

Minutes of a meeting of the Iwi Consultative Committee held in the Council Chambers, 101 Bank Street, Te Awamutu on Wednesday 3 September 2008 commencing at 10.00am.

1 PRESENT

Chairperson

The Chief Executive, J Inglis advised that due to the non attendance of Chairperson Mayor Livingston, a chairperson would need to be elected for this meeting and called for nominations. A nomination for Councillor Sharpe was the only nomination received.

RESOLVED

7/08/29

That Councillor Sharpe be elected Chairperson for this meeting due to the non attendance of Mayor Livingston.

Cr Jull / G Roberts

Members

Councillors – G Jull; DL Sharpe;
C Maikuku (Kaumatua), G Roberts (Parawera), G Searancke (Ngati Ngawaero), D Walters (Kakepuku) Chief Executive (JC Inglis)

Public

B Searancke; W Te Ruki; R Kaukau

Others

Councillor H Barnes; Councillor L Hoverd; Group Manager – Policy & Strategy, R McNeil; Strategic Planning Manager, G Knighton; Project Manager – District Plan Review, F Hill; Project Manager – Heritage Development & Reserves Planning, T Roxburgh; Civil Defence Officer & Te Takawaenga, C Davis; Committee Secretary, S King.

2 KARAKIA

C Maikuku opened the meeting with a Karakia.

3 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

7/08/30

That the apologies from Mayor Livingston, Cr Lee, L Doyle, W Clarke for non attendance be received.

G Roberts / C Maikuku

4 LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

5 CONFIRMATION OF ORDER OF MEETING

File: 01-89-08

RESOLVED

7/08/31

That the order of the meeting be confirmed with Item 14 being taken after Item 8.

Cr Jull / G Roberts

6 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

File: 01-89-08

Minutes of meeting held on 4 June 2008 were provided in the agenda

RESOLVED

7/08/32

That the minutes of the meeting of the Iwi Consultative Committee held on 4 June 2008, having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record.

Cr Jull / D Walters

7 QUARTERLY REPORT FROM TE TAKAWAENGA

File: 01-84-34

Report of Te Takawaenga dated 18 August 2008 was included in the agenda

RESOLVED

7/08/32

That the report of Te Takawaenga dated 18 August 2008 be received.

G Searancke / G Roberts

8 NGA IWI TOOPU O WAIPA BUSINESS

File: 62-01-01

This item provides the opportunity for Committee Members to discuss matters arising from the last Nga Iwi Toopu o Waipa meeting.

G Roberts advised that NITOW are still working with Opus regarding the proposed Cambridge bypass and issues remain over the protocols surrounding the un-named pa site on the edge of the Karapiro gully. It is expected to be resolved within six weeks.

G Searancke commented on the timing of resource consent applications arriving. He has requested that they are received on Friday in order to process them over the weekend. The length of time commences on the Monday after they are received.

NITOW have been in discussions with Planning Services Manager, W Allan regarding a workshop on how to deal with the resource consent applications. Iwi need to understand what the applications are and what it means to them in order to give valuable feedback.

RESOLVED

7/08/33

That the information be received.

D Walters / Cr Jull

9 DISTRICT PLAN REVIEW PROJECT

File: 65-06-36

Group Manager – Policy & Strategy, R McNeil outlined the information provided in the agenda. He introduced Project Manager – District Plan Review, F Hill and provided information regarding the scope of the project and associated timelines.

RESOLVED

7/08/34

That the information be received.

Cr Jull / G Roberts

10 CYCLING STRATEGY

File: 55-28-32

The Draft Cycling Strategy was provided in the agenda.

Group Manager – Policy & Strategy, R McNeil commented on the benefits of the strategy and associated funding opportunities. Once the strategy is finalised, the information will go into the LTCCP where priority status will be awarded for all projects.

He advised that Council have a number of initiatives with a focus on advancing and promoting cycling within the District.

RESOLVED

7/08/34

That the information be received.

G Searancke / C Maikuku

11 WAIPA DISTRICT PUBLIC TRANSPORT (BUS) SERVICES - REVIEW

File: 01-69-09

Group Manager – Policy & Strategy, R McNeil advised that Council has committed to undertaking a review of the current public transport system. He noted that Environment Waikato have the responsibility for overseeing regional public transport. The review includes four elements:

- Cambridge to Hamilton City (currently contracted),
- Te Awamutu to Hamilton City,
- Kihikihi to Te Awamutu (currently contracted),
- Community Van service within Te Awamutu.

