



HEALTHY RIVERS WAI ORA COMMITTEE

Report of the Public Excluded section of the meeting of the Healthy Rivers Wai Ora Committee held at the Waipa District Council, 23 Wilson Street, Cambridge on Monday 16 December 2013 at 7.05pm.

MEMBERS:	Maniapoto Māori Trust Board Trustee Eddie Neha
	Raukawa Charitable Trust Trustee Kataraina Hodge
	Te Arawa River Iwi Trust Trustee Roger Pikia (Co-chair)
	Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board Trustee Maria Nepia
	Waikato Raupatu Trust Trustee Tukoroirangi Morgan
	Waikato Regional Council Councillor Alan Livingston (Co-chair) Councillor Stuart Kneebone Councillor Tipa Mahuta Councillor Theresa Stark
STAFF:	Waikato Regional Council Vaughan Payne (Chief Executive) Clare Crickett (Deputy Chief Executive) Jo Bromley (Project Manager) Wendy Boyce (Social Scientist) Stephen Ward (Senior Communications Advisor) Erin Wilson (Acting Programme Manager Tai Ranga Whenua) Dominique Thurlow (Committee Administrator) Maniapoto Māori Trust Board Chris Koroheke Raukawa Charitable Trust Stephanie O'Sullivan Te Arawa River Iwi Trust Tamara Mutu Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board Dylan Tahau

	Waikato Raupatu Trust Tim Manukau
APOLOGIES:	Councillor Lois Livingston

Disclosures of interest

(Agenda Item 2)

The following interests were disclosed:

Maria Nepia	One of the names put forward for the Collaborative Stakeholder Group is her partner.
Tukoroirangi Morgan	One of the names put forward for the Collaborative Stakeholder Group is a Waikato Tainui tribal member.
Eddie Neha	One of the names put forward for the Collaborative Stakeholder Group is a Maniapoto tribal member.
Roger Pikia	One of the names put forward for the Collaborative Stakeholder Group sits as a Trustee on a Committee that R Pikia chairs, two are friends and others are connected through industry.
Kataraina Hodge	One of the names put forward for the Collaborative Stakeholder Group sits as a Trustee on a Committee that K Hodge chairs, two are friends and others are connected through industry.
Theresa Stark	Member of Federated Farmers and one of the names is a Federated Farmers nominee.

Co-chair Livingston noted that the Collaborative Stakeholder Group appointees have been recommended by the stakeholders, and are not likely to be the subject of debate.

Co-chair Pikia noted that the Waikato is a community where there is a high likelihood of members personally knowing those people put forward.

SECTION A: (UNDER DELEGATION FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL)

SECTION B: (FOR RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL)

Membership of the Collaborative Stakeholder Group

(Agenda Item 6)

The Chief Executive for Waikato Regional Council (V Payne) introduced the Project Manager (J Bromley) and Social Scientist (W Boyce).

The purpose of the report presented by Social Scientist (W Boyce) was to recommend the membership of the Collaborative Stakeholder Group for the Healthy Rivers: Plan for Change/Wai Ora: He Rautaki Whakapaipai project.

During questions, answers and related discussion committee members raised or noted the following matters:

- A concern was expressed that changing the size and composition of the Collaborative Stakeholder Group from what the group had originally recommended at an earlier workshop may be queried by stakeholders.

- It was noted that there was no intention of altering the recommendations that had come forward from the sectors.
- Discussion ensued around the size and composition of the Collaborative Stakeholder Group. The Committee were in support of the increase from 20 to 25 members. Members held the view that any strategy that enables greater community and stakeholder participation will be beneficial for this project going forward.
- Members were also of the view that the names put forward in this process will ensure that the community is well represented and they were confident that there was a good level of representation of the different interests.
- The Committee sought final approval of the resolutions by Co-chair Livingston before being released in the public forum.

Trustee Morgan moved/Cr Kneebone seconded

HR13/3

1. That the report “Membership of the Collaborative Stakeholder Group” (Doc # 2903953 dated 28 November 2013) be received for information.
2. That the three unallocated sector seats be filled by representatives from Māori Interests (2) and the Environmental/Non Government Organisations (NGO) sector (1).
3. That the composition comprise these seat allocations:
 - a. a newly created fourth unallocated sector seat to be filled by a representative of the Rural Professionals (1) sector; and
 - b. an additional four (4) community seats.
4. That the membership of the Collaborative Stakeholder Group, as stated below, be confirmed as delegated by Council:

