

Minutes of a meeting of the Iwi Consultative Committee held at Otawhao Marae, Te Awamutu College, Alexandra Street, Te Awamutu on Wednesday 1 September 2004 commencing with a Powhiri at 10.00am.

1 PRESENT

His Worship the Mayor AD Livingston

Members

Chairman – W Karaka (Ngati Haua)

Councillors – AJH Empson, D Sharpe;

C Maikuku (Kaumatua); R Brown (Pirongia), C Daniels (Maungatautari), H Maniapoto (Puniu), G Roberts (Parawera), G Searancke (Ngati Ngawaero), L Thompson (Kaniwhaniwha), D Walters (Kakepuku)
Chief Executive (JC Inglis)

In Attendance

J Charman (Ngati Apakura), M Chrisp (Environmental Management Services), L Doyle (Kakepuku);

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

Public - Nil

2 KARAKIA

The Iwi Consultative Committee and Waipa District Council group were welcomed onto Otawhao Marae with a Powhiri and Karakia.

Charlie Maikuku opened the meeting with a Karakia at 10.45am.

3 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

7/04/14

That apologies for absence be received from S Karena, Councillor Lee, F Porima and H Thompson and for lateness from G Roberts.

Mayor Livingston/Cr Empson.

4 LATE ITEMS

Nil.

5 CONFIRMATION OF ORDER OF MEETING

File: 01-89-08

RESOLVED

7/04/15

That the order of the meeting be confirmed.

Cr Sharpe/Mayor Livingston

6 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

File: 01-89-08

Minutes of meeting held on 2 June 2004 were included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

1/04/16

That the minutes of the meeting of the Iwi Consultative Committee held on 2 June 2004, having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record.

Mayor Livingston/Cr Empson

Matters Arising -

6.1 Transfer of Temple View to Hamilton City Council

File: 01-95-04

Councillor Sharpe said there had been a formal ceremony to acknowledge the transfer of Temple View to Hamilton City which was attended by Nga Iwi Toopu o Waipa (NITOW) Chairman, Sonny Karena, with support from other Iwi. She said it was pleasing to see the transfer acknowledged in an appropriate way and she thanked NITOW and Iwi for their support to Council in publicly acknowledging the event.

6.2 Cautionary Road Signs at Marae

File: 55-28-11

Res: 7/04/09

Group Manager Policy and Strategy, Ross McNeil, said the Land Transport Safety Authority (LTSA) had rejected the style of sign that was promoted by Ted Douglas at the June Iwi Consultative Committee meeting. He tabled some diagrams showing examples of signs created by Council's Roding staff for the Committee's consideration. The signs (which show a person or two children crossing a road, the word "Marae" and the name of the Marae) would be for both road safety and identification purposes and are internationally recognised symbols. He said if the Committee approved the signs Council would seek permission to use them from the LTSA. The signs would be funded from Council's signage programme.

Willie Clarke said the sign was not enough on its own to slow down traffic without a speed restriction. He said he was concerned about the speed at which vehicles travel on country roads past rural Marae. Mayor Livingston said the majority of Marae in Waipa District are at the end of no exit roads and speed restrictions are not necessary although Parawera Marae is the one exception.

Mr McNeil said staff could look at each Marae location to assess the opportunities for imposing speed restrictions within the guidelines set out by Transit New Zealand. He said each Marae would be considered on its merits.

RESOLVED

7/04/17

That cautionary road signs be installed at each Waipa District Marae and that speed restriction signs be installed if this is felt to be warranted.

Cr Sharpe/C Daniels

6.3 Rukuhia Hall

File: 15-11-24

Councillor Sharpe said a tender for purchase of the Rukuhia Hall has been accepted and it is subject to a Certificate of Compliance which Council staff are attending to.

6.4 Draft Karapiro Domain Strategic Plan & Reserve Management Plan

File: 04-03-12

Environmental Management Services Consultant, Mark Chrisp, said the draft Plan had been notified with submissions closing on 1 October. He said the key element of the Plan was to increase the Reserve's focus as a top class competition and training venue for aquatic sports. A range of development proposals have been included in the Plan, such as improving the access points to make them safer, defining the entranceways, improving the internal access road area and improving the toilet facilities and parking areas. He said there were also proposals to relocate the boat ramp to the southern end of the Domain and to construct an indoor training centre and a grandstand. A walking track to link the Reserve with the Geck property is also in the long term Plan.

He said there are policies in the Plan that specifically deal with cultural issues and things of historical importance at the site and how they will be managed.

The Chief Executive said Council would be undertaking some work at the Reserve in preparation for the Waka Ama but this would not compromise what is proposed in the Reserve Management Plan.

6.5 Orakau

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

George Searancke said Nga Iwi Toopu o Waipa (NITOW) was still waiting to hear back from Neville Ritchie concerning wording for the new plaque at Orakau. Mayor Livingston said he understood Neville had been very busy but that he was aware he had to consult with NITOW to firm up on the appropriate wording.

