāti Hauā have contributed sugar and butter for 40 years and acknowledged Fonterra for their significant contribution. The event will commence with a pōwhiri. There will be various activities and sports events including kapa haka.

Ngāti Whanaunga

- Acknowledged rangatahi kaupapa 'Manu kōrero' held in Te Aroha. They would like to see the data to come from that and what it actually means. Voting is a significant issue for youth, population growth etc. communications at the hui was Ngā Iwi FM and their communications was Au Kaha. Rangatahi feel a strong connection, believing they own Tainui, Maniapoto, Pare Hauraki stations.

- From an iwi chairs perspective, very disgusted and concerned by the Prime Minister and his whole office. The pressure has created national hui starting with Turangawaewae, followed by Waitangi down to Kahungunu. Huge pressures to keep up and move across the landscape in relation to the policies that are going ahead. Ngā Puhi also refused to stay at Oranga Tamariki when the crown entered. Next will be at Ngāi Tahu area, which shows that that iwi are disillusioned.
- Ngāti Whanaunga is an unsettled iwi – Hauraki has been poorly serviced by the crown and being held back. Needs to be redress for Ngāti Whanaunga and the and Pare Hauraki iwi. Looking for level playing ground for iwi sitting at Manawhenua tables.

Raukawa:

- Focused on protecting the outcomes of settlement. There are discrepancies keeping settlement 7 different ways without co-governance. Continuing conversations/negotiations.
- Clif Kelly looking at elective management of an awa, particularly the Waihou awa. Clif will potentially be a manawhenua representative in place of Andrea.
- Working on resource consent strategy with a number of Council partners. Small iwi but have a big rohe with multiple Councils. Looking to streamline the resource consents to prioritise within their capacity. James Whetu drafted the strategy. Happy to share the strategy as it comes through as it will have information relevant to everyone.
- Working closely with Ngāti Hauā and Ngāti Hinerangi with a lot of resource consents. Happy with the working party approach. Acknowledged the good work that Matamata-Piako has done.

Ngāti Maru:

- District and regional councils provide kaupapa of joint management of environmental assets which includes Ngāti Hauā, Raukawa and Ngāti Hinerangi (with local council). Nothing stopping local authorities to sit with iwi and have initiated conversations prior to settlement (except a will do it). Kaupapa of river and catchment management, could be initiated before settlement is reached. The settlement legislation is not a barrier to this.

8.5 Te Manawhenua Forum Work Programme - Update August 2024

CM No.: 2893599

Te Kaupapa | Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to the forum on the work programme as confirmed for 2024.

Rāpopotonga Matua | Executive Summary

The work programme is a standing item for each forum hui.

WHAKATAUNGA Ā-KOMITI | COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

That:

1. The information be received.

Resolution number AC/2024/00008

Moved by: J Taylor

Seconded by: RM Marsh

KUA MANA | CARRIED

12.08 pm

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 6 AUGUST 2024.

KO TE RĀ | DATE:

TIAMANA | CHAIRPERSON: