

Minutes for Te Ohu Whakahaere Appeals - 21 February 2024

21/02/2024 | 11:00 AM - Auckland, Wellington New Zealand Standard Time

Online via Microsoft Teams

Attendees (9)

Marama Rawiri; Glynnis Brook; Adele McLean; Dell Raerino; Lulu Lutui; Melanie Baynes;
Robyn McNaught; Sue Crossan; Karen Kennedy

Chair:

Glynnis Brook

Minutes: Louise Courtney

Karakia timatanga

The hui opened with karakia lead by M. Rawiri at 11:02am.

1. Welcome | mihi

The Chair welcomed K. Kennedy as the new Appeals Officer and acknowledging the mahi | work achieved to date.

The Chair noted that the meeting had been called due to mahi that needed to be addressed.

Co-Chair M. Rawiri tendered her resignation to the Ohu, due to changes in her role in relation to the changes in the direction for Te Pūkenga. She extended a mihi | thanks to the Ohu for their experience, mahi and willingness to have difficult conversations with particular mention of co-chair G. Brook for her leadership and guidance. The Chair stated that the resignation would be a loss for the Ohu and wished her well, noting that M. Rawiri would complete the appeals she was working on; this would be her final hui with the Ohu.

2. Interests Register

The Interests Register was noted.

3. Administration

3.1 Minutes of the open portion of meeting held on 29 November 2023

RESOLVED (A. McLean / M. Baynes)

THAT Te Ohu Whakahaere Appeals approves, as a true and accurate record, the minutes of the open portion of the Te Ohu Whakahaere Appeals meeting held 29 November 2023.

CARRIED

4. Health, Safety & Wellbeing

The Chair noted the letters sent out to affected kaimahi | staff have unsettled kaimahi across the organisation, and that collaboration across business divisions is something that would be good to continue going forward.

The Ohu discussed the ongoing uncertainty from some kaimahi about what and who to follow in terms of policies. The Chair advised that there may be changes in delegations in the near future, however, in relation to Te Ohu, it could raise more queries from business divisions regarding process.

5. Reports from Te Poari Akoranga

The Chair advised that while there had not been a formal meeting of Te Poari Akoranga, new terms of reference had been approved by Council. Key changes are:

- There would be fewer ohu whakahaere going forward.
- The main function of Te Poari Akoranga continues to be to provide assurance to Te Pūkenga Council and the Executive Leadership Team, therefore some items on the workplan may change.
- Updates will be available to each Ohu after each Te Poari Akoranga hui | meeting.

7. Update on incoming and active cases

The Appeals Officer advised that in 2023, the Ohu dealt with 18 cases. Two of those were transferred to 2024 of which one was concluded at end of January and the other due to be concluded at the end of February. Currently there were two new cases in progress, with one more received via the Chair.

9. Resolution to exclude the public

RESOLVED (G. Brook / D. Raerino)

THAT the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting. This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) (noting Te Pūkenga Council is specified, in Schedule 2 of LGOIMA, as a body to which LGOIMA applies) and the particular interests protected by section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA)

which would be prejudiced by the holding of the relevant parts of the proceedings of the meeting in public.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded and the reason for passing the resolution in relation to each matter are as follows:

Item	General subject of each matter to be considered	Section(s)
10.	Administration – Public Excluded	
10.1	Minutes of the public excluded portion of the meeting held 29 November 2023	Section 9(2)(a) OIA Section 9(2)(g)(ii) OIA Section 9(2)(i) OIA
10.2	Actions (confidential)	Section 9(2)(b)(ii) OIA Section 9(2)(g)(ii) OIA Section 9(2)(i) OIA
11.	Correspondence	
		Section 9(2)(a) OIA Section 9(2)(g)(ii) OIA
12.	Update on incoming and active cases	
12.1	Reflection on actions undertaken since previous meeting	Section 9(2)(a) OIA Section 9(2)(j) OIA
12.2	Current active cases	Section 9(2)(a) OIA Section 9(2)(g)(ii) OIA Section 9(2)(j) OIA

Interests

Section	Interest
Section 9(2)(a) OIA	To protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.
Section 9(2)(b)(ii) OIA	To protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.
Section 9(2)(g)(ii) OIA	To maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the protection of such Ministers, members of organisations, officers, and employees from improper pressure or harassment.
Section 9(2)(h) OIA	To maintain legal professional privilege.
Section 9(2)(i) OIA	To enable the organisation holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.
Section 9(2)(j) OIA	To enable the organisation to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).

Te Ohu Whakahaere Appeals moved into Public Excluded at 11:24am.

Karakia whakakapi

M. Rawiri closed the meeting with karakia at 12:11pm.