

*Minutes of a meeting of the Iwi Consultative Committee held at Whakamarama Marae, Wharepuhunga Road, Te Kawa on Wednesday 2 September 2009 commencing at 10.36am.*

## **1 PRESENT**

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His Worship the Mayor AD Livingston

### **Members**

Councillor DL Sharpe, W Karaka (Ngati Haua), C Maikuku (Kaumatua), H Maniapoto (Puniu), G Roberts (Parawera), G Searancke (Ngati Ngawaero), D Walters (Kakepuku), J Charman (Pirongia), Chief Executive (G Dyet).

### **Others**

L Doyle (proxy for Kakepuku & Ngati Ngawaero), K Hodge (Wharepuhunga).

### **Staff**

Group Manager Strategic Policy & Planning, R McNeil; Environmental Safety Manager, J McFarlane; Project Manager Heritage Development & Reserves Planning, T Roxburgh; Civil Defence Officer & Te Takawaenga, C Davis; Committee Secretary, S King.

## **2 KARAKIA**

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C Maikuku provided the opening karakia.

## **3 APOLOGIES**

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### **RESOLVED**

7/09/23

*That the apologies for non attendance received from Councillors Jull & Lee be received.*

Councillor Sharpe / H Maniapoto

## **4 LATE ITEMS**

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Group Manager Strategic Policy & Planning tabled a letter from the Hon Christopher Finlayson, Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage. He said the purpose of the funding indicated was to celebrate Waitangi Day, particularly events staged collaboratively between councils and iwi.

### **RESOLVED**

7/09/24

*That the information be received.*

Mayor Livingston / H Maniapoto

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

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File: 01-89-08

**RESOLVED**

7/09/25

*That the order of the meeting be confirmed.*

Councillor Sharpe / C Maikuku

## **6 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

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File: 01-89-08

**Minutes of meeting held on 3 June 2009 were included in the agenda.**

**RESOLVED**

7/09/26

*That the minutes of the meeting of the Iwi Consultative Committee held on 3 June 2009, having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record.*

Councillor Sharpe / C Maikuku

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

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File: 01-84-34

**Report of Te Takawaenga dated 21 August 2009 was included in the agenda.**

**RESOLVED**

7/09/27

*That the report of Te Takawaenga dated 21 August 2009 be received.*

Mayor Livingston / G Sereancke

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

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File: 62-01-01

G Roberts said NITOW were still experiencing problems with the resource management process. G Sereancke requested more information on the location to be provided for those applications in rural areas, as it had been difficult to pin-point properties in some cases. Group Manager Strategic Policy & Planning said staff will review options to resolve this matter. G Roberts noted it was timely that a review of the resource consent notification process be undertaken. She also said the memorandum of understanding (MOU) was raised during the iwi consultation phase of the Waipa District growth strategy project (Waipa 2050) and queried whether an iwi management plan (IMP) would be more appropriate.

Group Manager Strategic Policy & Planning said the philosophy behind the MOU was to establish high level principles and relationships and he saw an IMP as moving that information into a more geographic context although both were potentially complementary. He said the key message was that Council sees a great benefit in formalising the relationship.

The Committee were informed that during Waipa 2050 discussions a tangata whenua perceptions document emerged but some matters did not fit into the context of a growth strategy. Council wanted to ensure all aspects are considered and the idea of an MOU evolved from this commitment. G Sereancke requested more discussions to explore the options available before the validity of such an arrangement could be assessed.

**RESOLVED**

7/09/28

*That the information be received.*

G Roberts / Mayor Livingston

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**9 DISTRICT PLAN REVIEW – WAIPA 2050**

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File: 65-07-56

Group Manager Strategic Policy & Planning said the nature and location of growth had been identified in the Growth Strategy and now town concept plans (TCP) were being developed for urban areas. He said information from the Future Proof growth strategy project was being incorporated into the planning work being undertaken by Council. Council staff are working closely with NITOW during the TCP process, and forthcoming hui will develop this work further. This is an important conduit to ensure any issues from iwi and tangata whenua are discussed and, where appropriate, incorporated into the development blueprints for the towns. He said this will also occur with the development of the Environment Strategy, which will draw on the matters raised in the tangata whenua perceptions paper.

**RESOLVED**

7/09/29

*That the information be received.*

G Roberts / Mayor Livingston

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**10 HEART OF TE AWAMUTU PROJECT**

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File: 01-23-01

Group Manager Strategic Policy & Planning said a concept plan for the development of the central area of Te Awamutu was confirmed in 2008 along with a prioritised programme of works. A priority project in the programme is the Alexandra Street enhancement. Staff have completed an assessment of the underground services to determine the level of upgrade work required and incorporate that work into the overall enhancement project.

Additional funding for the enhancement work has allowed the Steering Group to reassess and broaden the scope of works. The revamp of Alexandra Street will include planting, lighting, street furniture and feature paving with design themes integrated. A future project was identified as public art that reflects the culture and history of Te Awamutu and its environs.

He said a gateway to central Te Awamutu had been identified as a priority project with the Arawata Street bridge determined as the most suitable location. The gateway would be created by reducing the road width, doubling the width of the footpath and installing arched street lights to create a sense of 'arrival'. The design would be finalised before the tender process but works would not commence until after the Christmas / New Year period to ensure minimum disruption. The expected completion date is August 2010 being prior to the World Rowing Championships which are to be held at Karapiro.

Mayor Livingston said two projects were already underway with a bus shelter installed by the Information Centre and the Te Awamutu Walk of Fame which will be officially opened in November. He said the opening will coincide with other events such as the Rose Show and a new inductee will be announced on the day.

**RESOLVED**

7/09/30

*That the information be received.*

G Roberts / V Ingleby

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**11 FUTURE PROOF (SUB REGIONAL GROWTH STRATEGY) - UPDATE**

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File: 65-06-36

Group Manager Strategic Policy & Planning said the growth strategy for the sub-region confirmed a pattern of landuse for the area identifying where urban development can take place and what an appropriate level of development in rural areas would be. He said this allows better alignment of planning philosophies between the partner councils. The partner councils confirmed the strategy in June 2009, with the implementation phase now underway.

He said there are four main initiatives affecting Waipa, including Environment Waikato's (EW) regional policy statement which is currently being reviewed. Another is Waipa's District Plan review, which in turn will be impacted by the Southern (Rukuhia) Area study and the Office & Retail strategy. The Southern Area study encompasses a wide geographical area looking at future landuse patterns and required infrastructure, with the project brief currently being finalised.

The Chief Executive said Future Proof acknowledged that Waipa has its own identity while providing a high level planning framework for the sub-region. K Hodge noted the official launch of Future Proof to be held on the 9<sup>th</sup> September will be attended by the Prime Minister.

H Maniapoto said the representatives noted in Future Proof documents were incorrect in that they did not represent tangata whenua but a group of people and should be referred to as Nga Karu Atua o te Waka. He also raised the issue of future Crown settlements for claims made through the Treaty of Waitangi Office and Mayor Livingston said planning must proceed based on current arrangement however, the strategies were intended to be 'living' documents with periodic reviews to incorporate changes are appropriate.

**RESOLVED**

7/09/31

*That the information be received.*

G Roberts / Mayor Livingston

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**12 BUS SERVICES**

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File: 01-69-09

Group Manager Strategic Policy & Planning said Council confirmed its desire to improve bus services for Te Awamutu/Kihikihi and Cambridge and their connection to Hamilton. He said Environment Waikato will take responsibility for managing the bus services ensuring integration with other EW managed services with the focus being obtaining best value for the funding available. The new services will include buses that meet environmental standards and are disability friendly. A pilot project, looking at maximising the value of local vans/buses to improve community connectedness in Te Awamutu and Kihikihi, is currently underway. Council staff are providing support to a local committee established to assess the opportunities.

