

Minutes of a meeting of the Iwi Consultative Committee held at the Council Chambers, Waipa District Council Offices, 101 Bank Street, Te Awamutu commencing at 10.15am.

1 ATTENDANCE

His Worship the Mayor AD Livingston

Members

Councillors – AJH Empson, DL Sharpe;
R Brown (Pirongia), C Daniels (Maungatautari), L Doyle (proxy for G Searancke), C Maikuku (Kaumatua), H Maniapoto (Puniu), G Roberts (Parawera), D Walters (Kakepuku)

In Attendance

J Charman (Ngati Apakura), V Ingley (Puniu).

Chief Executive (JC Inglis), Group Manager Policy & Strategy (R McNeil), Te Takawaenga (C Davis), Secretary (C Plowright)

2 KARAKIA

Charlie Maikuku opened the meeting with a Karakia.

3 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

7/06/21

That apologies for absence be received from Committee Members Karaka, Searancke and Thompson and from Councillor Lee.

C Maikuku/R Brown

4 LATE ITEMS

Nil.

5 CONFIRMATION OF ORDER OF MEETING

File: 01-89-08

RESOLVED

7/06/22

That the order of the meeting be confirmed.

Cr Sharpe/Cr Empson

6 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

File: 01-89-08

Minutes of meeting held on 5 April 2006 were included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

7/06/23

That the minutes of the meeting of the Iwi Consultative Committee held on 5 April 2006, having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record.

C Daniels/Cr Empson

Matters Arising

6.1 Waipa Peat Lakes Accord

File: 50-01-07

The Committee was advised that a work programme for the five priority lakes (Maratoto, Rotopotaka, Rotomanuka, Mangakauwhare and Ngaroto) has received approval from Environment Waikato. Council will confirm the programme at its meeting on 27 June 2006 and it will take effect from 1 July 2006.

6.2 Stock Crossing on Morgan Road, Te Awamutu

File: 55-26-06

Committee Members were advised that this road was inspected by Council staff shortly after the last meeting and found to be clean although one of the residents reported that it is sometimes dirty after cows have crossed the road. Enquiry by Council staff shows that the property owner using the cattle crossing does not have a permit and he has been advised to apply for one as soon as possible. He has also been reminded to keep the road clean and staff will make another inspection in the near future.

6.3 Regeneration of Bush on Kakepuku Mountain

File: 65-06-03

An aerial photograph of Kakepuku Mountain was included in the agenda.

Committee Members were reminded that concern had been expressed at the last meeting that the bush line on the southern side of Kakepuku Mountain is receding and it was asked if native timber could be planted in these areas for future generations.

Group Manager Policy and Strategy, Ross McNeil, said the aerial photograph shows how high up towards the summit of the Mountain private property extends. He said neither Council nor the Department of Conservation can greatly influence what should happen on that privately owned land.

6.4 Proposed Mission House Project

File: 01-51-15

Councillor Empson said he was disappointed to see that the circus has again been erected on top of the Mission House site. He said Council needs a mechanism in place to ensure that circuses and shows use the other end of Selwyn Park, adjacent to Selwyn Lane, and not the historical part. He said he had also received comment from a ratepayer about the size and style of advertising used for the circus and he asked if it was permissible under Council's rules.

The Chief Executive said there is provision for signage to be erected for one-off events subject to Council approval. He said the circus organisers have not sought that approval. He said despite the circus organisers being told to set up at the rear of Selwyn Park the Big Top has been erected in the middle. He said staff would ensure this does not happen in future and, with the marking of the Mission House site, it will make it easier for people to see the area they should avoid.

7 QUARTERLY REPORT FROM TE TAKAWAENGA

File: 01-84-34

Report of Te Takawaenga dated 23 May 2006 was included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

7/06/24

That the report of Te Takawaenga dated 23 May 2006 be received.

Cr Sharpe/Cr Empson

8 PROPOSED MISSION HOUSE PROJECT

File: 01-51-15

Committee Members were advised that the contractors currently working on the upgrade of Pioneer Walk, Te Awamutu, will be marking out the Mission House site.

Wet weather has delayed the contractor but he is expected to start stage 2 of Pioneer Walk the first week of June and it is anticipated he will undertake the marking of the Mission House while on site.

9 TRANSPOWER NEW ZEALAND – 400kV GRID UPGRADE PROJECT

File: 40-02-10

Committee Members were advised that the Electricity Commissioner has released a draft decision declining consent for Transpower to proceed with the construction of its 400kV line through the Karapiro special landscape character area. The draft decision is open for submissions until 9 June 2006. Transpower is adamant that the Electricity Commissioner's decision will be capable of being overturned. Waipa District Council is making a further submission in support of the Commissioner's decision, and also advocating that it is appropriate to plan for a "Transmission Corridor" to be designated for future use in a more appropriate location.

Group Manager Policy and Strategy, Ross McNeil, said Transpower has indicated a revised proposal which it believes will fit within existing easement arrangements. He said Council is committed to protecting the Karapiro special landscape character area and will do all it can to support the community in doing that.

10 VAILE STREET, TE AWAMUTU - REALIGNMENT

File: 55-26-12

Notice of Requirement for Designation, Vaile Street, Te Awamutu was enclosed with the agenda bound separately.

Committee Members were reminded that in August 2004 Council resolved to proceed with the revocation of the reserve status of a portion of ANZAC Green to enable the realignment of a section of Vaile Street. This is to accommodate an area of off street parking adjacent to the Te Awamutu Medical Centre in order to improve traffic flow and pedestrian safety in this area. The Department of Conservation has given its approval for the revocation of the reserve status of that portion of ANZAC Green and a Notice of Requirement has now been prepared, pursuant to Section 168 of the Resource Management Act (RMA), to designate that piece of land for roading purposes.

Group Manager Policy and Strategy, Ross McNeil, said the designation process provides the community with another opportunity to share its views on the proposal with Council.

11 REPRESENTATION REVIEW/MAORI REPRESENTATION

File: 01-70-04

Maps showing Council's Proposed Representation Arrangements were included in the agenda.

Group Manager Policy and Strategy, Ross McNeil, outlined the process that Council has undertaken to review the representation arrangements for Waipa District.

Mr McNeil said Council publicly advertised its proposed representation arrangements in April 2006, one submission has been received and it will be heard at the Policy Committee meeting on 12 June 2006. He said that, having heard the submission, the Policy Committee will either confirm or amend Council's proposed representation arrangements and recommend them to Council for a further period of public notice. He said there would be the opportunity to appeal or object to the proposal at that time.

Mr McNeil said Environment Waikato is also reviewing its representation arrangements and he updated the Committee on what is being proposed for the Waikato Region. He suggested that information on the proposed Waikato Region representation arrangements could be sent out with the Iwi Consultative Committee minutes to allow Committee Members to advise their Marae and hapu about the proposals.

Committee Member Maniapoto asked when the issue of Maori Wards could be considered again. Mr McNeil said that opportunity has gone for the 2007 triennial elections but the process could start now for the 2010 elections.

12 DRAFT HINGAKAKA MANAGEMENT PLAN

File: 62-01-01

Committee Members were reminded that at its meeting on 5 April 2006 the Iwi Consultative Committee accepted the changes suggested to the Hingakaka-Ngaroto Iwi Management Plan in the letter from Environmental Management Services dated 4 April 2006 and resolved that the Plan be included in Council's resource management and consultation processes.

Group Manager Policy and Strategy, Ross McNeil, said Council staff are waiting for a complete version of the Plan, incorporating the changes approved at the 5 April meeting, to ensure it is working with the correct version.

Committee Member Roberts said there are other issues associated with the Plan that need to be addressed, such as the naming of roads in the Hingakaka Management Plan area.

Mr McNeil asked that Council's planning staff be advised of those sorts of issues so they can be included in the report to Council on implementation of the Plan. Councillor Empson suggested that Iwi submit a list of proposed names for use in that area which could then be attached to the Plan.

13 RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT ACT 2005 – IMPROVING CERTAINTY FOR CONSULTATION AND IWI RESOURCE PLANNING

File: 65-32-03

The Committee was reminded that, in February 2006, Council's planning staff met with Nga Iwi Toopu o Waipa (NITOW) to review the existing Resource Management Act Iwi consultation process and a list of agreed outcomes from that meeting was included in the April Iwi Consultative Committee agenda. At that meeting the Committee suggested some amendments to the list of Resource Consent applications that NITOW wish to be consulted on.

Group Manager Policy and Strategy, Ross McNeil, said Council's planning staff are waiting to hear back from NITOW on whether it agrees with the amendments.

Committee Member Roberts said that within the next six months NITOW will be forming a management committee, which will be a separate entity from the Resource Consent side of NITOW, to address wider issues.

14 LAKE TE KO UTU

File: 85-08-06

Committee Members were reminded that, in November 2005, Council resolved to proceed with a schedule of work at Lake Te Ko Utu, which includes improving water quality and enhancing the lake edge and surrounds. Council staff will work with Environment Waikato to find a suitable alternative to the infilling of the lake arm. Tenders have been received for lake edge retaining and track upgrades but no decision has been made as yet on how much work will be completed. No final decision has been made on the reticulation work.

