

Minutes of a meeting of the Maungatautari Reserve Committee held in the Committee Room, Cambridge Service Centre, 23 Wilson Street, Cambridge on Wednesday 7 March 2007 commencing at 9.00am.

1 ATTENDANCE

JB Mylchreest - Chairperson

Members

P Tairi (Maungatautari Marae) – from item 7, B Townend (Landowner representative)

Staff

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

In the absence of Chairperson Cooper the Committee was asked to elect a chairperson to preside at the meeting in accordance with Standing Orders 2.3.2.

RESOLVED

10/07/01

That Committee Member Mylchreest be elected as Chairperson for this meeting.

B Townend/J Mylchreest

2 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

10/07/02

That apologies for absence be received from Mayor Livingston, Chairperson Cooper, Councillor Flay and Committee Members Mackinder and Smith.

J Mylchreest/B Townend

3 LATE ITEMS

Nil.

4 CONFIRMATION OF ORDER OF MEETING

File: 01-85-26

RESOLVED

10/07/03

That the order of the meeting be confirmed.

J Mylchreest/B Townend

5 VISITORS

Nil.

6 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

File: 01-85-26

Minutes of meeting held on 13 December 2006 were included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

10/07/04

That the minutes of the meeting of the Maungatautari Reserve Committee held on 13 December 2006 be received.

B Townend/J Mylchreest

Matters Arising -

6.1 Viewing Tower

It was asked whether Council or MEIT should obtain sign off from OSH that the viewing tower complies with OSH requirements to ensure there is no liability on Council in the event of an accident. Committee Member Mylchreest said he thought OSH would not want to become involved because the tower has been approved by Council's Building Inspectors. Mr McFarlane will make enquiries with Council's building control staff regarding the safety of the structure.

7 MAUNGATAUTARI RESERVE COMMITTEE – OFFICER'S REPORT

File: 01-85-26

Report of Strategic Planning and Development Manager dated 22 February 2007 was included in the agenda.

Strategic Planning and Development Manager, Andrew McFarlane, said staff have been working on how to provide clarity and certainty for landowners who might be eligible for an environmental protection lot (EPL) or transferable development right (TDR). As a result, Council is now proposing to amend the EPL provisions of the District Plan, to ensure sufficient recognition of the unique circumstances on Maungatautari, and this has been identified as a priority.

Mr McFarlane said once Council has obtained agreement from landowners on the broad criteria for the EPL provisions, and confidence to proceed with the Plan Change on that basis, a list of those eligible for EPL provisions will be included as a schedule to the District Plan.

Committee Member Mylchreest mentioned two areas not covered by the draft EPL provisions; those being what recognition would be given to anyone who has put less than five hectares of land into the project area and how would land required for access that is not along the fence be recognised. Mr McFarlane said he would obtain feedback on those two issues.

[Committee Member Tairi joined the meeting at 9.16am.]

Mr McFarlane said it was also possible that some landowners are entitled to central government funding for Kawanata agreements over bush in addition to an EPL for having the fence on their property. Committee Member Tairi said he would be meeting with Greg Martin from DOC within the next few weeks to discuss that particular issue.

Mr McFarlane said it would be very important to obtain feedback from all affected landowners on the criteria for EPL because once it is accepted as the criteria in the District Plan it will be very hard to change.

A copy of the proposed Maungatautari Mountain Scenic Reserve Bylaw 2007 was included in the agenda. Mr McFarlane said it is hoped to notify the proposed bylaw, by way of the special consultative procedure required under the Local Government Act 2002, in June 2007. He said there has been little change to the proposed bylaw since it was last brought to the Reserve Committee in November 2005 but it would be useful to obtain feedback from the Committee on item 4.2 (controls on public access) before the draft bylaw is presented to the Policy Committee.

RESOLVED

10/07/05

That 4.2 of the draft Maungatautari Mountain Scenic Reserve Bylaw 2007 be amended to read -

“4.2 No person may enter an Environmental Protection Area unless -

- a) Authorised by Council; or
- b) Authorised by and in accordance with any conditions in a Concession which specifically authorises entry into an Environmental Protection Area; or
- c) Authorised by a Concessionaire who has a Concession which specifically authorises the Concessionaire to permit persons to enter an Environmental Protection Area.”

and the Maungatautari Reserve Committee recommends the draft bylaw to the Policy Committee for commencement of the public notification procedure.

B Townend/P Tairi

RESOLVED

10/07/05

That the report of Strategic Planning and Development Manager dated 22 February 2007 be received.

B Townend/J Mylchreest

8 PROGRESS REPORT FROM MAUNGATAUTARI ECOLOGICAL ISLAND TRUST

File: 01-85-26

Progress Report from the Maungatautari Ecological Island Trust dated 28 February 2007 was included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

10/07/06

That the progress report from the Maungatautari Ecological Island Trust dated 28 February 2007 be received.

J Mylchreest/B Townend

Committee Member Mylchreest provided an update on fence progress, financial issues, pest control, reserve development and reintroductions. He explained why it is intended to erect an aviary in close proximity to the viewing tower and he asked for the Committee's approval in principle to construct it.

RESOLVED

1007/07

That the Maungatautari Reserve Committee gives approval, in principle, to the construction of a soft release aviary in the southern enclosure on Maungatautari.

B Townend/P Tairi

Committee Member Mylchreest said design plans for the aviary should be available for the next Reserve Committee meeting on 11 April.

9 GENERAL BUSINESS

9.1 WINTEC Survey

In answer to a query made on behalf of Committee Member Smith, it was explained that WINTEC has asked whether MEIT would be prepared to send out a survey form to its volunteers and members asking for their views on conservation. Committee Member Mylchreest said the survey, which is for social rather than scientific research, asks how people feel about conservation and the Trust in general. He said there is no obligation on anyone to complete the survey unless they wish to.

9.2 Access Issues

Committee Member Tairi said he is hoping to meet with the three Maori landowners concerned to discuss these issues at the beginning of next month.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.04am.

CHAIRPERSON _____

DATE _____

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Next meeting: 9.00am on Wednesday 11 April 2007 in the Committee Room, Cambridge