

Whaitua Te Whanganui-a-Tara Committee – Meeting 3 Notes

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Wellington Water Office, Petone

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Attendees

Te Whanganui-a-Tara Whaitua Committee:

Gabriel Tupou, Wayne Guppy (until 12pm), Louise Askin, Pat van Berkel, Peter Matcham, Quentin Duthie, Zoe Ogilvie (until 12pm via Zoom), Jonny Osborne, Kara Puketapu-Dentice, Morrie Love, Paul Swain, Roger Blakeley, Tui Lewis, Peter Gilberd (from 12pm), Naomi Solomon

Apologies: Anya Pollock, Hikitia Ropata

Project Team:

Tim Sharp, Jon Gabites, Phill Barker, Shane Parata, Anna Martin, Richard Sheild, Mark Heath, Emily Osborne (GWRC), Onur Oktem (WCC), David Burt (HCC), James McKibben (UHCC), Paul Gardiner (WWL), Grace Katene (Ngāti Toa), Pekaira Rei, Tamahau Rowe (PNBST)

Apologies: Arpan Mukherjee, Jane Clunies-Ross (GWRC), Helen Bolton (WCC)

Action points

Project Team:

- Amend Meeting 2 notes (as per meeting notes below).

- Provide a paper on the role of a facilitator if one were to be employed, outlining their relationship with co-Chairs and the Project Team drawing on lessons from previous Whaitua Committees.
- Schedule discussion in a future meeting on the two completed WIPs (Ruamāhanga and Te Awarua-o-Porirua) and Ngāti Toa Statement on Te Awarua-o-Porirua WIP,
- Invite Stu Farrant (Te Awarua-o-Porirua Whaitua Chair) to a future meeting.
- Provide access to a shared workspace on SharePoint site.
- Provide communications and engagement actions from previous two Whaitua to subgroup.
- Provide talking points from the field trip speakers.

Committee:

- Subgroup to meet with GW communications and engagement team for further discussion and present back to Committee at Meeting 4.
- Kara to send a revised version of the kawa framework document to the Committee.

Actions in Progress:

- Project Team to provide Committee with a brief summary of the Ruamāhanga Whaitua timeline and types of issues they addressed.

Decisions reached

- Amend Meeting 2 notes (as per meeting notes below).
- Establish a subgroup for communications and engagement.
- Louise Askin elected as co-Chair of the Committee.

Meeting notes

Kara opened the meeting with a karakia and welcomed the Committee to Wellington Water. Tim chaired the meeting and introduced new members of the Project Team: Grace Katene from Ngāti Toa, and Pekaira Rei and Tamahau Rowe from Taranaki Whānui.

Session 1: Meeting start

Tim Sharp (Whaitua Programme Manager, GWRC)

Topic: Meeting 2 Notes

- Paul requested the notes be amended to more accurately reflect the conversation on facilitation. Changes in bold as follows:
 - Page 2:
 - Delay the contracting of facilitator support until co-Chairs are elected. Facilitator will be chosen to be a light and flexible role and suit the approach of the co-Chairs, **“if necessary”**.
 - Page 4:
 - Facilitator engages members in dialogue **“if necessary”**.
 - Page 5:

- Facilitator “**may be**” needed to manage more difficult conversations during meetings and design effective workshop sessions for complex or special content.
 - Agreed by Committee. (Motion moved by Naomi and seconded by Roger.)
- Committee requested a paper on the role, duty, and function of a facilitator, and explain the facilitator’s relationship with co-Chairs and Project Team. Agreement that leadership should come from the co-Chairs rather than facilitator (should one be employed). Include information on how these roles have worked together in previous Whaitua Committees for any lessons to be learned.

Topic: Updates on PT actions

- SharePoint site to launch during week of 15 April, which will include a place for discussion and collaboration among Committee members, and store all meeting documents.
- Copies of Te Awarua-o-Porirua WIP and Ngāti Toa Statement provided to all Committee members. These documents are very relevant to inform the TWT process. Committee requested an opportunity to discuss the previous two WIPs and Ngāti Toa Statement at an upcoming meeting, and suggested Stu Farrant (Te Awarua-o-Porirua Chair) and Naomi as speakers.
- Noted that some actions are still in progress.

Topic: Communications & Engagement memo to the Committee

- Conversation about communications and engagement strategy, and the need for it to be driven by the Committee for their direct engagement. Discussed the need for clarity of purpose, distinct for communications and engagement, before methods and strategy can be developed. Committee requested that the memo be withdrawn and updated by the subgroup.
- Committee requested communications and engagement actions from previous two Whaitua Committees to identify lessons learned and gaps (which groups were they unable to reach).
- Decision to form a subgroup to work with Jon and Arpan (GWRC), including Zoe, Pete M, Louise, Quentin, and possibly Naomi (tbc). Subgroup to present back to the Committee at Meeting 4.

