

*Minutes of a meeting of the Maungatautari Reserve Committee held in the Committee Room, Cambridge Service Centre, 23 Wilson Street, Cambridge on Wednesday 21 April 2010 commencing at 9.00am.*

## **1 PRESENT**

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Councillor Grahame Webber	Chairperson
Taotao Tauroa	Ngati Koroki Kahukura Trust
Rose Smith	Parawera Marae
Barry Townend	Adjoining Landowner
Kataraina Hodge	Adjoining Landowner
Matt Cook	Department of Conservation
Councillor John Fisher	Environment Waikato

### **Others**

Manager Community Facilities, T Roxburgh; Committee Secretary, S King; Department of Conservation Programme Manager Biodiversity, D Patterson; Maungatautari Ecological Island Trust operations coordinator, T Rolley.

## **2 APOLOGIES**

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### **RESOLVED**

10/10/01

*That the apologies for non attendance from His Worship the Mayor, A. Livingston and committee member A. Andree-Wiltens be received.*

Smith / Fisher

## **3 OPENING KARAKIA**

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Mr. Tauroa provided the opening karakia.

## **4 LATE ITEMS**

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The Chair accepted 'Adjoining Landowner' representation as a late item.

## **5 CONFIRMATION OF ORDER OF MEETING**

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### **RESOLVED**

10/10/02

*That the order of meeting be confirmed.*

## **6 VISITORS**

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There were no visitors.

## **7 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

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File Number: 01-85-26

**Minutes of the meeting of the Maungatautari Reserve Committee held on 12 August 2009.**

### **RESOLVED**

10/10/03

*That the minutes of the meeting of the Maungatautari Reserve Committee held on 12 August 2009, as circulated, be confirmed as a true and accurate record.*

Webber / Smith

## **8 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

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Mr. Roxburgh said as an advisory committee to Council, recommendations made by the Committee would be included on the Council agenda for consideration. He said staff were intending to present a paper to Council looking at the longer term management of the Maunga at the May or June Council meeting. Mr. Roxburgh outlined the current governance structure of the Reserve noting Council has day-to-day management of the Crown land and Council owned property which cannot be delegated to another party. He also commented on the options available for the formation of a new governance committee combining both private and Crown representatives but this would require Council to relinquish control back to the Crown who would then need to invest responsibility into a new body. There would be multiple steps undertaken in such a proposal and investigation of the implications needed to be fully considered.

### **RESOLVED**

10/10/04

*That the Maungatautari Reserve Committee recommends Council:*

- a) consider the proposal put forward by NKK that the equal representation and co-chair be adopted; and*
- b) pursue the investing of authority and formation of new committee for the management of the Maunga.*

Tauroa / Fisher

Mr. Cook said all parties needed to be aware of the issues and challenges for Council prior to any relinquishment of governance. Mr. Roxburgh noted the Committee was originally set up to represent tangata whenua and make recommendations on the management of Council managed land but with consideration of private landowners. He said MEIT was not able to go outside the reserve's management plan as set by Council.

**RESOLVED**

10/10/05

*That the information be received.*

Fisher / Cook

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**9 MAUNGATAUTARI ECOLOGICAL ISLAND TRUST (MEIT) REPORT**

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Mr. Rolley said his area of focus was with the operations on the Maunga but provided commented on the current management of the Trust which utilized volunteers. He highlighted the current objectives to maintain the fence and eradicate pests were supported by a confident, well-structured management team.

Speaking on pest removal, Mr. Rolley provided maps on the tracking project over the last two years. He said the rodamine dye trial on the outside of the fence has shown a mouse caught within the island recently had entered through the fence. Volunteers are assessing the fence surrounding the site where the mouse was found. Mr. Fisher noted the mouse could have been dropped by hawk and Mr. Rolley said the rodamine tunnels were located in exposed areas more prone to hawks.

Mr. Fisher introduced Mr. Patterson who was to be seconded from DOC to the project in an advisory capacity. Mr. Patterson is widely experienced in pest control and will provide fresh input in the pest team.

**RESOLVED**

10/10/06

*That the information be received.*

Hodge / Cook

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**10 OVERVIEW OF THE MAUNGATAUTARI RESTORATION PROJECT AND ISSUES ARISING**

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File Number: 01-85-26

**Report of Manager Community Facilities, T Roxburgh, dated 12 April 2010.**

Mr. Roxburgh said the report summarized some of the issues Council has been dealing with. He said a number of documents were binding on Council and MEIT such as: the Reserve Management Plan which is scheduled for review in 2011; the Memorandum of Understanding between Council and MEIT; the Memorandum of Understanding between Council and EW; and, the contract for service between MEIT and Council.

The contract for service ensures MEIT must submit evidence of money spent so Mr. Roxburgh assesses the submitted invoices for pest and fence work on a monthly basis before monies are paid. The Department of Conservation will contribute funding for work on private land and not Crown land with Council also the portal for invoices and payments. Mr. Roxburgh said with the funding comes a degree of responsibility and Council had expressed concerns to MEIT around governance and day-to-day management. A requirement of the contract for service regarding administration requirements had been given leniency in the short term. Members discussed this issue in depth.

Mr. Tauroa said iwi were in discussion with MEIT and believed a solution to address administration & management concerns was imminent.

**RESOLVED**

10/10/07

*That the Maungatautari Reserve Committee acknowledge the concerns expressed by Council with regard to MEIT meeting its administrative and operational obligations under the contract for service agreement but recommend to Council that no action be taken until MEIT resolve the co-governance and co-management arrangements with tangata whenua. Resolution is expected by the end of April.*

Hodge / Fisher

Mr. Roxburgh said an application had been received from MEIT for concession relating to a tourism venture at the Southern Enclosure. However, staff feel the application is incomplete and have written to MEIT regarding the level of consultation. Mr. Tauroa indicated iwi support for MEIT's application for concession depending on resolving co-governance and co-management issues.

**RESOLVED**

10/10/08

*That the Maungatautari Reserve Committee recommend to Council that no decision on the application received for concession from Maungatautari Ecological Island Trust (MEIT) be made until MEIT demonstrate the interests of the public and tangata whenua have been adequately considered.*

Tauroa / Smith

Mr. Roxburgh noted for members information that a request for information under the Local Government Official Information & Meetings Act 1996 has been received by Council in relation to the contract for service.

**RESOLVED**

10/10/09

*That the report of Manager Community Facilities, T Roxburgh, dated 12 April 2010 be received.*

Cook / Tauroa

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**11 REPRESENTATION**

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Ms. Hodge indicated she was uncomfortable with being a landowner representative as not all Maori landowners had give her authority to represent them on this Committee. Members discussed their thoughts and recommended she stay as the representative on the Committee.

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**12 MEETINGS**

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Mr. Roxburgh said as the last meeting was held in August 2009, no schedule for 2010 was confirmed. He said due to the local government elections to be held in October no meetings could be confirmed. The Chief Executive will advise of the following meeting date after the elections have been confirmed.

**RESOLVED**

10/10/10

*That the Maungatautari Reserve Committee confirm the meetings to be held on 16 June and 18 August at 9.00am in the Committee Room, Cambridge Service Centre.*

Webber / Townend

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.56am.

**CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD**

CHAIRPERSON \_\_\_\_\_

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