

Kaipara District Council**Briefing Minutes**

Date: 22 April 2020
Time: 9:30 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.
Location: Broadcast live on Facebook

Member Present: Mayor Jason Smith
Deputy Mayor Anna Curnow
Councillor Victoria del la Varis-Woodcock
Councillor Karen Joyce-Paki
Councillor Jonathan Larsen
Councillor Karen Joyce-Paki
Councillor Mark Vincent
Councillor Peter Wethey
Councillor David Wills
Councillor Eryn Wilson-Collins

The meeting started at 9:30 a.m.

1. Kaipara Kickstart Programme: Kaipara Wharves Preferred Investment Option

Diane Bussey (Kaipara Kickstart Programme Manager) and Gavin Flynn (contractor, AR & Associates) gave a presentationⁱ and answered questions from elected members.

Council discussed:

- Economic modelling and uncertainty, especially in the tourism industry
- Public consultation and engagement methods
- Other areas in the District, e.g. Kaiwaka, Mangawhai wharf
- Linkage across the District (from East to West)
- Economic differences between East and West areas of the District (population, domestic and international tourism)
- Health and safety
- MBIE requirements on project and programme business case
- Connection to spatial planning.

Elected members were asked to email Diane Bussey for any follow-up queries.

2. Kaipara Kai Activation Plan

Diane Miller (Kaipara Kickstart Project Manager), Tim Morris (contractor, Coriolis Research) and Gus Charteris (contractor, Giblin Group) gave a presentationⁱⁱ and answered questions from elected members.

Council discussed:

- Events connecting farmers, growers and key agencies
- Public information on the Kaipara Kai website, including the topo-climate report

- Employment opportunities
- Connecting producers to market stakeholders
- Protected domestic kumara market and international demands and competition
- Peanut farming, crop rotation with kumara farming
- Implementation timeframes and next steps, including Kaipara Kai Hub, talking to landowners, creating collaborations, upskilling the local labour force and strategic alignment to Northland Action Plan Economic Priorities
- Impact of COVID-19, including central government contributions, new and lost economic opportunities
- Property owners and land use change
- Branding for Kaipara Kai.

Council directed staff to:

- Proceed on submitting the Activation Plan to MBIE
- Invite Matt Hunter (Northland Inc) to attend a future briefing on this topic.

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 11:24 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 11:40 a.m.

3. Ancient Kauri Trail

Jim Sephton (General Manager Infrastructure Services) gave a presentationⁱⁱⁱ and answered questions from elected members.

Councillor Joyce-Paki disclosed as an interest as an employee of DOC, a strategic partner in this project.

Council discussed:

- Funding streams: rates, central government, NZTA
- Funding streams accessible to community organisation that are not accessible to councils
- Timeframes
- Public information, along with other Northland tourism projects
- Supporting local businesses
- Prioritising cycleway sections
- Coherence with other key connections: Twin Coast (East to West Kaipara), Auckland to Mangawhai and Helensville to Kaipara.

Council directed staff to:

- Continue developing the implementation plan.

Elected members were asked to email Jim Sephton for any follow-up queries.

4. Three Waters Review Update

Donnick Mugutso (Waters Manager) and Jim Sephton (General Manager Infrastructure Services) gave a presentation^{iv} and answered questions from elected members.

Council discussed:

- Business case development
- Water Services Bill and new central government expectations
- Impact on ratepayers
- Benefits of aggregation and collaboration: economies of scale, procurement, risk management
- Renewals due in Kaipara pipe networks
- Northland Transportation Alliance model and learnings

- Council as local employer, supporting local businesses
- Retaining local expertise.

Council directed staff to:

- Focus on the Northland approach, as opposed to the North Island-wide approach
- Report back to a future briefing, with more Kaipara-specific information, including:
 - Number of connections to the drinking water systems
 - Number of connections to the wastewater systems
 - Estimated cost to ratepayers.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 1:00 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 1:18 p.m.

5. Draft Spatial Plan for Mangawhai

Paul Waanders (District Planner), Michael Campbell (contractor, CampbellBrown) and Kobus Mentz (contractor Urbanism Plus) gave a presentation^v and answered questions from elected members.

Council discussed:

- Infrastructure needs, including reticulated stormwater management
- Residential development and density, including infill housing
- Possible industrial development in Harkaru. as a historical industrial site with good connections
- Sport Northland's review of recreational spaces in Kaipara
- Mangawhai Community Park vision: retaining green space for recreational purposes and to protect the native ecology
- Civic buildings, such as library, council offices and parking
- Te Ika Rananui historical site.

Council directed staff to:

- Report to the May 2020 Council meeting for Council to approve a version of the Mangawhai Spatial Plan for community engagement, incorporating elected member feedback.

Elected members were asked to email Paul Waanders for any follow-up queries or comments.

The meeting closed at 2:15 p.m.

ⁱ 'Kaipara Kickstart Programme: Kaipara Wharves Preferred Investment Option' presentation

ⁱⁱ 'Kaipara Kai Activation Plan' presentation

ⁱⁱⁱ 'Ancient Kauri Trail' presentation

^{iv} 'Three Waters Review Update' presentation

^v 'Draft Spatial Plan for Mangawhai' presentation