



MINUTES

**Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao and Mauao
Trust meeting**

Friday, 28 November 2025

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**MINUTES OF TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL
NGĀ POUTIRIAO Ō MAUAO AND MAUAO TRUST JOINT MEETING
HELD AT THE TCC CHAMBERS, L1 – 90 DEVONPORT ROAD, TAURANGA
ON FRIDAY, 28 NOVEMBER 2025 AT 9.30AM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: s 7(2)(f)(ii) Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular, Cr Hautapu Baker, Cr Hēmi Rolleston, s 7(2)(f)(ii)

IN ATTENDANCE:

s 7(2)(f)(ii)

s 7(2)(f)(ii)

s 6(c) - Maintenance of Law

s 7(2)(f)(ii)

s 7(2)(f)(ii)

1 OPENING KARAKIA

s 7(2)(f)(ii) opened the meeting with a karakia.

2 APOLOGIES

APOLOGY

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION NG/25/3/1

Moved: Cr Hautapu Baker

Seconded: s 7(2)(f)(ii)

That the apology for absence received from Cr Rod Taylor and s 7(2)(f)(ii) be accepted.

CARRIED

3 PUBLIC FORUM

3.1 Mount Trailrider

External s 7(2)(a) - Privacy

Key Points

- Shared the origin of the Mount Trailrider initiative, describing how it began after helping an elderly woman who expressed her wish to visit the mount, which inspired the idea to make the outdoors accessible for those with physical limitations.
- s 7(2)(a) - Privacy discovered the trail rider machine via social media and decided to use it to help people reach the summit of Mauao, making the "impossible possible" and created an event

to celebrate and aimed to give back to the community in a meaningful way.

- s 7(2)(a) - Privacy noted he was overwhelmed by the response, noting the Facebook post received 610,000 interactions and generated ongoing interest from families, caregivers and individuals who had not been able to visit Mauao for years. He emphasised that the response to the Event was not just about the ride but more about hope, inclusion and being seen.
- s 7(2)(a) - Privacy recounted the first event day, detailing the nervousness and teamwork involved in getting five people to the top, each taking about two hours, and the joy experienced by participants who had previously been told Mauao was inaccessible to them and thus realising the event was more than a business milestone, it was the beginning of a tradition highlighting the importance of accessibility.
- Noted the awareness of the trail rider asset was low and many people with disabilities lacked the support network needed to participate as the activity required a team effort of at least 7 people.
- Aspired to grow the event to two days and escort 30+ people up the maunga if there was the man power to assist. Spoke about possibly approaching local businesses to give back to the community and volunteer.
- Raised concern that there was currently no mandate for the rider to wear a helmet and requested that Members request this be incorporated in the user guideline for the Trail rider.

In response to questions

- In terms of people assisting and volunteering Sport Bay of Plenty did not assist with this type of activity but Bay of Plenty Steamers rugby team had volunteered to help.
- The Trail rider was currently managed by Mount Campground and there was a criteria for users to exceed in order to book and use the Trail Rider.

Actions requested:

- That staff include in the Operations Report usage information on the Trail rider.

4 ACCEPTANCE OF LATE ITEMS

That the Ngā Poutiriao o Mauao Trust

Accepts the following late item for consideration at the meeting:

- Whare Manaaki Presentation

MOTION

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION NG/25/3/2

Moved: [REDACTED]
Seconded: [REDACTED] s 7(2)(f)(ii)

That Nga Poutiriao o Mauao accepts the late item “Whare Manaaki Presentation” to be discussed at the meeting.

CARRIED

5 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS TO BE TRANSFERRED INTO THE OPEN

Nil

6 CHANGE TO ORDER OF BUSINESS

Nil

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

7.1 Minutes of the Ngā Poutiriao o Mauao meeting held on 12 June 2025

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION NG/25/3/3

Moved: [REDACTED] s 7(2)(f)(ii)
Seconded: Cr Hēmi Rolleston

That the Minutes of the Ngā Poutiriao o Mauao meeting held on 12 June 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

8 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

9 BUSINESS

9.1 Information Report - updated Memorandum of Understanding for Joint Management of Mauao June 2025

Key Points

- The report was taken as read.

Action requested

- That staff provide the members with an update on the allocated funding for Mauao Trust as per the signed Memorandum of Understanding.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION NG/25/3/4

Moved: [REDACTED] s 7(2)(f)(ii)

Seconded: Cr Hautapu Baker

That the Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao:

- (a) Receives the report "Information Report - updated Memorandum of Understanding for Joint Management of Mauao June 2025".
- (b) Records that the MOU was renewed and signed on 12 June 2025.

