

*Minutes of a meeting of the Iwi Consultative Committee held at the Council Chambers, Waipa District Council Offices, 101 Bank Street, Te Awamutu on Wednesday 1 December 2004 commencing at 10.00am.*

## **1 PRESENT**

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His Worship the Mayor AD Livingston

### **Members**

Councillors – AJH Empson, DL Sharpe  
F Porima (Kaumatua, Ngati Hikairo), R Brown (Pirongia), C Daniels (Maungatautari), L Doyle (Proxy for G Searancke), V Ingley (Proxy for H Maniapoto), W Karaka (Ngati Haua), S Karena (Nga Iwi Toopu O Waipa), C Maikuku (Nga Iwi Toopu o Waipa), G Roberts (Parawera), P Tuteao (Ngati Hikairo), L Thompson (Kaniwhaniwha), D Walters (Kakepuku)

### **In Attendance**

J Charman (Ngati Apakura), D Firth, Professor J Ritchie, Cr G Webber;

TeTakawaenga (C Davis), Group Manager Policy & Strategy (R McNeil), Committee Secretary (C Plowright)

Mayor Livingston extended a special welcome to Kaumatua, Fred Porima, and said his presence at the Iwi Consultative Committee meeting was appreciated. He also welcomed Professor James Ritchie.

## **2 KARAKIA**

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Fred Porima opened the meeting with a Karakia.

## **3 APOLOGIES**

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### **RESOLVED**

7/04/19

*That apologies for absence be received from Cr Lee, H Maniapoto, G Searancke and the Chief Executive.*

C Maikuku/P Tuteao

## **4 LATE ITEMS**

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Councillor Empson asked for an update on the extent of the damage to the Orakau monument on the weekend.

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

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File: 01-89-08

**RESOLVED**

7/04/20

*That the order of the meeting be confirmed.*

Cr Empson/Cr Sharpe

## **6 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

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File: 01-89-08

**Minutes of meeting held on 1 September 2004 were included in the agenda.**

**RESOLVED**

1/04/21

*That the minutes of the meeting of the Iwi Consultative Committee held on 1 September 2004 be received.*

Cr Empson/Mayor Livingston

### **Matters Arising -**

#### **6.1 Cautionary Road Signs at Marae**

File: 55-28-11

Res: 7/04/17

Staff are still waiting to hear back from the Land Transport Safety Authority (LTSA) on whether Council will be permitted to install cautionary road signs at each Waipa District Marae. Mayor Livingston said an item on this matter would be included in the next agenda.

#### **6.2 Rukuhia Hall**

File: 15-11-24

Councillor Sharpe said the Rukuhia Hall has been sold to the Waikato Khmer Association (Cambodians) and will be used as their community facility.

#### **6.3 Orakau**

File: 65-10-02 & 65-11-02

Neville Ritchie is still to consult with Nga Iwi Toopu o Waipa concerning the wording for the new plaque at Orakau.

Te Takawaenga said he had given Neville the wording from a stone at Mokai Marae, which had been spoken by Ahumai Paerata, and which could be of assistance.

**6.4 Bridge and Road Names in Pirongia**

File: 55-03-07 & 55-28-12

Res: 7/03/28, 29, 30 & 31

Gaylene Roberts asked who would make the changes to the road and bridge signs and when this would happen. Group Manager Policy and Strategy, Ross McNeil, advised that the renaming of Orchard Lane and the Baffin Street bridge is Council's responsibility and the bridge over the Mangapiko Stream on State Highway 39 is Transit New Zealand's.

**6.5 Maungatautari Reserve Management Plan**

File: 04-03-50

Group Manager Policy and Strategy, Ross McNeil, said Council was seeking advice on the Reserve Management Plan from a specialist at the Department of Conservation. He said it was likely that the draft Plan would be presented to the Maungatautari Reserve Committee at its February 2005 meeting and it would then go to the Policy Committee before being released for public consultation, which will be for a period of no less than two months. The Policy Committee will hear submissions on the draft Plan.

Mayor Livingston mentioned that a rare species of frog has been found on Maungatautari. He said the find highlighted the value of the Maunga and Council was grateful to the Maungatautari Ecological Island Trust for the work it has done in protecting endangered species.

**6.6 Hingakaka Management Plan**

File: 62-01-01

Sonny Karena said work on the Hingakaka Management Plan was nearing the end of the process. He said Nga Iwi Toopu o Waipa (NITOW) and everyone involved with the Plan were working hard to bring it to completion. He said David Firth's patience was appreciated.

Jenny Charman acknowledged the involvement of Tangata Whenua, Apakura and Hikairo supported by Fred Porima and Rangi Huriwaka.

David Firth said Jenny had advised him to get Sonny Anderson to go through his property. This was done last Saturday when Sonny blessed and turned the land. David said he understood the Management Plan would permit him to go ahead with his subdivision plans.

