

Minutes of a meeting of the Maungatautari Reserve Committee held in the Meeting Room, Cambridge Service Centre, 23 Wilson Street, Cambridge on Wednesday 13 December 2006 commencing at 9.00am.

1 MEMBERS

Councillor RJ Cooper - Chairperson

Members

His Worship the Mayor AD Livingston – from item 7, Councillor GC Flay (Waipa District Council), S Mackinder (Landowner representative), JB Mylchreest (Maungatautari Ecological Island Trust), R Smith (Parawera Marae) – from item 7, P Tairi (Maungatautari Marae) – from item 7, B Townend (Landowner representative)

Staff

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

Public - Nil

2 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

10/06/29

That an apology for lateness be received from Committee Member Tairi.
B Townend/Cr Flay

3 LATE ITEMS

Nil.

4 CONFIRMATION OF ORDER OF MEETING

File: 01-85-26

RESOLVED

10/06/30

That the order of the meeting be confirmed.

J Mylchreest/S Mackinder

5 VISITORS

Nil.

6 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

File: 01-85-26

Minutes of meeting held on 1 November 2006 were included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

10/06/31

That the minutes of the meeting of the Maungatautari Reserve Committee held on 1 November 2006 be received.

S Mackinder/B Townend

7 PROGRESS REPORT FROM MAUNGATAUTARI ECOLOGICAL ISLAND TRUST

File: 01-85-26

Progress Report from the Maungatautari Ecological Island Trust dated 28 November 2006 was included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

10/06/32

That the progress report from the Maungatautari Ecological Island Trust dated 28 November 2006 be received.

S Mackinder/B Townend

Committee Member Mylchreest said the perimeter fence is now finished and the first poison drop has been successfully completed. He said the second poison drop is planned for 14 December provided three to four days of good weather can be guaranteed.

[Mayor Livingston joined the meeting at 9.13am. Committee Member Smith joined the meeting at 9.14am.]

With respect to walking track progress, Committee Member Mylchreest said he understood it was Council who should obtain the necessary consents from DOC, as it is the administering body, and MEIT has provided Council with the information required to make the application. He said if Council wishes MEIT to make the application to DOC for approval of walking tracks it would need to write a letter of support to accompany the application. He said Council has made the applications to DOC in the past and he asked that MEIT be advised if this procedure has changed. Mr McFarlane said the Memorandum of Understanding between Council and MEIT has made it MEIT's responsibility to obtain approvals for track development. He said he would follow up on the matter with Council's Asset Manager Recreation, Max Ward.

[Committee Member Tairi joined the meeting at 9.25am.]

Committee Member Mylchreest said MEIT is doing all it can to try and find out how the recent severing of a kiwi's beak occurred. He said it is hoped that three more kiwi will be reintroduced before Christmas. The tuatara enclosure is scheduled for completion early in the new year and approximately 15 tuatara are being obtained from the Otorohanga Kiwi House. It is also planned to construct several small aviaries to provide temporary housing for kaka, prior to release onto Maungatautari.

Committee Member Mackinder said the pair of takahe have disappeared from sight which is a strong indication that they are sitting on another egg.

Committee Member Tairi asked who would be liable if there is an accident at the viewing tower or on one of the tracks. Mr McFarlane said Council is responsible for whatever happens in the reserve because it is the administering body. Committee Member Mylchreest said as long as the tower complies with OSH requirements, is maintained properly and there is a regular inspection programme in place there would be no liability on Council. Mayor Livingston said no-one would be liable from a tripping over accident on a track because that is a natural hazard.

Committee Member Mylchreest said 24 volunteers have been put through a four wheel drive training programme to ensure they are qualified to drive around the fence line for monitoring purposes and warning signs have been installed identifying a few sections of the track that are difficult to manoeuvre.

A promotional video about the fencing project was played at the end of this item.

8 KIWI RESEARCH PROPOSAL

File: 01-85-26

Research Proposal from Susan Cunningham (Massey University Student) was included in the agenda.

Committee Members were advised about a proposed research project on Maungatautari to release a young kiwi known as "Beaker" with a bill-tip abnormality and Susan Cunningham (a PhD student at Massey University) has been invited to study the progress of this bird, pending appropriate permissions. Susan has written to Council seeking permission to undertake the proposed research with "Beaker".

Mr McFarlane said as the study area is on private property it does not require Council approval but it would be helpful if the Committee gave its support to the project.

RESOLVED

10/06/33

That, in the event that research extends from private property onto reserve property, and as the project has the full support of MEIT's Science and Research Committee, the Maungatautari Reserve Committee has no objections to this Kiwi research proposal.

Mayor Livingston/B Townend

9 MEETING DATES FOR 2007

File: 01-85-26

Committee Members were reminded that it is normal practice for the Maungatautari Reserve Committee to meet bi-monthly on the first Wednesday of the month. However, as this clashes with the Iwi Consultative Committee on three occasions, the Committee would meet on the second Wednesday for those months.

RESOLVED

10/06/34

That the Maungatautari Reserve Committee approve meeting dates for 2007 as follows:

7 February, 11 April, 13 June, 1 August, 3 October and 5 December 2007.

R Smith/J Mylchreest

10 GENERAL BUSINESS

10.1 Transferable Development Rights

Mayor Livingston asked if Council has finalised this issue. Mr McFarlane said Council is looking into a set formula to determine how many heritage/environmental protection lots might be available for each item of community good. He said a preliminary set of criteria has been drafted by Council staff, although the integrity of that criteria was currently being assessed by Council's solicitor.

Committee Member Mylchreest said he understood approval of the lots would be subject to the land being permanently protected. He said all the affected landowners have been spoken to and are very keen for the matter to be resolved.

10.2 Access Issues

Committee Member Tairi said he had met with the owners of the KTR block on 12 November. He said they support the fencing project and are keen to meet with Council in February/March 2007 to discuss issues such as transferable property rights. He asked if it was possible to provide them with more information on transferable property rights in the interim. Mayor Livingston said Council is still working on that issue and would make that information available to affected landowners as and when there was a definitive outcome.

Committee Member Tairi asked that when that information is available it is sent to Rick Maru (address in Huntly to be provided) as he speaks on behalf of the KTR block owners.

RESOLVED

10/06/35

That the information be received.

S Mackinder/B Townend.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.15am.

CHAIRPERSON _____

DATE _____

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Next meeting: 9.00am on Wednesday 7 February 2007 in the Committee Room, Cambridge