



Hauraki Gulf Forum

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Hauraki Gulf Forum held in the Reception Lounge, Auckland Town Hall, 301-305 Queen Street, Auckland on Monday, 20 June 2016 at 1.09pm.

PRESENT

Chairperson	Mayor John Tregidga	Hauraki District Council	
Deputy Chairperson	Ms Liane Ngamane	Tangata Whenua	
Cr Rob McGuire	Waikato District Council	Cr Wayne Walker	Auckland Council. From 1.56pm, item 7.
Cr James Thomas	Matamata-Piako District Council	Ms Moana Tamaariki- Pohe	Tangata Whenua
Cr Peter Buckley	Waikato Regional Council	Ms Laura Furneaux (alternative)	Ministry for Primary Industries
Mr Jeff Cleave	Great Barrier Local Board (Auckland Council)	Mr Paul Majurey	Tangata Whenua
Mr Paul Walden (alternative)	Waiheke Local Board (Auckland Council)	Ms Nicola MacDonald	Tangata Whenua
Cr Christine Fletcher	Auckland Council Until 3.07pm, item 8.	Mr Leo Koziol	Te Puni Kōkiri
Cr Michael Lee	Auckland Council Until 3.44pm, item 8.		
Cr Bill Cashmore	Auckland Council		
Cr Chris Darby	Auckland Council		

ABSENT

Mr Andrew Baucke	Department of Conservation	
Deputy Mayor Peter French	Thames-Coromandel District Council	
Mr Terrence Hohneck	Tangata Whenua	
Mr John Meeuwsen	Waiheke Local Board (Auckland Council)	Leave of absence
Mr Steve Halley	Ministry for Primary Industries	
Ms Lucy Steel	Tangata Whenua	

IN ATTENDANCE

Peter Tuinder	Department of Conservation
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Whakatau – karakia

The meeting opened with a karakia.

1 Apologies

Resolution number HGF/2016/7

MOVED by Chairperson John Tregidga, seconded by Cr Peter Buckley:

That the Hauraki Gulf Forum:

- a) **accept the apologies from Mr Andrew Baucke, Deputy Mayor Peter French, Mr Terrence Hohneck and Mr John Meeuwssen for absence and Cr Wayne Walker for lateness.**

CARRIED

2 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolution number HGF/2016/8

MOVED by Cr C Darby, seconded by Cr Peter Buckley:

That the Hauraki Gulf Forum:

- a) **confirm the ordinary minutes of its meeting, held on Monday, 14 March 2016, as a true and correct record.**

CARRIED

4 Local Board Input

4.1 Public forum: Tamaki Estuary Protection Society Incorporated regarding Tamaki Estuary

Patrick O'Meara, Chairman of the Tamaki Estuary Protection Society Incorporated presented to the Hauraki Gulf Forum regarding the Tamaki Estuary.

A document was provided. A copy has been placed on the official minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website as a minutes attachment.

Resolution number HGF/2016/9

MOVED by Deputy Chairperson Liane Ngamane, seconded by Moana Tamaariki-Pohe:

That the Hauraki Gulf Forum:

- a) receive the presentation regarding the Tamaki Estuary and thank Patrick O'Meara for his attendance.
- b) request an update from Auckland Council's CCO Governance and Monitoring Committee regarding responses to the environmental state of Tamaki Estuary as per previous 'State of the Environment' reports.

CARRIED

Attachments

- A 20 June 2016, Hauraki Gulf Forum, Public forum: Tamaki Estuary Protection Society Incorporated regarding Tamaki Estuary, document

4.2 Public forum: New Zealand Sports Fishing Council regarding the report: "Recreational Fishing in New Zealand – A Billion Dollar Industry"

Scott Macindoe, LegaSea support crew member of the New Zealand Sports Fishing Council presented to the Hauraki Gulf Forum regarding the recent New Zealand Marine Research Foundation report: "Recreational Fishing in New Zealand – A Billion Dollar Industry".

