

Minutes of a meeting of the Maungatautari Reserve Committee held in the Committee Room, Cambridge Service Centre, 23 Wilson Street, Cambridge on Wednesday 11 February 2009 at 9.00am.

1 PRESENT

Councillor GRP Webber - Chairperson

Members

Councillor LWE Hoverd (Waipa District Council), S Mackinder (Landowner representative), JB Mylchreest (Maungatautari Ecological Island Trust), R Smith (Parawera Marae) [from 9.16am], B Townend (Landowner representative).

Public

There were no members of the public present.

Others

His Worship the Mayor, A Livingston; Project Manager – Heritage Development & Reserves Planning, T Roxburgh; Committee Secretary, S King.

2 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

3 LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

4 CONFIRMATION OF ORDER OF MEETING

File: 01-85-26

RESOLVED

10/09/01

That the order of the meeting be confirmed.

S Mackinder / B Townend

5 VISITORS

There were no visitors.

6 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

File: 01-85-26

The minutes of meeting held on 10 December 2008 were included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

10/09/02

That the minutes of the meeting of the Maungatautari Reserve Committee held on 10 December 2008 be received.

J Mylchreest / S Mackinder

7 MAUNGATAUTARI RESERVE COMMITTEE – OFFICER’S REPORT

File: 01-85-26

Report of Project Manager – Heritage Development and Reserves Planning dated 28 January 2009 was included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

10/09/03

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

L Hoverd / S Mackinder

T Roxburgh said that allocation of allotments through the Maungatautari Ecological Island plan change were intended to be a retrospective acknowledgement of the contribution landowners had made in permitting the pest excluder fence to be located upon their properties. He said that this plan change would be heard by Council’s Regulatory Committee and that six submissions had been received with only one submission in opposition.

Mr Roxburgh said that there were two areas of concern. The first being the allocation of allotments made according to farm holding rather than land titles. This meant that 3-4 properties would be disadvantaged, however the allocation was based on affects to farming operations rather than to title owners. Another concern, he said, was that people with long boundaries were arguably disadvantaged as the number of allotments tailed off to a maximum number. He also said that two landowners had contacted Council seeking a meeting prior to the hearing but that Council’s senior managers felt that the hearing was the appropriate forum to hear their concerns.

J Mylchreest said that the Trust would be in attendance at the hearing although that they had not made a submission in support which meant that they would not be heard. He said that a meeting the previous day highlighted that separate issues regarding securing the fence and access arrangements were being combined and causing confusion.

Members discussed the issue of compensation for the fence and carriageway, and the issue of compensation for access to the fence. Members also discussed the concerns relating to the issue of 24/7 access across farms to the fence and what limited access would mean for MEIT. Options of landowner monitoring of the fence and any impact on farming activities were considered.

T Roxburgh commented on the funding agreement between Environment Waikato and Waipa District Council that has \$300,000 per council indicated in their individual 10-year Plans. Mayor Livingston said that submissions to each 10-year Plan in support of the funding is crucial and J Mylchreest said that MEIT would be submitting to both Plans.

RESOLVED

10/09/03

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

L Hoverd / S Mackinder

8 PROGRESS REPORT FROM MAUNGATAUTARI ECOLOGICAL ISLAND TRUST

File: 01-85-26

Progress Report of Maungatautari Ecological Island Trust dated 28 January 2009 was included in the agenda.

J Mylchreest commented on the pest monitoring that has indicated that mice are in pockets against the fence line and that poison would be spread by hand with monthly poisoning an option that was being considered. He said that each monitoring round costs \$2,800 approximately for the tracking cards and also that there were still a few rabbits and hares, with the two Judas goats in separate locations.

He said that species reintroductions are well underway with the London Zoo taking an interest in the translocation and monitoring of hihi but that translocation programmes are dependent on specific funding. He noted that two Masters students want to do acoustic anchoring with the kokako and provided an explanation as to what this means to the breeding of the birds.

Members discussed the conflict between the known problems of hand feeding kaka and the commercial opportunities available, and J Mylchreest commented on the Trust's approach to this potential issue. Members also discussed the installation of an improved walking track over the mountain and what impact this would have on the limited parking and facilities at Hicks Road. J Mylchreest said that there is no legal road access from the road to the bush edge with access currently being across private land.

RESOLVED

10/09/04

That the progress report from the Maungatautari Ecological Island Trust dated 28 January 2009 be received.

R Smith / S Mackinder

9 GENERAL BUSINESS

S Mackinder commented about resident's concerns over the speed limit on Tari Road and also suggested that beautification of the road should be considered.

RESOLVED

10/09/05

That the information be received.

R Smith / J Mylchreest

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.36am.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD

CHAIRPERSON _____

DATE: _____