
Hearings and Engagement Committee

Komiti Whiriwhiri Kaupapa

OPEN MINUTES

(He Pou Manawa Ora Strategy)

Minutes of a meeting of the Hearings and Engagement Committee held in Council Chamber, Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton and Audio-visual Link on Wednesday 24 March 2021 at 1.00pm.

PRESENT

Chairperson Cr M Gallagher
Heamana

Deputy Chairperson Cr E Wilson
Heamana Tuarua

Members

- Mayor P Southgate
- Deputy Mayor G Taylor (Audio Visual)
- Cr M Bunting
- Cr M Forsyth (Audio Visual)
- Cr R Hamilton
- Cr D Macpherson
- Cr K Naidoo-Rauf (Audio Visual)
- Cr R Pascoe
- Cr S Thomson (Audio Visual)
- Cr M van Oosten
- Cr A O'Leary (Audio Visual)
- Maangai T P Thompson-Evans

In Attendance

- Maangai N Hill
- Sean Hickey – General Manager Strategy and Communication
- Muna Wharawhara – Amorangi Maaori
- Ani Nock – Community Advisor
- Jarred Wilson – Kaiwhakahaere Hapori
- James Clarke – Director Mayor's Office
- Raewyn Napier – Business Support Coordinator

Governance Staff

- Amy Viggers – Governance Team Leader
- Carmen Fortin, Tyler Gaukrodger, Narelle Waite – Governance Advisors

The meeting was opened with a karakia from Kaumatua Tame Pokaia.

- 1. Apologies – Tono aroha**
Resolved: (Cr Gallagher/Maangai Thompson-Evans)

That the apologies for absence from Crs Pascoe, Forsyth, Maangai Rau and Te Ua, for partial attendance from Cr Bunting (Council Business) and Naidoo-Rauf are accepted.

2. Confirmation of Agenda – *Whakatau raarangi take*

Resolved: (Cr Wilson/Cr Macpherson)

That the agenda is confirmed.

3. Declarations of Interest – *Tauaakii whaipanga*

No members of the Council declared a Conflict of Interest.

The following members of public spoke to He Pou Manawa Ora (the strategy) engagement:

[Jeremy Mayall \(Creative Waikato\)](#)

Mr Mayall spoke to his submission in support of He Pou Manawa Ora, noting the holistic approach of the strategy, toi and Maaori focus on creative endeavours.

Cr Pascoe joined the meeting (1.11pm) during the above submission.

[Wikitoria Tane](#)

Ms Tane spoke to her submission in support of He Pou Manawa Ora, noting territorial engagement with Mana Whenua including engagement with Iwi in the development of this strategy.

[Carolyn Hopa](#)

Ms Hopa spoke to her submission in support of He Pou Manawa Ora and the pou in the benefits for Maaori and non-Maaori alike. She responded to questions from Members regarding budget and funding implementation of the strategy, and the environment.

[Wiremu Puke \(Ngati Wairere - Ngati Koura\)](#)

Mr Puke spoke to his submission, noting uncertainty regarding funding and implementation as a ratepayer, and transparency in decision-making. He responded to questions from Members regarding exclusion of financial ramifications, reasons for any opposition to vision and direction of the strategy.

[Lillian Wikitoria Pompey-Paki](#)

Ms Pompey-Paki spoke to her submission, outlining what prosperity would look like for Maaori in Hamilton and requested additional Maaori resourcing and support within the community.

[Dr Gaurav Sharma \(Member of Parliament\)](#)

Dr Sharma spoke to his submission in support of He Pou Manawa Ora, and the positive outcome of empowering young people, maaori communities, and supporting maaori health initiatives. He noted that further work was required for deliverable outcomes. He responded to questions from Members regarding financial support for Matariki celebrations in Hamilton.

[Ana Kirk](#)

Ms Kirk spoke to her submission, noting her support for koorero maaori but concern that a focus on larger entities which would shadow voices of Mana Whenua who may not be part of these entities. She requested further engagement that aligns with Mana Whenua and tikanga. She responded to questions from Members regarding best ways to communication with rangatahi.

[Kataraina Berryman \(Te Runanga ō Kirikiriroa\)](#)

Ms Berryman spoke to their submission, noting that they were involved in the development of the strategy. She outlined the need to ensure accountability, and how best to ensure that rangatahi are supported. She responded to questions from Members regarding recommendations by the Runanga on measuring outcomes.

