

## MEETING NOTES

SUBJECT	<b>Whaitua Te Whanganui-a-Tara meeting notes</b>
WHEN	Monday 29 June 2020, 12.30-3pm
WHERE	Zoom
ATTENDEES	Zoe, Wayne, Jonny, Pat, Sean (until 2.30), Louise, Tui, Quentin, Hikitia, Sam
APOLOGIES	Roger, Anya, Kara, Naomi, Pete, Ros
PROJECT TEAM	Tim, Phill, Emily O., Kat, Denise, Glen, Matt, David, Emily T., Onur, Helen, Sharyn, John, Angela, Al

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### Agenda

1. Karakia and welcome
2. Co-chairs' update
3. Approve previous meeting notes
4. Committee member recent events and engagement round
5. Updates and opportunities from Councils
6. Te Kāhui Taiao update
7. Mayoral Taskforce update
8. Aotearoa Town Hall update
9. Subgroups
  - a. Comms & Engagement subgroup update
  - b. Policy subgroup updated issues list
10. Project team report back
  - a. July-September meeting calendar
  - b. Other actions and updates
11. Close and karakia

### Actions

- Project Team to ensure the harbour and coast are adequately captured in the updated list of issues from the Policy Subgroup.
- Project Team to explore options for reporting status of the Ruamāhanga and Te Awarua-o-Porirua WIPs on the GW website.
- C&E Subgroup to seek engagement opportunities with developers.
- C&E Subgroup to seek an opportunity for a meeting with all councillors, e.g., upcoming Regional Growth Framework meeting.
- TKT to provide an update on the timing of sharing their work back with the Whaitua Committee following the wananga on Saturday 4 July.
- Committee to email Emily questions on water allocation and water quality in the urban environment for the Aotearoa Town Hall meeting.

- C&E Subgroup to develop place for Committee members to share notes from their discussions with the community on Have Your Say to feed into engagement information.
- Project Team to add context to the issues list about how the Committee will use them.
- Project Team to check in with Committee members at regular intervals for feedback and to offer support as needed.
- Project Team to ask Mike Mendonca, WCC, to present to a future committee meeting
- Project Team to provide outline on next steps to the end of 2020 for discussion.
- Project Team to consider how the Small Groups will report back to the full Committee.
- Committee members to contact Emily if they would like to attend other Small Group discussions.

## Discussion

Gabriel opened the meeting with a karakia.

### Co-chairs' update

Over the past few weeks we've had a series of Small Group meetings, Policy and Comms & Engagement Subgroup meetings, Te Kāhui Taiao meetings, and a Committee session with Eugene Doyle. The Science Subgroup will meet on Friday 3 July and Pat is organising another Committee session with Taputeranga Marine Reserve Trust. Subgroups will continue to meet on an as needed basis.

Committee meetings will be held every three weeks for more than two hours over the next few months. We will be able to meet in person and offer the flexibility of joining via Zoom. There can be challenges with some members attending on Zoom and others in person, however, we will take the best practices from our Zoom meetings forward with us.

### Approve previous meeting notes

Amendment to be made to the 8 June Committee meeting notes:

- In the section on "Current Whaitua Implementation presentation," add that a request was made about whether the status of the Ruamāhanga and Te Awarua-o-Porirua WIPs could be made available on the GW website.

Additional discussion points:

- Clarification that the regulatory recommendations in the WIP will be referred to Te Upoko Taiao – Natural Resources Plan Committee for incorporation into the Natural Resources Plan through a plan change process.
- After the WIP is received, if the Committee is interested, Council can test the intent and wording with the Committee during the plan change process. The Project Team will provide as much information as possible on what is likely to come up in the Section 32 analysis of options so that direction offered by the WIP is less likely to be altered during the plan change.
- Suggestion was to form an "Implementation subgroup" to stay together beyond the completion of the WIP to monitor how the WIP is being implemented.
- Project Team to ensure the harbour and coast are adequately captured in the updated list of issues from the Policy Subgroup.