6.6 Transpower – Installation of New Transmission Line

File: 40-02-04

There was no progress to report on this issue. The Chief Executive said he would try to obtain some information for the Committee.

6.7 Pohara Marae – Lighting

File: 4652/191.00

Gaylene Roberts said Pohara Marae wished to thank Council for the three new lights that have been installed.

6.8 Wahi Tapu Register

File: 65-06-03

Res: 7/04/12-13

Group Manager Policy and Strategy, Ross McNeil, said staff were confident that the correct information was being referred to during the processing of Land Information Memoranda (LIMs). He said there would be some amendments to the archaeological schedule in the District Plan, based on new information, which would be incorporated by way of a Plan Change.

George Searancke suggested that Nga Iwi Toopu o Waipa (NITOW) could tag any Resource Consent applications which they felt might have Wahi Tapu implications to ensure these are picked up and the Chief Executive said that would be helpful.

6.9 Bridge and Road Names in Pirongia

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

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

The Chief Executive said two submissions had been received on the proposed name changes to a bridge and road in Pirongia. One submission suggests "Matakitaki Lane" instead of "Matakitaki", which was proposed by the Committee, and the second submission objects to re-naming the Baffin Street Bridge to "Pukehoua Bridge". He said the Policy Committee would hear the submissions at its meeting on 13 September and it would be helpful if the Iwi Consultative Committee could comment on the submissions.

It was questioned whether it was suitable to name the road "Matakitaki Pa" as that is a destination. Te Takawaenga, Chuck Davis, advised that the Committee had recommended that the site be named "Matakitaki" rather than "Matakitaki Lane". He said there were three Pa there and the overall site is known as Matakitaki. Reg Brown said local Iwi wanted the place to be named "Matakitaki".

The Chief Executive said only two submissions had been received concerning the proposed renaming of the Baffin Street bridge so it could be assumed that most people were happy with the name "Pukehoua".

In response to a query from George Searancke, the Chief Executive said Council had given approval for the name "Ash Grove" to be used for the road in the new subdivision off Te Rahu Road. Councillor Empson said it would be made clear to future developers that there is a list of preferred road names which they will be encouraged to make a selection from. The Chief Executive said the Te Awamutu Community Board would be asked to confirm the list of road names at its next meeting and recommend that Council formally adopt the list as part of Council policy.

7 QUARTERLY REPORT FROM TE TAKAWAENGA

File: 01-84-34

Report of Te Takawaenga dated 20 August 2004 was included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

10/04/18

That the report of Te Takawaenga dated 20 August 2004 be received.

Mayor Livingston/G Searancke

Te Takawaenga, Chuck Davis, said he would report back to the next Nga Iwi Toopu o Waipa (NITOW) meeting on funding that might be available for sending delegates to the November Te Waka Awhina Hui.

8 DOG POLICY/BYLAW REVIEW

File: 45-02-05 & 33-15-17

Proposed amended Waipa District Dog Control Bylaw was included in the agenda.

Group Manager Policy and Strategy, Ross McNeil, asked the Committee if it had any comments on the proposed amended Waipa District Dog Control Bylaw, which is currently available for public comment.

George Searancke asked why preferential bookings at the Kihikihi Domain would take preference over it being a dog exercise area. Councillor Empson explained that there are occasions when events at the Domain, such as equestrian days, would take precedence but there were always other parts of the Domain available on those days for dog walking.

Harold Maniapoto asked if the Maniapoto Reserve in Kihikihi could be designated as a prohibited dog area. This is a Maori Trust reserve which Council helps to administer and maintain. Mr McNeil suggested that if the Trust wrote to Council concerning this request it would be included in the next Dog Control Policy review.

9 2004 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

File: 01-22-05

The Committee was advised that, at the 20 July 2004 Te Awamutu Community Board meeting, it was recommended to Council that it initiate an "on Marae" voter education programme before 17 September 2004. The intent of the Board's request was to maximise the opportunity for local Maori to participate in the local government elections, which will be held in October 2004. The Committee's view on this matter was sought.

Harold Maniapoto said that in order for the programme to be effective it should be held on all Marae rather than just one and this would make it an expensive exercise. He suggested that it would be better value for money to hold the programme at Te Wananga o Aotearoa and Mayor Livingston said that suggestion would be followed up.

Following discussion it was agreed that it was not ideal to hold an education programme so close to an election as it might become confused with a political preference. It was felt the programme should be informative and not appear to be electioneering. Whilst the proposed programme was worthy of consideration it was suggested that it be progressed during the next term of Council

The Chief Executive explained that, following the election, Committees established by the current Council would go out of existence because they were appointed under the provisions of the old Local Government Act. The new Act allows Council to appoint Committees so that this will not happen in future. He said one of the first things the new Council has to do is to reappoint all its Committees. He said that unless there was an objection from the Committee, staff would put forward the current membership to the new Council for re-appointment after the election.

The Chief Executive thanked past and present members of the Iwi Consultative Committee for the help given to staff in progressing matters. He said a lot had been discussed, aired and achieved with the support of the Committee. Councillor Empson also passed on best wishes for the future to the Committee.

