



MINUTES

**Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao Meeting
Wednesday, 2 June 2021**

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**MINUTES OF TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL
NGĀ POUTIRIAO Ō MAUAO MEETING
HELD AT THE TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL, KAIMAI ROOM, 91 WILLOW STREET,
TAURANGA
ON WEDNESDAY, 2 JUNE 2021 AT 9.30AM**

PRESENT:

§ 7(2)(a) - Privacy § 7(2)(f)(ii)
§ 7(2)(f)(ii) § 7(2)(a) - Privacy
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IN ATTENDANCE:

§ 7(2)(f)(ii)

1 OPENING KARAKIA

§ 7(2)(a) - Privacy opened the meeting with a Karakia.

2 APOLOGIES

APOLOGY

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION NG2/21/10

Moved: § 7(2)(a) - Privacy
Seconded: § 7(2)(f)(ii)

That apologies for absence be received from § 7(2)(a) - Privacy
and § 7(2)(a) - Privacy be accepted.

CARRIED

At 9.37am, § 7(2)(a) - Privacy entered the meeting.

3 PUBLIC FORUM

3.1 Presentation on Placemaking and Interpretation Design Guide by Law Creative

External [REDACTED] s 7(2)(a) - Privacy

A copy of the presentation for this item can be provided upon request.

Key points

- Since 2018, the working group had been holding workshops to discuss and finalise the Placemaking & Interpretation Design and signage family.
- Linchpin to the project was being mindful of the archaeology and ecology of the Maunga and therefore treated timber was not used and using ground screws negated any digging.
- Permeance was a key factor in choosing stone for carvings of cultural manifestations.
- Three locations were earmarked for fencing for the purposes of safety and discouraging access to areas of cultural significance (such as terracing) or archaeology.
- Rather than having too many placemaking signage, heavy reliance would be placed on digital story telling via apps/Bluetooth beacons/Augmented reality as well as by guides.
- Wayfinding systems were designed to assist the visitor navigate the maunga safely and also stipulated behavioural expectations on Mauao.
- Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga (Heritage NZ) had been assisting in identifying archaeological sites and areas of significance on Mauao.
- Storytelling was yet to be finalised but would assist greatly in educating visitors about Mauao as well expected behavioural norms whilst on the Maunga.
- Track entrance beautifications would be achieved by the Pou posts and anchor stones.
- The Stone Jetty signage would be removed and upgraded.
- The Weaving Platform was discussed in greater detail.
- The puna (spring) was an area of immense significance because washing and anointing was done there by ancestors.
- Two areas of ecological importance would have custom ecology interpretation signage.
- All carvers were approved and/or nominated by the Mauao Trust.
- The proposed earthen terraces would be built by using non-invasive techniques and exotic trees would be phased out to make way for the terraces.
- The summit would have a buried mauri stone and on top of it a celestial compass and touchstone were going to be installed.

At 10.05am, [REDACTED] s 7(2)(a) - Privacy entered the meeting.

In response to questions

- Fencing was a deterrent but not a failsafe against unwarranted access.
- An impact assessment survey has been undertaken and data was being collected from track counters along established tracks to monitor and minimise track damage.
- Ongoing monitoring also took into account visitation growth in order to forecast maintenance and protection.
- It was acknowledged that events do put stress on the Maunga's tracks, and that damage was also caused by visitors venturing away from the established tracks.
- The bollards at the entrances were removable.
- The Mauao Trust would be involved in any decisions regarding sponsorship signage as well as the Te Kuia and puna signage.

Discussion points raised

- The puna had dried out after piping was installed to get water for the steamboats (historical).
- The end of the financial year deadline was putting pressure on adoption of the Design Guide and required the approval from Mauao Trust (in this meeting).

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION NG2/21/11

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

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

That Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao accepts the presentation on Placemaking and Interpretation Design Guide by Law Creative.

CARRIED**Attachments**

- 1 Presentation - Law Creative

4 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**4.1 Chairperson's Verbal Report**

Chair s 7(2)(a) - Privacy Chairperson Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao (NPoM)

Key points

- The Chairperson deferred his verbal update to next NPoM meeting to provide extra time for the Law Creative presentation.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION NG2/21/12

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

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

That Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao accepts deferment of the Chairperson's verbal report.

