

Minutes of a meeting of the Maungatautari Reserve Committee held in the Committee Room, Cambridge Service Centre, 23 Wilson Street, Cambridge on Wednesday 11 April 2007 commencing at 9.00am.

1 MEMBERS

Councillor RJ Cooper - Chairperson

Members

His Worship the Mayor AD Livingston

Councillor GC Flay (Waipa District Council), S Mackinder (Landowner representative), JB Mylchreest (Maungatautari Ecological Island Trust), R Smith (Parawera Marae)

Staff

Project Manager Heritage Development & Reserves Planning (T Roxburgh), Secretary (C Plowright)

Committee Member Smith opened the meeting with a karakia.

2 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

10/07/08

That apologies for absence be received from Committee Members Tairi and Townsend.

Mylchreest/Mackinder

3 LATE ITEMS

Nil.

4 CONFIRMATION OF ORDER OF MEETING

File: 01-85-26

RESOLVED

10/07/09

That the order of the meeting be confirmed.

Mylchreest/Flay

5 VISITORS

Nil.

6 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

File: 01-85-26

Minutes of meeting held on 7 March 2007 were included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

10/07/10

That the minutes of the meeting of the Maungatautari Reserve Committee held on 7 March 2007 be received.

Mackinder/Mylchreest

Matters Arising -

6.1 WINTEC Survey

Committee Member Smith said she had raised this issue because she sits on the WINTEC Ethics Committee and they were unsure whether or not Maori had been consulted about the survey. Committee Member Mylchreest said the Trust would ensure anything of this nature is given to the Tangata Whenua Committee in future to check on whether there are any cultural issues involved.

6.2 Access Issues

Mayor Livingston said he understood there was a hui held with Maungatautari and Pohara Marae on the previous weekend when access issues on Maungatautari were to be discussed.

7 MAUNGATAUTARI RESERVE COMMITTEE – OFFICER’S REPORT

File: 01-85-26

Report of Strategic Planning and Development Manager dated 26 March 2007 was included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

10/07/11

That the report of Strategic Planning and Development Manager dated 26 March 2007 be received.

Mackinder/Mylchreest

Project Manager Heritage Development and Reserves Planning, Tony Roxburgh, ran through the suggested eligibility criteria for Environmental Protection Lots (EPLs). He said a Plan Change is being drafted to accommodate those provisions and to recognise the contribution landowners have made to the fencing project.

Committee Member Mylchreest said he felt the draft EPL provisions would fairly recognise the contribution landowners have made to the project and that most landowners would be satisfied with what has been suggested. He offered to contact each of the landowners and explain the eligibility criteria and draft EPL provisions to them. Councillor Flay said he also favoured the draft provisions.

Mayor Livingston thanked Andrew McFarlane and Tony Roxburgh for progressing this issue. He asked if the cost of formalising and registering any covenants and easements required for EPL eligibility would be covered by Council or the landowner. It was explained that this would be a cost to the landowner and Mayor Livingston said that should be made clear to landowners from the outset. Committee Member Mylchreest said he would check with the QE2 Trust on whether vehicle access tracks can be covered by QE2 agreements, although that could have some public access implications which would need to be clarified.

Chairperson Cooper said he understood it was not possible to transfer an EPL within the Special Landscape Character Area. Mayor Livingston said Council's planning staff should be asked to clarify that point.

Mr Roxburgh said feedback from landowners on the EPL provisions would be included in a report being drafted for presentation to Council's Policy Committee. Committee Member Mylchreest said he hoped to be able to speak to most affected landowners within the next four weeks.

RESOLVED

10/07/12

That the Maungatautari Reserve Committee approves the criteria for Environmental Protection Lots as outlined in the Officer's Report dated 26 March 2007.

Mylchreest/Smith

[Committee Members Cooper and Mackinder declared an interest in this issue and did not vote.]

It was explained that the resolutions passed at the March Committee meeting regarding the Maungatautari Mountain Scenic Reserve Bylaw and the proposed aviary are invalid, as a quorum was not obtained for the meeting, and they need to be restated.

RESOLVED

10/07/13

That -

- a) *Section 4.2 of the draft Maungatautari 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.*
- b) *The Maungatautari Reserve Committee recommends the draft Maungatautari Scenic Reserve Bylaw (as amended) be referred to the Policy Committee for approval and subsequent public notification.*

Flay/Mackinder

RESOLVED

10/07/14

That -

- a) *The Maungatautari Reserve Committee gives approval, in principle, for the construction of a soft release aviary in the southern enclosure on Maungatautari; and*
- b) *Council staff advise MEIT as to what building permits (if any) and resource consents (if any) are required for the construction of said aviary.*

Mackinder/Mylchreest

Committee Member Mylchreest said the aviary would be a similar design to the viewing tower and would be located nearby. He said a building consent is currently being processed and there is no need for a resource consent.

RESOLVED

10/07/15

That Andrew McFarlane be thanked for all his efforts and input into the Maungatautari Reserve Committee.

Mackinder/Mylchreest

Committee Member Mylchreest said Mr McFarlane has been a great supporter of the project and has taken an active interest in the Maunga. Mayor Livingston said Mr McFarlane's work for Maungatautari has been greatly appreciated by Council. It was confirmed that Mr Roxburgh will be taking over the officer's role with the Maungatautari Reserve Committee.

8 PROGRESS REPORT FROM MAUNGATAUTARI ECOLOGICAL ISLAND TRUST

File: 01-85-26

Progress Report from the Maungatautari Ecological Island Trust dated 2 April 2007 was included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

10/07/16

That the progress report from the Maungatautari Ecological Island Trust dated 2 April 2007 be received.

Mackinder/Mylchreest

Committee Member Mylchreest provided updates on installation of the electronic surveillance system on the fence, the Trust's current financial situation, pest control issues and reintroductions.

There was discussion about the increasing need for toilet facilities on Maungatautari and Committee Member Mylchreest said the Trust is looking at constructing a composting type toilet in the southern enclosure. Mayor Livingston said Council has already indicated its support for the provision of toilet facilities on Maungatautari and it would be appropriate for the Committee to recommend that Council provide funding for temporary toilet facilities in a suitable area on the southern side of Maungatautari. Committee Member Mylchreest said he would talk to Mr Roxburgh about the best location for the toilet and whether there might be servicing issues if it is located on the reserve.

RESOLVED

10/07/17

That the Maungatautari Reserve Committee recommends that Council fund the construction of a temporary composting type toilet in a suitable area on the southern side of Maungatautari.

Flay/Mackinder

9 GENERAL BUSINESS

9.1 Information Centre

Councillor Flay asked whether it would be practical to construct an information centre inside one of the enclosures. Committee Member Mylchreest said, from the Trust's perspective, purchase of land adjoining the reserve for construction of a visitor centre and, eventually, the main toilet block and any other associated activities was the preferred option. He said it would be more sensible to build those facilities outside of the southern enclosure but closely associated with it. He said the Trust's initial planning had been for Visitor Centres to be located and both the northern and southern access points to the reserve. However, the Trust does not have the resources available to develop those facilities on two sites and it is felt the southern enclosure is the most favourable location, with fewer problems in terms of access issues and being on a major tourist route.

There being no further business the meeting closed with a karakia at 11.06am.

CHAIRPERSON _____

DATE _____

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Next meeting: 9.00am on Wednesday 13 June 2007 in the Committee Room, Cambridge