[Councillor Empson left the meeting at 12.20pm.]

10 WAIPA DISTRICT HERITAGE STRATEGY

File: 65-11-02

Group Manager Policy and Strategy, Ross McNeil, reminded the Committee that at its last meeting he had spoken about the direction Council is intending to take in developing a Heritage Strategy. He said staff had attended the August Nga Iwi Toopu o Waipa meeting and the Heritage Strategy had been discussed. He said staff had taken on board the points raised at the meeting and were preparing a draft Heritage Strategy which was expected to be considered by Council in December 2004.

11 KARAPIRO DOMAIN DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN/RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN

File: 04-03-12

This was covered under item 6.4 In the minutes.

12 MAUNGATAUTARI RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN - REVIEW

File: 04-03-50

Group Manager Policy and Strategy, Ross McNeil, said the process for reviewing the existing Maungatautari Reserve Management Plan has commenced and is now at the stage where the intent to review the Plan has been publicly notified and preliminary consultation with key stakeholders, including Iwi, is underway.

Environmental Management Services consultant, Mark Chrisp, explained the various phases of the project; these being consultation, preparation of the draft Plan, notification of the draft Plan, public submissions and a hearing process. He said that most of the consultation with key stakeholders has been undertaken and Council is now moving into the second phase of drafting the Plan. He said it was hoped to present the draft Plan to the 8 September Maungatautari Reserve Committee meeting and work through some of the key issues associated with the strategic direction that the Plan will take. He said a very high level of support for the Maungatautari Ecological Island Trust's fencing project had been expressed during the consultation phase. He said it was hoped the draft Plan would give the Maungatautari and Pohara Marae Committees a basis for comment.

[Item 16 was taken at this point and then the meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.30pm. It reconvened at 1.10pm when it returned to the order of business as stated in the agenda.]

13 MAUNGATAUTARI RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN – CONSULTATION WITH COUNCIL

File: 04-03-50

This issue was addressed during item 12.

14 DRAFT LAKES ARAPUNI AND KARAPIRO RESERVES MANAGEMENT PLAN

File: 04-03-36

Lakes Arapuni and Karapiro Draft Reserve Management Plan was included in the agenda.

Group Manager Policy and Strategy, Ross McNeil, explained that Council is progressively reviewing or developing management plans for all of the District's significant reserves. He said it was now common practice for reserves fulfilling similar functions to be managed in a like manner although major reserves, such as Karapiro Domain and Maungatautari, would have their own management plans.

Mr McNeil said the reserves adjoining Lakes Arapuni and Karapiro would be the first group to be managed within a single Reserve Management Plan. The draft Plan was released for public comment in May and submissions close at the end of August 2004. Council is expected to adopt this Plan in December 2004. Mr McNeil mentioned two issues that have been raised by the Policy Committee relating to camping on reserves and the possibility of levying boat ramp fees.

Harold Maniapoto asked what recognition had been given to the management of traditional and cultural considerations in the Reserve Management Plan. Mr McNeil said there was no specific requirement in the Reserves Act for cultural issues as it was aligned to the provision of services and maintenance of reserves. Mark Chrisp said whilst there was provision for cultural issues in the Karapiro Management Plan, this was a reflection of the historic sites in the area which other reserves do not have. He said the provisions of the Historic Places Act would apply irrespective of the Reserve Management Plan.

15 HINGAKAKA MANAGEMENT PLAN

File: 62-01-01

Environmental Management Services consultant, Mark Chrisp, explained that he had been engaged to assist Nga Iwi Toopu o Waipa (NITOW) in the preparation of a draft Management Plan for the Hingakaka battle site. He said a first draft of the Plan had been presented to NITOW at its meeting on 3 August and feedback is now awaited from the various Tangata Whenua representatives.

Harold Maniapoto said a working party had met on the previous day to look at how the issue could be progressed. He asked for permission from Council for an electronic copy of the draft Plan for a brainstorming session to take place on the following day, and this was agreed. He thanked Mark for the work undertaken so far and said the draft Plan was an excellent template and format for Iwi to follow in future.

16 STORAGE ROOM UNDER ALBERT PARK GRANDSTAND

File: 01-51-11

The Chief Executive said staff were looking at alternatives for storage space for the Te Awamutu Light Operatic Society (TALOS). Gaylene Roberts said Rugby League had found some space at the Cricket Club.

17 GENERAL BUSINESS

Mayor Livingston thanked the Committee for its contribution over the last term of Council. He said Council placed its consultation and liaison with Iwi very highly and the success of the Waipa system has been shown to be a very effective blueprint throughout New Zealand and is sought after by other local authorities.

Willie Clarke thanked Council for the time spent with Nga Iwi Toopu o Waipa which has been of great assistance.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 1.35pm.

Charlie Maikuku closed the meeting with a Karakia.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL AT 10.00AM ON WEDNESDAY 1 DECEMBER 2004
AT WAIPA DISTRICT COUNCIL**

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MAYOR

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