CARRIED**5 ACCEPTANCE OF LATE ITEMS**

Nil

6 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS TO BE TRANSFERRED INTO THE OPEN

Nil

7 CHANGE TO ORDER OF BUSINESS**CHANGE THE ORDER OF BUSINESS****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION NG2/21/13**

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

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

That Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao amends the order of business so the next item of business is 10.7

CARRIED

8 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

8.1 Minutes of the Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao Meeting held on 7 April 2021

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION NG2/21/14

Moved:

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

That the minutes of the Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao meeting held on 7 April 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record subject to the following correction/s:

- s 7(2)(a) - Privacy name be replaced with s 7(2)(a) - Privacy name.

CARRIED

9 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

10 BUSINESS

10.7 Mauao Implementation Plan: Project Updates

Staff

s 7(2)(f)(ii)

Key points

- Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) had provided guidance and granted permission on repositioning of the survey mark and the removals of the beacon and the trig station.
- Surveyors could not see the beacon due to the trees and foliage in the area.
- The trig station and beacon would be stored in the TCC Heritage Collection centre for posterity.

Discussion points raised

- The Mauao Trust represented ownership of Mauao and should not be 'given' permission to do things because it was not the correct consultative approach.
- Such an approach did not take account of the mana of the Mauao Trust being the determining authority and therefore it should not be the one seeking permissions.
- The Mauao Trust was charged with the protection, preservation and education of the Maunga; tasked to look after Mauao so that it could benefit future generations.
- A meeting between LINZ, Heritage New Zealand, and Mauao Trust was required to discuss points of difference such as granting of permissions from these organisations to the governing body of Mauao.
- The views of the Mauao Trust should not be watered down but rather be taken as instructions and directives from the custodians of the Maunga.
- When ownership was granted to Trustees, they were told to act like the owners of Mauao.
- The Mauao Trust was the policy making body and the Administration Board (Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao) was the implementation arm of those policies.
- Tauranga City Council (TCC) are the partners of Mauao Trust in the delivery of the aspirations of the Mauao Trust.
- Heritage NZ operated under a legal framework however they were not there to dictate to Mauao Trust on what to do and would like to have a holistic relationship.
- Mauao Trust requested further discussions regarding the Placemaking and Interpretation Plan so that any and all concerns could be mutually addressed.

- Current processes and frameworks were being challenged in the current socio-political and environmental era.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION NG2/21/15

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

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

That Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao:

- (a) Accepts letting the report lie on the table to be presented in the next Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao meeting after discussions with the Mauao Trust are concluded.

CARRIED**10.1 Mauao Trust Strategic Plan****Representative:** s 7(2)(a) - Privacy Chairperson Mauao Trust

A copy of the presentation for this item can be provided upon request.

Key points

- The vision and mission of the Mauao Trust Strategic Plan was discussed.
- Mauao Trust sought to achieve a number of goals within its plan including establishing where Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao (NPoM) was positioned in the decision-making process.
- There needed to be more involvement and participation of Ngai Te Rangi, Ngāti Ranganui and Ngāti Pūkenga in the affairs and kaitiaki of Mauao.
- Mauao Implementation Plan had been a consideration and aspiration of Mauao Trust and they had been happy with progress made by NPoM.
- After the COVID-19 closure of the Maunga, the Mauao Trust realised that the care plan for Mauao was not inclusive of iwi and Tangata Whenua, and their kaitiaki role.
- The Mauao Trust Strategic Plan was strategic in terms of Tangata Whenua involvement in the management and care of the maunga in partnership with TCC and other stakeholders.
- The wellbeing of Mauao was pivotal to the strategic plan and the embodiment of Mauao was critical to the care plan and actions around implementing these.
- It was the Mauao Trust's expectation that actions would be implemented by Mauao Kaitiaki.
- TCC was thanked for supporting and funding the review of the Mauao Trust Strategic Plan.
- Mauao was much deeper than just being a recreational place, it was a place of significant socio-cultural importance.
- The Mauao Trust Strategic Plan had a five-stage goals action plan (see slide 4) and there were five key focus areas with actions attached to them (see slide 5).

Discussion points raised

- The NPoM Chairperson, on behalf of the Board and TCC, stated that the clarity and direction provided by the Mauao Trust with regards to its aspirations was timely, well received, and welcomed.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION NG2/21/16

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

Seconded:

That the Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao receives the Mauao Trust Strategic Plan.

CARRIED**Attachments**

- 1 Presentation - Mauao Trust Strategy Overview 2021

10.2 Long Term Plan (LTP) Verbal Update

Staff

s 7(2)(f)(ii)

Key points

- Consultation and engagement were currently underway for TCC's LTP.
- The Mauao Trust Strategic Plan adoption fitted nicely into the LTP consultation dates and it was recommended for it to be included in a Mauao Trust submission to the LTP.

