

Minutes of a meeting of the Iwi Consultative Committee held at Pohara Marae, Oreipunga Road, Cambridge on Wednesday 2 April 2008, commencing at 10.35am.

1 PRESENT

His Worship the Mayor AD Livingston

Members

Councillors – GH Jull, DL Sharpe;
R Brown (Pirongia), R Tuineau (Maungatautari), C Maikuku (Kaumatua, NITOW), H Maniapoto (Puniu), G Roberts (Chairperson, Nga Iwi Toopu o Waipa) – from item 10, G Searancke (Ngati Ngawaero), D Walters (Te Kopua, Kakepuku),

Attendance

Councillor – GRP Webber;
J Charman (Ngati Apakura), L Doyle (Proxy for Kakepuku & Ngati Ngawaero), V Ingle (Proxy for Puniu), Willie Clarke (Ngati Haua) – from item 11, Wally Papa (Pohara Marae), Karaitiana Tamatea (Ngati Koroki Kahukura Trust), Tao Tauroa (Pohara Marae) Rewi Cord (Ngati Haua) – from item 11
Chuck Davis (Waipa DC, Te Takawaenga)
Ross McNeil (Group Manager Policy & Strategy)
Sharyn King (Committee Secretary)

2 KARAKIA

T Tauroa opened the meeting with a karakia.

Wally Papa gave a welcoming speech including a short history of Pohara.

3 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

7/08/01

That apologies for absence be received from Chief Executive JC Inglis and for lateness from Gaylene Roberts.

R Tuineau / H Maniapoto

4 LATE ITEMS

Ngati Koroki Kahukura Trust establishment and appointment of new Chairperson, for the two Marae (Maungatautari & Pohara).

5 CONFIRMATION OF ORDER OF MEETING

File: 01-89-08

Mayor Livingston welcomed Willie Clarke back and thanked him for his contributions both in the past and to come.

RESOLVED

7/08/02

That the order of the meeting be confirmed.

Cr Webber / Cr Sharpe

6 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

File: 01-89-08

Minutes of meeting held on 5 December 2007 were included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

7/08/03

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

Cr Sharpe / Cr Jull

Matters Arising -

6.1 Karapiro Development

File: 66-06-01

Mayor Livingston informed Committee Members that three resource consents have been lodged for the Karapiro Domain. One was lodged by Rowing New Zealand for the High Performance Centre to be built at the site. Another was lodged by Karapiro 2010 for the World Rowing Championships to be held in 2010 at the Domain. Finally, Waipa District Council have lodged a consent application for other work needing to be done at the Domain, including the Aquatic Centre.

Only a small number of minor objections were submitted during the submission period. Rowing New Zealand intend to start work at the end of April or beginning of May, with a completion date expected to be the end of 2009. Once the work is finished, then the current building will be demolished and replaced with a new structure using the same footprint.

Iwi have already been consulted regarding the work to be completed.

Infrastructure work is to begin during the off-season of 2008 and is expected to continue again during 2009's off-season. Rowing New Zealand is intending to liaise with Iwi to enhance the cultural aspects of the World Championships in 2010 with an Iwi appointee onto the 2010 committee.

6.2 Karapiro Community Centre Upgrade

File: 60-06-25-001

On the 27th February 2008 at Pohara Marae, Chief Executive J Inglis discussed the cultural room within the complex that would acknowledge the cultural and historic significance of the site. It was noted that with the formation of the Ngati Koroki Kahukura Trust that the issue of funding would need to be revisited.

7 QUARTERLY REPORT FROM TE TAKAWAENGA

File: 01-84-34

Report of Te Takawaenga dated 26 March 2008 was included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

7/08/04

That the report of Te Takawaenga dated 26 March 2008 be received.

D Walters / Cr Jull

8 NGA IWI TOOPU O WAIPA BUSINESS

File: 62-01-01

W Clarke explained that NITOW will meet next week so there is nothing to report at this time.

9 DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN

File: 01-91-37

Mayor Livingston gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining the key factors of the Plan, including how the rate increase in the Annual Plan fits into the 10 year Plan. Key projects were highlighted such as the Karapiro Domain for competitive use and the development of the former Geck Property for recreational users.

The District Plan review process was outlined and the Te Awamutu developments such as the Arts & Cultural Centre, Cambridge's covered pool project, the two Museums and CBD traffic issues. The Maungatautari project was noted as was the search for a new water source for Te Awamutu.

It was noted that Environment Waikato wished to conserve water which is why the water level currently sourced would be reduced. The old catchment area is not suitable and bores have been drilled around the Te Awamutu Water Treatment Plant as well as examination of local rivers.

In the financial overview it was noted that the developments at the airport have sewerage going into Cambridge. Increased compliance costs were noted and the timeline of the submission period through to adoption by Council was highlighted. Mayor Livingston expressed that submissions were welcome, either by groups or individuals.

Recommendation

7/08/05

That the information be received.

Cr Sharpe / R Tuineau

10 WAIKATO-TAINUI – WAIKATO RIVER CLAIM

File: 60-01-01

Group Manager Policy and Strategy, Ross McNeil, mentioned changes to the draft agreement and that implementation of the vision was still a work in progress. Mayor Livingston explained that Councils met to consider effective community representation, as the proposed arrangements could lead to the appointment of Crown Representatives possibly coming from Wellington with no local insight. The Crown acknowledged this issue and have made changes, with Mayor Livingston appointed to represent Waipa and middle Waikato on the Waikato River Statutory Board.

