

Minutes of a meeting of the Maungatautari Reserve Committee held in the Committee Room, Cambridge Service Centre, 23 Wilson Street, Cambridge on Wednesday 8 April 2009 commencing at 9.01am.

1 PRESENT

Project Manager – Heritage Development & Reserves Planning advised members that due the apology for lateness from Councillor Webber that a Chairperson would need to be appointed for this meeting. He called for nominations and one nomination was received.

RESOLVED

10/09/06

That Councillor Hoverd be appointed as the Chairperson for this meeting due to the apology for lateness from Councillor Webber.

S Mackinder / B Townend

Councillor LWE Hoverd - Chairperson

Members

His Worship the Mayor: A Livingston [from 9.31am], S Mackinder (Landowner representative), JB Mylchreest (Maungatautari Ecological Island Trust), B Townend (Landowner representative)

Others

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

2 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

10/09/07

That the apology for lateness from Councillor Webber be received.

Councillor Hoverd / S Mackinder

3 LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

4 CONFIRMATION OF ORDER OF MEETING

File: 01-85-26

RESOLVED

10/09/08

That the order of the meeting be confirmed.

Councillor Hoverd / S Mackinder

5 VISITORS

There were no visitors.

6 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

File: 01-85-26

Minutes of meeting held on 8 April 2009 were included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

10/09/09

That the minutes of the meeting of the Maungatautari Reserve Committee held on 8 April 2009 be received.

S Mackinder / B Townend

7 MAUNGATAUTARI RESERVE COMMITTEE – OFFICER’S REPORT

File: 01-85-26

Report of Project Manager – Heritage Development and Reserves Planning dated 2009 was included in the agenda.

Project Manager – Heritage Development & Reserves Planning updated members on the creation of Maungatautari Ecological Island Lots (Plan Change 56). He said that submitters have rejected including access for MEIT to maintain and repair the fence as part of a covenant registered on their title and that Council recognise that properties that have long sections of fence are subject to greater disruption.

Members discussed ongoing support by both Environment Waikato and Waipa District Council, the structure of an agreement between the parties, performance measures and the outcomes expected by the councils.

Project Manager – Heritage Development & Reserves Planning said that a contract for service between Council and MEIT has been agreed, with the Committee's minutes reporting back to both councils and he noted that the Committee would continue to oversee other issues associated with the Reserve.

He then said that consideration of the Committee's membership was discussed by the Transition Committee who recommend an Environment Waikato representative would be appropriate to reflect the partnership. He said that a Joint Committee consisting of staff from both councils would oversee the expenditure and work programme, with daily management overseen by Council's Manager – Recreation Reserves.

Members discussed MEIT's role under the proposed agreement.

Mayor Livingston joined the meeting at 9.31am.

RESOLVED

10/09/10

That the report of Project Manager – Heritage Development and Reserves Planning dated 2009 be received.

S Mackinder / J Mylchreest

8 PROGRESS REPORT FROM MAUNGATAUTARI ECOLOGICAL ISLAND TRUST

File: 01-85-26

Progress Report of Maungatautari Ecological Island Trust dated 27 May 2009 was included in the agenda.

J Mylchreest spoke in depth on the security of the fence noting that a flaw has been discovered where the two strips of mesh are secured to the posts by tex screws. He said that the screw has pulled through the top layer of mesh leaving a gap which mice could breach. He then spoke on the impact of the flaw on pest identification and management, advising that the recent tracking of pests has increased. He advised members that to fix the flaw would cost between \$16,000 - \$20,000 for materials and that discussions with Excluder were underway to determine any guarantee for the poor workmanship.

Members discussed the pest management throughout the mountain and J Mylchreest said that hand spreading was the most effective. He then spoke on the recent additions to the bird life on the mountain, including stitch birds and kakas. S Mackinder updated members on the recent kaka naming competition. J Mylchreest then spoke on the proposed infrastructure developments and the current projects.

Members discussed the current membership and the need to ensure that attendance was maintained.

RESOLVED

10/09/11

That the progress report from the Maungatautari Ecological Island Trust dated 27 May 2009 be received.

J Mylchreest / Mayor Livingston

9 GENERAL BUSINESS

Opportunity for members to discuss items that are not on the Agenda.

S Mackinder queried if any progress had been made on the appointment of honorary rangers. J Mylchreest said that a lack of resources meant that the proposal was unable to be progressed. He said that staff working on the mountain would be appropriate as rangers and that training would be required from both the Department of Conservation and NZ Police. He said that the cost of training and in keeping an enforcement officer in place along with co-ordination would be dependent on available funds.

RESOLVED

10/09/12

That the information be received.

Mayor Livingston / J Mylchreest

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.41am.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD

CHAIRPERSON _____

DATE: _____