Sector representatives	Previously allocated (13 seats)	Māori interests	1. Topia Rameka Delegate: to be confirmed
		Dairy	2. Rick Pridmore 3. George Moss Delegate: Charlotte Rutherford
		Sheep and beef	4. James Bailey Delegate: Erica Van Reenen
		Forestry	5. Patricia Fordyce Delegate: Sally Strang, Kelvin Meredith
		Horticulture	6. Chris Keenan Delegate: Eamon Balle
		Local government	7. Sally Davis Delegate: to be confirmed
		Energy	8. Stephen Colson Delegate: Angus Judge
		Environment/NGOs	9. Alan Fleming Delegate: Jim

			Crawford
		Tourism and recreation	10. Alastair Calder Delegate: Kiri Goulter
		Water supply takes	11. Garry Maskill Delegate: Ilze Gotelli
		Industry	12. Ruth Bartlett Delegate: Mike Carrol
		Rural advocacy	13. James Houghton Delegate: Paul le Miere
	Allocated by selection panel (3 seats)	Māori interests	14. Weo Maag Delegate: to be confirmed
		Māori interests	15. Gina Rangi Delegate: to be confirmed
		Environment/ NGOs	16. Tony Roxburgh Delegate: David Campbell
	Possible new seat	Rural professionals	17. Phil Journeaux Delegate: to be confirmed
Community representatives	Existing seats		18. Jason Sebestian
			19. Brian Hanna
			20. Gayle Leaf
			21. Evelyn Forrest
	Possible new seats		22. Hone Turner
			23. Gwyneth Verkerk
			24. Ruthana Begbie
		25. Matt Makgill	

5. That the membership of the Collaborative Stakeholder Group be treated as confidential until all applicants and nominees have been advised.

**The motion was put and carried (HR13/3)
Councillor Stark voted against the motion.**

During questions, answers and related discussion committee members raised or noted the following matters:

- The Committee acknowledged the calibre of the people nominated for the Collaborative Stakeholder Group. It was noted that a number of the nominees have multi faceted roles that provide a wide representation as opposed to a single interest which will be beneficial in progressing this process.
- In response to a question about how the decision of the membership of the Collaborative Stakeholder Group will be communicated, staff advised that individuals will be notified of the outcome via emails and phone calls and also by way of a press release.
- Members asked that the press release include the Committee's rationale for the increase in the size of the Collaborative Stakeholder Group.
- Members wished to emphasise the desirability of enhancing community representation.

The Chief Executive for the Waikato Regional Council (V Payne) outlined the process for the appointment of an interim chairperson for the Collaborative Stakeholder Group. It was noted that the interim chairperson will be appointed for a period of 6 months to enable the group to get up and running. At the end of this period the Collaborative Stakeholder Group will have the ability to appoint its own chairperson. A small panel of Te Rōpū Hautū members have been conducting interviews with people for the role of interim chairperson and it is hoped that a recommendation from the panel will be made later this week.

During questions, answers and related discussion committee members raised or noted the following matters:

- Members of the Committee queried why the Healthy Rivers: Wai Ora Committee was not signing off on the interim Chairperson for the Collaborative Stakeholder Group.
- In response to the question, staff advised that in order to meet the tight timeframes, Council could resolve delegation of this appointment to the Chief Executive to ensure that an interim chairperson was in place for the first meeting of the Collaborative Stakeholder Group in February 2014 meeting.
- It was noted that the appointment of the Chairperson for the Collaborative Stakeholder Group is an interim appointment; however members felt that it was appropriate for this Committee to have an oversight to a permanent appointment at the end of the 6 month period.
- The Chief Executive of the Waikato Regional Council (V Payne) advised members that the interim chairperson is not on the Group to represent any political or community group, they are there for their skills around chairing, facilitation and negotiation and to get the Group up and running.
- Discussion centred on the appointment process from the interim chairperson for the Collaborative Stakeholder Group specifically the tendering process.
- It was suggested that this Committee could delegate to its Co-chairs the ability to review the panellist's recommendation prior to contract appointment by the Chief Executive.

Trustee Hodge moved/Cr Stark seconded

- HR13/4 **6. That the Co-chairs of the Healthy Rivers Wai Ora Committee meet with the panellist's to discuss the preferred candidate for the Interim Chairperson to the Collaborative Stakeholder Group, and that this meeting will occur prior to the appointment of the Interim Chairperson.**

The motion was put and carried (HR13/4)

Cr Livingston moved/Cr Kneebone seconded

- HR13/5 **7. That the report, appendices and minutes associated with Item 6 – Membership of the Collaborative Stakeholder Group be made publicly available once resolution number HR13/3, specifically number 5, has been satisfied.**

The motion was put and carried (HR13/5)

Cr Mahuta moved/Cr Stark seconded

HR13/6 8. That Healthy Rivers: Wai Ora Committee move out of public excluded session back into the Open part of the meeting.

The motion was put and carried (HR13/6)

Return to open meeting at 8.05pm.

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