The Chief Executive said that given the significance of Lake Te Ko Utu it might be appropriate to have some acknowledgement, in terms of Maori protocol, prior to any work commencing. Committee Member Maniapoto said it would be advisable to seek guidance from the elders in that area. Following discussion it was agreed that Committee Member Daniels is the appropriate point of contact and staff should make contact with her before proceeding with the work.

Committee Member Roberts asked if there is a Reserve Management Plan for Lake Te Ko Utu. The Chief Executive said he would check to see if Lake Te Ko Utu and its surrounds are included in Council's Urban Reserves Management Plan Volume 1 (Cambridge and Te Awamutu).

15 PROPOSED MAUNGATAUTARI BYLAW

File: 04-03-50

Draft Maungatautari Mountain Scenic Reserve Bylaw 2006 was included in the agenda.

Committee Members were advised that a draft Maungatautari Reserve Bylaw has been drafted to help implement the policies and objectives of the Reserve Management Plan. The Bylaw seeks to prohibit animals from entering the reserve, thereby maintaining the integrity of the ecological island, and also seeks to control public access by ensuring that entry to the reserve is via a secure access gateway. "Access management" and the "appointment of rangers" are other topics covered by the proposed Bylaw.

It was explained that public access gateways still have to be agreed on and, until these have been confirmed, the draft Bylaw cannot proceed. In the meantime, the Maungatautari Ecological Island Trust (MEIT) is liaising with potentially affected landowners to determine potential access point locations, relative to preferred walkways.

16 DRAFT LONG TERM COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN (2006-16 10-YEAR PLAN)

File: 01-91-38

Committee Members were reminded that the draft 2006/16 Long Term Council Community Plan (10-year Plan) was notified for public comment and submissions on 13 March 2006 and it was presented to the Iwi Consultative Committee on 5 April 2006.

A list of the changes resulting from consideration of submissions was included in the agenda for the Committee's information.

The Chief Executive explained that the Policy Committee's recommendation concerning a 30% reduction in water supply and wastewater charges for Te Awamutu and Kihikihi ratepayers had been over-ruled at the Council meeting on 30 May and developers would be required to fund 100% of the cost of development. He said all other amendments had been accepted by Council and the draft Plan has been referred to the auditors.

Councillor Sharpe mentioned the submission received from the Arts Society suggesting that the old Te Awamutu Post Office be used as an art gallery. Committee Member Maniapoto said if Council was interested in furthering the suggestion he would be happy to support it through the Aotearoa Institute Trust who has an interest in the retention of art in Te Awamutu. Councillor Empson said Council's long-term plan is to have a new museum, including an art gallery, in the Selwyn Park area and that it would be better to work towards that goal rather than using funds to free up the old Post Office for that purpose.

17 NGATI HIKAIRO – REVIEW OF REPRESENTATION ON NGA IWI TOOPU O WAIPA

File: 62-01-01

The Committee was reminded that, at its meeting on 5 April 2006, it delegated authority to Nga Iwi Toopu o Waipa (NITOW) to forward a nomination to Council to fill the Iwi representative position on Council's Regulatory Committee. A nomination is still awaited by Council.

Committee Member Roberts said that due to the changes to the structure of NITOW it has been decided to defer nominating a member to the Regulatory Committee at this time.

Councillor Sharpe said Peter Tuteao has not formally been discharged from the Regulatory Committee and continues to receive information on regulatory issues. Committee Member Roberts said that as Peter Tuteao is no longer a member of NITOW he can no longer be on Council's Regulatory Committee. She said NITOW had advised Council in this regard earlier in the year. The Chief Executive said only Council has the authority to appoint or remove members from Committees and it would be advisable for the Iwi Consultative Committee to pass a resolution recommending that Peter Tuteao be removed from the Regulatory and Iwi Consultative Committees.

RESOLVED

7/06/25

Further to the discussion covered in item 19 of the minutes of the Iwi Consultative Committee meeting held on 5 April 2006, the Iwi Consultative Committee recommends to Council that Peter Tuteao be discharged from the Regulatory Committee and the appointment of someone to replace him be held open until further notice . (LGA Schedule 7 part 31 [2]).

G Roberts/R Brown

Mayor Livingston asked if the same procedure was required to remove Peter Tuteao from the Iwi Consultative Committee. Committee Member Roberts said one of the Committee's recommendations to Council through the LTCCP process was to replace the Ngati Hikairo representative on the Iwi Consultative Committee with a representative from Taurangamirumiru. She said that amendment had been included in the LTCCP and, for the sake of clarity, it should be confirmed by the Iwi Consultative Committee.