Discussion points raised

- On 14 June 2021, the LTP hearings would start followed by LTP deliberations; it was anticipated that the LTP would be adopted by July 2021.
- The first hearing session was going to be held on Te Whetu Marae, the second session in Council Chambers, and the last session at the Mount Maunganui Club.
- The Commissioners had stressed that it was important for Tangata Whenua, iwi/hapū, and the Mauao Trust to make submissions.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION NG2/21/17

Moved:

s 7(2)(a) - Privacy

Seconded:

s 7(2)(f)(ii)

That the Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao receives the Long Term Plan Verbal Update.

CARRIED

10.3 Marine Facilities Strategy Overview

Staff

s 7(2)(f)(ii)

Key points

- Mauao Trust's aspirations, plans, ambitions and goals were timely in terms of the Marine Facilities Strategy Overview (MFSO) and its development.
- Staff wanted to have further discussions with NPoM, Mauao Trust and Te Rangapū Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana for guidance on the development of the MFSO.
- Demand from recreational and commercial activity to access the harbour was growing considerably and, when combined with limited funds, was placing pressure on the existing marine facilities network and its maintenance.
- Currently, a strategy for the marine facilities did not exist and decision-making was being done in an ad hoc basis which was why a strategy was needed.
- The aim of the MFSO was to provide clear direction and decision-making processes regarding marine facilities and its usages.
- There were two phases in place: Phase 1 was happening in the 2021 and consisted of information gathering with all stakeholders on issues and opportunities as well as future use of marine facilities including a stock-take of asset information from all territorial authorities; Phase 2 would be undertaken in 2022 to identify any further work on information gaps as well as respond to any matters raised in Phase 1.

In response to questions

- The Reserve Management Plan provided some guidance on Pilot Bay and the Stone jetty.
- A waka landing site could be considered in the MFSO.

Discussion points raised

- Mauao Trust was jurisdictionally limited to Mauao and given the scope for MSFO was harbour wide, it was recommended that the Tauranga Moana Advisory Group would also be an

appropriate forum to present to.

- Mauao Trustee [REDACTED] s 7(2)(a) - Privacy offered to assist and work with TCC staff on the MFSO, particularly with regards to a waka landing site.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION NG2/21/18

Moved:

Seconded: [REDACTED] s 7(2)(a) - Privacy

That the Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao:

- (a) Receive the Marine Facilities Strategy Overview report for information and feedback.
- (b) Staff to organise a workshop with Mauao Trust to discuss the Marine Facilities Strategy.

CARRIED

10.4 City Events Strategic Plan and Events on Mauao

Staff

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

Key points

- A strategic plan for events was currently underway and it would consider all types of events.
- Currently there was no up-to-date strategy or policy direction for events in the city.
- The intention for any policy or strategy was for it to be city wide and for the community rather than just about TCC.
- The Reserve Management Plan provided some guidance on events.
- Staff sought advice and feedback from NPOM and Mauao Trust on a list of considerations contained in a table on Paragraph 12 of the report (pages 26-27 of agenda).
- It was important that events were aligned to Mauao Trust's strategic plan and goals which would then also provide gatekeeping for the types of permitted events.

In response to questions

- It was anticipated that the City Events Strategic Plan was to be adopted by December 2021.
- There was no koha arrangements currently in place for events held on Mauao however it was recommended that this be discussed in further detail.

Discussion points raised

- Waitaha a Hei had requested to be kept up to date with respect to these discussions.
- A hui between NPOM and Mauao Trust was to be organised and feedback provided to staff developing the City Events Strategic Plan and Events on Mauao.
- Mauao Trust was concerned about the number of activities on Mauao and recommended that the strategic plan had a care plan to address activities by the way of policy.
- It was common practice for participants to usually pay a user fee towards events, and this could be explored for Mauao.
- The historical context and cultural background on Mauao should be provided in the front of any strategy; storytelling was important and helped inform decision-making.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION NG2/21/19

Moved:

Seconded: [REDACTED] s 7(2)(a) - Privacy

That Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao:

- (a) Provides direction on development of an events decision-making framework for Mauao

(and wider considerations if applicable), and that this direction is incorporated into the City Events Strategic Plan and its implementation.

