

*Minutes of a meeting of the Maungatautari Reserve Committee held in the Committee Room, Cambridge Service Centre, 23 Wilson Street, Cambridge on Wednesday 10 September 2008 commencing at 9.00am.*

## **1 MEMBERS**

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Councillor GRP Webber - Chairperson

### **Members**

Councillor LWE Hoverd (Waipa District Council), S Mackinder (Landowner representative), P Devlin (Department of Conservation), R Smith (Parawera Marae), P Tairi (Maungatautari Marae), B Townend (Landowner representative)

### **Others**

Project Manager – Heritage Development & Reserves Planning, T Roxburgh;  
Committee Secretary, S King.

## **2 APOLOGIES**

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### **RESOLVED**

10/08/18

*That the apologies from J Mylchreest and R Smith for non attendance be received.*

Townend / Mackinder

## **3 LATE ITEMS**

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There were no late items.

## **4 CONFIRMATION OF ORDER OF MEETING**

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File: 01-85-26

### **RESOLVED**

10/08/19

*That the order of the meeting be confirmed.*

Cr Webber / Mackinder

## **5 VISITORS**

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There were no visitors.

## **6 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

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File: 01-85-26

**Minutes of meeting held on 9 July 2008 were included in the agenda**

**RESOLVED**

10/08/20

*That the minutes of the meeting of the Maungatautari Reserve Committee held on 9 July 2008 be received.*

Cr Hoverd / Townend

## **7 MAUNGATAUTARI RESERVE COMMITTEE – OFFICER’S REPORT**

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File: 01-85-26

**Report of Project Manager – Heritage Development and Reserves Planning dated 26 August 2008 was included in the agenda**

Project Manager – Heritage Development & Reserves Planning, T Roxburgh provided an update on the Maungatautari Environmental Protection Lot process. During landowner consultation, the principle was universally agreed with however some concerns were raised. He noted that many letters to Maori landowners were returned and Council have written to the local Marae’s to request help in locating correct addresses. However, public notification will begin soon.

The allocation on a holdings basis, rather than land titles received some comments. This is to recognise the effect on farm operations but is not based on the productivity of the land which is subjective and open to criticism. The length of the fence is to be defined by landowners and not Council, as is the normal procedure.

The requirement for all entitlements to be transferred away from the Maunga, raised some concerns from landowners who would like one entitlement to be realised on the land.

Mayor Livingston joined the meeting at 9.10am.

Other concerns raised included the issue of the fence and access impacting unnecessarily on landowners rights. The impact on financial returns with unknown people accessing their properties and a subsequent decrease in profitability was raised. Landowners noted that the financial sale of the land is temporary and doesn’t recognise the ongoing impact of the fence over time.

A key issue is the access to the fence for repairs and maintenance, and issue that MEIT needs to resolve with landowners. Council requires the fence to be maintained, however there is no requirement regarding who does the work.

Members discussed the matter of landowner confidence in the people who are accessing their property. If certain people only, who were known the landowners and have their confidence, were the only ones who accessed the property this may alleviate the issue. Research has indicated that in the event of a breach, people need to be onsite within 90 minutes. MEIT have a code of conduct agreement with some landowners.

Mr Roxburgh reiterated the requirement to receive an entitlement for the fence and carriageway is that landowners need to provide access for the maintenance of the fence 24/7. This would apply to all landowners who have the fence on their property. Also, private land enclosed by the fence triggers an entitlement, subject to size restrictions. He noted that landowners can place the carriageway into a reserve by vesting the private land to Council. Most landowners have indicated that they would wish to retain the title to the land.

Peter joined the meeting at 9.31am.

In response to a question, Mr Roxburgh advised that landowners are able to generate entitlements by other means. He commented that MEIT and Council are still in negotiations regarding a contract of service agreement.

In response to a question on the letter of support of Ngati Koroki Kahukura and Maungatautari's claim, Mr Tairi commented that this is still a live issue and the outcome is unknown as yet.

**RESOLVED**

10/08/21

*That the report of Project Manager – Heritage Development and Reserves Planning dated 26 August 2008 be received.*

Mackinder / Cr Hoverd

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**8 PROGRESS REPORT FROM MAUNGATAUTARI ECOLOGICAL ISLAND TRUST**

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File: 01-85-26

Of the three kiwi eggs, two have found to be fertile and have been transferred to a hatchery in Rotorua where they are reported to be in good condition. The egg from the northern side of the Maunga was infertile. In response to a question, T Roxburgh advised the reason for the kiwi eggs being transferred to Rotorua is the reduced risk inherent in incubating in a secured facility. An argument against using artificial hatching is that some chicks will survive but would not have been strong enough in the wild. This poses questions upon the strength of future generations.

The Open Day was last Sunday where approximately 560 people attended. Signs will be placed onto the trees and these are for sale at \$20 per sign and renewed every two years. They were available at the Open Day.

The next poison drop is scheduled for Sunday, weather permitting. The cards are currently being read and results are expected on Friday. The Kokako are on hold until after the poison drop and the Takahae chicks are looking to nest and will hopefully produce one or two chicks this year.

**RESOLVED**

10/08/22

*That the verbal report from the Maungatautari Ecological Island Trust given at the meeting be received.*

Cr Webber / Townend

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**9 GENERAL BUSINESS**

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Previous DOC representative, R Kelleher has a new role and subsequently will not be attending the meetings. P Devlin is the acting area manager for Waikato and advised that the position has been advertised. Interviews are expected next week with an appointment within a month.

**RESOLVED**

10/08/23

*That the information be received.*

Cr Webber / Townend

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.01am.

**CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD**

**CHAIRPERSON** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_