

*Minutes of a meeting of the Iwi Consultative Committee held at the Council Chambers, 101 Bank Street, Te Awamutu on Wednesday 5 December 2007 commencing at 10.00am*

## **1 PRESENT**

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His Worship the Mayor AD Livingston

### **Members**

Councillors – GH Jull, PL Lee, DL Sharpe;  
R Brown (Pirongia), R Tuineau (Maungatautari), W Karaka (Ngati Haua),  
C Maikuku (Kaumatua), H Maniapoto (Puniu), G Roberts (Parawera), G  
Searancke (Ngati Ngawaero), L Thompson (Kaniwhaniwha), D Walters  
(Kakepuku)  
Chief Executive (JC Inglis);

### **Attendance**

Councillors GRP Webber, G Jull, D Sharpe  
J Charman (Ngati Apakura), Andrew Standley (Opus Consulting)  
R McNeil (Group Manager Policy & Strategy), C Davis (Te Takawaenga)  
T Roxburgh (Project Manager Heritage Development & Reserve  
Planning), C Shaw (Secretary)

## **2 KARAKIA**

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Charlie Maikuku opened the meeting with a karakia.

## **3 APOLOGIES**

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RESOLVED  
7/07/32

*That the apologies for absence from Cr P Lee, Louise Doyle and Reg Brown be received.*

G Roberts/G Roberts

## **4 LATE ITEMS**

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Meeting dates and Marae visitation were added to the agenda for determination.

## **5 CONFIRMATION OF ORDER OF MEETING**

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File: 01-89-08

**RESOLVED**

7/07/33

*That the order of the meeting be confirmed.*

Cr Sharpe/Cr Webber

## **6 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

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File: 01-89-08

**Minutes of meeting held on 5 September 2007.**

**RESOLVED**

7/07/34

*That the minutes of the meeting of the Iwi Consultative Committee held on 5 September 2007, having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record.*

Cr Sharpe/Mayor Livingston

## **7 QUARTERLY REPORT FROM TE TAKAWAENGA**

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File: 01-84-34

**Report of Te Takawaenga dated 21 November 2007.**

**RESOLVED**

7/07/35

*That the report of Te Takawaenga dated 21 November 2007 be received.*

R Tuineau/G Roberts

## **8 NGA IWI TOOPU O WAIPA BUSINESS**

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File: 62-01-01

The agenda stated that this item provides the opportunity for Committee Members to discuss matters arising from the last Nga Iwi Toopu o Waipa meeting and it was queried whether a report from the Chair of NITOW was more appropriate. It was explained that when this item was placed on the agenda template, provision for items that had been topical to NITOW and relevant to the Iwi Consultative Committee were not able to be discussed due to the timings of the NITOW meeting.

Harold Maniapoto advised that the inclusion of the Chair of NITOW was based on the opportunity for NITOW to be at the table. He said each of the members of the Iwi Consultative Committee, while they may also sit on NITOW, represent another voice in this forum.

Chair of NITOW, Gaylene Roberts then updated the Iwi Consultative Committee on the work that had been done by NITOW for the prior few months.

Gaylene Roberts then introduced Andrew Stanely who is contracted by NITOW to computerize and plot areas, with the use of a GIS system, of archaeological significance in the Waipa and greater Waikato areas. Mr Stanely advised that his was likened to a archaeological footprint that could be added to and a database would need to be maintained.

**RESOLVED**

7/07/36

*That the information be received.*

R Brown/G Serancke

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**9 2007 COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

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File: 01-91-39

The Committee were advised that three new Councillors had been elected to Council at the triennial elections. They were Cr Cox and Cr Simmons representing the Te Awamutu Ward and Cr Hoverd who defeated Cr Flay in the Kakepuku ward and that Alan Empson had retired.

Ross McNeil said that the Council had confirmed a new Committee Structure which included the establishment of a Strategic Planning and Development Committee which comprised of the Mayor, all Councillors and an Iwi representative. This Committee would consider all strategic planning, growth and development matters with a particular focus on the District Plan review. The Committee would be chaired by Cr Webber.

