

Te Manawhenua Forum mō Matamata-Piako

Mēneti Wātea | Open Minutes



Minutes of an ordinary meeting of Te Mana Whenua Forum mō Matamata-Piako held in the Council Chambers, 35 Kenrick Street, Te Aroha on Tuesday 14 April 2026 at 10:00.

NGĀ MEMA | MEMBERSHIP

Tiamana Chairperson:	Hinerangi Vaimoso	Mema Tūturu Principal Member:	Mema Tautoko Alternate Member:
Ngāti Hauā	Rangitonga Kaukau		Tumohe Clarke
Ngāti Hinerangi	Dianna Vaimoso		Hinerangi Vaimoso
Ngāti Maru	Craig Solomon		Waati Ngamane
Ngāti Rāhiri-Tumutumu	Jill Taylor		Norm Hill
Ngāti Pāoa	Tahauariki Thompson		Glenice Puke
Ngāti Whanaunga	Michael Baker		Gavin Anderson
Raukawa	Leo Whaiapu		Andrea Julian
Ngāti Tamaterā	Arama Ngapo		
Te Kaunihera ā-rohe o Matamata-Piako District Council	Koromatua Mayor: Ash Tanner	Koromatua Tautoko Deputy Mayor: James Sainsbury	Kaunihera ā-Rohe District Councillor: Rewiti Vaimoso

An audio-visual recording of the open session of the meeting is available on Matamata-Piako District Council's website and YouTube channel.

Visit <https://www.mpdc.govt.nz/live-stream> for the most recent meeting livestream.

Recording	Document Reference #	Youtube Link
Te Mana Whenua Forum mō Matamata-Piako – 14 April 2026	3159169	https://www.youtube.com/live/5IClhWfgibE?si=Pr0ZfHXVoSU8BCeT

Minutes prepared by:

Stacey Edwards

Kaitohu Kāwana | Governance Advisor

Ngā whakapāha | Apologies

Tiamana Hinerangi Vaimoso
Whaea Rangitionga Kaukau
Whaea Jill Taylor
Matua Norm Hill
Matua Tauariki Thompson
Matua Craig Solomon attended via audio/visual link from 10:14am

Ngā mema i reira o runga te tūhono ipurangi | Members present via audio/visual link

Name

Mayor Ash Tanner
Matua Tumohe Clarke
Matua Craig Solomon
Matua Michael Baker
Matua Leo Whaiapu
Whaea Andrea Julian
Whaea Arama Ngapo
Deputy Mayor James Sainsbury
Councillor Rewiti Vaimoso

Kaimahi i reira | Staff Present

Name	Title	Item No.
Manaia Te Wiata	Tumu Whakarae Chief Executive Officer	
Stacey Edwards	Kaitohu Kāwana Governance Advisor	
Sandra Harris	Pou Kaupapahere, Rāngai Mahitahi me te Kāwana Policy, Partnerships & Governance Manager	7.2
Tayla Bamber	Kai-whakahaere ā-Tūhono Iwi Relationship Advisor	7.1, 7.3
Kelly Reith	Hautū Rangatōpū, Tāngata me ngā Hononga Group Manager Corporate, People & Relationships	7.1, 7.3
Andy BuBear	Pou Whakahaere Whakararu Emergency Management Manager	8.1
Toka Wolfswood	Āpiha Whakahaere Whakararu Emergency Management Officer	8.1

I reira | In Attendance

N/A

1 Whakatūwheratanga o te hui | Meeting Opening

Acting Tiamana, Mayor Ash Tanner declared the meeting open at 10:04am and welcomed members, staff and those viewing the livestream.

2 Karakia | Prayer

Matua Tumohe Clarke performed the opening karakia.

3 Ngā whakapāha | Apologies/Leave of Absence

WHAKATAUNGA Ā-KOMITI | COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

That apologies from Tiamana Hinerangi Vaimoso, Whaea Rangitonga Kaukau, Whaea Jill Taylor, Matua Norm Hill and Matua Tauariki Thompson be received and accepted.

Resolution number AC/2026/00001

Moved by: Deputy Mayor J Sainsbury

Seconded by: Mātua 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 Whākī pānga | Declaration of interest

Members are reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of the items on this Agenda.

6 Whakaaetanga meneti | Confirmation of Minutes

WHAKATAUNGA Ā-KOMITI | COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

That the minutes of the meeting of the ordinary meeting of Te Mana Whenua Forum mō Matamata-Piako held on Tuesday, 10 February 2026, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

Resolution number AC/2026/00002

Moved by: Mātua TC Clarke

Seconded by: Mātua M Baker

KUA MANA | CARRIED

NGĀ PŪRONGO A NGĀ ĀPIHA | OFFICER REPORTS

7 Pūrongo me whakatau | Decision Reports

7.1 Confirmation of the Iwi Aspirations Statement

CM No.: 3156432

Te Kaupapa | Purpose

The purpose of this report is to present the Te Manawhenua Forum Iwi Aspirational Statement for endorsement, and to seek agreement to progress the statement to Council for consideration as part of the Long Term Plan and wider strategic direction (through strategies and plans).

Rāpopotonga Matua | Executive Summary

The Iwi Aspirational Statement is intended to guide how Te Ao Māori perspectives and mana whenua aspirations can be meaningfully reflected in Council's strategic direction, including the Long Term Plan (LTP). It signals a continued shift toward stronger partnership, more consistent engagement, and greater visibility of iwi priorities across Council decision making.

This report seeks endorsement of the Iwi Aspirational Statement and agreement to progress it to Council for consideration.

WHAKATAUNGA Ā-KOMITI | COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

That:

1. The Iwi Aspiration Statement be received.
2. The Forum recommends to Council that the Iwi Aspirational Statement be received and considered as part of the development of the Long-Term Plan and wider strategic direction (through strategies and plans).