## **7 QUARTERLY REPORT FROM TE TAKAWAENGA**

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File: 01-84-34

**Report of Te Takawaenga dated 16 November 2004 was included in the agenda.**

### **RESOLVED**

7/04/22

*That the report of Te Takawaenga dated 16 November 2004 be received.*

G Roberts/P Tuteao

## **8 NEW ROAD NAMES FOR NEW SUBDIVISIONS**

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File: 55-28-12

**Report of Regulatory Engineer dated 18 November 2004 was included in the agenda.**

The Committee was advised that Council has received requests from four developers for new roads to be named and each developer has submitted a list of names for approval by Council. Council policy for naming of roads requires that consultation is undertaken with the relevant Community Board and Nga Iwi Toopu o Waipa (NITOW).

It is intended to provide a report to the 22 February 2005 Council meeting, when feedback from NITOW and the Community Boards has been received. In the meantime, NITOW have asked for the report to be included in the Iwi Consultative Committee agenda for discussion.

Councillor Empson said if the list of approved names for Te Awamutu had been adopted as Council policy, then the names suggested in the report for the Te Awamutu subdivisions were inappropriate. He said there was little point in having a list of preferred names if subdividers were not asked to select a name from it. He asked the Committee if it felt Council should be able to regulate the use of names for new roads.

Councillor Empson said he understood Mr Vincent (Peat Properties) would be prepared to accept Baker, which is a name on the list, rather than the suggested name of Molly.

Mayor Livingston said the developers went to considerable expense to subdivide the land and should be allowed to have an input into the naming of the roads. He said it was suggested that they be asked to consider the names on Council's list in the first instance. He asked if NITOW would like to add any names to the list for consideration by the developers of future subdivisions.

Sonny Karena said NITOW would work on putting together a list of names that reflect the historical significance of different areas in Te Awamutu, for example Pekerau, so that appropriate names for those areas can be offered. He said an explanation on the significance of each name would be provided.

Mayor Livingston said that, with respect to the new subdivisions in the report, addressing the issue at this stage was too late in the process but it would be helpful if the list of names from NITOW was available for future subdivisions. Councillor Empson said the Te Awamutu Community Board had asked that subdivision applicants be advised about the list of names at an early stage in the process.

**RESOLVED**

7/04/23

*That the report of the Regulatory Engineer dated 18 November 2004 be received and, rather than taking any action on these names, Nga Iwi Toopu o Waipa undertake some research to provide a list of names (of people and sites) together with explanations for the consideration of future developers.*

G Roberts/S Karena

**9 PROPOSED 400KV POWER TRANSMISSION LINE THROUGH WAIPA DISTRICT**

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File: 01-41-02

**Report of Te Takawaenga dated 15 November 2004 was included in the agenda.**

Te Takawaenga said the report had been prepared in response to concern expressed by George Searancke. He said it informed the Committee about a proposal by Transpower to construct a 400kV power transmission line which may affect part of Waipa District.

He said one of the two route options that have been identified would affect Waipa District and would generally be within 500 metres of an existing 220kv Transpower transmission line.

He said Transpower are currently consulting with affected landowners and territorial authorities before deciding on the preferred route. As part of this process two open days were held at the Te Miro Settlers Hall on 10 November and the Horahora Memorial Hall on 12 November and he said dissatisfaction and concern had been expressed by local residents at both meetings.

Mayor Livingston said Council was very concerned about the adverse impact on an area that has a high environmental value. He said Council has commissioned an expert to undertake an assessment of the environmental impact of the proposal. The assessment will be presented to Council for consideration with a view to lodging a submission with Transpower. He said Council is liaising closely with the two action groups, at Te Miro and Horahora, and with other affected territorial authorities on the proposal.

Mayor Livingston said he felt Maori should be discussing the proposal to determine the approach they wish to take on it.

**RESOLVED**

7/04/24

*That the report of Te Takawaenga dated 15 November 2004 be received.*

G Roberts/Cr Sharpe

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**10 IWI CONSULTATION ARRANGEMENTS**

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File: 62-01-01

Group Manager Policy and Strategy, Ross McNeil, said Council has been asked by the Raukawa Trust Board to implement a separate consultative process to that already in place with Nga Iwi Toopu o Waipa (NITOW). He said Raukawa have asked to be directly consulted on all matters of cultural, environmental, economic and social significance within their rohe. He said NITOW have been approached by Raukawa and asked that they be directly consulted on resource management matters within their rohe.

Mr McNeil asked what the Committee felt was an appropriate course of action for Council in light of the instruction from the Raukawa Trust Board.

Mayor Livingston said the current Waipa District Iwi consultative framework had worked very successfully. He said Professor James Ritchie had been involved in the establishment of those arrangements and he asked him if he would like to comment.

Professor Ritchie said Waipa District's Iwi consultative arrangements have been exemplary and worked very well over the last 10 years. However, he said the Local Government Act 2002 has introduced a new way of thinking about consultation. He said a new collective structure would emerge that would see the coming together of the Iwi in this area. He said more consultation was better than less.

