



MINUTES

Emergency Integrated Catchment Management Committee Meeting

Thursday, 18 June 2026

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Waikato Regional Council
Emergency Integrated Catchment Management Committee Meeting

OPEN MINUTES

Date: Thursday 18 June 2026, 2.01pm

Location: Council Chambers
Waikato Regional Council
Level 1, 160 Ward Street, Hamilton

Members Present: Cr Robert Cookson – Chair
Cr Noel Smith – Deputy-Chair
Cr Keith Holmes
Cr Kataraina Hodge (until 2.59pm)
Cr Chris Hughes
Cr Katrina Christison
Cr Warren Maher
Cr Tipa Mahuta (virtually via Teams)
Cr Gary McGuire
Cr Jennifer Nickel
Cr Garry Reymer
Cr Liz Stolwyk

In Attendance: Cr Ben Dunbar-Smith (from 2.20pm)
Don Scarlett – Co-Chair, Maungatautari Ecological Island Trust
Helen Hughes – Chief Executive, Maungatautari Ecological Island Trust

Staff Present: Greg Ryan – Director, Integrated Catchment Management
Dave Doggart – Team Lead, Democracy
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
Recording #1	36625030	https://youtu.be/2PdgStjhClo
Recording #2	36625029	https://youtu.be/d5UxlXcaR08

1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA

Item commenced in open recording 1, at start.

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

2 APOLOGIES

Item commenced in open recording 1, at 38 seconds.

Nil.

3 CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Item commenced in open recording 1, at 51 seconds.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION ICM26/22

Moved: Cr Noel Smith

Seconded: Cr Chris Hughes

- 1. That the agenda of the Emergency Integrated Catchment Management Committee Meeting of 18 June 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 if required.**

CARRIED

4 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Item commenced in open recording 1, at 1 minutes 10 seconds.

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

6 GENERAL ITEMS

6.1 NATURAL HERITAGE FUND APPLICATION

Item commenced in open recording 1, at 1 minute 19 seconds.

The Director (Greg Ryan) welcomed the Maungatautari Ecological Island Trust members and introduced the Manager, Biosecurity and Biodiversity (Patrick Whaley), Team Leader, Biodiversity (Natasha Grainger) and Senior Biodiversity Officer (Andrew Thomas). Refer Document # 36180451 for the PowerPoint presentation or on the public website.

2.20pm – Cr Ben Dunbar-Smith entered the meeting.

2.26pm – Cr Jennifer Nickel left the meeting and continued virtually.

MOTION

Moved: Cr Noel Smith

Seconded: Cr Chris Hughes

1. That the report *Natural Heritage Fund Application* (Council, 18 June 2026) be received.
2. That a Natural Heritage Fund grant of \$1,222,486 be granted to Maungatautari Ecological Island Trust for the Maungatautari – the seed source of biodiversity and community wellbeing project as follows:
 - (a) That \$395,120 be granted in in 2026/27 and \$407,369 be granted in 2027/28.
 - (b) That a further \$419,997 be granted in 2028/29.
 - (c) The Council draws \$82,186 from the NHF reserve to distribute grants in the 2028/29 financial year.
3. That, if applicable any remaining unallocated funding be transferred into the Natural Heritage Fund reserve for distribution in future funding rounds.

AMENDMENT

Moved: Cr Jennifer Nickel

Seconded: Cr Liz Stolwyk

2. **That the Committee approve a Natural Heritage Fund grant of \$1,262,306 be granted to Maungatautari Ecological Island Trust for the Maungatautari – the seed source of biodiversity and community wellbeing project, distributed over a three-year funding term.**

In putting the motion, a division was called and results were recorded as:

In Favour: Crs Kataraina Hodge, Tipa Mahuta, Gary McGuire, Jennifer Nickel and Liz Stolwyk

Against: Crs Robert Cookson, Noel Smith, Keith Holmes, Chris Hughes, Warren Maher and Garry Reymer

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SUBSTANTIVE MOTION

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION ICM26/23

Moved: Cr Noel Smith

Seconded: Cr Chris Hughes

1. **That the report Natural Heritage Fund Application (Council, 18 June 2026) be received.**
2. **That a Natural Heritage Fund grant of \$1,222,486 be granted to Maungatautari Ecological Island Trust for the Maungatautari – the seed source of biodiversity and community wellbeing project as follows:**
 - (a) **That \$395,120 be granted in in 2026/27 and \$407,369 be granted in 2027/28.**
 - (b) **That a further \$419,997 be granted in 2028/29.**

(c) **The Committee draws \$82,186 from the NHF reserve to distribute grants in the 2028/29 financial year.**

3. That, if applicable any remaining unallocated funding be transferred into the Natural Heritage Fund reserve for distribution in future funding rounds.

In putting the motion, a division was called and results were recorded as:

In Favour: Crs Robert Cookson, Noel Smith, Keith Holmes, Chris Hughes, Warren Maher, Tipa Mahuta, Gary McGuire, Jennifer Nickel, Garry Reymer and Liz Stolwyk

Against: Nil

Abstained: Cr Kataraina Hodge

CARRIED 10/0

2.59pm – The meeting adjourned. During the adjournment Cr Kataraina Hodge left the meeting.

3.02pm – The meeting reconvened.

5 MINUTES FOR CONFIRMATION OR RECEIPT

5.1 MINUTES OF THE INTEGRATED CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 27 MAY 2026

Item commenced in recording 2, at start.

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

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION ICM26/24

Moved: Cr Chris Hughes

Seconded: Cr Noel Smith

1. That the minutes of the Integrated Catchment Management Committee meeting held on 27 May 2026 be confirmed as a correct recording, noting the following:

2. That resolution ICM26/19 shall be amended as follows:

2. *That the Integrated Catchment Management Committee approve a total distribution of \$758,816 to three applications, as follows:*

(a) *That a Natural Heritage Fund grant of \$340,000 be granted to Thames Coast Kiwi Care Incorporated for the Mountains to sea: Thames Coast predator control and habitat protection project*

(b) *That a Natural Heritage Fund grant of \$72,816 be granted to Mokaihaha Kōkako Trust for the Mokaihaha Predator Control and Kōkako Survey project*

(c) *That a Natural Heritage Fund grant of \$346,000 be granted to New Zealand Landcare Trust for the Taiea te Taiao Maungatautari to Pirongia Ecological Corridor project.*

3. *That the Integrated Catchment Management Committee decline the following Natural Heritage Fund applications:*

(a) Ngāti Tumutumu Iwi Trust (\$477,185 for the Tumutumu Kaitiaki Taiao project)

(b) Te Puāwaitanga o Ngāti Hinerangi Iwi Trust (\$305,567 for the Wairere Mahi project).

4. That the decision to transfer \$122,006 of unallocated funding into the Natural Heritage Fund reserve for distribution in the 2027/28 funding round be revoked.

3. That the minutes be amended as follows:

(a) (paragraph 2, page 14): *The substantive motion was not put. During the adjournment Cr Chris Hughes and Cr Garry Reymer left the meeting, and as a consequence the motion lapsed. The chair requested that Council consider this matter at its meeting on 25 June 2026.*

(b) that the adjournment be recorded in the minutes.

CARRIED

6 KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA

Item commenced in open recording 2, at 2 minutes 35 seconds.

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

3.06pm – The meeting closed.