[Committee member G Roberts joined the meeting at 11.35am.]

There is a tight timeframe with the operational guidelines regarding the requirement of co-management expected by the end of June. Committee Member Maniapoto expressed that the addition of local authorities onto the Board is a major concern of the community and that this agreement has changed the tone of the community. It is felt that the Board should not be involved in rivers other than the Waikato itself.

Mayor Livingston explained that there are lots of issues but the overall intent is the cleanup of the catchment for the good of everyone. Another issue noted is a possible conflict since that the Board is concerned with the river, whereas Waipa/NITOW area of interest also includes the river. The relationship between Environment Waikato, Iwi, Council and sub-committees is another area to be worked out.

Recommendation

7/08/06

That the information be received.

Cr Webber / Cr Jull

11 LAKE NGAROTO

File: 04-03-10

Mayor Livingston gave an update of the Lake Ngaroto Recreation Reserve Management Plan. The importance of Lake Ngaroto was highlighted and funding as one of the Peat Lakes Programme was mentioned. Lake Ngaroto will benefit from this funding as money is available to purchase identified land to help lower the nutrient input.

The level of the lake was discussed and Group Manager Policy and Strategy, Ross McNeil, explained that this is an ongoing matter as an agreed level has not been identified and accepted. There is a five year interim resource consent in place to allow for this issue is being resolved. The farming community prefer the lake at a low level while recreational users prefer a high level. However, a high level is contrary to the natural levels that have occurred historically. It was noted that the Management Plan does not state why Iwi prefer the level not to be lowered from the current level.

[Committee member R Tuineau left the meeting at 11.49am.]

It has been mentioned previously that a monument at the Domain be erected to reflect the spiritual, cultural and historical significance of the Lake to the local Iwi and also the Waipa Community. Funding is not currently available for the monument, however staff are working on it.

[Willie Clarke and Rewi Cord joined the meeting at 11.52am.]

Recommendation

7/08/07

That the draft Lake Ngaroto Reserve Management Plan be received.

H Maniapoto / Mayor Livingston

12 MATAKITAKI PA

File: 04-03-39

The draft Conservation Plan is currently being worked on by staff. The surrounding buildings around the site are out of context with the cultural significance of the area. Mayor Livingston advised that Council is being proactive so if either of the two leasehold blocks become available then Council will buy, remove the buildings and return the land to the Reserve.

[Committee member R Tuineau rejoined the meeting at 11.55am.]

Recommendation

7/08/08

That the information be received.

Cr Sharpe / Cr Webber

13 KAKEPUKU RECREATION RESERVE

File: 60-12-38

Mayor Livingston advised of the environmental enhancement and Group Manager Policy and Strategy, Ross McNeil, elaborated on why the land has been designated Reserve. It was noted that $\frac{2}{3}$ of Kakepuku is a Reserve controlled by the Department of Conservation and now $\frac{1}{3}$ is a Reserve controlled by Council. This designation will allow DOC to invest in the walking track and other improvements scheduled from 2010.

Recommendation

7/08/09

That the information be received.

D Walters / Cr Webber

14 WAIPA RIVER FISH WEIR

File: 65-06-30

Group Manager Policy and Strategy, Ross McNeil, advised that the structure provides a glimpse into the past made possible by very lower river levels, but will be silted over time. There were no intentions of investigating the site.

Recommendation

7/08/10

That the information be received.

Cr Sharpe / T Tauroa

**15 HAMILTON SUB-REGIONAL GROWTH STRATEGY – IWI
REPRESENTATION**

File: 01-69-22

Group Manager Policy and Strategy, Ross McNeil, advised that the main focus of the project is agreeing on a long-term settlement and landuse pattern with transportation networks/routes agreed. The short term focus is determining likely future population levels and the economic drivers affecting the region over the next 10-20 years. This information needs to be reflected in regional and local strategies, and Iwi need to be a part of this process. As the Council already has a relationship with NITOW and Iwi, information on the project would be shared and feedback invited.

It was discussed that when an Iwi representative joined a committee that they often felt on the back foot due to a lack of background information and they would like to have support for their representative. It was also noted that in historical relationships there was always a committee environment and with the current situation it was felt that it was not appropriate to send one member. Mayor Livingston advised that perhaps NITOW should make a recommendation and also that no decision by the Joint Committee would be made except by consensus.

It was noted that staff see a real benefit to the Waipa District by being part of the Group in that current development imbalances will be addressed through mutual consensus regarding planning and development policies. Prior to the formation of this Group an informal cross-boundary committee existed, but its effectiveness was limited.

It was noted that for the Iwi Consultative Committee to be involved was appropriate and the need for a succession plan for Iwi representatives was needed.

Recommendation

7/08/11

That the information be received.

H Maniapoto / G Roberts

Mayor Livingston thanked the Committee for their input and the Pohara Marae representatives for the wonderful venue.

Wally Papa thanked the Council for the reports, and expressed that it was good to have the Iwi Consultative Committee available. He also advised that on June 15th, the Pohara Marae is holding a Poukai commencing at 10am.

There being no further business, Wally Papa closed the meeting with a Karakia at 12.24pm.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD

CHAIRPERSON: _____

DATE: _____