The Community Van service would bring together groups within the community that have vans to facilitate a scheduled service. This project is in an early stage.

The review process has identified a range of options and associated costs. At a regional level a move to complete a model of integrated public transport system centred around buses is progressing. The aim is to provide a co-ordinated and consistent public transport service. Standards of service is a key aspect and public consultation will commence soon.

Councillor Jull advised that that New Zealand Transport Agency have prepared a national standard for bus design and pickup zones. The subsequent proposed bill is to have a second reading. Once passed the bill will feed into regional transport plans.

The 'Super Gold Card' for senior citizens will have free off-peak travel on buses, trains and harbour ferries. This will be funded by central government at 75% with the additional 25% to be funded at a regional or ratepayer level.

RESOLVED

7/08/35

That the information be received.

Cr Jull / G Searancke

12 PREPARATION OF A STRATEGIC PLAN AND RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE KIHIKIHI DOMAIN

File: 04-03-03

Project Manager – Heritage Development & Reserves Planning advised that Council have recognised the Domain as a strategic asset. The level of use and the scale of that use of the venue is expected to remain or increase over future years. This strategic plan is an opportunity to guide future use and development of the Domain for both Council and domain users.

Public consultation is expected to commence before the end of the year, while the key stakeholders have been approached already. He noted that Iwi have received information from Environment Management Services' Mark Chrisp who is preparing the plans.

Regarding information flow between Council and NITOW, G Searancke requested that all documents should go directly to the Secretary of NITOW so they can provide copies to their members. He noted that NITOW meet every third week of the month and the information is required 10 days prior.

RESOLVED

7/08/36

That the information be received.

G Searancke / Cr Jull

13 HERITAGE DEVELOPMENT & RESERVES PLANNING

File: 60-16-06

a) **Natural Heritage Awards**

Mr Roxburgh advised that two Members of Parliament have been in contact with him seeking more information regarding the award participants. Also, South Waikato Council are looking at adopting a similar approach to recognise contributions made by individuals and communities.

He commented that the awards will be repeated in two years time, as the Natural Heritage Awards alternate with the Built & Cultural Heritage Awards.

b) **Peat Lake Management Programme: Progress in 2007- 08 Year**

The wet season has shown where some of the old peat lakes were, including a newly seen lake, Lake Roto-o-rangi, which was drained in the 1930's. This area is now ponding water as gravity drainage to the Mangapiko is no longer effective as a result of settlement of the peat surface. He also noted that there are a number of similar ones around the District.

g) **Matakitaki Pa**

The plan is currently being edited and corrected to ensure that the wording is appropriate. This plan will go back to Council along with the application for consent for the New Zealand Historic Places Trust to work at the site.

h) **Kakepuku Mountain**

Mr Roxburgh indicated that mountain bikers have shown interest in the old track on the Mountain and he has spoken to the group to impress upon them that mountain biking will not be the primary activity. He was also advised them that other sites, for example Pirongia, would be more appropriate.

i) **Maungatautari Restoration Project & Plan Change**

The purpose of pursuing the plan change is to acknowledge the ecological island's importance and the contribution that landowners have made to the restoration project. He advised that pre-consultation ensured that the proposed plan change was acceptable to the majority of affected landowners and that public consultation will commence in the next few weeks.

The only concern is that many addresses for Maori landowners were incorrect and a number of envelopes were returned. Staff will continue to liaise with local Iwi to update landowner contact details.

RESOLVED

7/08/37

That the information be received.

Cr Jull / G Searancke

14 FUTURE PROOF (SUB-REGIONAL GROWTH STRATEGY)

File: 01-69-23

Developer Perception Reports were included in the agenda

Group Manager – Policy & Strategy, R McNeil advised that since the Iwi Consultative Committee's last meeting two new staff have been appointed.

Strategic Planning Manager, G Knighton advised members of his background. He then advised of the need to lock in the long term land use requirements and associated infrastructure for the region.

Hamilton City has restricted growth due to pressure on the boundaries and locations for development coming down from Auckland require a regional approach. The transport authorities are involved in the project to ensure that a sustainable development pattern is developed. Recently, an Iwi reference group had been established and have held two meetings to date. G Roberts advised that the Waka Alliance have made two appointments to the reference group and the terms of reference have been set for the committee.

