

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 4 April 2007 commencing at 10.00am.

1 PRESENT

Deputy Mayor PL Lee

Members

Councillor DL Sharpe;
R Brown (Pirongia), R Tuineau (Maungatautari), C Maikuku (Kaumatua),
G Roberts (Parawera), G Searancke (Ngati Ngawaero), D Walters
(Kakepuku)
Chief Executive (JC Inglis)

Attendance

Cr EH Barnes (from item 17), J Charman (Kahotea), Cr GRP Webber

Te Takawaenga (C Davis), Group Manager Policy & Strategy (R McNeil), Project Manager – Heritage Development & Reserves Planning (T Roxburgh), Secretary (C Plowright)

2 KARAKIA

Charlie Maikuku opened the meeting with a Karakia.

3 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

7/07/01

That apologies for absence be received from Mayor Livingston, Councillor Empson, Committee Members Ingley, Maniapoto and Thompson and Proxy Louise Doyle.

G Roberts/G Searancke

4 LATE ITEMS

Committee Member Roberts asked how items discussed at the Nga Iwi Toopu o Waipa (NITOW) meeting, held on the previous day, could receive consideration at the Iwi Consultative Committee meeting. The Chief Executive said items can be added to an agenda through a Notice of Motion provided it is received by the Chief Executive five days before the meeting.

He said that would not work for items arising from a meeting held on the previous day and he suggested including a standing item on the Iwi Consultative Committee agenda called “Nga Iwi Toopu o Waipa Business” so updates can be provided at the meeting.

Committee Member Roberts said there were three matters arising from the NITOW meeting, one was on an environmental issue and requires urgent attention, the other issues relate to river flooding and mis-spelt signage. The Chief Executive said those items would be taken at the end of the meeting.

5 CONFIRMATION OF ORDER OF MEETING

File: 01-89-08

RESOLVED

7/07/02

That the order of the meeting be confirmed.

G Roberts/G Searancke

6 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

File: 01-89-08

Minutes of meeting held on 6 December 2006 were included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

7/07/03

That the minutes of the meeting of the Iwi Consultative Committee held on 6 December 2006, having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record.

G Roberts/G Searancke

7 QUARTERLY REPORT FROM TE TAKAWAENGA

File: 01-84-34

Report of Te Takawaenga dated 1 March 2007 was included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

7/07/04

That the report of Te Takawaenga dated 1 March 2007 be received.

G Roberts/Cr Sharpe

Te Takawaenga advised that Committee Member Roberts has accepted the position of Chairperson of Nga Iwi Toopu o Waipa.

Committee Member Roberts said Mayor Livingston had attended the Parawera Pokai which was much appreciated.

Councillor Sharpe said Sunnah Thompson had conducted the blessing of the ground that the new Rukuhia Hall will be built on. Construction has started and is scheduled for completion before the Rukuhia School Centenary on Labour Weekend.

8 DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2007/08

File: 01-91-39

Copies of the Draft Annual Plan 2007/08 had been sent to members separately and were also available at the meeting.

During a presentation on the draft Annual Plan for 2007/08 the following issues were raised by the Committee -

- Committee Member Roberts asked how the proposed new pool for Cambridge would be funded. The Chief Executive said the capital cost of constructing the pool would come from the Cambridge side of the District but the operating costs would be spread throughout the District. This is the same funding model as was used for the Te Awamutu Events Centre.
- Committee Member Roberts asked if Te Mawhai would receive a recycling service. Group Manager Policy and Strategy, Ross McNeil, said Te Mawhai would be included in the rural recycling service which is due to start on 2 July 2007. He said rural residents would receive information on the recycling service during June.
- Committee Member Searancke asked if the new water source would replace the current one on Te Tahi Road. The Chief Executive said any new source would be in addition to the one on Te Tahi Road as that is where the treatment plant is located.
- Committee Member Roberts queried the statement on page 100 of the draft Annual Plan about Treaty of Waitangi implications because the Iwi Consultative Committee is not a conduit for Treaty of Waitangi issues. Mr McNeil said that statement has been in Council's Annual Plans for a number of years and it is also stated in Council's Policy.

The Chief Executive said the statement was there because the Committee is Council's point of reference if Treaty of Waitangi implications arise from Council's policies and activities. Committee Member Roberts said that was the case when the Committee was first established with Trust Board Members but the Committee is no longer represented in that way. She said the Committee should not be the "first port of call" for any Treaty claims with the Trust Boards.

RESOLVED

7/07/05

That the Iwi Consultative Committee asks Council to review the reference to Trust Boards in the second to last paragraph on page 100 of the draft Annual Plan and to liaise with Nga Iwi Toopu o Waipa on their relevance.

G Roberts/G Searancke

- Committee Member Roberts asked that a macron be added to the second "a" in Kaumatua on page 101 of the draft Annual Plan.
- Committee Member Roberts said, following the decision made by Council that Iwi representatives appointed to the Policy and Regulatory Committees should also be Iwi Consultative Committee members as of right, Valerie Ingley's name should be added to the list of Iwi Consultative Committee members in the draft Annual Plan.

RESOLVED

7/07/06

That the draft 2007/08 Annual Plan be received.

Roberts/Brown

9 REPRESENTATION ON COUNCIL'S REGULATORY, POLICY AND IWI CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES

File: 01-89-04, 01-85-12 & 01-89-08

The Committee was advised that in December 2006 Council approved the changes to Iwi representation on the Policy, Regulatory and Iwi Consultative Committees as recommended by the Iwi Consultative Committee. Te Takawaenga said Council had been advised in December 2006 that Sonny Karena was to replace Willie Karaka as the Ngati Haua representative on Nga Iwi Toopu o Waipa (NITOW). However, he said Wiremu Karaka had attended the last NITOW meeting and advised them that he will continue to be the Ngati Haua representative until NITOW is advised otherwise by a Hui a Iwi of Ngati Haua.

Group Manager Policy and Strategy, Ross McNeil, said the changes to Committee representation had been approved following a recommendation from NITOW, as is required by Council policy, and any further changes should be recorded by way of a resolution and formalised by a letter from NITOW.

RESOLVED

7/07/07

That further to advice from the Chairperson of Nga Iwi Toopu o Waipa, and subject to written confirmation from Nga Iwi Toopu o Waipa, the Ngati Haua representative on the Iwi Consultative Committee will continue to be Wiremu Karaka.

G Roberts/R Brown

Committee Member Roberts asked whether representation on NITOW would be revisited following the triennial general elections. Mr McNeil said Council policy states that it will take advice from NITOW on membership of the Iwi Consultative Committee and representatives for the Policy and Regulatory Committees. He said that following the elections NITOW should advise Council who the Iwi representatives should be so Council can confirm those names at its first meeting.

Te Takawaenga introduced Rose Tuineau who has replaced Cindy Daniels as the Maungatautari representative.

10 ROAD NAMING POLICY

File: 55-28-12

The Committee was advised that Council staff are compiling a list of road names for the District based on recommendations from the Community Boards, Iwi and the Pirongia Ward Consultative Committee. This list will be presented to the Policy Committee for consideration along with the proposed policy prior to a recommendation from Council for adoption. Group Manager Policy and Strategy, Ross McNeil, said the list of names would include the names provided with the Hingakaka-Ngaroto Iwi Management Plan for use in that area.

Committee Member Tuineau said NITOW would like Council to consult with them at the time of subdivision, when it can have an input on road names, rather than later in the process when it is asked whether it objects to the use of a name. She said this is particularly important in historic places. Te Takawaenga said NITOW was reluctant to provide Council with a list of names because they would only be appropriate for use in certain areas.

RESOLVED

7/07/08

That the Iwi Consultative Committee recommend to Council that Nga Iwi Toopu o Waipa be informed about the need for a road name for a new road in a subdivision at the time of application.

R Tuineau/G Searancke

Councillor Sharpe said a list of names for use around Hamilton Airport and Rukuhia had recently been compiled by the Rukuhia Jubilee Committee and she asked if that list could be provided to NITOW for comment.

Te Takawaenga said the sign by the bridge over the Mangaohoi river (on the Roger's Place side of the bridge) has been incorrectly spelt.

RESOLVED

7/07/09

That the name on the bridge over the Mangaohoi River be corrected.

G Roberts/G Searancke

11 WASTE MANAGEMENT: RECYCLING SERVICE

File: 92-03-01

The Committee was provided with an update on the recently introduced recycling service.

RESOLVED

7/07/10

That the information be received.

Cr Sharpe/G Roberts

12 MAUNGATAUTARI PROJECT

File: 60-12-18

The Committee was provided with updated information on Environmental Protection Lots (Plan Change 56), Maungatautari Mountain Scenic Reserve Bylaw and the second poison drop.

RESOLVED

7/07/11

That the information be received.

G Roberts/G Searancke

13 TRANSPOWER NEW ZEALAND – 400kV GRID UPGRADE PROJECT

File: 40-02-10

The Committee was advised that Council is still opposed to Transpower erecting large pylons across the face of Mount Maungatautari and the Waikato River and will be making a further submission to the Electricity Commission in an attempt to persuade the Commissioner to change his mind about approving Transpower's plans.

RESOLVED

7/07/12

That the information be received.

R Tuineau/Cr Sharpe

14 HINGAKAKA-NGAROTO IWI MANAGEMENT PLAN

File: 62-01-01

The Committee was advised that in December 2006 Council acknowledged completion of the Hingakaka-Ngaroto Iwi Management Plan prepared by Nga Iwi Toopu o Waipa dated September 2006 and the legislative requirement to take the Plan into account when considering applications pursuant to the Resource Management Act 1991.

Committee Member Roberts said some appendices would be added to the Plan giving suitable names for new roads in the area.

RESOLVED

7/07/13

That the information be received.

G Roberts/G Searancke

15 BYLAWS REVIEW

File: 45-02-08

The Committee received a summary of where Council is at with the review of various bylaws.

RESOLVED

7/07/14

That the information be received.

