

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 6 June 2007 commencing at 10.10am.

1 PRESENT

His Worship the Mayor AD Livingston

Members

Councillors – AJH Empson and DL Sharpe;
R Brown (Pirongia), C Maikuku (Kaumatua), H Maniapoto (Puniu) – from item 6.2, G Searancke (Ngati Ngawaero), D Walters (Kakepuku)
Chief Executive (JC Inglis) – from item 12.

Attendance

J Charman (Kahotea)
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

7/07/22

That apologies for absence be received from Committee Members Ingley, Roberts and Thompson and from Proxy Louise Doyle and for lateness from Committee Member Maniapoto and the Chief Executive.

C Maikuku/Cr Sharpe

4 LATE ITEMS

Nil.

5 CONFIRMATION OF ORDER OF MEETING

File: 01-89-08

RESOLVED

7/07/23

That the order of the meeting be confirmed subject to items 11 and 16 being taken after item 6.

R Brown/Cr Empson

6 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

File: 01-89-08

Minutes of meeting held on 4 April 2007 were included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

7/07/24

That the minutes of the meeting of the Iwi Consultative Committee held on 4 April 2007, having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record subject to the amendment of "Walter" to "Walters" on page nine.

D Walters/Cr Empson

Matters Arising -

6.1 Rukuhia Hall

File: 15-11-24

Councillor Sharpe said construction of the new Rukuhia hall is progressing well. She said the opening ceremony is planned for 4 September and she will be asking Sunnah Thompson if he can provide the blessing on that day.

6.2 Road Naming Policy

File: 55-28-12

Res: 7/07/08

Group Manager Policy and Strategy, Ross McNeil, said Nga Iwi Toopu o Waipa (NITOW) will be notified when resource consent and subdivision applications are sent to them if there are roads to be vested so they can give some thought to suitable names.

[Committee member Maniapoto joined the meeting at 10.16am.]

Mr McNeil said the proposed policy on road naming would be coming back to the Policy Committee for consideration at its July meeting.

Councillor Sharpe asked if the list of proposed names for future roads in the Hamilton Airport/Rukuhia area has been sent to NITOW for consideration. Mr McNeil said NITOW would be informed about that list when staff write to advise them about the roads to vest issue.

6.3 Cultural Landscapes

File: 62-01-01

Res: 7/07/21

Group Manager Policy and Strategy, Ross McNeil, said the issue of cultural landscapes would be incorporated into the Te Awamutu Town Centre Plan project. Mayor Livingston said he would be speaking to Waikato Regional Airport's Chief Executive about the suggested monument for the Airport.

[Items 11 and 16 were taken at 10.24am and then the meeting returned to item 7 at 10.45am.]

6.4 Application for Resource Consent for Discharge to Land

File: 92-03-01

Committee Member Searancke indicated that an application for a discharge consent had been made and asked if Council has a means of monitoring what wastes a contractor may uplift before disposal at a site in the District. Group Manager Policy and Strategy, Ross McNeil, said that any consent allowing discharge to land would be issued by Environment Waikato, who would need to be aware of the nature and quantity of the materials being collected by the contractor. He said Council staff would be able to confirm whether there is a land use consent applicable to this activity and, with respect to the proposed consent, whether the application has been notified.

6.5 Flooding Problems – Waipa River

File: 55-08-01

Committee Member Walters said Te Kopua Marae has not heard from Council about the flooding issue raised at the last meeting. The Chief Executive said he would follow it up.

7 QUARTERLY REPORT FROM TE TAKAWAENGA

File: 01-84-34

Report of Te Takawaenga dated 28 May 2007 was included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

2/07/25

That the report of Te Takawaenga dated 28 May 2007 be received.

Cr Empson/Cr Sharpe

Mayor Livingston noted the recent passing of Haki Thompson who made a significant contribution to Council and Maoridom. A letter has been sent to his family conveying Council's condolences.

Committee Member Maniapoto said he would be interested to hear more about the recent presentation, attended by Te Takawaenga, on how Iwi liaison and resource consent processes involving Iwi might be improved. Group Manager Policy and Strategy, Ross McNeil, said it is intended to share that information with Nga Iwi Toopu o Waipa and the appropriate Council staff.

8 NGA IWI TOOPU O WAIPA BUSINESS

File: 62-01-01

Nothing to report.

9 DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2007/08

File: 01-91-39

Committee Members were advised that Council received 56 submissions on the draft Annual Plan, with 27 submitters being heard in support of their submissions. A range of issues were raised in the submissions, with the most common being roading and footpath related matters, and funding requests from community groups. Submissions also covered rates increases, Museums, Parks and Reserves, the forthcoming District Plan review and service delivery arrangements.

As a result of the submissions process the Policy Committee have recommended changes to the draft Plan, which will be considered prior to adopting the 2007/08 Annual Plan on 26 June 2007.

Group Manager Policy and Strategy, Ross McNeil, reminded the Committee that, at its last meeting, it asked Council to review the reference to Trust Boards in the commentary (on page 100) relating to the purpose of the Iwi Consultative Committee. He said staff have reviewed that wording against existing Policy and, as the current Policy makes no reference to Trust Boards, the commentary in the draft Annual Plan will be amended accordingly.