Session 2: Framework subgroup update

Kara Puketapu-Dentice

Kara presented the draft framework document developed by the subgroup. The document includes a purpose statement, pepeha, and kawa. Positively received by the Committee.

Discussion:

- The four principles laid out under Ngā kawa are drawn from the Whanganui River model. Discussed the essence of each one and agreed it would be useful to include English equivalent and number them as below.
 - Ko Te Kawa Ora - 1. Kawa of life
 - Ko Te Kawa Wai - 2. Kawa of water
 - Ko Te Kawa Tiaki - 3. Kawa of guardianship
 - Ko Te Kawa Piripiri - 4. Kawa of bringing pieces together
- Discussed the definition of the Whaitua Te Whanganui-a-Tara, which although is the name for the harbour, is also the name for the full whaitua as provided by mana

whenua at the beginning of the process. Agreed to articulate the boundary points of the catchment.

- Difficult to capture the meaning from te reo. Mana whenua will consider an alternative translation to “ultimate life principles” for “kawa.” Need to use language that can be generally understood.
- Suggestion to personify the whaitua as a useful framing for communications.
- The final section may not be needed but should be saved separately.
- Kara and Phill to collate these changes and send a revised version to the Committee.

Session 3: Co-chair election

Kara spoke about the strengths and approach he brings to the co-Chair role. Anya, Louise, and Zoe each prepared 5 minute video presentations as co-Chair nominees. After watching the videos, the Committee voted on blind ballots and Louise was elected as co-Chair. Emily destroyed the ballots.

Session 4: Wellington Water presentations

Paul Gardiner (Principal Advisor, RMA and Environment); Eugene Stansfield (Manager Service Planning); Fraser Clark (Principal Advisor, Strategy); Steve Hutchison (Chief Advisor Wastewater) from Wellington Water – [see presentation](#)

Wellington Water was asked to present to the Committee based on questions that arose in Meeting 2. The purpose of the presentation was to inform the Committee of Wellington Water’s structure, governance, investment strategy, current projects, and provide background for wastewater challenges. The objective was for the Committee to understand how their recommendations can influence infrastructure management and investment decisions.

Topic: Introduction and governance – Paul Gardiner

- Wellington Water is a Council controlled organisation owned by 5 client councils (WCC, HCC, UHCC, PCC, GWRC)
- Role is to plan and deliver three waters services (drinking water, wastewater, and storm water) to the Wellington region on behalf of 5 councils
- Wellington Water provides management advice, councils own assets, set LTPs and budgets
- Note that Wellington Water is responsible to councils, not individual ratepayers, very complex and political issue

Topic: Strategic issues – Fraser Clark

- Customer outcomes: safe and healthy water, respectful of the environment, resilient networks support our economy
- Emerging challenges: maintenance and operations, lots of aged assets, 50-80k projected population growth, climate change, weather events
- Importance of engaging with councils to prioritize water
- Raises question of costs, how fast a project can be completed depends on how much ratepayers are charged

Topic: Investment decision making – Eugene Stansfield

- Measures performance and service gaps to identify program and timeframe options
- Smart investment approach aims to maximize customer outcome benefits

Topic: Future Service Study – Fraser Clark

- Future Service Study formed to get clear on problems we're trying to solve
- 2 major drinking water sources: Wainui and Kaitoke treatment plants on Hutt River, projected to run out by 2040
- Estimated domestic use is 220L per person per day in Wellington, research opportunity to understand how much people consume, raise awareness and connection to water
- Working towards a regional approach to water management, circular rather than linear economy, water sensitive design

Topic: Wastewater network – Steve Hutchison

- 4 separate catchments in whaitua serving 420,000 people
- 250 overflow locations if wastewater system fails, 1-12 overflows per year in heavy storms, constructed overflows are best engineering practice

Session 5: Wainui water treatment plant

Mark O'Sullivan (Senior Operations Technician, Wellington Water); Jimmy Young (Principal Ranger, GWRC)

Mark and Jimmy led a tour of the Wainuiomata water treatment plant and the water intake site. Discussion on abstraction process, minimum flows, and discharge of supernatant.

Session 6: Black Creek site visit

James Flanagan (Senior Engineer, Flood Protection, GWRC); Mark Heath (Senior Environmental Scientist, GWRC)

Tui spoke about urban development in Hutt City and Gabriel shared from his perspective as a long term resident of Wainuiomata. Morrie talked about mana whenua values along the way.

James and Mark presented on the complexity of issues represented at Black Creek, speaking to issues (and previous mistakes) of flood management and ecological values.

Talking points from the field trip speakers will be sent to the Committee in a follow-up email.

Gabriel closed the meeting with a karakia.

Next meeting: 13 May 2019 at the Hutt City Council Chamber.
