

Minutes of a meeting of the Maungatautari Reserve Committee held in the Committee Room, Cambridge Service Centre, 23 Wilson Street, Cambridge on Wednesday 3 May 2006 commencing at 9.00am.

1 MEMBERS

Councillor RJ Cooper - Chairperson

Members

S Mackinder (Landowner representative), JB Mylchreest (Maungatautari Ecological Island Trust), R Smith (Parawera Marae), P Tairi (Maungatautari Marae), T Tauroa (Pohara Marae), B Townend (Landowner representative)

In Attendance

Strategic Planning and Development Manager (A McFarlane),
Committee Secretary (C Plowright)

Public - Nil

2 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

10/06/08

*That an apology for lateness be received from Committee Member Tairi.
Mylchreest/Mackinder*

3 LATE ITEMS

Nil.

4 CONFIRMATION OF ORDER OF MEETING

File: 01-85-26

RESOLVED

10/06/09

That the order of the meeting be confirmed.

Mylchreest/Tauroa

5 VISITORS

Nil.

6 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

File: 01-85-26

Minutes of meeting held on 5 April 2006 were included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

10/06/10

That the minutes of the meeting of the Maungatautari Reserve Committee held on 5 April 2006 be received.

Townend/Mylchreest

Matters Arising -

6.1 Access Issues

Committee Member Mylchreest said there is a legally registered pedestrian access on the northern side of Maungatautari which links directly onto the walking track. He said MEIT still needs to meet with landowners on the southern side of the Maunga to secure a public access point.

Committee Member Tauroa explained that the walking track to the southern enclosure crosses Maori land. He said the owners of that land would be meeting to discuss the issue with MEIT after the Coronation celebrations during week commencing 22 May. Once the outcomes of the MEIT / landowner meeting are known, Council expects to work with affected parties in securing necessary easements. Committee member Tauroa said the property owners concerned have expressed an interest in using part of the land for a tourism venture and hope to align themselves to MEIT in terms of sharing infrastructure/facilities in that location.

[Committee Member Tairi joined the meeting at 9.15am.]

Committee Member Mylchreest said MEIT would be writing to the Maori landowners to explain the situation so they have that information prior to the meeting. He said copies of the letters would be sent to Committee Members Smith, Tairi and Tauroa.

6.2 Tari Road – Traffic Speed

Strategic Planning and Development Manager, Andrew McFarlane, said it would be difficult to introduce a speed reduction from 100km per hour to 50km per hour on Tari Road because of national roading standards and guidelines.

He said the installation of a footpath on Tari Road is not part of Council's current budget.

RESOLVED

10/06/11

That the Maungatautari Reserve Committee recommends that Council investigate and report back to the Committee on a speed reduction for Tari Road or some facility for improving pedestrian safety, such as the installation of a footpath, because it is with fraught with danger at present.

Mackiner/Townend

7 PROGRESS REPORT FROM MAUNGATAUTARI ECOLOGICAL ISLAND TRUST

File: 01-85-26

Progress Report from the Maungatautari Ecological Island Trust dated 24 April 2006 was included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

10/06/12

That the progress report from the Maungatautari Ecological Island Trust dated 24 April 2006 be received.

Smith/Townend

Committee Member Mylchreest tabled a map showing progress with construction of the perimeter fence. He said good progress has been made, with less than nine kilometres left to construct, and subject to central government funding becoming available and the weather holding MEIT are on track to complete the fence by July. He also provided an update on recent pest control activities.

Mr McFarlane asked if Council could be given advance notice of any development proposals that MEIT and/or Iwi have for Maungatautari so Council can provide advice from a Resource Management perspective. He also asked if Council could be provided with a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding between Council and Iwi when it has been finalised.

8 GENERAL BUSINESS

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Committee Member Mylchreest said Department of Conservation (DOC) has funded a report for the recovery of Western North Island Brown Kiwi (the geno-type that would normally be found on Maungatautari) and Maungatautari features highly in the report in terms of getting that species permanently protected. He said the report would be circulated to Council and local Marae when it is available.

9 NEXT MEETING

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It was agreed that the Committee will still meet on 14 June 2006 as scheduled, despite having an extra meeting in May, in order to progress public access issues. Mr McFarlane felt there would be value in maintaining monthly meetings until there was progress over the public access issues.

Committee Member Tauroa closed the meeting with a Karakia at 10.00am.

CHAIRPERSON _____

DATE _____

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS