

Minutes of a meeting of the Iwi Consultative Committee held at the Kahotea Marae, Otorohanga on Wednesday 6 April 2005 commencing at 9.30am.

1 PRESENT

His Worship the Mayor AD Livingston

Members

Councillors – AJH Empson, DL Sharpe
R Brown (Pirongia), C Daniels (Maungatautari), G Searancke (Ngati Ngawaero), W Karaka (Ngati Haua), C Maikuku (Nga Iwi Toopu o Waipa), G Roberts (Parawera), P Tuteao (Ngati Hikairo), L Thompson (Kaniwhaniwha), D Walters (Kakepuku)

In Attendance

S Nelson (Kaumatua – Kahotea), J Charman (Ngati Apakura), K Karaka (Ngati Haua), Councillor GRP Webber;

Chief Executive (JC Inglis), TeTakawaenga (C Davis), Group Manager Policy & Strategy (R McNeil), Committee Secretary (J Dillon)

2 KARAKIA

Charlie Maikuku opened the meeting with a Karakia.

3 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

7/05/01

That apologies for absence be received from S Karena and C Plowright.

C Daniels/G Roberts

4 LATE ITEMS

Gaylene Roberts asked to discuss the Karapiro Domain Management Plan consultation process.

George Searancke asked to discuss the Te Awamutu Arterial Bypass and flow on to Kihikihi and pedestrian safety issues.

George Searancke asked to discuss funding for the Te Awamutu museum. Advised to raise under item 10.

5 CONFIRMATION OF ORDER OF MEETING

File: 01-89-08

RESOLVED

7/05/02

That the order of the meeting be confirmed.

Cr Sharpe/Cr Webber

6 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

File: 01-89-08

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

RESOLVED

7/05/03

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

Cr Empson/Cr Sharpe

Matters Arising -

6.1 Cautionary Road Signs at Marae

File: 55-28-11

Res: 7/04/17

The Land Transport Safety Authority (LTSA) have agreed to standard signs in the vicinity of the Marae sites on the condition that they are not on the same posts as road signs and only state the name of the marae. Council will work with Marae regarding signs and location.

6.2 Iwi Appointment to Te Awamutu Museum Trust Board

File: 20-06-03

Gaylene Roberts asked for an update on the recommendation from Nga Iwi Toopu o Waipa (NITOW) that Rorina Maniapoto be appointment as the Council Iwi representative on the Te Awamutu Museum Trust Board.

The Chief Executive said he was not aware that a letter of recommendation from NITOW had been received by Council.

RESOLVED

7/05/04

That this Committee endorse the recommendation by Nga Iwi Toopu o Waipa that Rorina Maniapoto be appointed as Council Iwi representative on the Te Awamutu Museum Trust Board.

G Roberts/L Thompson

6.3 Hingakaka Management Plan

File: 62-01-01

Jenny Charman is progressing and will follow up.

6.4 Cattle Underpasses

File: 55-26-06

Gaylene Roberts asked how the process of informing Nga Iwi Toopu o Waipa (NITOW) was going to work.

Group Manager Policy and Strategy, Ross McNeil said that Council's Roding Department would inform NITOW in writing on receipt of an application.

George Searancke advised that NITOW had not been informed of any applications, and that an underpass was progressing on Waikeria Road.

The Chief Executive advised that applications can sit in the system for some time and that he was not aware of any applications within the last six months. Applications may have been processed before the agreement.

RESOLVED

7/05/05

That Council inform Nga Iwi Toopu o Waipa in writing when an application for a stock underpass has been received.

G Searancke/Cr Empson

6.5 Waipa Peat Lakes Accord

File: 50-01-01

Gaylene Roberts enquired if a meeting had taken place with the Accord partners, and asked how does Council progress and improve the condition of the lakes.

Group Manager, Policy and Strategy, Ross McNeil said he was not aware that any meeting had taken place. The first step is to secure a resource consent with Environment Waikato to enable any changes to take place. Council make their concerns regarding the condition of the lakes known to Environment Waikato. Group Manager Policy and Strategy, Ross McNeil, will provide an update for the June meeting.

Mayor Livingston advised that the consent for lake levels is still being considered by Environment Waikato.

7 QUARTERLY REPORT FROM TE TAKAWAENGA

File: 01-84-34

Report of Te Takawaenga dated 21 March 2005 was included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

7/05/06

That the report of Te Takawaenga dated 21 March 2005 be received.

P Tuteao/G Searancke

Te Takawaenga advised that Council's Communications Advisor, Wayne Green, would like to attend the June meeting and seek Iwi input regarding the World Waka Ama Champs 2006 that will be held at Karapiro.

Cindy Daniels asked that Maungatautari be consulted regarding Karapiro. Te Takawaenga advised that Council was trying to be inclusive by bringing consultation to this Iwi Consultative Committee.

Willie Karaka advised that consultants Bloxham Burnett and Olliver had attended a Nga Iwi Toopu o Waipa (NITOW) meeting and it was confirmed that Ngati Haua were the appropriate group to be consulted regarding the proposed rezoning of Hamilton Airport, although there has been an expression of interest from NAMTOK.

Peter Tuteao said that Hamilton Airport sits within the Waipa District which is the leading authority and it would be up to NITOW to follow up with NAMTOK.

8 DRAFT MAUNGATAUTARI RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN

File: 04-03-50

Draft Maungatautari Reserve Management Plan was attached separately to the agenda.

Group Manager, Policy and Strategy, Ross McNeil, advised that the Policy Committee had recommended that advance draft copies be sent to Nga Iwi Toopu o Waipa (NITOW) with a covering letter ahead of public notification. Section 3.7 will need to be completed in consultation with NITOW, and Council will take guidance from the Committee on any other issues.

Gaylene Roberts advised that NITOW were not aware of this requirement until today. Gaylene suggested that 3.7 would be more appropriately placed at the beginning of the Plan.

Cindy Daniels said the Maungatautari Reserve Committee had received a copy with the recommended changes.

Councillor Empson suggested that 1.1. Features of Maunga be moved to 3.1.

Mr McNeil said the Plan is available for public comment until 27 May 2005 and that no format or template has been confirmed.

The Chief Executive said Council is trying hard to consult with the right people to get the best possible outcome.

Gaylene Roberts said that Council should consult with NITOW for all consultation, who will then consult with the appropriate people.

The Chief Executive advised that the Hingakaka Management Plan did not need to follow the same format.

RESOLVED

7/05/07

That –

- a) *The draft Maungatautari Reserve Management Plan be received.*
- b) *The discussions that have been held and resolution passed today be included with the submissions that go to Council.*

C Daniels/G Roberts

RESOLVED

7/05/08

That the process that Council has followed for the Draft Maungatautari Reserve Management Plan satisfies the consultation process with regard to Iwi consultation.

G Roberts/LThompson

9 WAIPA DISTRICT DRAFT WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

File: 92-03-01

Mayor Livingston stated that the Draft Waste Management Plan has been available for consultation and that submissions to the Plan have now closed.

Group Manager, Policy and Strategy, Ross McNeil advised that Council has received 30 submissions including one submission containing 450 signatures regarding recycling in Cambridge. Submissions will be considered by the Policy Committee on 11 April 2005. It is proposed that existing facilities will not change and weekly urban kerbside recycling pickups will be considered.

Council will consider the cost implications and how Waste Management will be implemented. When the Plan has been adopted by Council it will sit within the Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP) and the details will need to be worked through by staff.

George Searancke asked if Council had considered taking the official waste pickup bag out of the loop as it is becoming expensive to purchase or can it be funded from rates.

Mr McNeil said Council had considered its role regarding waste management and its position is unchanged, it does not see itself in the role of collection or administration. Waste collections are privately managed by services like Enviro Waste who control the cost. If the introduction of a recycling programme is implemented the expectation would be a reduction in rubbish.

RESOLVED

7/05/09

That the draft Waipa District Council Waste Management Plan be received.

Cr Sharpe/Cr Webber

10 DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2005/06 – RELEASE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

File: 01-91-37

Summary of Draft Annual Plan 2005/06 was attached separately to the agenda.

Mayor Livingston advised that there are no major changes from what is in the Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP), and that a modest increase in rates is unavoidable. Submissions on the Plan close 18 April 2005 and will be considered by the Policy Committee in May.

Willie Karaka said the narrow access to the high level bridge in Cambridge from the Leamington side was a hazard and suggested Council extend the roadway and shorten the footpath to one walkway. Mayor Livingston said that Council was looking at all suggestions to improve the bridge.

The Chief Executive said that the safety issue has been raised previously at a Council meeting. The upgrade to the Cambridge CBD will spruce up the town side and another project is envisaged to address the safety concerns raised about the bridge.