CARRIED

9.2 Street Use and Public Places Review

Staff [REDACTED] s 7(2)(f)(ii)

Key Points

- Explained that the Council was reviewing the streets and public places bylaw. The review included consultations with [REDACTED] s 7(2)(a) - Private to ensure the bylaw remained relevant for public safety, accessibility, and asset protection.
- A significant amendment was the removal of the requirement for Council permission to sing or perform on public land, specifically to support cultural activities and performances related to the trust, while retaining provisions to manage public nuisance.
- The draft bylaw was opened for public consultation until mid-December, after which feedback will be considered in Council hearings and deliberations.

Discussion points raised

- Committee members discussed the implications of the amendments and agreed that any feedback related to the bylaw should be brought back to the group for further discussion and potential action.
- It was noted that Mauao Trust members would do a submission on the bylaw.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION NG/25/3/5

Moved: [REDACTED] s 7(2)(f)(ii)

Seconded: Cr Hautapu Baker

That the Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao:

- (a) Receives the report "Street Use and Public Places Review".

CARRIED**9.3 Annual Report**

Staff [REDACTED] s 7(2)(f)(ii)

Key Points

- Outlined that the annual report covers several years of trust activities, including governance, cultural heritage protection, placemaking, infrastructure upgrades, visitor safety, event management, and community engagement.
- The Annual Report would be presented to Council first quarter of 2026 with the Chair of Nga Poutiriao o Mauao, Chair of Mauao Trust and relevant staff.

Discussion points raised and actions requested

- Requested that there be an approved media release regarding the Annual Report of positive stories and update from the past 3 years.
- Requested that TCC work with Mauao Trust to align any Communications and ensure joint messaging. Mauao Trust noted they were establishing a communications role within the Trust and communication strategy.
- Requested that any Communications released from TCC be discussed with Mauao Trust.
- It was noted that there was no photo of Nga Poutiriao o Mauao, Mauao Trust and Elected Members. It was suggested a photo be taken at the next meeting.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION NG/25/3/6

Moved: Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular

Seconded: Cr Hēmi Rolleston

That the Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao:

- (a) Receives the report "Annual Report".
- (b) Approves that the information included in this report will form the Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao Annual Report for 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25 for presentation to Council.
- (c) Authorises staff to make any amendments to the annual report as agreed at this meeting prior to presentation to Council.

CARRIED

9.4 Project Updates November 2025

Staff

s 7(2)(f)(ii)

Powerpoint Presentation

Key Points

- The Whare Manaaki project was progressing, with external funding secured and resource/building consent processes underway. The site was located near the campground, with administrative steps to convert road reserve land for project use.
- The project included two pods for administration, kitchen, boardroom, and education purposes, with plans to support school groups and the Katiaki programme. The design aimed to provide a visible and functional presence for the trust.
- The Group agreed to conduct a comprehensive review of the implementation plan, last updated in 2018, aiming to complete the process by mid-next year to inform long-term planning and Council consultations. Staff suggested to establish a working group be formed to work on the review alongside staff.
- Concern was raised around establishing the working group with no terms of reference to clarify the scope of the role and the group felt that it would be best to understand the scope of the role before committing to the working group.

In response to questions

- Committee members discussed parking arrangements, noting the beautiful building being blocked by car parks. Staff noted there were limitations on space for parking behind the building and the need to balance aesthetics with practical access.

Discussion points raised and actions requested

- Noted that in future would like to investigate a larger area to place a Cultural Centre.
- Noted there was support from all three Iwi and most of the hapū to progress with the Whare Manaaki Resource and Building consents.
- The opening date for the Whare Manaaki was March 2026.
- Requested that staff distribute a terms of reference for the working group that included the scope of the role and included remuneration for non-Council/external members. The Group agreed that the communications and nominations for the working group can all be done via email and completed by the end of 2025.
- Requested that staff provide an email update be distributed to the Group regarding S7 – Investigate options for, and implement, Mauao digital story telling.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao:

- (a) Receives the report "Project Updates November 2025".

- (b) Establishes a working group comprising “insert names” (representatives from Mauao Trust) and “insert names” (representatives from Tauranga City Council) to work on the review of Te Mahere Whakamahinga o Mauao (Mauao Implementation Plan).
- (c) Directs staff to commence Mauao Implementation Plan review, in general accordance with the indicative key steps at Table 1.2.

MOTION

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION NG/25/3/7

Moved: Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular

Seconded: s 7(2)(f)(ii)

That the Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao:

- (a) Receives the report "Project Updates November 2025".
- (b) Directs staff to prepare a draft terms of reference for a working group to review Te Mahere Whakamahinga o Mauao (Mauao Implementation Plan) to be shared by email and implemented this calendar year.

CARRIED

Attachments

- 1 PRESENTATION - TE WHARE MANAAKI BUILD latest Version Oct 25

10 DISCUSSION OF LATE ITEMS

The late item was discussed in business item 9.4.

11 CLOSING KARAKIA

Cr Hēmi Rolleston closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 12:01pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed as a true and correct record at the Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao and Mauao Trust joint meeting held on 11 February 2025.