



MINUTES

Integrated Catchment Management Committee Meeting

Wednesday, 18 March 2026

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Waikato Regional Council
Integrated Catchment Management Committee Meeting
OPEN MINUTES

Date: Wednesday 18 March 2026, 1.02pm
Location: Council Chambers
Waikato Regional Council
Level 1, 160 Ward Street, Hamilton

Members Present: Cr Robert Cookson – Chair
Cr Noel Smith – Deputy-Chair
Cr Ben Dunbar-Smith
Cr Kataraina Hodge
Cr Keith Holmes
Cr Chris Hughes
Cr Warren Maher
Cr Gary McGuire
Cr Jennifer Nickel
Cr Garry Reymer

In Attendance: Cr Ben Dunbar-Smith

Staff Present: Chris McLay – Chief Executive
Greg Ryan – Director, Integrated Catchment Management
Brent Sinclair – Director, Resource Use
Jordan Metz – Democracy Advisor

The contents of these minutes meet all legal requirements and include a full set of decisions.

An audio-visual recording of the open session of the meeting is available on Waikato Regional Council's public website.

Recording	Document ID #	YouTube Link
Meeting Recording	34958838	https://youtu.be/vmwp0wK534

1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA

Item commenced in recording, at start.

The Director, Integrated Catchment Management (Greg Ryan) opened the meeting with a Karakia.

2 APOLOGIES

Item commenced in recording, at 1 minute 41 seconds.

APOLOGY**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION ICM26/01**

Moved: Cr Chris Hughes

Seconded: Cr Gary McGuire

That the apologies of Cr Jennifer Nickel for lateness be accepted.

CARRIED

3 CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Item commenced in recording, at 1 minute 56 seconds.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION ICM26/02

Moved: Cr Keith Holmes

Seconded: Cr Noel Smith

- 1. That the agenda of the Integrated Catchment Management Committee Meeting of 18 March 2026, as circulated, be confirmed as the business of the meeting.**
- 2. That the order of items follows the order set out in the minutes.**
- 3. That the meeting may sit longer than two hours continuously and continue longer than six hours including adjournments.**

CARRIED

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION ICM26/03

Moved: Cr Noel Smith

Seconded: Cr Warren Maher

That item 7.1. *Self-Administration Policy* be moved into the open session of the meeting.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION ICM26/04

Moved: Cr Noel Smith

Seconded: Cr Chris Hughes

The Integrated Catchment Management Committee recommends to Council that as standard practice, where a legal opinion is tabled as part of an agenda item, the instructing letter and the engagement letter be included with the agenda papers.

CARRIED

4 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Item commenced in recording, at 2 minutes 15 seconds.

No interests were disclosed pertaining to items on the agenda or interests not already recorded on a relevant register.

5 MINUTES FOR CONFIRMATION OR RECEIPT

5.1 MINUTES OF THE WAIKATO SCHEME SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 11 FEBRUARY 2026

Item commenced in recording, at 10 minutes.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION ICM26/05

Moved: Cr Noel Smith

Seconded: Cr Gary McGuire

That the minutes of the Waikato Scheme Subcommittee meeting held on 11 February 2026 be received.

.CARRIED

5.2 MINUTES OF THE HAURAKI SCHEME SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 2 MARCH 2026

Item commenced in recording, at 10 minutes 26 seconds.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION ICM26/06

Moved: Cr Keith Holmes

Seconded: Cr Noel Smith

- 1. That the minutes of the Hauraki Scheme Subcommittee meeting held on 2 March 2026 be received.**
- 2. That the Integrated Catchment Management Committee notes the Hauraki Scheme Subcommittee support for a one-year loan repayment period for the purchase a portion of Part Lot 6 at 2067 State Highway 27.**

CARRIED

6 GENERAL ITEMS**6.1 MID YEAR REPORTS - BIOSECURITY AND BIODIVERSITY**

Item commenced in recording, at 10 minutes 29 seconds.

Presented by the Manager, Biosecurity and Biodiversity (Patrick Whaley).

