

Minutes of a meeting of the Iwi Consultative Committee held in the Council Chambers, Waipa District Council Offices, 101 Bank Street, Te Awamutu on Wednesday 1 June 2005 commencing at 10.00am.

1 PRESENT

His Worship the Mayor AD Livingston

Members

Councillor DL Sharpe;
R Brown (Pirongia), C Daniels (Maungatautari), W Karaka (Ngati Haua) – from item 12, C Maikuku (Kaumatua), H Maniapoto (Puniu), G Roberts (Parawera), G Searancke (Ngati Ngawaero), D Walters (Kakepuku)

In Attendance

J Charman (Ngati Apakura);

Chief Executive (JC Inglis), Te Takawaenga (C Davis), Group Manager Policy & Strategy (R McNeil), Communications Advisor (W Green) – from item 12, Committee Secretary (C Plowright)

2 KARAKIA

Charlie Maikuku opened the meeting with a Karakia.

Mayor Livingston mentioned the recent death of Frank Puhi who had been involved with Nga Iwi Toopu o Waipa. The Committee stood in silence for a moment to acknowledge his passing and in appreciation of his work.

3 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

7/05/20

That apologies for absence be received from Councillors Empson, Lee and Webber.

Cr Sharpe/R Brown

4 LATE ITEMS

Late items were requested on the Hingakaka Management Plan, the Hui-a-Iwi being held on 8 June 2005 and Karapiro Domain.

George Searancke asked for some information about a land use consent for a property in Leslie Street, Kihikihi. Clarification was provided on this issue later in the meeting.

5 CONFIRMATION OF ORDER OF MEETING

File: 01-89-08

RESOLVED

7/05/21

That the order of the meeting be confirmed.

G Roberts/R Brown

6 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

File: 01-89-08

Minutes of meeting held on 6 April 2005 were included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

7/05/22

That the minutes of the meeting of the Iwi Consultative Committee held on 6 April 2005, having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record subject to amendment of the name "Rorina" to "Rovina" and the word "appointment" to "appointed" on page two and amendment of the name "Ron" to "Rondase" on page 12.

C Daniels/G Roberts

Matters Arising

6.1 Iwi Appointment to Te Awamutu Museum Trust Board

File: 20-06-03

Res: 7/05/04

The Committee was advised that, at its meeting on 26 April 2005, Council resolved to appoint Rovina Maniapoto as Council Iwi representative on the Te Awamutu Museum Trust Board for a four year term as per the conditions of the Trust Deed.

6.2 Cattle Underpasses

File: 55-26-06

Res: 7/05/05

The Committee was advised that, at its meeting on 26 April 2005, Council resolved to inform Nga Iwi Toopu o Waipa in writing when an application for a stock underpass has been received and that this practice be adopted as Council policy.

6.3 Waipa Peat Lakes Accord

File: 50-01-01

The Committee was advised that the Peat Lake Accord Group is working closely with Environment Waikato following an announcement that funds from its Natural Heritage Initiative are available for the sustainable management of Waipa's peat lakes. To this end, the Accord is focussing on Lakes Ngaroto, Maratoto, Serpentine, Rotomanuka and Maungakauwhare. Technical working papers are currently being pulled together along with the Peat Lake Management Plans so that a programme of works can be identified. Prior to any additional work being undertaken on these peat lakes, affected Iwi will be consulted directly.

7 QUARTERLY REPORT FROM TE TAKAWAENGA

File: 01-84-34

Report of Te Takawaenga dated 24 May 2005 was included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

7/05/23

That the report of Te Takawaenga dated 24 May 2005 be received.

C Daniels/Cr Sharpe

8 DRAFT MAUNGATAUTARI RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN

File: 04-03-50

Group Manager Policy and Strategy, Ross McNeil, advised that the submission period on the draft Plan closed on Friday 27 May 2005 and, as at 25 May 2005, two submissions had been received. Mr McNeil explained that the process from now is for Council's Policy Committee to consider all submissions at its July meeting and, subject to the outcome of the consideration of submissions, adoption of the Plan at Council's August 2005 meeting. It was agreed that the draft Maungatautari Reserve Management Plan is of significance to Iwi and that it is important for Iwi to have the opportunity to make a final comment before it is finalised. The draft Plan will be referred to the 7 September Iwi Consultative Committee prior to adoption at the 27 September Council meeting.

