

# MINUTES OF TE HUINGA TAUMATUA

**File Reference** ECM 9733319  
**Meeting Date** Wednesday 18 March 2026 at 10am  
**Venue** Civic Centre, Liardet Street, New Plymouth.

## Members Present

Councillor Gordon Brown (Co-Chairperson), Councillors Sam Bennett, Councillor Gina Blackburn, Councillor Te Waka McLeod, Iwi representatives Tamzyn Pue (Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Maru Trust) Vicki Kershaw (Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Tama Trust), Jacqui King (Te Kāhui o Taranaki Trust), Raymond Tuuta (Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Mutunga) and Anaru White (Te Kotahitanga o Te Ātiawa Trust).

## Non-Members Present

Councillors Dinnie Moeahu (until 12.44pm) and Graham Chard.

## Executive Staff in Attendance

Gareth Green, Sarah Downs, Helena Williams, Damien Clark, Bernie O'Donnell and John Scott.

## Governance Staff in Attendance

Claire Kelly.

## Opening

The meeting opened with a karakia.

## Apologies

THT/2026/01

### Te Huinga Taumatua Resolution

Cr Brown )

Cr Bennett )

That the apologies for the absence of Mayor Max Brough, be accepted.

Carried

## Public Forum

- Kelly Moeahu, Ngā Kaitiaki o Puketapu Hapū – Engagement with New Plymouth District Council

An adjournment was called at 11.23am and the meeting reconvened at 11.32am

## Matters Finally Determined by the Committee Under Delegated Authority and Referred to Council for Information and Record

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## Whiringa Toi Overview and Update

THT/2026/02

ECM 9715642

Presented by Wharehoka Wano (Chair Whiringa Toi)

The purpose of this item is to provide an overview and update of Whiringa Toi.

### Te Huinga Taumatua Resolution

Cr Gina Blackburn )

Cr Sam Bennett )

That, having considered all matters raised in the report:

- a) The report be noted.
- b) Recommends that Whiringa Toi be a partner to significant decisions that affect Whiringa Toi.

Carried

### **Tiriti o Waitangi Review**

THT/2026/03

ECM 9717360

Presented by Aroha Chamberlain (Consultant) and Rangi Maihi (Poutohotohu Matua)

The purpose of the report is to update Te Huinga Taumatua on the Te Tiriti o Waitangi Review report prepared by Buddle Findlay (Review report) and next steps.

### Te Huinga Taumatua Resolution

Ms Jacqui King )

Cr Gina Blackburn )

That, having considered all matters raised in the report,

- a) The report be noted.
- b) Request through the Chief Executive that Officers report back at the upcoming workshop in April 2026 with a proposed timeline for the development and implementation of the action plan, and a monitoring framework to measure progress against the Review recommendations.
- c) That the draft Whenua Interests Framework be presented to this Committee for review.
- d) That a formal response to the Mangati E land concerns be provided to this Committee at the next meeting.

Carried

### **Tiriti Outcomes Framework Introduction and Engagement Update**

THT/2026/04

ECM 9717300

Presented by Rangi Maihi (Poutohotohu Matua)

The purpose of the report is to introduce the Tiriti Outcomes Framework and provide an update on engagement with iwi and hapū groups.

### Te Huinga Taumatua Resolution

Cr Sam Bennett )

Ms Tamzyn Pue )

That, having considered all matters raised in the report, the report be noted.

Carried

## **Naming Of New Right of Way – Inglewood Subdivision**

THT/2026/05

ECM 9717899

Presented by Kimberley Laurence (Community Health and Animal Services Lead) and Latesha Utiger (Matauranga Taiao-Rangapu)

The matter for consideration by Te Huinga Taumatua is the naming of a new right of way created because of subdivision development by BTW Company Ltd in Inglewood.

### Te Huinga Taumatua Resolution

Cr Sam Bennett        )

Mr Anaru White        )

That, having considered all matters raised in the report Te Huinga Taumatua:

- a) Approve the following name for a new right of way created by a subdivision development (22 lots off Konini Street) in Inglewood
  - i) Konana Lane
- b) Approve the Chief Executive to allocate road numbers, where appropriate, to the properties fronting the road.

Carried

## **Naming of a New Road and Right of Way – Inglewood Subdivision**

THT/2026/06

ECM 9713934

Presented by Kimberley Laurence (Community Health and Animal Services Lead) and Latesha Utiger (Matauranga Taiao-Rangapu)

The matter for consideration by the Te Huinga Taumatua is the naming of a new road and right of way created after a subdivision by All Good Properties Limited off Towai Street, Inglewood.