Peter Tuteo said that at the last Nga Iwi Toopu o Waipa (NITOW) meeting, the Committee had recommended it seek an increase in funding of \$5 – 10,000 for Iwi consultation from Council.

Gaylene Roberts said that at the NITOW meeting additional funding had been discussed but no formal recommendation had been passed.

The Chief Executive advised that if NITOW decided to seek an increase for financial assistance, then a proforma submission can be accepted before the closing date on 18 April 2005 and they will be given the opportunity to be heard at the Policy meeting in May.

Councillor Empson, who is a member of the Te Awamutu Museum Trust Board, said that the appointment of Heritage Manager, Andrew McFarlane, will be in the form of a semi-director role. He said the Board and community are lucky to get Andrew who has a wide knowledge of Council and the District including heritage. If the Board accepts Council's offer there will be approximately \$30,000 reduction in funding and it is recommended the Board give it a trial for one to two years.

Group Manager, Policy and Strategy, Ross McNeil said it is not Council's intention to see the museum disadvantaged and it would be a supportive role.

George Searancke enquired about what qualifications are required if the position was to be advertised. Mayor Livingston said the cost of getting a suitably qualified director is beyond the means of the museum and that Council's offer is a win / win to both the museum and the District.

The Chief Executive said that Council has provided a \$135,000 annual grant to the museum. Council have a need for a Heritage Manager and the museum has a need for a director, so there was an opportunity for a shared service funded by Council. A reduction in the museum's grant would be no more than what they were paying for a director.

RESOLVED

7/05/10

That the draft 2005/06 Annual Plan be received.

Cr Empson/G Roberts

11 ASSESSMENT OF WATER AND SANITARY SERVICES

File: 28-04-72

Summaries and Report on Assessment of Water Services and Sanitary Services Assessment were attached separately to the agenda.

Reports have been available for public consultation and submissions have now closed. Twelve submissions will be considered by the Policy Committee on 11 April 2005.

George Searancke enquired about the pan tax and when an increase in rates should be expected.

Group Manager, Policy and Strategy, Ross McNeil said that the Kihikihi sewerage project will be completed in two years time, it is a reticulated scheme and district service and there would be no change in rates until the following year.

RESOLVED

7/05/11

That the draft Assessment of Water and Sanitary Services be received.

Cr Sharpe/G Roberts

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

File: 60-12-01

Gaylene Roberts asked if Council would invite membership to the Committee. Mayor Livingston said it would seek recommendations.

Group Manager, Policy and Strategy, Ross McNeil said that the Department of Conservation (DOC) would not complete the process until a committee has been formed. DOC will give approval to Council when they are happy with the governance structure within the community.

RESOLVED

7/05/12

That the information on the proposed establishment and membership of a Pirongia Reserves Committee be received.

R Brown/G Searancke

13 SISTER CITIES – PROPOSED POLICY

File: 01-80-03

RESOLVED

7/05/13

That the draft Waipa District Council Sister Cities Policy be received.

Cr Sharpe/Cr Empson

14 PROPOSED DISTRICT PLAN CHANGES TO PROVIDE FOR URBAN GROWTH

File: 65-07-45, 65-07-22, 65-06-07

Mayor Livingston said that Council will prioritise development taking place in the District.

George Searancke asked about Kihikihi's growth cell. Mayor Livingston advised that the growth taking place is within the area the Kihikihi sewerage project will be.

RESOLVED

7/05/14

That the information on the processes to provide for urban growth be received.

G Searancke/Cr Webber

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

File: 65-07-48

Mayor Livingston explained that the Waipa Heritage Council had put a considerable amount of work into this register, which will go out for public comment shortly. The process is to ensure archaeological sites are identified by name and location.

The Chief Executive advised the new sites would be appended to the District Plan and that a copy of the Waahi Tapu sites are available to staff.

RESOLVED

7/05/15

That the information on proposed District Plan Change 48 be received.

Cr Empson/G Roberts

Some spelling mistakes were mentioned and NITOW advised to consider the proposed Plan Change and forward a submission to Council.

16 TRANSPOWER NEW ZEALAND – 400kV GRID UPGRADE PROJECT – SUBMISSION

File: 01-41-12

Council will put forward a submission to Tranpower based on the District Plan focusing on the environmental, recreation, heritage, agricultural and settlement impact the line will have on Waipa.

RESOLVED

7/05/16

That the information on Transpower New Zealand's proposed 400kV upgrade project be received.