Gaylene Roberts asked if the changes she suggested at the last meeting, concerning the section of the Plan on the history of the Maunga, would be considered as a submission on the draft Plan. Mr McNeil said those changes had been made as a matter of course and would not be part of submission considerations. He said copies of the adopted Plan would be made available following the September Council meeting.

RESOLVED

7/05/24

That the information be received.

D Walters/G Roberts

9 WAIPA DISTRICT DRAFT WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

File: 92-03-01

Group Manager Policy and Strategy, Ross McNeil, advised that submissions on the draft Plan were considered at the April Policy Committee meeting and the Committee recommended that the following changes be made to the draft Plan prior to its adoption by Council in June 2005:

- Staff investigate the provision of recycling services in rural areas;
- All residents have access to an appropriate kerbside refuse collection.

Mr McNeil explained that, following adoption of the Plan, staff will be investigating cost and service options for the introduction of a kerbside recycling service in urban areas and Council's preferred option will be included in the 2006 Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP) for public comment. He said a kerbside recycling service is not expected to start until late 2006.

George Searancke asked if the proposed kerbside recycling service would be in addition to the existing waste paper collection service. Mr McNeil said there was the potential for one company to undertake all kerbside recycling.

Gaylene Roberts asked if there was an incentive for the likes of Gracelands to run a kerbside recycling service. Mr McNeil said there would be the opportunity for Council to give that option consideration. He said Council would need to look at the option that provides the best service to ratepayers and residents and the greatest good to the community.

RESOLVED

7/05/25

That the information be received.

G Roberts/G Searancke

10 DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2005/06

File: 01-91-37

Group Manager Policy and Strategy, Ross McNeil, advised the Committee that submissions on the draft Annual Plan were considered by Council's Policy Committee at its May meeting. He said that whilst the Committee has recommended a number of changes to the draft Plan, no change in the

rate revenue requirement would result. The draft Annual Plan is scheduled for adoption by Council on 28 June 2005.

RESOLVED

7/05/26

That the information be received.

G Roberts/Cr Sharpe

11 ASSESSMENT OF WATER AND SANITARY SERVICES

File: 28-04-72

Group Manager Policy and Strategy, Ross McNeil, advised the Committee that submissions on the draft Assessment were considered by Council's Policy Committee at its April 2005 meeting. Mr McNeil said the submission process had not identified any new public health or demand-related issues that Council was not already aware of and the Policy Committee has recommended that Council adopt the Assessment at its June 2005 meeting.

RESOLVED

1/05/27

That the information be received.

Cr Sharpe/G Roberts

**12 PROPOSED COMMUNITY-BASED COMMITTEE TO OVERSEE
MANAGEMENT OF PIRONGIA RESERVES**

File: 60-12-01

Group Manager Policy and Strategy, Ross McNeil, said that following the Iwi Committee's support for the establishment of a Pirongia Reserves Management Committee, Council has written to the Department of Conservation (DOC) seeking confirmation that the proposed Committee will meet the governance and management requirements to allow Council to be appointed to manage and control Section 167 (Belcher Street, Pirongia). He said Council was yet to receive a response from DOC, but one was expected reasonably soon, and it was hoped the first meeting of the Committee could be held in August/September 2005.

[Willie Karaka joined the meeting at 10.53am.]

Mr McNeil said because the Committee's role would be one of management and development, and given all three reserves are in a development phase of some sort, Council would expect the Committee to meet more frequently in the short term until those development plans are in place and then continue with annual meetings.

RESOLVED

7/05/28

That the information be received.