Sonny Karena said NITOW would be meeting with the Raukawa Trust Board and all other Iwi represented in the Waipa District early in 2005 to review the situation when it was hoped there would be "a calming of minds". He said it was likely a revamped NITOW or a new entity would result from that discussion. He said he felt the review was timely and he asked if Professor Ritchie could attend the meeting. He asked that, in the meantime, Council leave the issue with NITOW.

Peter Tuteao asked if Council could prepare a report on how it sees the services provided by NITOW, as this would be of assistance during the review of the current structure. Mayor Livingston said Te Takawaenga would provide that information. Peter also mentioned the need for an increase in the budget allocated for NITOW administrative costs. It was explained that NITOW could make a submission on this aspect during the next Annual Plan considerations.

**RESOLVED**

7/04/25

*That the information be received.*

S Karena/G Roberts

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**11 HINGAKAKA MANAGEMENT PLAN**

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File: 62-01-01

This issue was addressed during item 6.6.

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**12 CATTLE UNDERPASSES**

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File: 55-26-06

Gaylene Roberts asked if staff could advise Nga Iwi Toopu o Waipa (NITOW) when an application for a stock underpass has been received. She said NITOW would then know that the applicant would be consulting with them concerning the stock underpass. Mayor Livingston said staff would ensure that process is put in place.

### **13 WAIPA PEAT LAKES ACCORD**

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File: 50-01-01

The Committee was advised that the Accord partners are expected to meet as soon as a new Fresh Water Ecologist takes up his/her post at Environment Waikato.

Group Manager Policy and Strategy, Ross McNeil, said Council was as frustrated as everyone else with the time it has taken to make any progress with the outstanding issues.

Gaylene Roberts said she did not recall Nga Iwi Toopu o Waipa (NITOW) being consulted on the changes to the District Plan which provide incentives by way of subdivision entitlements to landowners to undertake environmental protection works. Councillor Sharpe said transferable development rights had been part of the Rural Subdivision Plan Change which had gone through a public consultation process.

#### **RESOLVED**

7/04/26

*That the information on progress with implementing the Waipa Peat Lakes Accord be received.*

Cr Sharpe/Mayor Livingston

### **14 IWI APPOINTMENT TO TE AWAMUTU MUSEUM TRUST BOARD**

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File: 20-06-03

The Committee was advised that Council policy is to appoint three Council appointees, one invited from Iwi, for a four-year term. One of the appointments expired in October 2003 and Council has not yet reappointed someone to fill this vacancy. This was discussed at the 2 November 2004 Council meeting when it was agreed to seek clarification from the Museum Trust Board on the issue before a new appointment is made.

Councillor Empson, who is a member of the Trust Board, said although it was Council policy there has not been a Council appointed Iwi member during his time on the Trust Board. He asked if that appointment was in addition to the member appointed by Dame Te Ata. Gaylene Roberts said the Council appointed Iwi representative was different to the representative from Te Arikinui.

It was suggested that as there is a vacancy Nga Iwi Toopu o Waipa could recommend a person for appointment as the Council Iwi representative.

**RESOLVED**

7/04/27

*That the information on appointments to the Te Awamutu Museum Trust Board be received.*

Cr Empson/G Roberts

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**15 MEETING DATES 2005**

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File: 01-89-08

The Committee was advised that past practice has been for the Iwi Consultative Committee to meet at 10.00am on the first Wednesday in April, June, September and December. This year the meetings were held at the Waipa District Council Offices in April and December and on Marae in June and September.

**RESOLVED**

1/04/28

*That the following schedule of meetings be adopted (being the first Wednesday in April, June, September and December) starting at 10.00am –*

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| <i>6 April 2005</i>     | <i>Marae (to be advised)</i>   |
| <i>1 June 2005</i>      | <i>Waipa District Council</i>  |
| <i>7 September 2005</i> | <i>Marae (to be advised)</i>   |
| <i>7 December 2005</i>  | <i>Waipa District Council.</i> |

G Roberts/S Karena

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**16 GENERAL BUSINESS**

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There were no items of General Business.

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**17 LATE ITEM – DAMAGE TO ORAKAU BATTLE SITE MONUMENT**

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File: 65-10-02

Group Manager Policy and Strategy, Ross McNeil, said Council had been advised that the monument had been pushed over on Saturday 27 November. The monument has since been straightened up and some minor re-concreting has been applied to the supporting foundations.

Mayor Livingston asked if the monument needed to be strengthened to prevent damage occurring again and Mr McNeil said staff would look into the suggestion. Gaylene Roberts suggested that staff consult with the Historic Places Trust before undertaking any work on the monument.

Mayor Livingston thanked Committee Members for their participation and support throughout the past year, which was greatly appreciated. He also thanked Gaylene Roberts and Peter Tuteao for their participation in the Policy and Regulatory Committees and for Sonny's contribution through Nga Iwi Toopu o Waipa. He wished everyone an enjoyable and restful Christmas and a happy new year.

Kaumatua, Fred Porima, closed the meeting with a Karakia at 11.55am.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE AT 10.00AM ON WEDNESDAY 6 APRIL 2005  
(VENUE TO BE ADVISED)**

**CONFIRMED**

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**MAYOR**

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