A PowerPoint presentation was provided. A copy has been placed on the official minutes and is available on the Auckland Council website as a minutes attachment.

Resolution number HGF/2016/10

MOVED by Chairperson John Tregidga, seconded by Cr W Cashmore:

That the Hauraki Gulf Forum:

- a) receive the presentation regarding the recent New Zealand Marine Research Foundation report: "Recreational Fishing in New Zealand – A Billion Dollar Industry" and thank Scott Macindoe for his attendance.

CARRIED

Attachments

- A 20 June 2016, Hauraki Gulf Forum, Public forum: New Zealand Sports Fishing Council regarding the report "Recreational Fishing in New Zealand - A Billion Dollar Industry, Presentation

5 Extraordinary Business

There was no extraordinary business.

6 Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

7 Governance review

Cr Wayne Walker entered the meeting at 1.56pm.

Paul Beverley- Partner, Buddle Finlay Lawyers, Vaughan Payne - Chief Executive, Waikato Regional Council, and Mark Maloney - Head of Internal Audit, Auckland Council; as authors of the 'Hauraki Gulf Forum - Governance review and recommendations' report; presented to the Hauraki Gulf Forum regarding this report.

MOVED by Chairperson John Tregidga, seconded by Deputy Chairperson Liane Ngamane:

That the Hauraki Gulf Forum:

- a) receive the 'Hauraki Gulf Forum - Governance review and recommendations' report.
- b) support the recommendations from the 'Hauraki Gulf Forum - Governance review and recommendations' report:
 - i. that particular attention is paid to Treaty settlement processes and the Sea Change Tai Timu Tai Pari process alongside this governance review process;
 - ii. that the governance model for the Forum is changed to a co-governance approach, comprising equal numbers of mana whenua and other members;
 - iii. that mana whenua appoint their members directly through a process designed and approved by mana whenua;
 - iv. that the size of the Forum is reduced to 16 members;
 - v. that the Forum membership is made up as follows:
 - 8 members appointed by mana whenua;
 - 5 members appointed by the Minister of Conservation (for example political, business or NGO leaders rather than Crown representatives); and
 - 3 members appointed by local authorities (1 from each of the Auckland Council, Waikato Regional Council and the territorial authorities collectively) – these may or may not be elected members;
 - vi. that the term of appointments be 3 years with the ability to reappoint up to a maximum number of terms to be agreed, with a staggering of terms to ensure that there is some continuity of knowledge across terms;
 - vii. that in addition to the other changes recommended in this report, the Forum undertakes a process to promote a clear understanding of and focus on the governance task of the Forum, including the relevant purpose, objective and function provisions of the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park Act 2000;

- viii. that any reform of the governance arrangements for the Forum should include provision for the Forum to have more statutory authority and a stronger and more direct role in terms of statutory decision-making over the Hauraki Gulf.
 - ix. that, as an interim step, the Forum creates a smaller 'core group' of 12 members to drive more focused and strategic governance for the Forum, and at the same time advance a case for legislative amendment to the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park Act 2000; and
 - x. that the chief executives of the local authorities and relevant ministries/departments work together to implement these recommendations immediately following the 2016 triennial local authority elections.
- c) enable the recommendations to be advanced due to further detailed design work to be undertaken.

MOVED by Member Paul Walden, seconded by Cr WD Walker a procedural motion:

That the Hauraki Gulf Forum:

- a) agree that Item 7, Governance Review lies on the table until:
 - i) legal advice be provided to the Hauraki Gulf Forum as to the vires of the Hauraki Gulf Forum entering in to decisions outside of the purpose of the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park Act, including decisions of the nature intended here which seeks to redefine the shape and purpose of the Hauraki Gulf Forum;
 - ii) all territorial authorities represented at the forum seek direction by resolution from their councils, relevant committees or boards;
 - iii) a meeting be sought with government ministers to discuss their views on any intended change to the purposes of the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park Act; and
 - iv) any officers representing the Crown withdraw from this decision making process until such a time that their ministerial direction is clear.

