

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 2 December 2009 commencing at 10.00am

1 PRESENT

His Worship the Mayor AD Livingston

Members

Councillors – GH Jull, DL Sharpe;

R Brown (Pirongia), W Karaka (Ngati Haua), C Maikuku (Kaumatua), H Maniapoto (Puniu), G Roberts (Chair, NITOW), G Searancke (Ngati Ngawaero), J Charman (Pirongia), D Walters (Kakepuku),

Chief Executive (G D Dyet)

In Attendance

Strategy Manager – G Knighton; Corporate Planning Manager – T Hancock; Heritage Manager – T Roxburgh; Te Takawaenga – C Davis; Museum Manager – J White; Governance Support Manager – C Shaw

2 KARAKIA

Willie Karaka opened the meeting with a Karakia.

3 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

7/09/37

That the apologies for non attendance by Cr Lee and K Hodge and for lateness by Jenny Charman be received.

Committee Member Roberts/Cr Jull

4 LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

5 CONFIRMATION OF ORDER OF MEETING

File: 01-89-08

RESOLVED

7/09/38

That the order of the meeting be confirmed.

Committee Member Maikuku/Cr Sharpe

6 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

File: 01-89-08

Minutes of meeting held on 2 September 2009.

RESOLVED

7/09/39

That the minutes of the meeting of the Iwi Consultative Committee held on 2 September 2009, having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record.

Committee Member Roberts/Cr Sharpe

7 QUARTERLY REPORT FROM TE TAKAWAENGA

File: 01-84-34

Report of Te Takawaenga dated 24 November 2009

RESOLVED

7/09/40

That the report of Te Takawaenga dated 24 November 2009 be received.

Mayor Livingston/Cr Jull

8 NGA IWI TOOPU O WAIPA BUSINESS

File: 62-01-01

Chair of Nga Iwi Toopu o Waipa (NITOW) Gaylene Roberts thanked staff members Fiona Hill, Susan Brennan and the consultants for the hui and input that Iwi have had toward the concept plans and the outcomes that have come from these.

Committee Member Roberts said that the recently held workshop on the Resource Management Act had been very useful and thanked Council for the time put into the day. She said that the number of resource applications and the timeframes that had been put in front of them was not easy and it appeared that they would need some more resourcing from Council.

Committee Member Roberts said that the recent Walk of Fame opening was nice and that NITOW were looking forward to working with Council in 2010 and would like to hold discussions regarding resourcing. It was suggested that Wayne Allan may attend a future meeting of NITOW to listen to the concerns regarding the processes around the RMA.

[Jenny Charman arrived at 10.33am]

RESOLVED

7/09/41

That the information be received.

Committee Member Walters/Cr Sharpe

9 DISTRICT PLAN REVIEW PROJECT (WAIPA 2050)

File: 65-07-56

Project Manager District Plan Review, Fiona Hill, addressed the Committee and highlighted the submissions and key issues that have come through the consultation process.

Cr Sharpe asked that with the identification of the Growth Cells, it would be appropriate for Iwi to identify road names which would be added to our list of potential road names for developers.

Mrs Hill said that this information could be gathered in the second stage of the process and there had been some submissions with regard to the historical names already.

Committee Member Roberts said that this was something that they could look at during the next stage as the growth cells were linked to a particular area and Iwi considerations could be more readily identified.

10 FUTURE PROOF – UPDATE ON IMPLEMENTATION

File: 65-07-56

Manager Strategy, Gary Knighton, updated members on the current state of the strategy and the key actions that have come out of the working party. He said a Joint Committee has been put in place to move through the implementation stage of the strategy with representatives of all stakeholders.

An Implementation Management Group has been established at the staff/Chief Executive level also. Cr Sharpe said that the cultural issues around the Nukuhau Pa and around the Airport and Matangi area needs to be considered as part of the Southern sector study. She said that Council was looking to implement a Plan Change to give effect to Future Proof within the District.

11 HEART OF TE AWAMUTU

File: 65-07-56

Members were advised that the designs for this work were due to be completed in December and the appointment of a contractor would be confirmed at that time. Works would commence in late January or early February. It was reported that there had been a few minor hitches to the gateway as two new commercial developments and the latest design for the Bilimag centre had required major changes to the roundabout and moves it slightly over.

Staff had identified key suppliers for street furniture and there would be approximately a six or seven month construction period.

12 BUS SERVICES/COMMUNITY VAN PROJECT

File: 65-07-56

The Committee were advised of the consultation process that was being held regarding the bus services and a proposal for a community van project to take people through to the Waikato Hospital.

They were advised that a tender process would commence in mid December and a contractor would be confirmed at the end of February and the new services would start in May 2010.

A feasibility study was underway with regard to the Community Van and various models from around the Waikato and Bay of Plenty regions were being investigated.

13 WAIPA DISTRICT DOG CONTROL POLICY & BYLAW

File: 65-07-56

The Committee were advised that the proposed Waipa District Dog Control Policy 2009 and the Dog Control Bylaw 2009 had been advertised, submissions heard and minor amendments made to these documents. The new Bylaw would become operative on 24 December 2009.

14 HERITAGE UPDATE

File: 65-07-56

Peat Lakes

Heritage and Cultural Manager, Tony Roxburgh, advised the Committee that the National Wetland Trust were looking to base themselves at Lake Serpentine. In response to a questions, he said that the Lake Ngaroto water levels were read and monitored by Environment Waikato on our behalf and that there was a level meter at the outlet. A lot of good information is being gathered from this meter and the monitoring.

