

Minutes of a meeting of the Maungatautari Reserve Committee held in the Meeting Room, Cambridge Service Centre, 23 Wilson Street, Cambridge on Wednesday 1 November 2006 commencing at 9.00am.

1 ATTENDANCE

Councillor RJ Cooper - Chairperson

Members

Councillor GC Flay (Waipa District Council), R Smith (Parawera Marae), P Tairi (Maungatautari Marae), B Townend (Landowner representative)

Staff

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

Public – Nil

Committee Member Smith opened the meeting with a karakia.

2 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

10/06/23

That an apology for lateness be received from Committee Member Tairi and for absence from Mayor Livingston.

B Townend/G Flay

3 LATE ITEMS

Nil.

4 CONFIRMATION OF ORDER OF MEETING

File: 01-85-26

RESOLVED

10/06/24

That the order of the meeting be confirmed.

B Townend/G Flay

5 VISITORS

Nil.

6 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

File: 01-85-26

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

RESOLVED

10/06/25

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

R Smith/G Flay

7 MAUNGATAUTARI RESERVE COMMITTEE – OFFICER’S REPORT

File: 01-85-26

Report of Strategic Planning and Development Manager dated 12 October 2006 was included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

10/06/26

That the report of Strategic Planning and Development Manager dated 12 October 2006 be received.

G Flay/B Townend

Strategic Planning and Development Manager, Andrew McFarlane, said a suggestion had been made to Council that Akatarere Road could be used as an additional legalised access to the reserve from the south. He said although Tari Road had always been envisaged as the access point from the south, and had been partially upgraded to meet that requirement, there was a public misconception that access to the reserve via the Koroki Te Rata Block (KTR Block) was legalised. In reality, access through the KTR block is reliant upon the goodwill of the property owners and negotiations would be necessary to formalise this arrangement. To date, insufficient progress had been made on this front and it was suggested that Council play a more proactive role in progressing that issue. In the meantime, Akatarere Road was simply another option; a potential ‘fall-back’ option.

Mr McFarlane said the upper part of Akatarere Road is unformed and utilising it as an access point would necessitate forming the paper road to the reserve boundary. He said if the Committee wish to pursue that option staff could look into the feasibility of using Akatarere Road as a formal access to the reserve and report back.

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

Committee Member Tairi said he was confident Council would obtain buy-in from the Maori landowners on the Tari Road access issue provided there is proper consultation. He said he was concerned there has been a lack of consultation with the Maori landowners on this and it now needs to be progressed through the Maungatautari Reserve Committee rather than through MEIT.

It was suggested that now is an opportune time for Council to contact all affected landowners to ascertain how well the project has gone from their perspective. Mr McFarlane asked the Committee whether it still wishes to engage a Maori land court specialist to assist with the consultation on access issues. Committee Member Tairi said he felt that, at this stage, more progress would be made if he spoke to the owners of the KTR block rather than introducing a third party. He said he would try to set up a meeting with them and report back on progress to the next Reserve Committee meeting. Committee Member Smith said Parawera Marae supports the decisions made by Maungatautari Marae on this issue.

It was agreed to keep the Akatarere Road access option on hold at this stage.

Following discussion about reserve development work it was agreed that the Maungatautari Reserve Committee should be formally advised of all reserve development prior to works commencing.

8 PROGRESS REPORT FROM MAUNGATAUTARI ECOLOGICAL ISLAND TRUST

File: 01-85-26

Progress Report from the Maungatautari Ecological Island Trust dated 20 October 2006 was included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

10/06/27

That the progress report from the Maungatautari Ecological Island Trust dated 20 October 2006 be received.

R Smith/P Tairi

There was discussion concerning track development and maintenance and, in particular, the need for MEIT to keep Council advised of its plans for track development.

RESOLVED

10/06/28

That MEIT be asked to give the Maungatautari Reserve Committee an update on track development including confirmation that they have the appropriate DOC approvals for earthworks and vegetation clearance.

R Smith/P Tairi

Committee Member Smith closed the meeting with a karakia at 10.05am.

CHAIRPERSON _____

DATE _____

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Next meeting: 9.00am on Wednesday 13 December 2006 in the
Committee Room, Cambridge