

Minutes of a meeting of the Karapiro Domain (Mighty river Domain) Committee held in the Committee Room, Cambridge Service Centre, 23 Wilson Street, Cambridge on Monday 28 September 2009 commencing at 4.00pm

1 PRESENT

The Governance Support Manager advised that Cr Errol Newlands had been appointed Chairperson and Cr Grahame Webber as Deputy Chair of this Committee by Council. However, Cr Newlands is unable to attend the meeting and therefore the Deputy Chair would need to take his place.

Acting Chairperson – Councillor Grahame Webber

Members

F Healey (Environment Waikato Representative), M Schaumkell (Ngati Koroki Kahukura Trust), S Peterson (Rowing Users), A Storey (Community of Karapiro).

In Attendance

Mayor A Livingston, M Gillet (Ngati Haua Representative (not yet appointed by Council)), Governance Support Manager, C Shaw, Group Manager Infrastructure Management & Planning, J Mills

2 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

14/09/01

That the apology for non attendance from Cr Newlands be received.

Peterson/Healy

3 LATE ITEMS

Member Schaumkell asked that discussion on the Naming of the Karapiro Reserve be a late item. Chairperson Webber said that the item would be covered during other items on the agenda.

4 CONFIRMATION OF ORDER OF MEETING

File: 01-85-25

RESOLVED

14/09/02

That the order of the meeting be confirmed.

Healey/Storey

5 VISITORS

There were no visitors.

6 CONFIRMATION OF PURPOSE

File: 01-85-25

Group Manager Infrastructure Manager & Planning, Mr Mills outlined the purpose of the Committee. Mr Peterson queried the status of this committee and whether it had the power to make decisions. Mr Mills confirmed that it had recommending status only.

To reiterate and confirm with members, Mr Mills outlined the purpose of the Committee as determined by Council as:

- facilitate effective and meaningful communication between key stakeholders who are Council, Tangata Whenua, the Waikato Regional Council, Mighty River Power, users and the community;
- advise Council on all reserve management issues as they relate to the Domain and the Reserve;
- monitor implementation of the Karapiro Domain Strategic Plan and Reserve Management Plan 2005 and any revisions of it;
- oversee the preparation of updated reserve management plans;
- advise Council on the management of the Domain; and,
- advise Council on its promotion and future development.

RESOLVED

14/09/03

That the purpose be confirmed.

Webber/Storey

7 STRATEGIC PLAN AND RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN

File: 04-03-49

Karapiro Domain Strategic Plan and Reserve Management Plan dated February 2005.

Mr Mills said the Karapiro Domain Strategic Plan and Reserve Management Plan were publicly notified on 4 August 2004 and amended following the Policy Committee's consideration of submissions on 15 November 2004. Council adopted the amended Strategic Plan and Reserve Management Plan on 22 February 2005.

He said that was appropriate the Strategic Plan and Reserve Management Plan became the founding documents for the Mighty River Domain and one of the main purposes of the Committee would be to ensure that the document is kept up to date with the changes made around the Domain.

RESOLVED

14/09/04

That the Karapiro Domain Strategic Plan and Reserve Management Plan dated February 2005 be the founding documents for the Mighty River Domain.

Schaumkell/Storey

8 MIGHTY RIVER DOMAIN DEVELOPMENT UPGRADE

File: 60-06-12

Mr Mills presented the plans for the development of the various buildings on the Domain and in response to a question he said the completion date for the Events and Community had been confirmed as being the end of May, beginning of June 2010.

Mr Schaumkell advised NKKT have some flexibility with regard to using the facility and Mr Mills advised it would be likely Rowing NZ would trial the facility before making it fully operational. With regard to the landscaping to be done and the return of the rocks, Mr Schaumkell said meetings are yet to be held and he was anxious these were underway soon to avoid progress going too far without consultation.

Mr Peterson acknowledged the work the Waipa District Council had done to date and advised that he had received nothing but positive comments from people coming to visit the site. There was discussion with regard to the walkway from Rowing New Zealand southward and the current plans for this to go along the foreshore before heading up and along the road. There was some concern regarding the public having direct access to the Rowing New Zealand site if this was the case and this was something that would best be avoided. Mr Mills said nothing had been finally determined and this concern will be directed to the landscape architect for consideration.

Mr Mills said that one major piece of work which is yet to get underway is the front entranceway. He said design work was being carried out to see how the name could be built into the entranceway of the Domain. He said to avoid any future misunderstandings as to the role of Iwi, he said consultation would take place as soon as sketch plans were available which was expected in the near future.

Mr Schaumkell said there had already been considerable misunderstanding and he has had to 'cop a hell of a lot of flak' before today regarding the name of the Domain. There had been an expectation Iwi representatives would have been more fully consulted on the name and that the relationship of the word Karapiro is not what they had been assured would happen. He said since the publicity of the naming of the Domain he has had to face up to Iwi and have assured them that while we cannot change what has been done in the past, he would ensure that the range of issues that need to be discussed going into the future would have full consultation.

He said the naming of the Domain was a real disappointment and the whanau are asking him 'what else, are we wasting our time?' He said they did give some feedback regarding the name but they did not have any consultation with Mighty River Power. Mr Schaumkell said the whanau would be very wary of what other things may come along that will pass them by and it was his intention to engage in more meetings in this forum. 'We need to prepare the people for the opening but also for the activities that will be organized on the Lake'.

Mr Gillett said he supported Mr Schaumkell with regard to the lack of consultation and said he was of the understanding the entranceways were to have carvings done by Iwi at Waikeria. There was discussion as to who would be doing the carvings as some Iwi considered the feelings and attitudes of the carvers may be depicted in the carvings and may not be acceptable in this situation. Mr Schaumkell said they had to be of an extremely high quality and nothing less would go into the Domain.

Mr Mills said the first priority was to ensure the entranceway design was consistent with the requirements of the resource consent issued by Waipa DC for the total development and he would bring the draft design back to this Committee before being presented to Council. Mr Schaumkell suggested that they have discussions with Brett Grahame who is a renowned international artist who exhibits nationally and internationally and is their expert on decoration and design.

Mr Healey said he was interested in discussions about the logo and how it would be represented. He said he was interested to hear Iwi comments over a perhaps lack of discussion or consultation as that was not what had been portrayed to him. He said it was time to put past history aside and look to move forward and start talking. Mrs Storey said it would be great to have some design concepts of the entranceway that she could then take to the neighbours for their input.

RESOLVED

14/09/05

That the information be received.

Webber/Healey

9 MIGHTY RIVER DOMAIN 2009/10 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

File: 60-06-01

Lake Karapiro Event Calendar 2009/2010 was included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

14/09/06

That the 2009/10 Bookings Schedule as agreed at the Lake Users meeting on Wednesday 26 August 2009 be received.

Schaumkell /Storey

10 VERBAL REPORTS FROM MEMBERS

There were no items brought to the table by members. The Governance Support Manager said in the future this item would not be on the agenda and if members wished any items for discussion they should be forwarded to Mr Mills to be placed on the agenda.

It was suggested that some items for discussion at upcoming meetings could be:

- Determine to what extent this Committee has with the involvement with the World Rowing Champs – including unveiling of the building or the event itself.
- Perhaps Tom Mayo could present to the November or February meeting.

11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED

14/09/07

That the next meeting of the Karapiro Domain (Mighty River Domain) Committee be held on Monday 16th November 2009 in the Committee Room, Cambridge Service Centre, 23 Wilson Street, Cambridge at 4.00pm.

Webber/Peterson

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.27pm

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD

CHAIRPERSON: _____

DATE: _____