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**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 at the Horowhenua District Council on 28 July 2020 at 4.00pm.

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**IN ATTENDANCE:**

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| <b>Chairperson/s</b>     | Jenny Rowan & Lisa Slade                           |
| <b>Members</b>           | David Moore<br>David Clapperton<br>Cr Sam Ferguson |
| <b>Project Manager</b>   | Greg Carlyon                                       |
| <b>Meeting Secretary</b> | Natasha Breen                                      |

**Welcome and Karakia**

David Moore opened the meeting with a Karakia

**Apologies**

None

**Actions from Previous Meetings**

Action table updated.

**Budget**

Greg provided the group with a document containing outstanding tasks and a financial summary of the PMG.

It was agreed that the wetland restoration costs be taken out of the PMG projected costs.

Jenny sought clarity on what the budget of the PMG is and how much the PMG has spent to date.

Jenny raised that when Elected Members come to make their decision, they will ask the question of the Landfills viability and the need for the PMG to have an understanding of the response. There was subsequent group discussion on this.

Sam noted that looking at the agreement, from a Governance point of view, as long as the reports are being produced, the budgeting side looks quite straight forward.

Lisa advised that it is a process to extract out the costs of the PMG and it will take a little time.

David Moore requested it be noted that Council are committed to ongoing funding as necessary to continue the process to which David Clapperton agreed.

### **Timetable with Council Over Closure of Landfill Decision**

David C raised a key challenge that he faces in the recommendation of early closure to Council and the need to ensure he has the right information, this resulted in group discussion.

Greg asked if there was value in the PMG producing a broad statement of where it has got to, with reasons –David C agreed it was worth doing.

There was discussion around timing of the recommendation to Council and Greg noted that under 11 – 1A of the Landfill Agreement that a proposition be advanced to close 2025 or sooner to which David C agreed it has not changed.

David C reinforced his view being, that he believes the Landfill should close. Lisa raised the importance of noting that PMG members are on the same page regarding closure and noted David's responsibility as CE for ensuring that the decision stacks up.

Jenny responded that herself and David M are there representing the Community and if it had gone to court Council would have lost.

Jenny advised she completely understand David Clappertons position.

Greg noted that himself and Chris from Tonkin & Taylor have agreed that the assumptions from the reports are quite wide and for Chris to document the assumptions and acknowledge in writing that there are other contributing elements.

The group discussed that the Tonkin & Taylor reports do not provide clarity and discussed who from the PMG should engage with Tonkin & Taylor going forward.

David M reminded the PMG of the need to consider the other elements (besides the financials), being environmental, cultural etc. David M reinforced the need to be selling those aspects and have an environment to be proud of.

Sam referred to the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan, the reduction of waste and the Government Levy's at Landfills going forward.

David M said that it was very clear at the last Community Meeting that people want to know where they stand, they want to have some assurance about a timeframe.

The group discussed the NLG Meeting being held on Thursday evening (30 July) and the expected attendance. The purpose of this meeting is to nominate and appoint an independent facilitator.

It was agreed that Christine Foster will be the Independent Facilitator of the Hokio Landfill PMG if/as required.

David M sought an update on a Tatana land swap to which David C responded it is progressing well.

*David C left the meeting*

### **The Apology**

David M advised that the feedback he receives from the community is they really look to the apology as a signal of good faith, David M thinks the longer it gets put off, the more people will start to become cynical about the intent of the agreement. David M sees the apology as a show of good faith.

Sam asked if from the point of view of the agreement, is the apology overdue?

Greg responded that this discussion takes place at most meetings and normally results in the question of what is the purpose of the apology without the closure of the landfill. The group further discussed this.

Sam responded he understood that the apology would take place within a certain timeframe after certain actions had taken place.

Greg suggested that the Regional Council stands beside the District Council during the apology and address their actions over the years. Jenny asked Sam to discuss with Rachel to which he agreed.

**Meeting Closure and Karakia**

David M closed the meeting with a Karakia.

**ACTIONS**

| Action Item   | Person(s) Responsible | Status  |
|---|-----------------------|---------|
| Review the wording of the draft Apology   | David C               |         |
| 2018/2019 Compliance Report – send to David Moore   | Sam                   |         |
| Follow up with MTA and Muaupoko Coop Society re obtaining statement relation to early closure<br><b>UPDATE 28 July - Greg Advised he has spoken with Di and is yet to get hold of Viv</b> | Greg                  | Ongoing |
| PMG to brief Council – When?  | PMG                   | Ongoing |
| Provide actual expenditure of PMG to March 2019   | Lisa                  |         |