



# **MINUTES**

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

**Wednesday, 16 October 2024**

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**MINUTES OF TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL  
NGĀ POUTIRIAO Ō MAUAO AND MAUAO TRUST JOINT MEETING  
HELD AT THE MOUNT MAUNGANUI LIFEGUARD CLUB,  
DOWNSTAIRS FUNCTION ROOM, 21 ADAMS AVENUE, MOUNT MAUNGANUI  
ON WEDNESDAY, 16 OCTOBER 2024 AT 9.30AM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** s 7(2)(f)(ii) (Chairperson), Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular, Cr Hautapu Baker, Cr Rick Curach, Cr Rod Taylor, s 7(2)(f)(ii)

s 7(2)(a) - Privacy

**APOLOGIES:**

s 7(2)(a) - Privacy

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE:**

s 7(2)(f)(ii)

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

s 7(2)(f)(ii)

s 7(2)(f)(ii)

s 6 - Maintenance of law

s 7(2)(f)(ii)

## **1 WHAKATAU**

s 7(2)(f)(ii) opened the meeting with a karakia at 9:40am

## **2 WHANAUNGATANGATA WITH COUNCILLORS**

Councillors and Trust Members introduced themselves to each other.  
Quorum was gained at 9:54am.

## **3 APOLOGIES**

### **APOLOGIES**

### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION NG3/24/1**

Moved: Cr Hautapu Baker

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular

That Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao:

Receives the apologies of s 7(2)(a) - Privacy and s 7(2)(f)(ii) who has a leave of absence until December 2024, be accepted. s 7(2)(a) - Privacy (late).

**CARRIED**

## 4 PUBLIC FORUM

### 4.1 Mount Maunganui Triathlon - s 7(2)(a) - Privacy

#### Key Points

- s 7(2)(a) - Privacy requested to use Te Ara Tūtanga (base track) as part of the running course for the new Mount Maunganui Triathlon event, to be held on Saturday 5 April 2025.
- It was confirmed that triathletes would start in waves. This meant there would be multiple groups of runners and not all triathlon participants would be competing at the same time.
- It was predicted that the event would see a participatory number of 500-1000 people.
- It was confirmed that there would be no littering from runners on Te Ara Tūtanga as there would be no aid stations. However, event crew would walk the track after the conclusion of the event to pick up any litter left behind.
- Five marshals would be stationed around Te Ara Tūtanga to keep an eye on runners and would make sure that runners were keeping to the left of the track.
- Communication toward participants would be intense before the event stating that they would need to be courteous and to stay on the left-hand side of the track to minimise disruption.

#### In response to questions

- s 7(2)(a) - Privacy had run another event, the half marathon, for 8 years with no complaints from the public.
- s 7(2)(a) - Privacy confirmed that there would be increased communications with the public to notify of the disruption. He stated that for the half marathon, the event would usually communicate 5 weeks out with signs around the entrances to Te Ara Tūtanga.

## 5 ACCEPTANCE OF LATE ITEMS

Nil

## 6 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS TO BE TRANSFERRED INTO THE OPEN

Nil

## 7 CHANGE TO ORDER OF BUSINESS

Nil

## 8 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

## 9 BUSINESS

### 9.1 Mauao Trust Verbal Update

#### Key Points

- The Mauao Trust (The Trust) had continued their strategic plan. The Trust developed their strategy plan and had s 7(2)(f)(ii) and s 7(2)(a) - Privacy be involved with the implementation of the strategy plan.
- The Trust had extended an invitation to the new committee members to a Trust meeting. The purpose was to help inform the new members of the Trust's role within Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao.
- The Trust was seeking funding from Tauranga City Council so that Trust plan's, like the development of a Trust whare, could be put into action.
- It was a desire of the Trust that communication increased between Tauranga City Council and the Trust so that there was alignment on future goals for Mauao.

- The Trust was looking to build a whare at the base of Mauao and was seeking funding. The Trust would share details with the other members once funding was secured.
- Initiatives that the Trust was wanting to prepare included a bird programme, where sections of Mauao would become restricted so that the native bird population could increase in number with minimal interruptions from people.
- It was a major desire of the Trust to restore the mana of Mauao. The Trust wanted to become more proactive in the care for Mauao and introduced potential boundaries to put in place to protect Mauao. For example, initiating an annual Rāhui on Mauao during the winter.
- The new committee members thanked the Trust for the invitation to their meeting and looked forward to it.

### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION NG3/24/2

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

Seconded: s 7(2)(a) - Privacy

That Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao:

- (a) Receives the report "Mauao Trust Verbal Update"

**CARRIED**

## 9.2 Appointment of Deputy Chairperson of Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao

### Key Points

- Cr Hautapu Baker was nominated on behalf of the other Tauranga City Councillors.
- It was requested that Council review the appointment of the Deputy Chair in early 2025 pending the return of s 7(2)(f)(ii) to Council.

### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION NG3/24/3

Moved: Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular

Seconded: Cr Rick Curach

That the Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao:

- (a) Receives the report "Appointment of Deputy Chairperson of Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao".
- (b) Recommends that the Council will review the appointment of Deputy Chair of Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao in early 2025 pending the return of s 7(2)(f)(ii) to Council.
- (c) Recommends to Council that Councillor Baker be appointed as the Deputy Chair of Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao.

**.CARRIED**

## 9.3 Operational Report

Staff: s 6 - Maintenance of law

### Key Points

- Took the report as read but highlighted key information
- The updated Pulse 2 monitoring results:
  - Rats – 0%
  - Mice – 25%
  - Invertebrates – 37%
- There had been 272 rabbits have been shot and controlled since July 2024.

**In response to questions**

- Feral cats will always exist but there had been no confirmed kills of feral cat for the month. It was advised that when contractors shoot rabbits, the opportunity to shoot feral cats will be taken. However, because of the urban area surrounding Mauao, feral cat sightings would continue to be an issue.
- There was currently no koha being paid to use the Maunga for paragliders. There was discussions around starting this initiative.
- Monitoring systems are installed in the signage. These signs are maintained by city operations.
- There was no data available at the time around the usage of the disability chairs. These chairs are operated by the campground at the base of Mauao. It was confirmed that this data would be available at the next meeting.
- There were questions about installing artificial bird baths around Mauao to encourage bird numbers. It was mentioned that fresh water springs (puna) already exist for birds and that the birds know that they exist. Furthermore, the Trust was looking to implement a programme to encourage bird activity in the area.
- The Kaitiaki volunteer programme was utilised when the need arose. s 6 - Main and s 7(2)(a) - Privacy communicate to the Kaitiaki when their help was needed. The Kaitiaki mainly operated as a presence on Mauao to help remind users of the guidelines that were put in place.

**Discussion points raised**

- It was requested that Tauranga City Council staff to help facilitate communication between Ngā Poutiriao, the Trust and the public.
- There was a complaint from the members that the new concrete path lacked grip and friction. It was foreseen that this could be a potential health and safety hazard for users climbing Mauao. Staff would investigate this claim and consider what could be done to fix this.
- It was reflected that there was no consequences for those that broke the guidelines put in place for use of Mauao. Therefore, it was questioned if enforcement was needed to be installed.

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION NG3/24/4**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular

Seconded: Cr Hautapu Baker

That the Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao:

- (a) Receives the Operational Report for October 2024.

**CARRIED**

**9.4 New Event Request - Mount Maunganui Triathlon****Key Points**

- The members reflected on the public forum presentation.
- It was believed that the event would have a large impact on passive users therefore the request was denied.
- The Trust believed that Mauao needed to have regular Rāhui periods. This opinion had driven most of the discussion around new event requests.
- The Trust firmly believed with the increase of paragliding accidents it was time to consider banning the activity on Mauao.
- The Trust believed that all future activity on Mauao should be passive.
- It was determined that while a criteria was being drafted that the Joint Committee would look at organised events on Mauao on a case by case basis.

A workshop was proposed and accepted to review new event request acceptance criteria.

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION NG3/24/5**

Moved: Cr Rod Taylor

Seconded: s 7(2)(a) - Privacy

That the Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao:

- (a) Receives the report "New Event Request - Mount Maunganui Triathlon".
- (b) Not approve the requested new annual Event.

**CARRIED**

**9.5 Project Update**

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

**Key Points**

- Took the report as read.
- It was up to the members to determine whether fencing or seating was installed first.
- It was a desire to upgrade the wayfinding and storytelling on Mauao however the current Arataki app is too huge and QR codes would work better. The Takawaenga Maori team was working with staff on the details and the results would be reported back at a later date.

**In response to questions**

- The whole fencing structure should have a long life due to strong foundations and treated wood.
- There was the opportunity to introduce signage on the fencing. This would influence how people view the fencing, outside of its primary design of restricting movement.
- The proposed seating would replace the picnic tables to dissuade bringing food onto Mauao and help avoid any unnecessary confrontation on tapu behaviour that the Kaitiaki had to deal with.

At 11:44 am s 7(2)(a) - Privacy left the meeting.

**Discussion points raised**

- The draft letter that would be sent to the Tauranga City Council for consideration, would first be sent to the Trust for sign off.

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION NG3/24/6**

Moved: Cr Hautapu Baker

Seconded: Cr Rick Curach

That the Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao:

- (a) Receives the report "Project Update".
- (b) Approves the scope of proposed work programme for the 2024/25 financial year.
- (c) Approves that the information included within this report will become the content of the Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao Annual Information Report (2024/25) for presentation to Council (TCC).
- (d) Authorises staff to make amendements to the content of this report as agreed at this meeting, prior to presentation of the Annual Report (2024/25) to Council.

**CARRIED**

## **10 DISCUSSION OF LATE ITEMS**

Nil

## **11 CLOSING KARAKIA**

Cr Hautapu Baker closed the meeting with a karakia

**The meeting closed at 11:48 am.**

**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 12 February 2025.**

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s 7(2)(a) - Privacy

**CHAIRPERSON**