G Roberts/Cr Sharpe

17 TE AWAMUTU TOWN CENTRE PLAN

File: 01-23-01

The Chief Executive said that Council has engaged a consultant to pull together and form a plan/programme to enhance the business area of Te Awamutu. Heavy traffic issues on the main street are being addressed by another consultant as part of the Western Arterial Bypass proposal. Council is steadily working through the main issues.

George Searancke commented that Anzac Green is listed as a recreation reserve and asked if Council was going to leave it as a reserve or change its designation. He suggested that a children's playground in the centre of town was a great idea that had been accomplished in other town centres.

The Chief Executive advised that with the removal of the old swimming pool and the realignment for additional parking there is still a large grassed area for recreation and that the status of the reserve will need to be changed and a Management Plan required. There will be a public consultation period and an information day next week at Council offices.

RESOLVED

7/05/17

That the information on a Te Awamutu Town Centre Plan be received.

George Searancke/Cr Webber

18 ALLOCATION OF RESERVE CONTRIBUTION FUNDS

File: 01-22-17

The Chief Executive commented that Council collects financial contributions from developers through the conditions of the District Plan and it is now looking at allocation of those funds. More detail will be available for the next meeting.

RESOLVED

7/05/18

That the information on the allocation of reserve contribution funds be received.

G Roberts/D Walters

19 VAILE STREET, TE AWAMUTU – REALIGNMENT

File: 55-26-12

Mayor Livingston advised that there has been a large community concern for additional parking at the medical centre and issues around traffic turning onto Teasdale Street.

RESOLVED

7/05/19

That the information on the Vaile Street realignment designation be received.

Gaylene Roberts/Reg Brown

20 YOUTH JUSTICE FACILITY

File: 01-33-03

Mayor Livingston advised that at this stage the Department of Child Youth and Family Services are scoping the project and sites in a corridor from Hamilton to Rotorua are being looked at. A working party has been formed and its job is to find a suitable site by August 2005. A consultation process will then follow.

Gaylene Roberts asked if any Waipa areas had been identified. Mayor Livingston said that some areas of interest had been expressed, but they have been advised that there is a high value for other uses and there is strong public interest in these areas. Corrections Department land at Waikeria was suggested for consideration.

21 GENERAL BUSINESS

There were no items of General Business.

22 LATE ITEMS

Karapiro Domain Strategic Plan and Reserve Management Plan

File: 04-03-02

Gaylene Roberts asked if they and Council had fulfilled the consultation process with Pohara Pa for the Plan as they feel that they were inadequately consulted and would like the opportunity to be consulted.

The Chief Executive said Council approved the Draft Plan on condition that certain things were to be done. Consultant, Mark Chrisp sought advice on who and how to consult and he understood that this has been done. The Karapiro Domain Strategic Plan and Reserve Management Plan was therefore adopted by Council in February.

Te Takawaenga said that Mark Chrisp had provided documented correspondence that he has tried to consult with Pohara Pa on several occasions through the Secretary, Ron Edgecombe, and had received no response.

Gaylene said that she was not aware of any request from Mark Chrisp and that Pohara Pa would like further discussion.

The Chief Executive advised that the Plan had been adopted but if it would be helpful, Council representatives and Pohara Pa representatives should meet to discuss any issues they may have.

Cindy Daniels requested that she be sent a copy of the adopted Plan.

Pedestrian Safety Issues in Kihikihi

File: 55-23-03

George Searancke enquired if any thought had gone into the entry and exit points to Kihikihi and if it could be associated with the Te Awamutu proposed Bypass, from a pedestrian safety aspect in Kihikihi. There have been changes to the pedestrian safety rules that need addressing in Kihikihi, particularly the high volume and speed of traffic.

The Chief Executive said that Transit completed a survey several years ago and looked at areas around Albert Park in Te Awamutu, but would not fund a bypass in Kihikihi. Council can ask Transit to take a further look to see what they can do. He said he would advise roading staff about the safety concerns raised and the change in pedestrian safety rules to ensure Council is meeting the requirements.

Mayor Livingston thanked Committee Members for their participation and support which was greatly appreciated and the Kahotea Marae for hosting today's meeting.

Kaumatua, Sol Nelson, closed the meeting with a Karakia at 12.55pm.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE AT 10.00AM ON WEDNESDAY 1 JUNE 2005
(VENUE TO BE ADVISED)**

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MAYOR

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