G Roberts/R Brown

13 SISTER CITIES – PROPOSED POLICY

File: 01-80-03

Group Manager Policy and Strategy, Ross McNeil, reminded the Committee that Council is reviewing the status of its Sister City relationships with Moree, Mudgee and Prescott in accordance with a proposed policy covering Sister City relationships. A copy of the proposed policy was presented to the Iwi Consultative Committee for comment at its April meeting. Council has resolved to discontinue its Sister City relationships with Prescott and Mudgee and more investigation is being undertaken on whether Moree should remain a Sister City.

RESOLVED

7/05/29

That the information be received.

C Daniels/G Searancke

14 PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE TO AMEND APPENDIX 11 OF THE DISTRICT PLAN – ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES

File: 65-07-48

Group Manager Policy and Strategy, Ross McNeil, updated the Committee on the process that is being followed to amend the archaeological sites listed in the District Plan. He said staff would keep the Iwi Consultative Committee informed as the Plan change process proceeds.

Mayor Livingston noted the sudden passing of Owen Wilkes who he said had contributed greatly towards the formation of the Appendix of Archaeological Sites and had been involved in the current review.

RESOLVED

7/05/30

That the information be received.

R Brown/G Roberts

15 TRANSPower NEW ZEALAND – 400kV GRID UPGRADE PROJECT – SUBMISSION

File: 40-02-10

The Chief Executive advised the Committee that Council is making a further submission to Transpower on the proposed 400kV Grid Upgrade Project now that the preferred route has been identified as the Western Route, which passes through Waipa District. Mayor Livingston said that in its initial decision Transpower had not given any consideration to the District Plans in the affected areas because they were felt to be so different. He said the emphasis of Waipa's submission would be that the preferred route would have a significant and adverse effect on Council's District Plan in that it would pass through Special Landscape Character Areas of national importance. He said a number of inconsistencies in Transpower's determination would be highlighted in Council's submission.

Gaylene Roberts said she understood Waikato District Council has a Pa Zone in its District Plan, which prevents this type of activity around Marae, and she asked if that would work for Waipa. Mayor Livingston said he noted that Transpower's preferred route avoids Pohara Marae, which is different to the existing route.

RESOLVED

7/05/31

That the information be received.

D Walters/Cr Sharpe

Mayor Livingston explained the role of the government appointed Electricity Commission which would be investigating and verifying the need for the upgrade and producing an independent report on the issue by mid-2006.

16 ALLOCATION OF RESERVE CONTRIBUTION FUNDS

File: 01-22-17

The Chief Executive advised the Committee about the review that has been undertaken on the way reserve development projects are prioritised and funded. He said that, to allow for greater coordination, Council has established a programme of reserve development projects through to 2007/08. He said the programme would provide a balance between local community and major District projects and would be subject to regular review, with input from Community Boards and other stakeholders. A copy of the reserve development programme for the next three years was provided in the agenda.

In answer to a question from George Searancke, the Chief Executive explained that each project has a dollar amount allocated to it over the

period of the programme and it would be up to the Community Boards and the local community to prioritise the details of each project. George asked what the \$5,000 in 2005/06 for Anzac Green relates to and the Chief Executive explained that this would fund some beautification work to compliment the proposed realignment of Vaile Street.

Jenny Charman asked if there would be funds available in the heritage protection allocation to recognise the Whakapirimata Pa site that had been destroyed on the Brown's farm (in the vicinity of St Ledger Road/Brill Road, Te Awamutu). The Chief Executive said Council's Heritage Manager would be asked to contact Jenny to see what can be done about recognising this site.

RESOLVED

7/05/32

That the information be received.

G Roberts/Cr Sharpe

17 VAILE STREET, TE AWAMUTU - REALIGNMENT

File: 55-26-12

Group Manager Policy and Strategy, Ross McNeil, advised the Committee that the Policy Committee would be considering submissions on the proposed realignment of a portion of ANZAC Green, and the proposed revocation of the reserve status of that part of the Park, at its June meeting. He said that subject to the outcome of the submission process, Council will need to seek approval from the Minister of Conservation for the revocation before the realignment project can proceed to the next stage – the designation process. He said that if the Minister approves the revocation the designation process would take several months to complete and would provide the opportunity for further public input. He said the Committee would be kept updated on progress.

RESOLVED

7/05/33

That the information be received.