Marleina Ruka (Te Ohu Whakaita Charitable Trust)

Ms Ruka spoke to their submission in support of He Pou Manawa Ora, noting that it recognises consultation and partnership with Maaori. She outlined the need for adequate resourcing to support change, opportunities for leadership roles for Maaori within Council, establishment of an equity committee to enable sufficient progress, and Matariki. She responded to questions from Members regarding wider consultation with Maaori stakeholders, Maaori representation, funding opportunities, difference between Mana Whenua and Maaori, and partnerships opportunities with the Trust and Council.

Horiana Henderson

Ms Henderson spoke to her submission, noting that the strategy did not go far enough in supporting Maaori, nor recognising the lack of tino rangatiratanga. She further outlined a need to include Maaori in decision making and explained that she felt that the strategy did not address key concerns regarding wellbeing in areas where Maaori are vulnerable. She responded to questions from Members regarding addressing the gaps in the strategy.

Claudine Waitere

Ms Waitere spoke to her submission in support of He Pou Manawa Ora, noting the aspirations of the document, and participation and partnership with maaori networks. She responded to questions from Members regarding opportunities to hear submissions in a more supportive environment such as a marae, how to ensure outcomes of the strategy are achieved, and actions for Council to take to support wider conversations.

Thomas Reding, Anrika Beumer, and Ivirangi Moore (Rototuna Junior High)

The presenters spoke to their submissions, noting their support of the inclusion of other cultures within the pou and wellbeing projects. They agreed with the pillar of prosperity, celebration of cultures including maaori culture, however, encouraged partnership within all cultures. They responded to questions from Members regarding strengthening broader cultural richness and equality within the city.

Cr O'Leary retired from the meeting (3.01pm) during the above submission.

Era Peihopa and Vicky Young (Te Papanui Enderley Community Trust)

The presenters spoke to their submission in support of He Pou Manawa Ora, noting an appetite for more kaupapa maaori, to re-introduce maaori place names, and rejuvenating the Te Papanui forest. They responded to questions from Members regarding the re-naming opportunities, initiatives of the Trust, and support of multi-stakeholder considerations.

The meeting was adjourned from 3.15pm to 3.24pm.

Cindy Dargaville (Māori Equity and Health Improvement - Waikato District Health Board)

Ms Dargaville spoke to their submission in support of the He Pou Manawa Ora and their support of the Pou particularly as they relate to health. She suggested changes to word choice within the strategy to support accuracy and inclusion, ensure Te Tiriti principles are embedded throughout, the need for widespread education of te reo maaori, and a commitment to using maaori-owned businesses. She responded to questions from Members regarding implementing a social procurement model, and collaborating on health outcomes within the community.

Lady Tureiti Moxon (Te Kohao Health Ltd)

Lady Moxon spoke to their submission in support of He Pou Manawa Ora. She noted improvements could be made including a broader lens and the inclusion of Te Tiriti o Waitangi articles within the

document. She requested the Council consider changing city placenames to reflect history, accessibility of diagnostics and health care to Maaori, Maaori Wards, social housing and infrastructure investment to enhance communities. She responded to questions from Members regarding multi-culturalism, how to encourage strategy outcomes, vision for partnership, sovereignty concerning local government, and collaborative drive of the strategy.

Janny Puamanuka (United Families for Justice)

Ms Puamanuka spoke to their submission, and noted a need for parents to have mental health and community support. She responded to questions from Members regarding funding of the organisation, and what local government do to assist in the area of wellbeing.

Cr Bunting retired from the meeting (4.00pm) during the above submission.

Jahvaya Wheki

Ms Wheki spoke to her submission, noting the lack of partnership and representation, the need for further engagement of young people and Maaori, and changing the city crest and name. She responded to questions from Members regarding encouragement of engagement with rangatahi.

Cr Naidoo-Rauf retired from the meeting (4.09pm) during the above submission.

Jo Wrigley and Hauauru Brown (Waikato Environment Centre T/A Go Eco)

The presenters spoke to their submission in support of He Pou Manawa Ora, noting a need for continued conversation with Maaori to finalise the strategy. They acknowledge the value of partnerships with Maaori and the strategy's support of important conversations with those partners, and education of our history. They responded to questions from Members regarding strengthening kaitiakitanga and partnerships, and encompassment of social procurement.

H. Malcolm Oatway

Mr Oatway spoke to his submission in opposition to He Pou Manawa Ora, the strategy document and that in his opinion there was a lack of consideration of other cultural groups.

Paul Barlow

Mr Barlow spoke to his submission in opposition of He Pou Manawa Ora, noting that in his view the strategy as unfair, undemocratic, encouraged division, and did not accurately represent Hamiltonians.

Stanley Wong

Mr Wong spoke to his submission in support of He Pou Manawa Ora. He outlined how it could lead to opportunities to present maaori culture within the community, including more workplace programmes to inspire young Maaori in careers relating to tikanga and te ao maaori, historic storytelling at tourist destinations, and cultural art in the community.

Hannah Huggan

Ms Huggan spoke to her submission in support of He Pou Manawa Ora, noting environmental benefits are empowered through the strategy, importance of a maaori viewpoint in decision-making, and a need for consideration of whakapapa.

Geoff Lewis

Mr Lewis spoke to his submission in opposition to He Pou Manawa Ora, noting the strategy would create unequal treatment, and suggested that the strategy be re-developed to cover issues which faced Hamiltonians. He responded to questions from Members regarding partnership considerations of Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

Jay Komene (Waikato Bomb Club / Drop Bombz)

Mr Komene spoke to their submission, noting that their mahi to making Waikato Te Awa safe for all swimmers and the work needed to achieve this and their kaitiaki. He responded to questions from Members regarding inclusion of Wellington Street Beach proposals within the Long Term Plan and the restoration of te awa strategy.

Robin Johnson

Mr Johnson spoke to his submission, noting the role of the library in telling the history of Hamilton, the underrepresentation of Maaori within Council, and expressed the need for succession planning within Council. He responded to questions from Members regarding succession planning, mentoring, and role of the library in executing the strategy.

Alex Theron

Ms Theron spoke to her submission, noting that Hamilton is bi-cultural, the requirement for remediation, training, and partnership, including training and support for skilled jobs. She suggested additional funding through partnership, and succession planning. She responded to questions from Members regarding representation and utilising toi to tell different stories.

Te Kopa King (Protect Nukuhau)

Mr King spoke to his submission, noting a need of more consultation with Maaori, Maaori voices in decision-making over and above recognised iwi and hapuu, and the environment of Hamilton. He responded to questions from Members regarding achieving the cultural and environmental outcomes, and Mana Whenua status.

Nia Suez

Ms Suez spoke to her submission in support of the He Pou Manawa Ora noting importance of maaori voices on maaori issues and inclusion of maaori history and whakapapa. She responded to questions from Members regarding historical storytelling in Hamilton.

4. He Pou Manawa Ora Engagement

The report was taken as read. Members requested the following points be addressed in the deliberations report to the Community Committee meeting of 18 May 2021:

- next steps and action points;
- funding and budget;
- connection with Maaori Representation Review/Wards;
- strengthening partnerships;
- measurements and feedback mechanisms;
- engagement with youth;
- celebration of Matariki;
- multi-culturalism and cultural inclusion;
- engagement at marae;
- Hamilton City Council logo and crest;
- street names;
- collaborative spaces;
- vocabulary and terms used;
- education including Council roles;
- connecting Key Performance Indicators and intentions;
- succession planning;
- statistics of Rototuna High School submissions;
- submissions analysis;

- social procurement; and
- infrastructure in low decile areas.

Resolved: (Cr Pascoe/Cr Macpherson)

That the Hearings and Engagement Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) hears and considers verbal submissions on the He Pou Manawa Ora – Pillars of Wellbeing Strategy community engagement process (held from 3 February 2021 to 4 March 2021); and
- c) notes that a Deliberations Report including full analysis from the community engagement process will be brought to the Community Committee meeting for consideration and recommendation to Council on 18 May 2021.

Deputy Mayor Taylor re-joined the meeting (5.33pm) during the above discussions. He was present when the matter was voted on.

Mayor Southgate retired from the meeting (5.35pm) during the above discussions. She was not present when the matter was voted on.

The meeting was declared closed at 5.50pm.