### Te Huinga Taumatua Resolution

Ms Jacqui King        )

Ms Tamzyn Pue        )

That, having considered all matters raised in the report Te Huinga Taumatua:

- a) Approve one of the following name for the new road created by a subdivision development off Towai Street in Inglewood:
  - i) Whārangī Place
- b) Approve the following name for a new right of way created by a subdivision development off Towai Street in Inglewood:
  - i) Pukapuka Lane
- c) Approve the Chief Executive to allocate road numbers, where appropriate, to the properties fronting the road.

Carried

## **Naming of a New Road – New Plymouth**

THT/2026/07

ECM 9718124

Presented by Kimberley Laurence (Community Health and Animal Services Lead) and Latesha Utiger (Matauranga Taiao-Rangapu)

The matter for consideration by the Te Huinga Taumatua is the naming of a new road created after a subdivision off Frankley Road in New Plymouth.

### Te Huinga Taumatua Resolution

Cr Gordon Brown )

Cr Te Waka McLeod )

That, having considered all matters raised in the report Te Huinga Taumatua:

- a) Approve the following name for the new road created by a subdivision off Frankley Road in New Plymouth:
  - i) Mānia Lane
- b) Approve the Chief Executive to allocate road numbers, where appropriate, to the properties fronting the road.

Carried

Mr Raymond Tuuta departed the meeting at this juncture being 1.36pm.

Councillor Gina Blackburn departed the meeting at 1.49pm mid-way through the following Tab, and rejoined the meeting via Zoom at 1.52pm.

## **New Plymouth Water Services Council-Controlled Organisation – Statement of Expectations for Waterco1**

THT/2026/08

ECM 9718413

Presented by Mark Hall (Strategic and Te Tiriti Partnership Director) and Helen Gray (Establishment Director)

The matter for consideration is whether Council should adopt the Statement of Expectations (SOE) for the New Plymouth Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO), currently referred to as WaterCo1.

### Te Huinga Taumatua Resolution

Ms Jacqui King )

Cr Te Waka McLeod )

That, having considered all matters raised in the report, Te Huinga Taumatua:

- a) Notes that the WaterCo1 Statement of Expectations (SOE) is a key governance instrument through which New Plymouth District Council, as shareholder, articulates expectations regarding the strategic direction, performance, and accountability of the Council Controlled Organisation.
- b) Notes that the SOE provides direction for ongoing engagement with iwi and hapū.

- c) Notes that in addition to the SOE, the intention of WaterCo1 is to develop further documents to inform an active strategy of engagement with iwi and hapū.
- d) Instructs the Chief Executive to provide the following feedback on the draft SOE, to be considered in the development of a final SOE:
  - i) Ensure that mana whenua feedback and concerns are incorporated into the final SOE and that the partnership approach is adequately resourced.
  - ii) Ensure transparent public reporting by the WSCCO.

Carried

**Consideration of Council Granting a Ground Lease to the Beach Street Hall Society Incorporated at 38 Beach Street, Fitzroy**

THT/2026/09

ECM 9716906

Presented by Charlotte Dunning (Property Management Lead)

The matter for consideration by the Te Huinga Taumatua is the Council decision to grant a ground lease to the Beach Street Hall Society Incorporated (The Society) for land at 38 Beach Street, Fitzroy for the purpose of continuing its operation and management of the Beach Street Hall.

Te Huinga Taumatua Resolution

Mr Anaru White     )

Cr Sam Bennett     )

That having considered all matters raised in the report Te Huinga Taumatua:

- a) Notes the report.
- b) Provides the following feedback for Officers to be included in the report for Council to consider the granting of a ground lease to Beach Street Hall Society in April 2026:
  - i) That the lease term be adjusted to reflect a 15 year lease period with a 15 year right of renewal.

Carried

A response to the Public Forum presentation by Kelly Moeahu was considered at this juncture.

Te Huinga Taumatua Resolution

Mr Anaru White     )

Ms Vicki Kershaw     )

That having considered all matters raised in the verbal submission by Kelly Moeahu in relation to Councils engagement with Puketapu Hapū, Te Huinga Taumatua:

- a) Acknowledge the content of the public forum.
- b) Recognise the mamae (hurt) caused to Puketapu Hapū.

- c) Apologise to Puketapu Hapū on behalf of Council for the poor communication.
- d) Recommend that the outstanding matters in the proposed Service Level Agreement (SLA) be resolved and the SLA enacted as soon as possible.

Carried

The hui closed with a karakia at 2.07pm.