G Roberts/R Brown

16 REVIEW OF CLASS 4 GAMBLING VENUE AND BOARD VENUE POLICIES

File: 02-13-06

The Committee received an update on the current review process being undertaken on Council's Class 4 Gambling Venue and Board Venue Policies.

RESOLVED

7/07/15

That the information be received.

Cr Sharpe/C Maikuku

Committee Member Roberts asked why issues such as this are presented to the Iwi Consultative Committee when they have already received consideration from the Iwi representative on the Policy Committee and have been publicly advertised. Group Manager Policy and Strategy, Ross McNeil, said one of the functions of the Iwi Consultative Committee is to consider issues around Council's policies and to provide advice. He said it would be inappropriate for staff to decide whether issues are an Iwi matter or not so most items are included on the agenda as a matter of course.

17 WAIPA URBAN GROWTH STRATEGY – COMMERCIAL LAND

File: 65-06-35

A summary of the findings of the Waipa Urban Growth Strategy (Commercial Land) dated June 2006 were included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

7/07/16

That the information be received.

G Roberts/G Searancke

18 PROPOSED COVERED POOL FOR CAMBRIDGE

File: 34-45-05

The Committee was advised that in December 2006 Council resolved that the preferred location for a new covered pool in Cambridge is at the site of the existing pool in Williamson Street and Council will now be considering a number of development options for this site.

RESOLVED

7/07/17

That the information be received.

R Brown/D Walter

19 GOVERNMENT RATES INQUIRY

File: 75-22-04

The Committee was advised that, as a consequence of public concern about financial and rates projections outlined in long term council community plans, the government has set up an independent Inquiry. The objective of the Inquiry is to consider issues relating to current local government rating, and to other revenue-raising mechanisms, and to provide recommendations to the Government for enhancing rating and other funding mechanisms for local authorities.

Committee Member Searancke asked why the impact of rates on land covered by the Te Ture Whenua Maori Act 1993 was being examined in the Inquiry. Group Manager Policy and Strategy, Ross McNeil, said this relates to the postponement of rates for Maori freehold land, which is not a big issue in Waipa, but has more of an impact for Councils in other parts of the country.

Committee Member Searancke said he understood that “exemptions from liability for rates” were reviewed every five years. Mr McNeil said he was unaware of the detail and would obtain some clarification for Committee Member Searancke.

RESOLVED

7/07/18

That the information be received.

D Walter/R Tuineau

20 HERITAGE ISSUES

The Committee was provided with updated heritage information on Matakītaki Pa, the Orakau Battle site and Waipa Peat Lakes.

RESOLVED

7/07/19

That the information be received.

R Brown/G Searancke

21 UPDATE – DISTRICT PLAN CHANGES

File: 65-07-00

A schedule providing the status on current Waipa District Council Plan Changes was included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

7/07/20

That the information be received.

Cr Sharpe/G Searancke

22 CULTURAL LANDSCAPES

File: 62-01-01

Jenny Charman gave a presentation on ideas for cultural landscapes in Te Awamutu. The purpose of this is to identify the existence of Maori in Te Awamutu through the installation of various structures and landscaping. Some suggestions for entranceways and exits to the town were provided as well as some concept ideas for the Rose Gardens. Jenny also mentioned the idea of a monument at Hamilton Airport which would provide a cultural history of the area.

Chairperson Lee thanked Jenny for the work she has put into these ideas and said they are worthy of consideration. Councillor Barnes said she felt Jenny's ideas are timely for Council to consider as part of its vision for the future of the District. Councillor Sharpe asked if Council staff could assist Jenny with her concept drawings to provide something more professional for presentation to the Airport Company.

RESOLVED

7/07/21

That Jenny Charman's presentation be received, that she be provided with professional help from staff with the concept drawings and that they be forwarded to staff for comment and further investigation.

Cr Sharpe/R Brown

23 LATE ITEMS

23.1 Application for Discharge to Land

File: 92-03-01

Committee Member Searancke said Nga Iwi Toopu o Waipa was concerned to learn that an operator who is currently discharging waste to water has applied for consent from Environment Waikato for discharge to land.

Committee Member Searancke said the operator is contaminating waterways with what he is currently discharging and he asked whether Council monitors these activities. Group Manager Policy and Strategy, Ross McNeil, said Council's role is to ensure there are no health nuisances being created by this activity although it would have limited control over a consent that has been granted by Environment Waikato. The issue will be referred to Council's planning staff for investigation.

Mr McNeil said staff are currently working on a draft Refuse Collection and Disposal Bylaw which will require people providing a refuse collection and disposal service to be licensed in future.

23.2 Flooding Problems – Waipa River

File: 55-08-01

Committee Member Walter said the Waipa River floods on an annual basis, just below Te Kopua Marae, and this is now causing some concern. The Chief Executive said Council staff would see if there is anything Council or Environment Waikato can do about the problem and would report back directly to Te Kopua Marae.

Charlie Maikuku closed the meeting with a Karakia at 12.21pm.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD

CHAIRPERSON: _____

DATE: _____