

Minutes of a meeting of the Maungatautari Reserve Committee held in the Meeting Room, Cambridge Service Centre, 23 Wilson Street, Cambridge on Wednesday 14 June 2006 commencing at 9.00am.

1 ATTENDANCE

Councillor RJ Cooper - Chairperson

Members

Councillor GC Flay (Waipa District Council), JB Mylchreest (Maungatautari Ecological Island Trust), R Smith (Parawera Marae) – from 9.20am, B Townend (Landowner representative)

In Attendance

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

Public - Nil

2 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

10/06/13

That apologies for absence be received from Mayor Livingston and from Committee Members Mackinder and Tairi.

B Townend/J Mylchreest

3 LATE ITEMS

Nil.

4 CONFIRMATION OF ORDER OF MEETING

File: 01-85-26

RESOLVED

10/06/14

That the order of the meeting be confirmed.

J Mylchreest/G Flay

5 VISITORS

Nil.

6 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

File: 01-85-26

Minutes of meeting held on 3 May 2006 were included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

10/06/15

That the minutes of the meeting of the Maungatautari Reserve Committee held on 3 May 2006 be received.

B Townend/J Mylchreest

Matters Arising -

6.1 Tari Road – Traffic Speed

Strategic Planning and Development Manager, Andrew McFarlane, said the Committee's recommendation had been referred to Council who had referred it to staff for investigation. Mr McFarlane said he would advise the Committee when a formal response has been received from staff.

7 MAUNGATAUTARI RESERVE COMMITTEE – OFFICER'S REPORT

File: 01-85-26

Report of Strategic Planning and Development Manager dated 6 June 2006 was included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

10/06/16

That the report of the Strategic Planning and Development Manager dated 6 June 2006 be received.

J Mylchreest/R Cooper

Mr McFarlane said the proposed Maungatautari Reserve Bylaw is still on hold pending clarification on public access issues. He said he understood MEIT would be consulting with affected landowners regarding public access gateways shortly (this discussion was deferred due to the Maori Queen's Coronation celebrations). Committee Member Mylchreest said he was hopeful that a meeting would be organised on the following afternoon as the issue is now becoming urgent.

Committee Member Mylchreest said that from MEIT's point of view there is a legal public access on the northern side of Maungatautari which MEIT want to improve by creating road access. However, access on the southern side of the mountain is now becoming pressing as it is hoped that construction of the fence will be completed within the next month. He said a process for formalising the southern access point is being worked on and it is hoped the issue will be resolved by the next Committee meeting.

Mr McFarlane said it had been suggested that Council engage a Maori land court specialist to guide Council through the negotiations process with respect to access issues on Maungatautari.

[Committee Member Smith joined the meeting at 9.20am.]

RESOLVED

10/06/17

That the Maungatautari Reserve Committee recommends to MEIT that it:

- a) Clarify public access proposals as a matter of urgency; and*
- b) Where this potentially affects private property, MEIT liaise with Council and affected landowners to secure legalised, publicly useable easements.*

J Mylchreest/R Smith

Mr McFarlane said the principal pest eradication programme is scheduled to take place between July 2006 – February 2007. Committee Member Mylchreest said it would be a challenge to complete the fence and undertake the poison drops within the proposed timeframe around weather conditions and working around lambing, etc. If a period of four to five fine days does not present itself mid-July the programme will have to be moved to mid-September. He said this also creates problems with ordering the poison as it will not keep until next year and MEIT has to make a decision on whether to order it by 3 July.

Mr McFarlane asked whether Council should be applying for another resource consent for vegetation clearance in view of the number of tracks being formed on Maungatautari. Committee Member Mylchreest said he understood the existing approvals would cover the walking tracks but he would check with DOC to confirm that is the case.

Returning to access issues, Mr McFarlane said Council's property department had drafted a report in response to a resolution passed by the Committee in February 2005 "... that the existing legal access agreement with Hicks Road is investigated with a view to amendment in order to address the concerns of landowners and accommodate the effects of increased reserve usage." He said use of the Public Works Act to resolve the access issues had been suggested in the report. Committee Member Mylchreest advised against using the Public Works Act, as it could be very damaging, and continuing to negotiate with the affected landowners was the best way forward. He said he favoured the suggestion made earlier in the meeting about engaging a Maori land court specialist to guide Council through the negotiations process.

RESOLVED

10/06/18

That the Maungatautari Reserve Committee -

- a) *Recommends Council engage a Maori land court specialist who is acceptable to the landowners to guide Council through negotiations on public access issues at Hicks Road.*
- b) *Believes that the draft conclusion from Council's Property Department would be counter-productive with any reference towards the Public Works Act or processes associated with that legislation.*

J Mylchreest/B Townend

Committee Member Mylchreest said he would speak to Nanaia Mahuta to see if she can suggest a suitable support person for the Maori landowners to assist in the negotiations with Council's land court specialist.

Committee Member Mylchreest said MEIT's Science and Research Committee has approved an application for scientific research on juvenile Kiwi in the southern enclosure.

8 PROGRESS REPORT FROM MAUNGATAUTARI ECOLOGICAL ISLAND TRUST

File: 01-85-26

Progress Report from Maungatautari Ecological Island Trust dated 12 June 2006 was tabled at the meeting.

RESOLVED

10/06/19

That the progress report from the Maungatautari Ecological Island Trust be received.

R Smith/R Cooper

Committee Member Mylchreest tabled a map showing progress with earthworks and fence construction. He said 2.5km of earthworks and 4km of fence remains to be completed. With good weather it is possible to construct 1km of fence per week.

Central Government funding of \$5.504 million has been confirmed for the project since the last meeting. Mr Mylchreest said this would allow MEIT to finish the fence and carry out the three major poison operations.

Committee Member Smith closed the meeting a karakia at 10.42am.

CHAIRPERSON _____

DATE _____

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Next meeting: 9.00am on Wednesday 5 July 2006 in the Meeting Room, Cambridge