R Brown/D Walters

18 YOUTH JUSTICE FACILITY

File: 01-33-03

A copy of a media release dated 20 May 2005 on the Youth Justice Central Site Selection Working Group was included in the agenda.

Mayor Livingston said all but one of the sites identified for the new Youth Justice Facility in Waipa District has been discounted. He said the remaining site was on the outer limit of the District and close to the boundary with Hamilton City.

RESOLVED

7/05/34

That the information be received.

G Roberts/C Daniels

19 REPRESENTATION REVIEW/MAORI REPRESENTATION

File: 01-70-04

Group Manager Policy and Strategy, Ross McNeil, explained that an amendment to the Local Electoral Act had given Councils and communities the opportunity to establish Maori wards or constituencies. He explained that Maori wards could be initiated either by a Council resolution or by a poll of electors.

Mr McNeil said that if Council wishes to establish a Maori ward in time for the 2007 local government elections, it must make that decision by 23 November 2005. If the public demand a poll, then notice of that demand must be received by Council by 28 February 2006, if the result is to have effect for the 2007 elections. Any public demand for a poll must be supported by a minimum of 5% of the electors enrolled as eligible to vote in the District.

An explanation on the eligibility for candidacy for a Maori Ward and the eligibility to vote in a Maori ward was included in the agenda. Mr McNeil said there had been a suggestion that candidates for Maori wards should be restricted to Maori and, whilst this was the subject of some consideration, it was not the case at present.

Mr McNeil said Council has to complete a general representation review by 31 August 2006 and this process must have regard to any decision to establish Maori wards.

Councillor Sharpe said Council had not yet debated the issue of Maori wards. She said an issue for consideration was whether having a Maori representative on Council would offer the same level of representation that currently exists on Council's Policy and Regulatory Committees.

The Committee raised issues in relation to the eligibility criteria, the 5% majority required by a poll and the representation boundaries that could be created by having one or two Maori wards representing Waipa District.

The Chief Executive said that unless the proposed Maori Wards were based on the same hapu or Tangata Whenua areas that currently exist they could compromise the way in which Maori are currently represented.

Mr McNeil said Council recognises the importance and sensitivity of the issue and would be holding a workshop to discuss the issues and options before it receives formal consideration at a Council meeting.

RESOLVED

1/05/35

That the information be received.

Cr Sharpe/G Roberts

20 REGIONAL COMMUNITY OUTCOMES – CHOOSING FUTURES

File: 65-18-01

Group Manager Policy and Strategy, Ross McNeil, advised the Committee about the Choosing Futures project. A brochure providing a more detailed account of the project and the process being followed was included in the agenda.

Mr McNeil said the Community Outcomes identified as part of the Choosing Futures project would help guide Environment Waikato and Waipa District Council in the development of their 2006 Long Term Council Community Plans (LTCCP).

Gaylene Roberts said she had attended the hui at Hopuhopu and gained the impression that Waipa was way ahead of the other councils in attendance in terms of working with Iwi. Councillor Sharpe said she was surprised that the brochure made no mention of Waikato Regional Airport as it was the centre of the region.

Mr McNeil said Environment Waikato have said there will be a specific focus on Iwi involvement in the community outcomes process. He said a group, with Iwi representation on it, would facilitate the process over the next few months.

RESOLVED

7/05/36

That the information be received.

G Roberts/R Brown

[The late items were taken next and then the meeting returned to item 21.]

**21 WORLD WAKA AMA CHAMPIONSHIPS LAKE KARAPIRO – 17 - 27
MARCH 2006**

File: 60-06-15

The Chief Executive asked the Committee for guidance on an issue at Lake Karapiro that could have an impact on the Waka Ama Championships. He said Council has a non-notified Resource Consent in process that would allow for some improvements to a road in the Domain before the Waka Ama Championships. He said it was Council's practice to advise Nga Iwi Toopu o Waipa (NITOW) of all Resource Consent applications, regardless of whether they are non-notifiable, and NITOW had been notified accordingly but Council has since been advised that its consultation process is wrong. He said Pohara Marae has said that Council should consult with them directly rather than through NITOW. He said he had been invited to attend a meeting on 14 June with Te Mana Taiao Trust to discuss the issue and, in the meantime, the Resource Consent application is unable to be processed.