- (b) Staff to organise a workshop with Mauao Trust and Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao to discuss City Events Strategic Plan and Events on Mauao

CARRIED

10.5 Activities on Mauao: Decision-Making Process Options

Staff

s 7(2)(f)(ii)

Key points

- The report was taken as read.
- Page 31 (in agenda) contained the next steps for Activities on Mauao: Decision-Making Process Options; staff sought approval from Mauao Trust to workshop the next steps.

Discussion points raised

- Given the discussions that had taken place at this meeting, and consideration of the Mauao Trust's presentation on its strategic plan, it was evident that deeper korero was required between all stakeholders.
- Mauao Trust and NPoM agreed that staff would organise a workshop to discuss the next steps.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION NG2/21/20

Moved:

s 7(2)(a) - Privacy

Seconded:

s 7(2)(f)(ii)

That Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao agrees to:

- (a) Further discussion on Activities on Mauao: Decision-making Process Options, be held through a workshop, including representatives from the Mauao Trust and relevant TCC staff, with timing and logistical details to be determined.

CARRIED

10.6 Resting of Mauao Options

Staff

s 7(2)(f)(ii)

Key points

- The closure of maunga during COVID-19 and its subsequent rejuvenation benefits had established the need to discuss future resting periods for Mauao.
- Staff recommended that a workshop was a prudent way to approach and discuss resting options.
- TCC's legal and community relations teams would be included in the workshop.

In response to questions

- The outcomes sought from the workshop were outlined in the report (page 35 of Agenda).

Discussion points raised

- A wānanga workshop had to be completed first before formal workshops that involved legal opinions, policies, and matters of legislation.
- The first workshop should discuss the Mauao Trust's Strategic Plan, and this would then inform outcomes for subsequent workshops.
- The decision to rest the Maunga required the storytelling not to be about disruptions or

cancellations of events but rather about the need for the wellbeing and rejuvenation of the Maunga; storytelling should be about Mauao and not the activities and events on it.

- Clarity in terms of jurisdiction, responsibilities, and decision-making delegations between NPoM and Mauao Trust should be defined during the workshop.
- Tangata Whenua would not oppose resting of the Maunga and the resting itself could open up other areas for recreational activities such as Papamoa Hills or McLaren Falls.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION NG2/21/21

Moved:

s 7(2)(a) - Privacy

Seconded:

That Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao agrees to:

- (a) Further the discussion of options for resting Mauao annually through a workshop including representatives from the Mauao Trust and relevant TCC staff with timing and logistical details to be determined.

CARRIED

10.8 Operational Report

Staff

s 6 - Maintenance of law

Key points

- A synopsis of recent success stories was provided and detailed information on these are contained in pages 40-41 (of agenda).
- People, Plants, Schools (PiPS) were very thankful and appreciative to be allowed to carry out their kaupapa on Mauao.
- The temporary steps had been successfully removed without any damage to archaeological areas and the removal had been vetted by Heritage NZ.
- Pest control was working well, and improvements were underway.
- Aerial weed control of pampas was successful and using Māori wardens was really well received.
- Waipatukakahu Restoration Plan was signed off by NPoM pending approval of the planting plan and community engagement regarding removal of non-native oaks and other exotics; a discussion between NPoM and Mauao Trust was recommended.

In response to questions

- The sheep on Mauao were owned by TCC and were a natural weed control measure and by default protected the archaeological areas.
- The planting would bring the bush-line down and would give the landscape more curvature rather than the current harsh line.
- Sheep grazing would be controlled by fencing so that the planting was not affected.
- Native grasses were being trialled and the hope was these would eventually overcome exotic grass.

Discussion points raised

- The rock placemaking option was chosen for the Puna area.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION NG2/21/22

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

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

That the Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao:

(a) Receives the Operational Report for June 2021.

CARRIED**11 DISCUSSION OF LATE ITEMS****11.1 Updated Mauao Map & Guide Brochure.**

A copy of the tabled document for this item can be provided upon request.

- The updated Mauao Map & Guide Brochure, which incorporated corrections and feedback from the previous NPOM meeting, was tabled and circulated.

Attachments

- 1 Tabled Item - Updated Mauao Map & Guide Brochure

STAFF ACTION

Staff to organise a workshop or workshops based on the discussions from the meeting and feedback provided by Mauao Trust. It was requested that the workshop be held on a marae.

12 CLOSING KARAKIA

s 7(2)(a) - Privacy closed the meeting with a Karakia.

The meeting closed at 12.05pm

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed as a true and correct record at the Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao meeting held on 22 September 2021.

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CHAIRPERSON