**RESOLVED**

7/09/32

*That the information be received.*

V Ingley / G Roberts

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**13 HEAT SMART**

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File: 01-89-19

Group Manager Strategic Policy & Planning referred to the Heat Smart information included in the agenda, and noted that support was available via the Government's Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority, which managed the scheme. In response to a query on income restrictions, he said there were no restrictions but if a community card was held further assistance was available.

**RESOLVED**

7/09/33

*That the information be received.*

Mayor Livingston / G Roberts

## **14 ROAD NAMING POLICY**

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File: 55-28-12

Group Manager Strategic Policy & Planning said NITOW had raised concern the current policy did not allow for the allocation of Maori road names being tied to specific geographic areas and the iwi consultation consisted of a 'yes' or 'no' answer being provided. He said NITOW could say 'no' to a particular name, provide a reason and suggest one that is appropriate to the location. He noted subdivision applications often have developer's preferred road names included but, until a Council resolution is passed, these names are not confirmed.

He indicated the recently confirmed District Growth Strategy identified future areas for development, and NITOW could identify names appropriate for use in these areas.

**RESOLVED**

7/09/34

*That the information be received.*

Mayor Livingston / G Roberts

## **15 REVIEW OF THE WAIPA DISTRICT DOG CONTROL POLICY AND BYLAW**

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File: 35-15-01

Environmental Safety Manager said every council was required to have a policy and bylaw, and to review them periodically. She said many dog control issues had been addressed by central government through changes in legislation. A survey of local dog owners had recently been undertaken as part of the review process, and the 905 responses (out of 4000) were considered. She provided a PowerPoint presentation on the survey results, and outlined a number of proposed changes to the Policy and Bylaw.

The proposed Policy and draft Bylaw would be made available for public comment, with submissions considered later in the year. The updated Policy and Bylaw are expected to be confirmed in November/December 2009.

**RESOLVED**

7/09/35

*That the information be received.*

Mayor Livingston / G Roberts

## **16 PEAT LAKE RESTORATION PROGRAMME 08/09**

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File: 50-01-07

Project Manager Heritage Development & Reserves Planning outlined the history of the programme, which is based on an agreement between Environment Waikato and Council.

Of the seventeen peat lakes in the district, seven are in private ownership. From the seventeen lakes, five were selected as priority lakes and accorded greater focus (Maratoto, Serpentine, Rotomanuka, Mangakaware and Ngaroto).

He presented a PowerPoint presentation summarising the progress achieved for 2008/09. All peat in the District is settling and ultimately peat lakes may disappear, therefore sustainable land management, such as ensuring adequate buffer margins, are critical to the preservation of the lakes.

Lake Maratoto, regarded as the most pristine, has a QE II covenant and discussions to move the boundary to incorporate the low lying area have progressed and recent plantings have occurred with assistance from Environment Waikato around the north eastern corner. Similarly Lake Rotopiko has a substantial buffer margin added due to the acquisition of land and the planting of 14,000 natives. The lake may be promoted as a national wetland site, with concept plans currently being developed by the National Wetland Trust.

He said Lake Rotomanuka may have additional buffers through land acquisitions in 2009/10 and a relocation of the access to Ranby Road. Lake Mangakaware has a large margin of the lake in Council ownership which will assist the moving of the fence further back beyond the natural wet areas. Due to the history a weir was installed to raise the water level 1/2m higher to ensure the wooden artefacts are kept below the surface of the water. Lake Ngaroto has a monitoring buoy installed by Waikato University to ensure information is obtained in order to make decisions to improve the water quality. Council and Environment Waikato to looking to develop a catchment plan and the New Zealand Landcare Trust are also trying to increase awareness at the lake.

**RESOLVED**

7/09/36

*That the information be received.*

Mayor Livingston / G Roberts

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**17 CLOSING KARAKIA**

C Maikuku provided the closing karakia.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1.16pm.

**CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD**

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

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

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