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION ICM26/07

Moved: Cr Noel Smith

Seconded: Cr Garry Reymer

That the report *Mid Year Reports - Biosecurity and Biodiversity (Integrated Catchment Management Committee, 18 March 2026)* be received.

CARRIED

6.2 MINIMISING THE RISK OF CORBICULA SPREAD THROUGH COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Item commenced in recording, at 44 minutes 20 seconds.

Presented by the Manager, Biosecurity and Biodiversity (Patrick Whaley).

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION ICM26/08

Moved: Cr Warren Maher

Seconded: Cr Chris Hughes

That the report *Minimising the risk of Corbicula spread through council activities (Integrated Catchment Management Committee, 18 March 2026)* be received.

CARRIED

6.3 HALF YEAR UPDATE - INFRASTRUCTURE SECTION

Item commenced in recording, at 1 hour 12 seconds.

Presented by the Land Drainage Manager (Reuben Mills). Refer Document # 34949775 for the PowerPoint presentation or on the public website.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION ICM26/09

Moved: Cr Noel Smith

Seconded: Cr Gary McGuire

That the report *Half year update - Infrastructure Section (Integrated Catchment Management Committee, 18 March 2026)* be received.

CARRIED

6.4 FIVE-YEAR GRAZING LICENCE FEE REVIEW – LOWER WAIKATO

Item commenced in recording, at 1 hour 31 minutes 45 seconds.

Presented by the Council Lands Officer (Harman Sandhu). Refer Document # 34949775 for the PowerPoint presentation or on the public website.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION ICM26/10

Moved: Cr Chris Hughes

Seconded: Cr Gary McGuire

1. That the report *Five-Year Grazing Licence Fee Review – Lower Waikato (Integrated Catchment Management Committee, 18 March 2026)* be received.
2. That from 1 June 2026, all Lower Waikato Zone licence fees be adopted as per the recommendations by QV Ltd in the Lower Waikato and Mangawara Grazing Licence Fee Review 2026 report (Integrated Catchment Management Committee Agenda, 18 March 2026 at page 183), less a 5% discount acknowledging the benefit to Council.

CARRIED

6.5 HALF YEAR UPDATE PLANNING AND SUPPORT

Item commenced in recording, at 1 hour 44 minutes 22 seconds.

Presented by the Manager, Planning and Support (Dave Wade). Refer Document # 34949775 for the PowerPoint presentation or on the public website.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION ICM26/11

Moved: Cr Robert Cookson

Seconded: Cr Noel Smith

That the report *Half year update Planning and Support (Integrated Catchment Management Committee, 18 March 2026)* be received.

CARRIED

6.6 HALF YEAR UPDATE CATCHMENTS

Item commenced in recording, at 2 hours 13 minutes 22 seconds.

Presented by the Team Leader, Regional Resilience (Emily O`Donnell) and Team Leader, Waikato, Waipā and West Coast Catchments (Tane Desmond).

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION ICM26/12

Moved: Cr Kataraina Hodge

Seconded: Cr Noel Smith

That the report *Half year update Catchments (Integrated Catchment Management Committee, 18 March 2026)* be received.

CARRIED

7 PUBLIC EXCLUDED ITEMS

7.1 SELF ADMINISTRATION POLICY

Item commenced in recording, at 2 hours 57 minutes 30 seconds.

As per resolution ICM26/03 (above), this item was tabled in the open session of the meeting.

Presented by the Director, Integrated Catchment Management (Greg Ryan).

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION ICM26/13

Moved: Cr Noel Smith

Seconded: Cr Robert Cookson

1. That the report *Self Administration Policy (Integrated Catchment Management Committee, 18 March 2026)* be received.
2. That the Integrated Catchment Management Committee defers the *Self Administration Policy* and request input from suitably qualified Health and Safety and Legal experts to inform further consideration.

CARRIED

7 KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA

Item commenced in recording, at 3 hours 30 minutes.

The Director Integrated Catchment Management (Greg Ryan). closed the meeting with a Karakia.

4.33pm – The meeting closed.