In addition to this, the Regulatory Committee would have a small change and would focus on more routine non-resource management issues and would then appoint to sit with it, hearing commissioners for any resource consent hearings.

The Committee were also advised that with the retirement of Alan Empson, the Policy Committee will now be chaired by Cr Jull.

**RESOLVED**

7/07/37

*That the information be received.*

Cr Webber/Cr Jull

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**10 DISTRICT PLAN REVIEW**

File: 92-03-01

The Committee were advised that Council is required by the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMZ) to commence a review of the District Plan by December 2007. The review process includes the development of town plans (blueprints) for Cambridge and Te Awamutu/Kihikihi leading into the district plan proper. To assist Council with this, Vision Advisory Groups for Cambridge and Te Awamutu/Kihikihi have been established and will play a key role for the duration of the review.

Mr McNeil said that the review represents a major undertaking which may take up to for years to complete and a budget of around \$1.5 million may be required to complete the project.

**RESOLVED**

7/07/38

*That the information be received.*

Cr Sharpe/Cr Hoverd

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**11 KARAPIRO DEVELOPMENT**

File: 60-12-18

The Chief Executive said that there were four major components to the developments planned for Karapiro Domain which included a High Performance Centre, a Water Sports Complex Upgrade, a General Development Programme and the 2010 World Rowing Championship Event. He said a lot of work has been going on with this project and a public open day had been held at the Domain and feedback from this open day will be considered as part of the process for preparing the required resource consent.

A very successful hui was held in September at Karapiro to provide Iwi representatives with an update on the development which provided some points for Council to keep in mind during progression of the project.

Gaylene Roberts said that the hui was excellent and they had identified that a Waharoa, powhiri area and cultural centre were all interlinked with the project and should be appropriately planned for.

The Committee were advised that a further hui is planned for December.

**RESOLVED**

7/07/39

*That the information be received.*

H Maniapoto/R Brown

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**12 KAKEPUKU (KAKEPUKU TE AROARO O KAHURERE)**

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File: 40-02-10

Ross McNeill outlined that approximately 65ha of forest and shrub land on the northern slopes of Kakepuku is owned by Waipa District Council. This land was purchased by the Waipa County Council in 1975 using funds held by the Waikato United Council. The remainder is Historic Reserve administered by the Department of Conservation. He said that the Department of Conservation have approached Council requesting approval to use the Council land to re-route the summit walking track. This, together with requests from local groups to develop mountain biking tracks and the Kakepuku Restoration Committee to permanently secure the land for conservation purposes, has promoted Council to consider an appropriate Reserve Classification.

Options available under the Reserves Act 1977 for classification are Historic, Recreation and Local Purpose Reserve and after assessing the merits of each, Recreation Reserve classification is considered the most appropriate.

Both Doris Walters and Laurie Hoverd said that the reserve was used by quite a range of people and this classification would enhance the area available to the public.

Mr McNeil said that Council has publicly advertised its intention to reserve and classify the 65ha and prepare a management plan and objections close on 17 December 2007.

### **13 DEVELOPMENT OF THE 2009 10-YEAR PLAN AND REVIEW OF LEVELS OF SERVICE**

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File: 40-02-10

Mr McNeil explained that the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA) required all councils to produce a 10-year Plan - the Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP) – for the period 2006-16, and then review that Plan every three years (annual plans are required for the interim years). These 10-year plans help identify how Council, through its activities, projects and programmes, contributes to the outcomes the community wants to achieve and they also provide an opportunity for communities to be involved in decision-making and direction setting.

He said that as a precursor to the preparation of the draft 2009-19 Plan Council is required to:

- Facilitate a review of Waipa's Community Outcomes
- Monitor and report progress towards the achievement of community outcomes
- Review Council's current levels of service
- Review and update Council's asset management plans
- Review the way in which Council's performance is assessed
- Review the range of statutory policies Council is required to include as part of a 10-year Plan

The community outcomes review process, which included a workshop/hui with Nga Iwi Toopu o Waipa, is substantially complete. While Council is required to facilitate this process, community outcomes are intended to guide the activities and programmes of all service delivery agencies (not just Council). Updated community outcome statements are due to be confirmed by December.