Note: The meeting adjourned at 2.40 pm and reconvened at 2.54 pm.

Note: The procedural motion above was withdrawn with the agreement of the mover and seconder.

Note: Changes to the original motion were incorporated with the agreement of the meeting.

Resolution number HGF/2016/11

MOVED by Chairperson John Tregidga, seconded by Deputy Chairperson Liane Ngamane:

That the Hauraki Gulf Forum:

- a) **receive the 'Hauraki Gulf Forum - Governance review and recommendations' report.**
- b) **note the recommendations from the 'Hauraki Gulf Forum - Governance review and recommendations' report:**
 - i. **that particular attention is paid to Treaty settlement processes and the Sea Change Tai Timu Tai Pari process alongside this governance review process;**
 - ii. **that the governance model for the Forum is changed to a co-governance approach, comprising equal numbers of mana whenua and other members;**

- iii. that mana whenua appoint their members directly through a process designed and approved by mana whenua;
 - iv. that the size of the Forum is reduced to 16 members;
 - v. that the Forum membership is made up as follows:
 - 8 members appointed by mana whenua;
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 - 3 members appointed by local authorities (1 from each of the Auckland Council, Waikato Regional Council and the territorial authorities collectively) – these may or may not be elected members;
 - vi. that the term of appointments be 3 years with the ability to reappoint up to a maximum number of terms to be agreed, with a staggering of terms to ensure that there is some continuity of knowledge across terms;
 - vii. that in addition to the other changes recommended in this report, the Forum undertakes a process to promote a clear understanding of and focus on the governance task of the Forum, including the relevant purpose, objective and function provisions of the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park Act 2000;
 - viii. that any reform of the governance arrangements for the Forum should include provision for the Forum to have more statutory authority and a stronger and more direct role in terms of statutory decision-making over the Hauraki Gulf.
 - ix. that, as an interim step, the Forum creates a smaller ‘core group’ of 12 members to drive more focused and strategic governance for the Forum, and at the same time advance a case for legislative amendment to the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park Act 2000; and
 - x. that the chief executives of the local authorities and relevant ministries/departments work together to implement these recommendations immediately following the 2016 triennial local authority elections.
- c) constituent parties respond to the recommendations from the ‘Hauraki Gulf Forum - Governance review and recommendations’ report at the next meeting of the Hauraki Gulf Forum, following consultation with their respective bodies.

CARRIED

8 Hauraki Gulf Forum 2016/2017 work plan and budget

*Cr CE Fletcher retired from the meeting at 3.07 pm.
Cr ME Lee retired from the meeting at 3.44 pm.*

Resolution number HGF/2016/12

MOVED by Cr WD Walker, seconded by Deputy Chairperson Liane Ngamane:

That the Hauraki Gulf Forum:

- a) approve the proposed 2016/2017 work plan and budget of \$265,000.

CARRIED

9 Constituent party report

Ms Nicola MacDonald left the meeting at 3.55 pm

Resolution number HGF/2016/13

MOVED by Cr WD Walker, seconded by Member Paul Walden:

That the Hauraki Gulf Forum:

- a) **receive the constituent party report.**

CARRIED

10 Hauraki Gulf Forum Executive Officer's report

Ms Nicola MacDonald returned to the meeting at 4.02 pm

www.gulfjournal.org.nz was displayed on screen.

Resolution number HGF/2016/14

MOVED by Chairperson John Tregidga, seconded by Cr Peter Buckley:

That the Hauraki Gulf Forum:

- a) **receive the Hauraki Gulf Forum Executive Officer's report.**

CARRIED

11 Consideration of Extraordinary Items

There was no consideration of extraordinary items.

4.04 pm

The Chairperson thanked Members for their attendance and attention to business and declared the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD
AT A MEETING OF THE HAURAKI GULF FORUM
HELD ON

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....