RESOLVED

7/06/26

That the Iwi Consultative Committee recommends to Council that the Ngati Hikairo position on the Iwi Consultative Committee be replaced with Taurangamirumiru and that Peter Tuteao, who is a member of Ngati Hikairo, be discharged from the Iwi Consultative Committee.

G Roberts/H Maniapoto

Group Manager Policy and Strategy, Ross McNeil, suggested that NITOW write to Council with a nomination for the Taurangamirumiru position on the Iwi Consultative Committee.

18 TE AWAMUTU HEAVY TRAFFIC AND CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT UPGRADE

File: 55-28-30 & 28-04-71

Te Awamutu Town Centre Improvement Study Questionnaire was attached separately to the agenda.

Committee Members were advised that Council has contracted OPUS International Consultants Limited (OPUS) to investigate options to resolve concerns about the impact of heavy traffic on Alexandra Street, Te Awamutu. A public consultation process is currently underway (questionnaire provided in the Te Awamutu Courier and delivered to residents and businesses in the CBD and surrounding areas was attached separately to the agenda). A report outlining descriptions, costs and conclusions will be presented to the Policy Committee at its meeting on 14 August 2006.

19 PICQUET HILL RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE PLAN/PLAN CHANGE PROJECT UPDATE

File: 65-07-47

Report of Consultant Planner dated 23 February 2006 was included in the agenda.

Councillor Empson declared an interest in this item and did not take part in the discussion.

Committee Members were advised that the Picquet Hill Structure Plan/Plan Change is one of several plan changes being investigated to implement Council's Urban Growth Strategy (2003). The purpose of this plan is to provide for the future development of the Picquet Hill residential growth cell.

Group Manager Policy and Strategy, Ross McNeil, said the Policy Committee had considered the report included in the agenda at its meeting on 10 April 2006 and asked staff to prepare a draft Plan Change including provision for staged development and a deferred residential zone for part of the area. He said the draft Plan Change would be considered at the July Policy Committee meeting.

20 HERITAGE AWARDS PROGRAMME

File: 02-13-07

The Committee was advised that a Heritage Awards Programme has been established to recognise and reward successful heritage initiatives. The programme provides for awards in eleven different categories each year, but it is not expected or intended that awards will be given in "all categories" every year. It is intended that an award will be given where criteria and standards have been met and recognition with an award is considered appropriate.

Mayor Livingston said the 2006 Heritage Award nominations closed at the end of May and would be considered by a judging panel on 12 June.

21 DRAFT URBAN RESERVES MANAGEMENT PLAN – VOLUME 2: PIRONGIA, KIHIKIHI AND OHAUPO

File: 04-03-51

The Draft Urban Reserves Management Plan Volume 2 (Pirongia, Kihikihi and Ohaupo) and proposed amendment to Section 5.22 of the Urban Reserves Management Plan Volume 1 (Te Awamutu and Cambridge) were provided bound separately to the agenda.

The Committee was advised that Council is reviewing its urban reserves management plans and has completed a review of those reserves for Cambridge and Te Awamutu (Volume 1). The remaining urban areas of Pirongia, Kihikihi and Ohaupo are covered in a proposed Volume 2 which was released for public notification by the Policy Committee on 8 May 2006. The Policy Committee also approved an additional clause for inclusion in the Section on Historic and Archaeological Sites in Volume 1 (Cambridge and Te Awamutu) and notified it as an amendment to that Plan in conjunction with the notification of Volume 2.

Submissions on Volume 2 and the amendment of Volume 1 will be considered by the Policy Committee at its meeting on 14 August 2006 and adopted by Council at a meeting scheduled for 29 August 2006.

Committee Member Roberts asked whether commemorative stones and memorials are listed in the Urban Reserves Management Plan. Mayor Livingston said he felt that kind of information was best included as an Appendix to the District Plan and suggested that it be considered during the District Plan review.

Committee Member Maniapoto raised some concerns regarding the Rewi Maniapoto Reserve. He said he understood the arrangement was that Council maintained the reserve but it is under the control of the trustees that it is vested in. The Chief Executive said the author of the draft Plan would be asked to contact Committee Member Maniapoto to ensure his concerns are considered when submissions on the draft Plan are heard. It was also suggested that the trustees make a submission on the draft Plan.

22 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

Kaumatua, Charlie Maikuku closed the meeting with a Karakia at 12.20pm.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE AT 10.00AM ON WEDNESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2006
– VENUE TO BE ADVISED.**

CONFIRMED

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MAYOR

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