Maungatautari

The Committee were advised that there had been considerable media coverage round the restoration project and the Maungatautari Ecological Island Trust. Although still supportive of the project local Iwi have withdrawn support for the Trust and have indicated a desire to become more involved in both governance of the Maungatautari Scenic Reserve and day to day management issues. This provides an opportunity for Council to re-consider the roles and responsibilities of the Maungatautari Reserve Management Committee and the membership of that committee.

The funding partners, being MEIT, Environment Waikato, the Department of Conservation through the Biodiversity Condition Fund and Waipa District Council are meeting regularly to identify and consider options that will best ensure the long term success of the restoration project while retaining the strong community support and the very considerable pool of volunteers.

Iwi members confirmed that they would like a greater level of involvement with the Reserve, Governance Structure of the Trust and the day to day running of the Trust. Mr Roxburgh advised that meetings would be held to see if a compromise could be achieved to meet all parties expectations.

15 WAITANGI DAY

File: 65-07-56

The Government have confirmed funding of \$1000. While this is significantly less than envisaged, it provides the basis for planning an interactive community event to celebrate Waitangi Day. Staff and Wananga representatives will meet to develop plans for the event.

16 TE AWAMUTU HERITAGE & CULTURAL CENTRE

File: 65-07-56

The proposal is to develop an iconic centre of approximately 4000m² for culture and heritage on the corner of Selwyn Lane and Mahoe Street Te Awamutu. It is expected that the project will span the next 7 years, subject to Council approving the project as part of the next 10-year Plan.

Discussion on Iwi representatives was held and it was generally felt that there were enough members, although Ngati Apakura, who did not receive an invitation would discuss representation at their next meeting.

17 POLICY MANUAL REVIEW

File: 65-07-56

The Committee were advised that Council has an extensive range of policies, some of which are required by statute, that have been developed to guide and support consistent decision-making. These procedural policies, which cover areas such as Roads and Governance, are contained within a manual and are subject to periodic review. A comprehensive review is about to commence, and is likely to take around four months to complete. The Iwi Consultative Committee will have an opportunity to consider and recommend changes to Council's policies during the review process.

18 GREAT NEW ZEALAND RIVER RIDE

File: 65-07-56

The Committee were advised that the Great NZ River Ride is a concept that envisions a cycleway following the Waikato River from Taupo to Mercer. Within this concept are a series of separate cycle/walkway initiatives, such as the Waikato River Trails project and the Ngaruawahia to Horahora Cycleway concept (incorporating the Great 'Waipa' Ride – a route through Waipa District following the Waikato River and Lake Karapiro).

The latter initiative has seen the establishment of a working group, comprising representatives of Waipa, Waikato and Hamilton Councils, Environment Waikato, the Perry Group and other stakeholders. The Group has come together to scope the project with a view to securing feasibility funding from the Government's National Cycleway (Great Rides) initiative.

The working group has commissioned an initial scoping assessment of route options from Ngaruawahia to Horahora, which is the proposed northern extent of the Waikato River Trails project. The assessment is expected to be completed in November. This assessment will form the basis of a funding application to the Government to enable a full feasibility study to be completed, which is a prerequisite to securing construction funding. Applications close on 18 December 2009, with funding not expected to be available until October 2010.

In order to secure Government funding, a cycleway proposal will need to successfully navigate a 3-stage assessment process – Scoping, Feasibility and Business Case. Proposals will need to demonstrate a unique and extensive tourist experience and be self-sustaining at a community level (i.e. no requirement for further Government funding).

19 MEETING DATES FOR 2010

File: 65-07-56

The Local Government Act 2002 requires Council and its Committees to set the dates of meetings, or a schedule of meetings, for a period of time.

It is now appropriate to adopt a schedule of meetings for the Iwi Consultative Committee for 2010. The Committee's practice is to meet at 10.00am on the first Wednesday, once each quarter and two of these are at a Marae appointed by NITOW.

As the date for the next triennial election is 9 October 2010 it would be inappropriate for the existing Council to set any meeting dates beyond that time.

The Chief Executive will set the date for the first meeting of the new Council, following the election, when meeting dates for the remainder of the year will be confirmed.

RESOLVED

7/09/42

That in accordance with the Local Government Act 2002, Schedule 7 Clause 19(6)(i) the Iwi Consultative Committee adopts the following schedule of meeting dates for 2010 (generally being the first Wednesday of the month, quarterly):

7 April 2010 (Council chambers)

2 June 2010 (Marae based)

1 September 2010 (Marae based)

Committee Member Roberts/Committee Member Maikuku

20 MIGHTY RIVER DOMAIN UPDATE

File: 65-07-56

The construction of the Events and Community Centre has progressed well after a period of extreme weather which caused some delays in placing concrete and erecting steelwork.

Through the endeavours of Hawkins Construction and their team of sub-contractors the project is now back on time. By end of January 2010 it will be possible to provide all stakeholders with a confirmed opening date so that arrangements can be put in place and the facility made available to the World Rowing Championship organisers. The WRC organisers are now in the planning phase and will early in the new year confirm when areas within the Domain and areas on the lake will be restricted for public access to enable event construction to occur or to provide an environment for the international visiting teams to train.

There is considerable work being undertaken in partnership with Ngati Koroki Kahukura Trust to develop designs for the Front Entrance to the Mighty River Domain and the reinstatement of the Taumatawiwi Monument. This design work will take some time to develop with the input of Council, Iwi, Mighty River Power and where necessary affected stakeholders such as neighbours.

RESOLVED

7/09/43

That the information provided in items 9 – 18 and item 20 be received.

Committee Member Roberts/Cr Sharpe

Charlie Maikuku closed the meeting with a karakia.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.25pm

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE & ACCURATE RECORD

CHAIRPERSON: _____

DATE: _____