Mr Neil advised that Council is required to monitor and report (every three years) on progress towards the achievement of community outcomes – is cultural, environmental, economic and social wellbeing improving (or not)? A draft report looking at a range of issues and indicators is being prepared, and it is expected to be available for the Committee's consideration in March 2008.

The programme for developing the 2009 10-year Plan is now at the stage where Council will be embarking on a review of its levels of service. Council, in conjunction with the community, identifies the services it intends to provide, and then establishes the level at which the service will be provided. Examples include the type/standard of recycling services; the quality of parks and reserves; the number of days taken to process applications; the standard of roads; the response times for complaints; and the standard of community facilities.

Council measures how well it delivers its services, including how satisfied residents/customers are with various services. This information is reported annually through the Annual Report.

The current levels of service have not been comprehensively reviewed for 5 years. Over the next 6 months Council will undertake a review of key services. The review process will involve working with key stakeholders/service users to determine any issues or concerns about the current level of service, and identify options for alternative levels of service. Prior to confirming the various levels of services, Council will consult with the community. Part of the consultation process will involve Iwi, particularly Nga Iwi Toopu o Waipa. However, there will be an opportunity for the Iwi Consultative Committee to be part of the review process if it so chooses. Council would welcome feedback on this matter so that the review process can reflect the Committee's wishes.

### **13 MAUNGATAUTARI RESTORATION PROJECT**

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Mr McNeil advised the Committee that due to Council's review of the Maungatautari Scenic Reserve Management Plan being completed and several milestones associated with the Restoration project now achieved, it is timely for Council to consider the future governance and management of the Reserve. He said that Council's relationship with the Maungatautari Ecological Island Trust (MEIT), the role MEIT could play in assisting Council in meeting its responsibilities and the role of the Maungatautari Reserve Management Committee in terms of governance, management oversight and stakeholder representation.

Comment will be invited from the Iwi Consultative Committee during the review process.

In response to the Committee's questions relating to the provision of services and visitor numbers to the site, Mr McNeil advised that visiting numbers were now around 25,000 annually and that plans are progressing to provide toilet facilities and upgraded carparking at Tari Road. It is hoped that this can be completed in this financial year.

### **13 LAKE NGAROTO**

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The Committee were advised that Council is to be granted a 5-year resource consent to legalise the current operation of the weir on the lake outlet. The reason for the short duration is to allow Council time to complete work on identifying an optimal management regime to help improve the environmental quality of the lake and to ensure Council's legal obligations for the management of this Recreation Reserve are met.

Council has advertised its intention to review the Lake Ngaroto Recreation Reserve Management Plan and that the draft plan will be available for public comment in March 2008, at which time comments/submissions from Council's Iwi Consultative Committee and Nga Iwi Toopu O Waipa would be invited.

### **13 MATAKITAKI PA**

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Project Manager – Heritage Management and Reserve Planning, Mr Roxburgh advised that a draft Plan has been produced and is now being discussed with representatives from Purekireki Marae (Haupai Puke), Wananga o Waikato (Te Taka Keegan), Tainui Iwi (Tom Roa), Department of Conservation and from the Pirongia community (Alan Hall). It is anticipated that the Conservation Plan will be submitted to the Historic Places Trust in the new year and the authority for any work to be undertaken issued by June 2008.

### **17 LATE ITEM – MEETING DATES**

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**RESOLVED**

7/07/40

*That pursuant to Schedule 7, Clause 21 of the Local Government Act 2002, the following schedule of meeting dates be adopted by the Iwi Consultative Committee 2 April 2008 (Pohara Marae), 4 June 2008, 3 September 2008 (D Walters to advise) and 3 December 2008.*

R Tunieau/Cr Sharpe

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.10pm

**CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD**

**CHAIRPERSON:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_