10 WASTE MANAGEMENT: RECYCLING SERVICE

File: 92-03-01

The Committee was advised that the Urban Recycling Service, which commenced in March 2007, has collected an estimated 600 tonnes of recyclables to date, most of which would have previously gone to landfill.

The Rural Recycling Service is on track to commence from 2 July 2007. Once the household service is well established it is Council's intention to consider recycling services to schools, and then investigate further extending the service to other areas, such as businesses.

Group Manager Policy and Strategy, Ross McNeil, said Envirowaste, who provide the refuse disposal service across Waipa District, is now offering a wheelie bin collection service in Cambridge, in lieu of the current bag collection service, and will be offering the same service in Te Awamutu by the end of the month. He said Envirowaste intend to offer the wheelie bin service to other key urban areas in Waipa District in the near future and have indicated they will be reviewing the bag collection service in due course. He said Council would be monitoring the new arrangements to ensure they are of a high standard and that residents have access to a reasonable level of waste management service.

11 MAUNGATAUTARI PROJECT

File: 60-12-18

Project Manager – Heritage Development and Reserves Planning, Tony Roxburgh, provided the Committee with a progress update on construction of the perimeter fence, pest eradication on the Maunga and recent animal introductions, the proposed Maungatautari Scenic Reserve Bylaw and the draft criteria to allocate Environmental Protection Lots.

In answer to a question from Committee Member Searancke, Mr Roxburgh explained that the public will have free access to the reserve during daylight hours but the Maungatautari Ecological Island Trust (MEIT) intend to charge for entry into the two enclosures because of the value added attractions that will be available there, such as guided walks.

RESOLVED

2/07/26

That the information be received.

D Walters/Cr Sharpe

12 TRANSPOWER NEW ZEALAND – 400kV GRID UPGRADE PROJECT

File: 40-02-10

The Committee was advised that Council has received a “Notice of Requirement” (NOR) from Transpower for the erection of power pylons up to 70 meters tall through the special landscape character areas at Mount Maungatautari and Lake Karapiro. It is likely that the NOR will be publicly notified near the end of June, and submissions can be made after that.

In the meantime, Council has made a submission to the Electricity Commission, which must also give its consent to the proposal. Council expects to have a decision from the Electricity Commission by the end of July 2007.

13 BYLAWS REVIEW

File: 45-02-08

The Committee was provided with a progress update on the Bylaws review process.

14 REVIEW OF CLASS 4 GAMBLING VENUE AND BOARD VENUE POLICIES

File: 02-13-06

The Committee was advised that Council has now completed the review of its Gambling Policies, as required by legislation. The Waipa District Class 4 Gambling Venue Policy (which controls the number and location of ‘pokie’ machines) and the Waipa District Board Venue Policy (which controls the location of certain TAB facilities) were not significantly altered in light of the submissions received and considered by Council.

15 NEW ZEALAND URBAN DESIGN PROTOCOL

File: 65-06-37

The Committee was advised about the New Zealand Urban Design Protocol, which is an initiative from the Ministry for the Environment to improve the quality of urban design in New Zealand towns and cities. Council become a signatory to the New Zealand Urban Design Protocol in May 2007.

16 HERITAGE ISSUES

Project Manager – Heritage Development and Reserves Planning, Tony Roxburgh, provided the Committee with a summary of heritage issues relating to Matakītaki Pa, Orakau and a number of peat lakes in the District.

Mr Roxburgh distributed copies of an initial concept plan for the development of the Orakau battle site and said he would appreciate feedback from the Committee on appropriate ways to interpret and develop this site. He said the names of people who can be contacted for guidance on the issue would be much appreciated. A copy of the initial concept plan will be sent out with the minutes of the meeting.

Committee Member Maniapoto said one of the redress issues being put forward in the Ngāti Maniapoto Treaty Claim will be for the Crown to return the Orakau battle site to Iwi so a Marae can be built to commemorate those who died there. He advised Council to look at the longer term process for development of the Orakau battle site as it could take five to six years to reach a conclusion through the Treaty Claims process. He said he hoped to have more information at the next meeting.

17 GENERAL BUSINESS

Group Manager Policy and Strategy, Ross McNeil, provided the Committee with a brief update on the Sub-Regional Growth Strategy, involving Waipa, Waikato District and Hamilton City Councils. It was explained that, in the lead up to the review of the District Plan, Council is looking at growth planning and management from a sub-regional and district level and will move on to a more detailed level for Cambridge, Te Awamutu and the other major urban centres. He said advisory groups were being formed for Cambridge and Te Awamutu over the next few months, to guide and provide advice to Council on key development and planning issues affecting these communities, leading onto development of the new District Plan.

Committee Member Searancke said he was concerned that the parking lines in the main street of Kihikihi have not been re-marked for some time and are almost worn away. The Chief Executive said staff would look into the matter.

Charlie Maikuku closed the meeting with a Karakia at 11.50am.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD

CHAIRPERSON: _____

DATE: _____