Resolution number AC/2026/00003

Moved by: Mātua TC Clarke

Seconded by: Mātua M Baker

KUA MANA | CARRIED

7 Pūrongo me whakatau | Decision Reports

7.2 Making Good Decisions - Resource Management Act Hearing Commissioner Training

CM No.: 3155920

Te Kaupapa | Purpose

The purpose of this report is to seek a decision on a nomination for a Te Manawhenua Forum representative to undertake the Making Good Decisions Foundation Course to become a Resource Management Act 1991 Hearing Commissioner.

Rāpopotonga Matua | Executive Summary

Te Manawhenua Forum Heads of Agreement states: "Council will pay for a maximum of one representative nominated by the Forum in each three yearly election period to undertake training as a Resource Management Act 1991 hearing commissioner to establish a suitable pool of qualified commissioners. Council may ask the Forum to nominate further representatives if the need arises."

The Making Good Decisions Foundation Course helps councillors and independent commissioners make better decisions under the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA). Commissioners must be accredited to sit on RMA hearing panels.

A copy of the Te Manawhenua Forum Heads of Agreement is attached for information.

Tūtohunga | Recommendation

That:

1. The Forum nominate _____ to undertake the Making Good Decisions Foundation Course - Resource Management Act Hearing Commissioner training.

WHAKATAUNGA Ā-KOMITI | COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

That:

1. Staff to investigate updated training following resource management reform and retrospective funding, and report back to the next Te Manawhenua Forum meeting (June 2026).

Resolution number AC/2026/00004

Moved by: Mātua TC Clarke
Seconded by: Mātua L Whaiapu

KUA MANA | CARRIED

Kōrerorero | Discussion

Nominations for Arama Ngapo (retrospective) and Michael Baker received.

7 Pūrongo me whakatau | Decision Reports

7.3 Retrospective approval of the submission on the Ngāti Rāhiri Tumutumu Claims Settlement Bill

CM No.: 3156005

Te Kaupapa | Purpose

The purpose of this report is to seek retrospective endorsement from the Te Manawhenua Forum for the submission on the Ngāti Rāhiri Tumutumu Claims Settlement Bill.

Rāpopotonga Matua | Executive Summary

This report is asking the Forum to retrospectively confirm the submission already made on the Ngāti Rāhiri Tumutumu Claims Settlement Bill. Forum is also asked to consider whether any changes or further guidance is needed from iwi partners before formally endorsing the Ngāti Rāhiri Tumutumu Claims Settlement Bill, which resulted in a submission being lodged externally on behalf of the Te Manawhenua Forum.

Tūtohunga | Recommendation

That:

1. The Forum receives the report.
2. The Forum retrospectively endorses the submission lodged on behalf of the Te Manawhenua Forum.

OR

3. The forum endorses the submission lodged on behalf of the Te Manawhenua Forum, and requires the following amendments:

OR

4. The Forum does not endorse the submission lodged on behalf of the Te Manawhenua Forum.

WHAKATAUNGA Ā-KOMITI | COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

That:

1. The Forum receives the report.
2. The Forum retrospectively endorses the submission lodged on behalf of the Te Manawhenua Forum.

Resolution number AC/2026/00005

Moved by: Whaea AN Ngapo

Seconded by: Mātua TC Clarke

KUA MANA | CARRIED

8 Ngā Pūrongo Whakamārama | Information Reports

8.1 Civil Defence Emergency Management

CM No.: 3156816

Te Kaupapa | Purpose

The purpose of this report is to update TMF on Council's response to two recent severe weather events in January and February 2026 alongside other CDEM updates.

The report:

- Summarises the nature of the events and Council's operational response
- Highlights what worked well across the organisation and with partner agencies
- Identifies key learnings and opportunities to further strengthen emergency management capability
- Signals emerging considerations for Council as severe weather events become more frequent and expectations continue to evolve.

Provides Local Regional and National CDEM updates including, Local Work Program, iwi/Māori representation on the Coordinating Executive Group, Marae Preparedness, Local Welfare arrangements.

This report is provided for information and awareness, and to support ongoing continuous improvement in Council's approach to emergency management.

Rāpopotonga Matua | Executive Summary

This report updates Te Manawhenua Forum (TMF) on Council's response to severe weather events in January and February 2026, alongside key local, regional, and national CDEM updates.

Council's response to both events was effective, supported by early monitoring, clear leadership, strong cross-team coordination, and timely public communications. Staff across the organisation demonstrated professionalism and flexibility, and the February event highlighted the value of regional mutual aid, with MPDC staff supporting neighbouring councils.

The events have identified opportunities to further strengthen readiness for larger or more prolonged events, clarify escalation arrangements, and manage the increasing pressure that more frequent weather events place on staff capacity and budgets. Learnings will inform ongoing improvements, including planning, training, and a scheduled CDEM exercise in May 2026.

The report also outlines progress on local marae preparedness, proposed improvements to local welfare arrangements, and regional and national CDEM developments, including changes to governance, work programmes, and the evolving legislative context.

This report is provided for information and assurance, and to support Council's ongoing continuous improvement in emergency management capability.

WHAKATAUNGA Ā-KOMITI | COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

That:

- 1. The information be received.**

Resolution number AC/2026/00006

Moved by: Mātua TC Clarke

Seconded by: Mātua L Whaiapu

KUA MANA | CARRIED

Matua Tumohe Clarke performed the karakia to close 10.36am.

10.36 am

The Acting 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
MŌ MATAMATA-PIAKO HELD ON TUESDAY, 14
APRIL 2026.

KO TE RĀ | DATE:

TIAMANA | CHAIRPERSON: