
Horowhenua District Council & Hokio Environmental Kaitiaki Alliance Inc. Landfill Agreement Project Management Group

MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of Horowhenua District Council & Hokio Environmental Kaitiaki Alliance Inc. Landfill Agreement Project Management Group held in Tararua Room, Horowhenua District Council, Oxford Street Levin on 3 March 2020 at 3.00pm.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson/s	Jenny Rowan & Lisa Slade
Members	David Moore
	David Clapperton
Horizons Representative	Cr Sam Ferguson
Project Manager	Greg Carlyon
Meeting Secretary	Natasha Breen

Deputy Mayor Jo Mason joined the meeting at 4pm.

Welcome and Karakia

David Moore opened the meeting with a Karakia

Apologies

None

Jenny welcomed Cr Sam Ferguson to the Meeting.

Confirmation of Previous Meeting Minutes – 12 February 2020

Greg has been in discussions with Tonkin and Taylor regarding updating the reports and will continue to follow up.

Moved: Jenny Rowan Seconded: David Clapperton

“THAT the Meeting Minutes of 12 February 2020 be accepted”

CARRIED

Actions from Previous Meetings

Meeting with Tatana's

David C advised that he has met with the Tatana's who indicated they are willing to look at an exchange. The Tatana's will discuss this proposal with family and come back to David C with a response in the next few weeks.

David C advised that Tatana's have ceased placing hard fill on the land until an agreement reached.

If there is a need for water to go through a wetland, spring water is located at the back of one of Tatana's properties

The PMG discussed the potential for the Tatana's to be involved in the Restoration Process.

David M noted that if hard fill is required to cap a cell then there is a stockpile available.

PMG to brief Council

To be decided after the meeting with the Mayor and the Council Workshop on 4 March.

There was discussion on the process that Council needs to follow and the importance of ensuring the decision making process is robust.

David C explained that tomorrow's briefing is a workshop with no reports.

David M referred to the MWH presentation (from a previous briefing) and asked how different Chris's might be? David C responded that Chris has a lot more detail.

David M expressed his surprise to the MWH presentation and his disappointment to not being privy to it 6 months ago. David also expressed the need to be open with each other and a no surprises approach. Group discussion on this took place.

Jenny noted that David M and herself are there in good faith with a commitment to closing the Landfill.

Muaupoko CIA Discussion and Social Impact Assessment

Jenny advised that she has contacted Tamarangi of Muaupoko and Bronwyn Kerr has contracted MTA.

Greg stated that the process allows for the commission of a Social Impact Assessment and a Cultural Impact Assessment.

A draft Social Impact Assessment has been received from Bronwyn Kerr today. Group discussion on this took place and it was agreed that Greg will Write to Bronwyn (to be sent by the co-chairs) requesting that the Social Impact Assessment is not circulated.

Greg suggested that a Statement of Impact replace the Cultural Impact Assessment to address the issues around the notion of early closure and that Muaupoko Cooperative Society and Muaupoko Tribal Authority are met with separately. Greg also suggested that Jenny Project Manage The Apology.

David M commented that the Truth and Reconciliation Process is always quite painful.

Jenny advised that she is pleased the Social Impact Assessment has been completed and that there is substance to work with. Jenny, David M and Greg will meet with Bronwyn.

David C advised that the timing of Social Impact Assessment process going forward has to be managed well.

David C asked what the purpose of the CIA is in the context of this project.

Greg responded they are about the social or cultural effects associated with early closure.

There was group discussion on this tamarangi and mana whenua of the site.

Complaints Procedure

Greg C has provided Greg Bevan (HRC) with a draft, Greg will confirm his regions contribution, the idea is to get a consistent and all agreed complaints process for odour with both Councils logos.

David M handed out a flyer that is being distributed by Christine Moriarty (attached for records)

Greg advised that it needs to include that a report has been commissioned to review odour and flare management for the past year.

David M raised that each September HRC undertakes a Compliance Report on the Levin Landfill and there has not been one completed for 2019. Cr Sam Ferguson advised he will follow up.

Court Proceedings – Suggestion for Council Contribution

Greg advised that Council and Parties were to report to the Court on 27 February. Council provided its feedback being; not to stand in the way of the Community seeking an extension of time. The Community has sought an extension of time to this week. Greg suggested writing a letter that the community may provide to the Court stating Council is committed to a Special Consultative Process, which will be concluded by October. David C confirmed that himself and Mayor Wanden could sign it.

Odour Assessment (Annual)

Covered earlier in the meeting

The Apology – Standing Item

David M suggested creating a working party, he thinks it is becoming a point of contention with the Community as it has been 9 months since the agreement was signed and The Apology was meant to be completed within 3 months.

Greg clarified that The Apology is not late and does not occur until 3 months after proceedings have been withdrawn because an agreement has been reached.

The Apology will come from both The Mayor and David Clapperton to Ngati Pareraukawa and The Hokio Community.

Deputy Mayor Jo Mason joined the meeting at 4.00pm

Jenny welcomed Deputy Mayor Jo Mason to the meeting.

Greg C provided Deputy Mayor Jo Mason with an update on what the PMG have been doing.

Deputy Mayor Jo Mason shared that the opportunity to visit the Marae and be in the presence of iwi who shared their story was very helpful and gave her a good appreciation for Ngati Pareraukawa's position.

Deputy Mayor Jo Mason explained that she cannot speak on behalf of other Councillors and that she will feed back at the Levin Landfill Workshop tomorrow that she had the opportunity to meet with the PMG today.

Deputy Mayor Jo Mason gave assurance that every Councillor is very aware of this piece of work and its importance, also that David C and Lisa have repeatedly report back the work that is being undertaken by the PMG.

Greg recapped for Deputy Mayor Jo Mason what matters have been discussed earlier in the meeting including The Apology and that the PMG are looking at a small Working Party with the Councillors.

David M advised that the Community feel it would be an expression of good faith and good will if some progress were made on The Apology.

Deputy Mayor Jo Mason advised that Council are aware that the Levin Landfill Project is a significant one and there have been a series of briefings, reports and a further workshop tomorrow.

Cr Sam Ferguson referred to an Apology that was given by Mayor Duffy.

Greg talked about the need to improve the relationship with Horizons Regional Council and suggested to brief the Environment Committee with Councillors or Council Staff (whoever is appropriate) alongside.

Councillor Sam Ferguson noted that he is on the Environment Committee and that there is an appetite to see the environment.

David C suggested that HDC host an Environment Committee meeting.

Cr Sam Ferguson will discuss with Nicola the Chair of the Environment Committee.

General Business

None

Next Meeting Date

Tuesday 7 April 3.00 – 5.00pm.

David C away and will send a substitute.

ACTIONS

Action Item	Person(s) Responsible	Status
Find the apology given by Mayor Duffy	Natasha	
Draft Letter for the Community to provide to the Court – Greg will work with David Allen	Greg to work with David Allen	
Follow up on if an Annual Compliance Report for Levin Landfill was completed for 2019	Cr Ferguson	

Hui re Statement of Impact with MTA and Muaupoko Coop Society – Lisa to attend on David C's behalf – Cap \$5k each	Greg	
Write to Bronwyn Kerr (to be sent by the co-chairs) requesting Social Impact Assessment is not circulated	Greg	
Arrange a meeting with Bronwyn Kerr to discuss the Social Impact Assessment	Greg	
The Who, What and When be established for The Apology	David C	
A forecast be prepared of remaining work from the PMG UPDATE 3 March – Greg advised it is nearly there and will distribute before the next meeting	Greg	In Progress
Confirm with Lisa of the date in which the PMG will brief Council so she can book it UPDATE 3 March – To be decided after the meeting with Mayor and workshop 4 March	PMG	
Confirmation from Tonkin & Taylor that the Reports are DRAFT and when the final documents will be available	Greg	
A letter be produced from co-chairs to HEKA advising of progress that has been made against the Landfill Agreement	Greg Drafting	In progress
Create a PMG Principles of Communication Plan UPDATE 22 July – Greg is meeting with Daniel O 23 July and will report back at the next meeting UPDATE 12 February - Taken to Council and the Community	Greg	In progress
Greg will send timeframes onto Chris and Simone and ensure LTP timeframes are integrated.	Greg	Ongoing