The Chief Executive said he felt the proposed road works were not the issue, and Pohara Marae has taken the opportunity to have their concerns about the Karapiro Reserve Management Plan consultation process addressed. He said it would be a shame to compromise the success of the Waka Ama championships because of those issues. He asked the Committee if it felt Council's consultation process was wrong.

Cindy Daniels said Council had NITOW's support on the issue. She said she sympathised with Council's dilemma and suggested that the Chief Executive speak directly with Wally Papa. Gaylene Roberts said she understood the process was that each NITOW delegate would refer resource consents to whoever they felt should see them, and feedback from those people would come back to NITOW through that delegate.

Willie Karaka said Council and NITOW were doing their jobs properly. He said Te Mana Taiao Trust, which is not part of Raukawa, is seeking direct consultation rather than coming through the approved channels. He said it was a major issue and had been discussed at NITOW meetings. He said holding up the resource consent process would also hold up progress with arrangements for the Waka Ama championships.

Harold Maniapoto said it was for Council to decide whom it consults with. He said the Iwi Consultative Committee represents the interests of Iwi in Waipa and Pohara was one of the first members of that forum. He said NITOW was set up as an independent forum, without restriction to anyone, and if Pohara has decided not to join in with that forum it is their choice and the Iwi Consultative Committee cannot accept responsibility for that. He said NITOW does not believe that Council should be questioned on its processes.

It was **moved** Harold Maniapoto, **seconded** Willie Karaka –

That the Iwi Consultative Committee supports what the Chief Executive is doing with respect to the process for the resource consent application for the road at Karapiro. (Resolution No 7/05/37)

Mayor Livingston put the motion which was carried unanimously.

The Chief Executive said his understanding of the resolution was that the existing process for Iwi consultation is the process that Council needs to follow because it has worked well in the past. Mayor Livingston thanked the Committee for the positive comments.

Tara Moke from the event management team organising the Waka Ama World Championships attended the meeting to outline the key elements of the event and provide an update on progress.

22 LATE ITEMS

22.1 Hui a Iwi

Jenny Charman advised the Committee about a Hui-a-Iwi scheduled to take place on 8 June 2005 in the cricket pavilion beside Te Wananga o Aotearoa commencing at 9.00am.

22.2 Hingakaka Management Plan

File: 62-01-01

Harold Maniapoto presented Council with the final draft of the Ngaroto-Hingakaka Iwi Management Plan dated June 2005. He said it had taken four years to reach this point and the work had been a great mission. He thanked Gaylene Roberts and Jenny Charman for their perseverance and he thanked Council for their support in commissioning Environmental Management Services to assist with the draft Plan. He said the draft Plan was almost complete, with just the bibliography to be finished and maps to be inserted. He said the next stage in the process was to release it for comment.

Mayor Livingston thanked Harold, Gaylene and Jenny for bringing the project almost to completion. He said that whilst it had been a protracted issue, it was a significant one, and it was important to get it right for the future.

RESOLVED

7/05/38

That the draft Iwi Management Plan for Ngaroto-Hingakaka dated June 2005 be received.

H Maniapoto/G Roberts

22.3 Karapiro Domain

File: 04-03-02

Cindy Daniels said she was concerned to read in the Karapiro Reserve Management Plan that the name of the facility could be changed. Mayor Livingston said Council wanted to find the best way to describe the facility from a universal and promotional perspective but the words "Lake Karapiro" would not be changed. The Chief Executive said there had been a number of terms used to describe the reserve, such as "Karapiro Domain" and "Karapiro Outdoor Pursuits Centre". He said it would be better if one name could be agreed on and also a name selected for the former Geck property.

Charlie Maikuku closed the meeting with a Karakia at 1.08pm.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE AT 10.00AM ON WEDNESDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2005 (VENUE TO BE ADVISED)

CONFIRMED

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MAYOR

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