

Minutes of a meeting of the Maungatautari Reserve Committee held in the Meeting Room, Cambridge Service Centre, 23 Wilson Street, Cambridge on Wednesday 5 July 2006 commencing at 9.00am.

1 MEMBERS

Councillor RJ Cooper - Chairperson

Members

Councillor GC Flay (Waipa District Council), S Mackinder (Landowner representative), JB Mylchreest (Maungatautari Ecological Island Trust), R Smith (Parawera Marae), P Tairi (Maungatautari Marae) – from 9.23am, B Townend (Landowner representative)

Staff

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

Public – Nil

Rose Smith opened the meeting with a karakia.

2 APOLOGIES

Nil.

3 LATE ITEMS

Nil.

4 CONFIRMATION OF ORDER OF MEETING

File: 01-85-26

RESOLVED

10/06/20

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 14 June 2006 were included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

10/06/21

That the minutes of the meeting of the Maungatautari Reserve Committee held on 14 June 2006 be received.

R Smith/S Mackinder

7 MAUNGATAUTARI RESERVE COMMITTEE – OFFICER’S REPORT

File: 01-85-26

Report of Project Manager – Heritage Development & Reserve Planning dated 28 June 2006 was included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

10/06/22

That the report of Project Manager – Heritage Development & Reserve Planning dated 28 June 2006 be received.

J Mylchreest/S Mackinder

Committee Member Mackinder said a sign had been erected on Tari Road that morning, alerting motorists about the increased use of the road by pedestrians, but unfortunately it is facing the wrong way. Project Manager – Heritage Development and Reserves Planning, Tony Roxburgh, said he would ensure this matter was placed before Council’s Roading Department.

Committee Member Mylchreest said he has spoken to Nanaia Mahuta’s office and they agree it would be appropriate to engage consultants to assist landowners with negotiations on public access issues at Hicks Road. They have agreed to provide MEIT with the contact details for two – three consultants and these will be forwarded on to Council when received. Once these are received Council will formally offer assistance to the landowners concerned.

[Committee Member Tairi joined the meeting at 9.23am.]

Committee Member Tairi said he would try to make contact with the chairmen of the three blocks of land involved in this issue. Mr Roxburgh asked if it was likely that the landowners would sell the land for the road to Council as this would be Council's preferred option. Committee Member Tairi said he felt the property owners would be reluctant to sell the land and a long-term lease was a more likely option.

Committee Member Mylchreest said the Department of Conservation has suggested that application be made for approval to construct the main north-south walking track required to service the pest control operation. He said DOC is not concerned about the standard of the track but feels its construction needs to be formalised. He said the application must come from Council because it is responsible for the management and control of the reserve. He said he would provide Council with the information required to make the application.

8 PROGRESS REPORT FROM MAUNGATAUTARI ECOLOGICAL ISLAND TRUST

File: 01-85-26

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

RESOLVED

10/06/23

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

S Mackinder/G Flay

A map showing progress with earthworks and fence construction was tabled. Committee Member Mylchreest said there is now less than 1km of fence to be completed which represents 7-10 days work. He said culvert ends to the pipes and pedestrian gateways are currently being installed. He said the cut-off date for the poison drop is 25 July, when lambing starts around the mountain, which only leaves a very small window of opportunity of 4-5 days that has to coincide with a spell of fine weather.

He outlined the lengthy processes required by Central Government in order to obtain the \$5.504 million recently confirmed for the project.

Construction of the viewing platform is progressing well and the two takahe that have recently been reintroduced appear to be settling down and have paired up.

Committee Member Smith closed the meeting with a karakia at 10.15am.

CHAIRPERSON _____

DATE _____

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Next meeting: 9.00am on Wednesday 2 August 2006 in the Committee Room, Cambridge