### Committee member recent events and engagement round

Committee member roundtable on the questions: *Where has the whaitua work come up in conversations in your world? What are some of the themes, issues and reflections?*

- Sean – Bringing in Stu Farrant’s work on WSUD to conversations about WCC’s Annual Plan, Spatial Plan, and Long Term Plan. There will be a series of public meetings in the engagement process for each plan and an opportunity to present on water issues, featuring the whaitua. Update on Mayoral Taskforce included below.
- Wayne – Speaking to colleagues in the Mayoral forum. There is now more awareness and interest in the whaitua process with the public starting to ask for more information, especially about costs.
- Hikitia – Important for the Whaitua Committee to stay connected with the WCC Mayoral Taskforce so that there’s a joined up narrative for the community. Update on Te Kāhui Taiao included below.
- Jonny – Participated in a planting day for his local community group and talked with the organiser about WSUD, identified areas for potential wetlands and the increase in rates that would be required.
- Pat – All are invited to the Friends of the Hutt River winter plunge. Engagement with the candidates evening for Lower and Upper Hutt before the elections. Talked about whaitua at Orongomai marae. Will be organising a Committee session with Nicola Miller, president of the Wellington Underwater Club.
- Zoe – Working on getting in touch with student organisations, keen to hear from students and seek opportunities to connect. Made initial contact with Whitirea and various women’s networks including the National Committee for Women in NZ.
- Sam – TKT will be developing an engagement strategy. They have discussed ideas such as social media, newsletters and in person hui on marae with Ngāti Toa and Taranaki Whānui in partnership. Also having conversations with wider whanau and work colleagues.
- Gabriel – Cleanfill located on banks of the Wainuiomata River has been raised as an issue since local elections last year as there was a sewage plant there that closed in the 90s. There have been council breaches in terms of the conditions and a Cleanfill Community Liaison Group has been formed to work on an alternative location, which Gabriel is involved in. Winter planting is underway. GW is taking next steps on the moratorium on water bottling from three community boards last year. In the rebuilding of Taputeranga marae, there have been conversations about integrating wetlands and WSUD into reconstruction. Kara has been involved in Wainuiomata community board discussions about new papakāinga housing, opportunity for korero with developers. Documentary film on [Tapu Te Ranga Marae](#) available until 5 July.
- Tui – Talking with other councillors about how HCC could be doing better with developments at the operational level and the need for better infrastructure. Important for public to learn about alternatives to slow water down further up the catchment to prevent flooding.
- Quentin – Co-chair of the Regional Biodiversity Group, which includes former members of the Ruamāhanga and Te Awarua-o-Porirua Whaitua Committees. There are strong areas of overlapping interest including freshwater fish and biodiversity, and riparian protection. Sharing topics the Whaitua Committee is exploring with local community on Facebook group, it helps to use the issues to draw people in. Facilitated a session on cats as it relates to the predator free issue with a group of people with diverse views and three councillors in attendance. It was a constructive conversation with good feedback and prioritisation as an outcome. Possible to explore a similar conversation on water which may be less controversial with tangible topics for discussion. Attended Council meeting that mentioned local concerns in the Akatarawa Forest about 1080 and its effects on water quality. It could be relevant to Wainuiomata and Orongorongo in this whaitua.
- Louise – The Committee session with Eugene Doyle went well and he put forward good ideas and challenges, which will help feed into the Whaitua’s thinking and comms work. Gave a short update to the GW Environment Committee, councillors were impressed that the Whaitua Committee has kept up momentum during lockdown. Recent Makara/Ohariu

planting info day, Jamie Peryer ran a practical session on how to do it well, Louise shared a brief pitch on the Whaitua Committee and mentioned they would engage with the rural community soon. Drafted a letter to rural landowners, and personalised letters to Federated Farmers and Beef & Lamb. She will speak to the Ohariu Women's Guild in August, which includes longtime landowners in the area.

Breakout groups on the questions: What is a community group that you would like to engage with? How would you like to move their thinking?

- In Wallaceville, UHCC initially advised developers of what type of development they wanted to see (incl re water mgt) and developers then incorporated it into their plans.
- We need to also "sit with" developers and get their perspectives. Our committee should meet with them and ask "have you thought about doing xyz?"
- We could recommend training/education options for developers on WSUD.
- Comms & Engagement Subgroup to progress engagement with developers.
- Put challenging questions on Friends of the Hutt River Facebook page: on toxic algae, swimming holes, water sensitive urban design, culverts stopping fish passage, cross-connections. Re-raise some of these issues at a Candidates evening.
- Councils Youth, Young Nationals, Young Labour Teams, Greens, etc.

#### **Updates and opportunities from Councils**

- Continuing conversations with councillors and working on LTPs and District Plans.
- Suggestion to invite all councils to get together in one room for a collective workshop. Possible to tag onto an existing meeting, e.g., Regional Growth Framework. Comms & Engagement Subgroup to follow up on opportunity for a meeting of all councillors.

