

NORTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes of the Waitangi Catchment Group meeting
Sub-Committee of the Environmental Management Committee
held in the Okaihau Golf Clubrooms,
Thursday, 19 June 2014,
commencing at 6.30pm

Present:	Terry Greening	Bay of Islands/Whangaroa Community Board (FNDC)
	Donald Jack	Drystock Farming Interests
	Terence Brocx	Dairy Farming Interests
	Daryl Way	Waimate North Landcare
	Bill Hunter	Kerikeri Irrigation
	Albie Apiata	Waitangi River Liaison Group
	Neil Cates	Transfield (Industry Interests)
	Liz Kingsford	Forestry Interests
	Bob Brown	Public Interests
	Alec Jack	Public Interests
	Sue Johnsen	Dairy Farming Interests
	Nora Rameka	Ngati Rehia
	Ross Baker	Top Energy (Industry Interests)
	Cr Joe Carr	Northland Regional Council (Interim Chair)
	Nathan Burkepile	Fish and Game (Recreational Interests)
	Arnold Maunsell	Ngati Hineira
	Roger Ludbrook	Dry Stock Farming Interests
In Attendance:	Duncan Kervell	Northland Regional Council
	Natalie Glover	Northland Regional Council
	Rio Greening	Catchment resident
	Clinton Rameka	Ahi Kaa Takou Bay
	Helen Moodie	DairyNZ
Apologies:	Emma-Gibbs Smith	Ngati Rahiri
	Cr David Collard	FNDC
	Kevin Baxter	Dairy Farming Interests
	Gil Parker	Ngati Korohue
Absent:	Darryl Honey	Tourism Interests
	Carolyn Smith	Department of Conservation

KARAKIA MIHIMIHI *Arnold Maunsell*

The meeting opened at 6.40pm.

Item 1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Emma Gibbs-Smith, Cr David Collard, Kevin Baxter and Gil Parker.

Item 2 Welcome and Introductions

Cr Joe Car, Interim Chair welcomed everyone. Catchment Group members, public in attendance and regional council and DairyNZ staff introduced themselves.

Item 3 Presentation: Overview of Waiora Northland Water

Natalie Glover, Water Policy Specialist with Northland Regional Council, presented an overview of the Waiora Northland Water programme she project manages, and the role of catchment groups in freshwater management.

DISCUSSION POINTS

1. How are the appointed members of the Environmental Management Committee selected?
2. Prioritisation of catchments
3. Resourcing for participation of iwi in catchment groups – request for money.

Item 4 Presentation: Overview of Waitangi Catchment

Duncan Kervell, Land Management Advisor and Waitangi Catchment Lead, presented an overview of the Waitangi catchment and its associated water management issues.

DISCUSSION POINTS

1. Catchment description: NRC has an obvious role in stabilising the high level of erosion occurring in the catchment.
2. How to influence land management approach of land owners upstream and downstream of your property.
3. Smell of public water supply at Waitangi.
4. Reliance of Waitangi population on kaimoana.
5. Science is useful to a point but actions are the most important.
6. Natural events and ecological processes are not under our control.\
7. Need to start actions in our own backyards.

Item 5 Terms of Reference

The group discussed the Terms of Reference for the group.

DISCUSSION POINTS

1. Omission of Department of Conservation position on the group – to be added back in.
2. Work programme and associated field trips are important, for the catchment and for the group to improve understanding.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Timing of meetings

DISCUSSION POINTS

1. The group agreed to Thursday evenings. Unfortunately Thursdays were a clash for Robert Brown.
2. Meeting scheduled for 6 August to be changed to Thursday 7 August. Revised schedule to be emailed to the catchment group members.

CONCLUSION

The meeting concluded at 9pm.

The next catchment group meeting is scheduled for 6.30pm, Thursday 7 August 2014, at Okaihau Golf Club. A meal will be served at 6pm.