Future Proof have released some basic background research, including Developer Perception Reports focusing on industrial and residential land. These reports were prepared from an economic perspective and indicate that industrial land is scarce long term despite new areas coming on stream in the future. Restrictions around water availability south of Huntly has an impacted on development.

The report indicates that prices for industrial land around Hamilton City is very high as retail can pay higher prices than industrial which will affect the economic development for the region. Closely related is residential land prices which are restricted by the supply of land and the number of developers which are keeping the prices high. Denser development requires incentives to ensure that the intensification will provide social cohesiveness and better opportunities to access public transport.

Three options are going forward for public consultation:

- Business As Usual with may mean continued expansion onto productive land, with sporadic sub-division;
- More density in urban settlements and a nodal approach in rural settlements;
- Regulatory driven compact development with a focus on redevelopment within the city, public transport and rural settlements focussed around the city.

Once the communities preferred approach is identified, this information will go into the LTCCP and lock in a land use pattern and associated transport infrastructure pattern.

In response to a question, Mr Knighton advised that to confine growth within the boundaries, Hamilton City Council would need to encourage smaller sections. Improvements in housing affordability would result from smaller sections and greater density. He indicated that movement towards more use of public transport and a socially sustainable community are required in compact development.

RESOLVED

7/08/37

That the information be received.

G Roberts / Cr Jull

Project Manager – District Plan Review, F Hill outlined her background and the current focus which is to focus on how, where and at what rate Waipa wishes to grow.

She noted that the key timeframes for Future Proof include informal stakeholder consultations in September, public consultation to commence in October with a draft District Growth Strategy by the end of the year. Formal consultation of the draft would commence early next year.

Consultants are helping to prepare a current picture of the Waipa District which will allow conclusions to be drawn about future growth. She noted that Iwi engagement is crucial to the success of the project and the option of appointing a facilitator was discussed. A facilitator would work with Iwi to assist in an understanding of Iwi's perspectives and to build this information into the District Growth Strategy.

C Maikuku left the meeting at 11.11am and rejoined the meeting at 11.18am.

Mr McNeil observed that the outcome is effective consultation and to maintain communication. A facilitator would be a dedicated resource who is part of the project group.

RESOLVED

7/08/38

That Council staff further investigate the role of an Iwi facilitator to support the District Plan review Project and that the proposal be discussed with Nga Iwi Toopu o Waipa before a final decision is made.

G Roberts / Cr Jull

RESOLVED

7/08/39

That the information be received.

G Roberts / Cr Jull

15 HEART OF TE AWAMUTU - UPDATE

File: 01-23-01

Group Manager – Policy & Strategy, R McNeil provided an recap on the project since the Committee’s last meeting.

G Searancke left the meeting at 11.57am and rejoined the meeting at 11.58am. Cr Jull left the meeting at 11.58am.

The public consultation process has resulted in recommended changes made by the Strategic Planning & Development Committee. In light of the decision to retain the status quo for heavy vehicles in Alexandra Street, associated projects have been removed. Some of the remaining projects have been modified in scope and he acknowledged that the key message from NITOW is to ensure that coherent design elements with particular emphasis on a cultural theme is consistent for all projects.

Group Manager – Policy & Strategy, R McNeil advised that a consultation process will be followed before any of the project designs are finalised.

RESOLVED

7/08/40

That the information be received.

C Maikuku / Cr Jull

16 CENTRAL CAMBRIDGE CHARACTER AREA

File: 65-06-36

Group Manager – Policy & Strategy, R McNeil noted that concerns were raised within Council as to the provisions in the current District Plan to protect and enhance built heritage. The extent of the current Central Cambridge Character Area zone is to be reviewed.

Council considers it important to look at Heritage protection across the District and this will be picked up in the District Plan Review. Council has a Heritage Policy & Implementation Strategy which will also be reviewed.

G Searancke commented on the visual state of Major Jackson’s house in Kihikihi. Mr McNeil provided information on the different agencies involved and that Council had been unable to advance a restoration project. The outcome is that the owner of the property exercised their right to sub-divide.

RESOLVED

7/08/41

That the information be received.

Cr Sharpe / G Searancke

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12.17pm.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD

CHAIRPERSON: _____

DATE: _____