

Ngāti Te Whiti Whenua Tōpu Trust

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Held on 19 January 2025 At Te Whare Hononga, New Plymouth

1. Introduction

Attendees were advised where the doors are if the building needs to be evacuated, where the toilets are and that all cell phones were to be turned off and that the meeting is not to be taped. They were also asked to use the microphones when they spoke so that those on Zoom could hear them.

2. Mihi and Karakia

3. Present

Graeme Fairclough
Mawhaturia White
Susan Keenan
Linda McCulloch
Lydia Braddock
BJ Moke
Josie Leckie
Josh McCulloch-Nathan

Julie Johns
Perri Campbell
Allan Tito
Norrie Keenan
Tracey Harris
L M Tito
David Toa
Julie Healey

Wiki Michalanney
Sarah Knott
Tiotiana Tito
Kyla Caldwell
Jason Harris
Tod Sharland
Sharon McCulloch
Haydn Te Ruki

Via Zoom

Shane Cassidy
Val Campbell

Natalie Kirton

Te Raumahora Hema

Invited Guest

Leo Watson, Solicitor for the Ngāti Te Whiti Whenua Tōpu Trust

4. Apologies

Rita Rukuwai
Phillipa Fairclough
Stephanie Lynch
Jacqueline Tito

Gloria Taylor
Kristie Lee McCulloch
Pamela Evans

Darren Martin
Kyla Caldwell
Krisstal Healey

5. Chairperson's Report

Linda McCulloch, who was the Chairperson until the 5 December 2024, read her report to the meeting. Linda's report was also shared on the screen.

Resolution:

That the Chairperson's Report is taken as read and received. Carried

6. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 18 November 2023

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 18 November 2023 were shared with everyone on the screen.

Resolution:

That the minutes of the meeting held on the 18 November 2023 be taken as received and accepted as a true and fair representation of that meeting. Carried

7. Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ending 31 March 2024

The audited Financial Statements for the year ending 31 March 2024 were shared with everyone on the screen. Explanations were provided over numerous items in the financial statements. The attendees were advised that the financial statements were also on the Trust's website.

Resolution:

That the Financial Statements for the year ending 31 March 2024, audited by Silks, Chartered Accountants, Wanganui, be accepted. Carried

8. Appointment of the Chartered Accountants and Auditors for the Financial Statements for the years ending 31 March 2025

Resolution:

That BDO, Chartered Accountants, New Plymouth and Silks, Chartered Accountants, Wanganui are confirmed as the chartered accountants and auditors for the financial year ending 31 March 2025. Carried

9. Other Reports

a. Comparison of 2023/24 Budget to Audited Financial Statements and Fixed Budget for the year ending 31 March 2025

The spreadsheet showing the 2023\24 budget compared to the actual financial results as shown in the audited financial statements and the fixed budget for the year ending 31 March 2025 was presented to the meeting via the screen. Explanations were provided.

Resolution

That the comparison of the Fixed Budget 2023/24 to the actual results and the fixed budget presented for the year ending 31 March 2025 be taken as read and received. Carried

b. Education Grants

The meeting was advised that there were no applications for an Education Grant received in the 2023-24 financial year.

c. Trustee Elections – Update

The meeting was advised that the Māori Land Court hearing held in New Plymouth on the 5 December 2024 approved the appointment of Natalie Kirton, Heydon Healey and Haydn Te Ruki as Trustees of the Ngāti Te Whiti Whenua Tōpu Trust and the Ngāmotu Marae Reservation. Linda McCulloch's term as a Trustee came to an end on the 5 December 2025 because of having served as a Trustee for two consecutive terms.

d. Verbal report from Leo Watson on the Review of the Trust Order

Leo Watson updated the meeting on the processes followed in reviewing the contents of the Trust Order.

e. Ratification of the Ngāti Te Whiti Whenua Tōpu Trust Deed

Leo Watson shared the amendments to the Trust Deed along with an explanation as to why the amendments were required. Leo explained that the amended Trust Deed will need to be filed in the Māori Land Court for approval.

Resolution

That the amendments to the Ngāti Te Whiti Tōpu Trust Deed are agreed to and ratified accordingly. Carried

f. Whakapapa Report

Linda McCulloch provided a verbal report to the meeting noting that the Whakapapa Committee needs an administrative support for archiving and research.

g. Trustee Reports

The Trustees in attendance provided a verbal report to the meeting.

h. Ratification of Increase in Trustee Fees

The meeting was advised that the Trustees Fees are currently \$200, less tax, per Trustee meeting attendance. At the Trustees' closed meeting held on the 23 September 2024 the Trustees resolved to increase the payment to each Trustee, for attendance at Trustee Meetings, to \$373.13 being \$250 net per meeting, commencing from the October 2024 Trustee Meetings and subject to approval of the Māori Land Court.

The meeting was advised that the Trustees Meetings includes the Open Meeting and the Closed Meeting for the Ngāti Te Whiti Whenua Tōpu Trust and the closed meeting for the Ngāmotu Marae Reservation, all usually held monthly on the same night. There is only one fee paid to the Trustees for attendance at these 3 meetings.

Resolution

That the decision of the Trustees to increase the Trustee Fees to \$373.13 to each Trustee who attends the monthly Trustee meetings, with effect from October 2024, is agreed to and ratified accordingly, subject to approval by the Māori Land Court. Carried

10. General Business

There was no general business.

The meeting can be viewed on YouTube

<https://youtube.com/live/yEbzsV9tt0Q?feature=share>

The annual general meeting for the Ngāmotu Marae Reservation followed the Trust's annual general meeting.