#### **Te Kāhui Taiao update**

- TKT will have a wananga on Saturday 4 July to discuss the mana whenua values table that is being developed, confirm the Terms of Reference for the Māori Expert Panel and develop a comms plan between the two iwi.
- TKT will provide an update on the timing of sharing their work with the Whaitua Committee following the wananga on Saturday 4 July.
- Suggestion to organise a session similar to the Committee's first meeting on Matiu/Somes Island or on a marae.

#### **Mayoral Taskforce update**

- The information presented to the Taskforce reinforces what the Whaitua Committee has learned.
- Offer for Mike Mendonca to present to the Whaitua Committee.
- The Taskforce will need to socialise their ideas with stakeholders as they get towards the end of their process.
- Focussed on internal operations at WCC but it will impact on other councils as well.
- Looking at examples of water metering in Australia and how to start that conversation in the Wellington context.
- Considering opportunities with brownfield development, blue and green infrastructure, and Let's Get Wellington Moving.

#### **Aotearoa Town Hall update**

- ATH has been postponed to Monday 10 August at 7pm.
- Five panellists have been selected to be confirmed.

- Committee to email Emily questions on water allocation and water quality in the urban environment for the ATH.
- Change terminology from water allocation to water use, which is better understood by the general public.

#### **Comms & Engagement Subgroup update**

- The Subgroup met twice last month to discuss an updated engagement plan and rural engagement.
- GW Customer Engagement to support marketing tactics (through Facebook, the GW website, Neighbourly, radio ads, etc.) and development of collateral.
- The engagement plan will reflect the current deliberations phase of the Committee.
- A generic mailer has been sent to the Waitua email list letting groups know how they can engage with the Committee. Individual Committee members have signed up to send personalised emails to the groups they are connected to.
- Zoe is leading a refresh of the Have Your Say page and will be updating questions on the discussion board based on policy issues from the Small Group meetings.
- Louise to circulate the letter that will be mailed to rural landowners.
- C&E Subgroup to develop a place for Committee members to share notes from their discussions with the community on Have Your Say to feed into the engagement database.

#### **Policy Subgroup updated issues list**

- The Policy Subgroup met to refine the issues list and add any issues that were missing.
- Potential for 1080 to be folded into the discussion on source and aquifer protection.
- The harbour and coast will partly be covered through the wastewater and stormwater discussions but should be made explicit. The Coastal Expert Panel was scheduled to meet in April and May but it has been delayed until August.
- Wetlands and lakes have been added.
- Climate change and mana whenua values are cross-cutting matters across all issues and will be covered in each issue small group.
- Recognised that the wording of issues is imperfect but provides a doorway into discussions and can be refined by the Small Groups.
- Reflection that it is helpful to have expert advisors at Small Group meetings to help inform the discussion and it's an opportunity for councils to hear about areas for improvement.
- Uncertainty about the purpose of the issues list. Questions raised – how can we use the issues list in engagement? Are these issues in peoples' minds? How will the issues support the development of the WIP? How will it guide the Committee's analysis? How do the issues relate the analytical framework developed by the Policy Subgroup last year?
- There are multiple ways to analyse the issues in terms of potential sources, impacts, contaminants and the vulnerability of the receiving environment.
- Understanding that the issues are a vehicle for discussion. The evidence base for each issue should help build towards informed solutions.
- See the connections between the mahi of the Waitua Committee, Mayoral Taskforce and WWL Committee. It's important to help the community understand the whole system and costs involved.
- Project Team to add context to the issues list about how the Committee will use them.

#### **Project Team report back**

- The Project Team provided a two month meeting calendar for July and August.
- Each Committee member has one Small Group meeting per fortnight with the full Committee meeting every three weeks. Meeting dates can be adjusted based on availability.

- Small Group rounds may vary depending on the issue.
- Any member can join any small group by contacting Emily in advance
- Project Team to check in with Committee members at regular intervals for feedback and to offer support as needed.
- Project Team to provide outline of next steps to the end of 2020 for discussion.
- Project Team to consider how the Small Groups will report back to the full Committee.
- Committee members to contact Emily if they would like to attend other Small Group discussions.
- Project Team to complete outstanding reports for 2019 and Values

The next Committee meeting will be in person (and Zoom will be available) at the GW Council Chambers. It will include reporting back on Small Group meetings and engagement updates.

Louise closed the meeting with a karakia.