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# OPEN MINUTES

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## Ōtorohanga District Council **EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING**

Chairperson  
Deputy Chairperson and Kāwhia Tihiroa Councillor  
Kāwhia Tihiroa Councillor  
Kio Kio Korakonui Councillor  
Ōtorohanga Councillor  
Ōtorohanga Councillor  
Rangiātea Councillor  
Rangiātea Councillor  
Waipā Councillor  
Wharepūhanga Councillor

His Worship the Mayor, Max Baxter  
Deputy Mayor, Annette Williams  
Kit Jeffries  
Rodney Dow  
Katrina Christison  
Steve Hughes  
Jaimee Tamaki  
Roy Willison  
Roy Johnson  
Cathy Prendergast

Minutes of an extra-ordinary meeting of the Ōtorohanga District Council held in the Council Chambers, Ōtorohanga District Council, 17 Maniapoto Street, Ōtorohanga on Tuesday, 5 August 2023 commencing at 4.00pm.

Tanya Winter  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

11 September 2023

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**Present**

His Worship the Mayor Max Baxter, Deputy Mayor Annette Williams and Councillors Rodney Dow, Steve Hughes, Kit Jeffries, Roy Johnson, Cathy Prendergast, Jaimee Tamaki and Roy Willison.

**In attendance**

Chief Executive Tanya Winter, Group Manager Business Enablement Graham Bunn, Group Manager Engineering & Assets Mark Lewis, Group Manager Regulatory & Growth Andrew Loe, Group Manager Strategy & Community Nardia Gower, Chief Advisor Ross McNeil, Kaitakawaenga – Iwi Relations Advisor Cassidy Temese, and Manager Governance Kaia King.

**OPENING FORMALITIES**

**Commencement of meeting | Te tīmatanga o te hui**

His Worship declared the meeting open at 4.02pm and acknowledged Te Nehenehenui representative, Tramaine Murray who was in attendance.

**Opening prayer/reflection/words of wisdom | Karakia/huritao/whakataukī**

Councillor Tamaki provided the opening karakia.

Councillor Willison joined the meeting at 4.03pm.

**Apologies | Ngā hōnea**

RESOLVED O106: That Ōtorohanga District Council receive and accept the apology from Councillor Christison for non-attendance.

His Worship the Mayor | Councillor Dow

**Late items | Ngā take tōmuri**

There were no late items.

**Declaration of conflict of interest | Te whakapuakanga pānga taharua**

There were no declarations made.

**DECISION REPORTS | NGĀ PŪRONGO WHAKATAU**

**Item 76: Te Nehenehenui Joint Management Agreement**

Council’s Kaitakawaenga thanked all the parties who had worked to get to this milestone. Mr Temese noted the foundational agreement provided a springboard for formative change that was grounded in partnership and in the whenua and wai.

His Worship acknowledged Councillor Tamaki as Council’s representative on the Te Nehenehenui Joint Committee and her alternate, Councillor Christison. He noted the Agreement as a good starting point for the parties to work collectively for the better of the Ōtorohanga district and wider Waikato area. He noted the recent Resource Management Act legislative changes with a greater emphasis on the protection of land and water.

His Worship raised concern about the small quorum in the terms of reference noting two representatives from Te Nehenehenui and two from the five councils could make decisions for members. He queried if the small quorum was reflective of the significance of the Joint Committee.

Council’s Chief Executive explained the schedules were to be progressed by the Joint Committee rather than rushed to be included in the Joint Management Agreement. It was considered that the schedules were significant and required further discussion. Ms Winter noted the schedules would be presented to Council for approval following their development. She advised that the rationale was that schedules were more easily amended to reflect legislative changes e.g., the Resource Management Act than amending the full Joint Management Agreement.

His Worship acknowledged Andrew Loe as it was his last appearance at a Council meeting in the Group Manager Regulatory & Growth role. Mr Loe had been involved in the discussions leading to the Joint Management Agreement presented for approval.

RESOLVED O107: That Ōtorohanga District Council:

**Restructure – Te Nehenehenui Joint Committee and Ngā Wai o Waipā Co-Governance Forum**

a Endorses and accepts the following recommendations of the Te Nehenehenui Joint Committee:

That in order for the Te Nehenehenui Joint Committee to discharge its responsibilities more effectively and efficiently it assumes the responsibilities of the Ngā Wai o Waipā Co-Governance Forum in addition to its own, and the membership structure of the Forum; in accordance with the law by taking all necessary actions including:

- i Executing a Joint Management Agreement between the six member agencies incorporating the responsibilities of the Committee and the Forum and the membership structure of the Forum.
- ii Approving the amended Terms of Reference (Appendix 2) for adoption by Te Nehenehenui Joint Committee incorporating provisions necessary to achieve the purposes of both the Committee and Forum under the Committee’s name.
- iii Confirming the continuation of the current Co-Chairs and Deputy Co-Chairs until, and if, the member agencies indicate new appointments in accordance with the Terms of Reference.
- iv The disestablishment of the Forum when all necessary actions to merge the Committee and the Forum are complete.

**Draft Joint Management Agreement**

b Approves the Joint Management Agreement (Appendix 1) and authorises His Worship Mayor Baxter and Council’s Te Nehenehenui Joint Committee appointee Councillor Tamaki to sign the agreement on its behalf.

His Worship the Mayor | Councillor Tamaki

## CLOSING FORMALITIES

### Closing prayer/reflection/words of wisdom | Karakia/huritao/whakataukī

Councillor Tamaki provided the closing karakia.

### Meeting closure | Katinga o te hui

His Worship declared the meeting closed at 4.17pm.

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