

Minutes of a Meeting of the Maungatautari Reserve Committee held in the Committee room, Cambridge Service Centre, 23 Wilson Street, Cambridge on Wednesday, 5 April 2006 at 9.00am.

1 PRESENT

Councillor RJ Cooper - Chairperson

Members

S Mackinder (Landowner representative), JB Mylchreest (Maungatautari Ecological Island Trust), B Townend (Landowner representative), R Smith (Parawera Marae), P Tairi [from 9.30pm] (Maungatautari Marae)

In Attendance

A MacFarlane, Strategic Planning and Development Manager
N Barr, Committee Secretary

Public

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2 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

10/06/01

That the apologies for absence from Mayor Livingston and Councillor Flay be received.

Mylchreest/MacKinder

3 LATE ITEMS

Selwyn MacKinder requested that an item concerning Tari Road be considered as item 9.

4 CONFIRMATION OF ORDER OF MEETING

File: 01-85-26

RESOLVED

10/06/02

That the order of the meeting be confirmed with item 9, Tari Road being included.

Townsend/Mylchreest

5 VISITORS

Nil

6 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

File: 01-85-26

Minutes of meeting held on 2 November 2005 were included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

10/06/03

That the minutes of the meeting of the Maungatautari Reserve Committee held on 2 November 2005 be received.

MacKinder/Mylchreest

7 MAUNGATAUTARI RESERVE COMMITTEE – OFFICER’S REPORT

File: 01-85-26

Report of Strategic Planning and Development Manager dated 27 March 2006 was included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

10/06/04

That the report of the Strategic Planning and Development Manager dated 27 March 2006 be received.

Smith/MacKinder

Mr MacFarlane outlined the report and the Maungatautari Mountain Scenic Reserve Bylaw 2006. There was general discussion regarding the ability to form further enclosures and for commercial activity to occur within those enclosures.

Commercial activity is envisaged by the Maungatautari Ecological Trust to raise funds to maintain the infrastructure, however if a corporate sponsor were available there would be no need to charge entry to the enclosures.

Public access ways need to be identified as part of the bylaw. Access from the north is via a legalised easement off Hicks Road whereas two options have been identified from the south – via Tari Road on an historic track over private property or east of Tari Road. Access via the southern enclosure is another possibility.

RESOLVED

10/06/05

That the Maungatautari Reserve Committee recommend that the Maungatautari Scenic Reserve Bylaw is put on hold until this committee confirms to Council the final locations of the public access gates.

Mylchreest/Cooper

There was considerable discussion regarding the method of consultation and who would facilitate this consultation with owners of property in the vicinity of the proposed public access.

Ally Tairi, a member of the public, raised some issues with regard to the Maungatautari Ecological Island Trust which Jim Mylchreest, on behalf of the Trust, responded.

The lack of legal documentation stating the partnership between the Crown and property owners, those adjoining the fence and those contained within the reserve itself, was causing concern amongst some property owners.

The Maungatautari Ecological Island Trust erected the fence (replacing a stock proof fence) on the understanding with property owners that all legal issues would be resolved once the fence had been completed. The formation of trusts by owners of the Maori blocks would be an advantage for communication purposes.

It was suggested that the Maungatautari Ecological Island Trust work alongside Council to resolve communication issues to obtain legal easement for the public access. The bylaw cannot be progressed until this is completed.

8 PROGRESS REPORT FROM MAUNGATAUTARI ECOLOGICAL ISLAND TRUST

File: 01-85-26

Progress Report from the Maungatautari Ecological Island Trust dated 29 March 2006 was included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

10/06/06

That the progress report from the Maungatautari Ecological Island Trust dated 29 March 2006 be received.

MacKinder/Townend

A map was displayed illustrating the progress of the fence.

Jim Mylchreest confirmed that the proposed completion date of the fence was still July 2006 but was dependent upon confirmation of government funding. Trustees and other supporters provided personal guarantees to provide bridging finance to keep the fence construction progressing. The personal guarantees would be released when the outcome of the funding application was known on 22 April.

9 TARI ROAD

Selwyn MacKinder said that as a result of the recent improvements to Tari Road, the speed of traffic had increased considerably. The road is used by a lot of pedestrians, ie walkers and school children, and with the absence of footpaths and the presence of two blind corners on the road, there is potential for accidents to occur. A footpath and a 50kph maximum speed limit would address these issues.

10 NEXT MEETING

Meetings are currently scheduled bimonthly with the next meeting to be held on 14 June. There was concern that further momentum was needed (particularly over access issues) and that a sooner meeting than June would be necessary. It was recommended that the next meeting be brought forward to May.

RESOLVED

10/06/07

That the next meeting of the Maungatautari Reserve Committee is held on Wednesday, 3 May 2006 at 9.00am.

Mylchreest/Townend

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.16pm.

CHAIRPERSON _____

DATE _____

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS