

Minutes of a meeting of the Iwi Consultative Committee held at the Whakamarama Marae, Wharepuhunga Road, Te Kawa on Wednesday 2 June 2010 commencing at 10.39am

1 PRESENT

His Worship the Mayor AD Livingston

Members

Councillors – DL Sharpe;

W Karaka (Ngati Haua), C Maikuku (Kaumatua), G Roberts (NITOW), D Walters (Kakepuku), Kataraina Hodge (Wharepuhunga), Jenny Charman (Pirongia), L Doyle (Proxy for G Searancke)

Others

Te Kakawaenga – C Davis; Group Manager Policy – R McNeil; Manager Corporate and Legal Services – J McFarlane; District Plan Review Project – S Brennan; T Wright (Ngati Apakura); J Matauwhati (Ngati Haua); Governance Support Senior – C Shaw

2 KARAKIA

Wiremu Clarke provided an opening Karakia.

3 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

7/10/14

That the apologies for non attendance by Cr Graham Jull, George Sereancke, Cr Peter Lee, Cr Grahame Webber and Chief Executive G Dyet, be received.

K Hodge/D Walters

4 LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

5 CONFIRMATION OF ORDER OF MEETING

File: 01-89-08

RESOLVED

7/10/15

That the order of the meeting be confirmed.

Mayor Livingston/Cr Sharpe

6 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

File: 01-89-08

Minutes of meeting held on 7 April 2010.

RESOLVED

7/10/17

That the minutes of the meeting of the Iwi Consultative Committee held on 7 April 2010, having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record.

W Clarke/Cr Sharpe

7 QUARTERLY REPORT FROM TE TAKAWAENGA

File: 01-84-34

Report of Te Takawaenga dated 19 May 2010.

RESOLVED

7/10/18

That the report of Te Takawaenga dated 19 May 2010 be received.

J Charman/L Doyle

8 NGA IWI TOOPU O WAIPA BUSINESS

File: 62-01-01

Committee member Roberts reported that members were tied up doing a lot of work for Council rather than NITOW which was not allowing much time for relationship building within Iwi.

9 DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2010/11

File: 01-91-43

Group Manager Planning & Community Relations updated members on the preparation of the Annual Plan and advised that only 39 submissions had been received with 24 submitters wishing to be heard.

He outlined some of the key projects that came through the submission process and said that Council would adopt the plan at its meeting on 29 June.

10 WAIPA 2050 / DISTRICT PLAN REVIEW - UPDATE

File: 65-06-36

Review of Archaeological and Cultural sites

The Committee were advised that as part of the District Plan Review staff are reviewing the archaeological and cultural site appendices to put into the Proposed District Plan. The Archaeological Association has provided an updated listing of all sites in their database in the Waipa District. These include 124 new sites that are not in the Operative District Plan. These sites and all existing sites in the District Plan have been mapped and maps have been sent out to all representatives on Nga Iwi Toopu O Waipa (NITOW) for consideration.

The NITOW representatives have also been asked to review the Cultural sites in the current plan and consider whether there are any additional sites that should be included in the Proposed Plan, or removed.

Discussion around how the mapping would be carried out was held and Susan Brennan said that further discussion would be held with NITOW at a future meeting.

Marae Zone

Staff have also been working alongside NITOW representatives on the potential option of zoning specific Marae and/or papakaianga in the Proposed Plan to allow for greater certainty for future development aspirations. The concept is to enable many normal buildings and activities, as well as other activities that are covered by specific Iwi Management Plans, to occur as permitted activities subject to specific criteria.

Cultural Impact Assessments

Concerns have been raised by NITOW representatives that developments are occurring without proper consideration of the cultural impacts, or discussions with tangata whenua. There is potential for including Cultural Impact Assessment as an information requirement for any significant land use or subdivision application, and as part of any structure plan. This is being investigated and will be reported to Council for consideration. NITOW representatives have been asked to provide comment on what should be covered in such a Cultural Impact Assessment.

Consultation

Council is currently seeking feedback on potential changes to a number of key sections in the District Plan.

The potential changes include:

- Giving more direction on where new development and subdivision occurs
- Changing section sizes in rural and urban areas - increasing some and decreasing others
- Changing housing and building standards such as how far back from a road, or from a neighbours property a building can be
- Redefining the Cambridge Character area
- Reconsidering whether a buffer area is required for mineral extraction activities

11 FUTURE PROOF (SUB-REGIONAL GROWTH STRATEGY) UPDATE

File: 65-06-36

Southern Sector Study

Beca Consultants have completed a first draft of the Southern Sector Study for consideration by the partner councils. The report takes into account feedback from a number of interviews with stakeholders and from an open day held at the Tamahere Community Centre. A verbal update of progress will be provided.

Concern was expressed by the Ngati Haua representatives around the Tamahere/Matangi area and the need to ensure that the desecration of Urupa and stores sights are not continued. This area had a major impact on early Maori and was considered to be the "garden centre" of the Ngati Haua and has a lot of land that is sacred to them.

Employment Land Study

Staff of the partner councils are working with consultants from Latitude Planning Services and Property Economics Limited to complete a study of employment land in the sub-region. The study will firstly develop a baseline of current employment land. Secondly it will evaluate likely demand for employment land over the duration of the study to determine likely uptake patterns. The study will inform the built environment section of the reviewed Regional Policy Statement which Environment Waikato intend to notify in November of this year.

Areas around industrial land and the need to protect the extraction of minerals and the like were highlighted as major challenges for all parties.

12 REVIEW OF WAIPA DISTRICT COUNCIL PROCEDURAL POLICY MANUAL

File: 02-13-09/3

Manager Legal and Corporate Services advised that Council adopts policies to assist in the effective and efficient implementation of its functions, duties and powers. Some policies are statutorily required (such as Gambling Class 4 Venue Policy) and those mainly financial policies required by the Local Government Act 2002 are incorporated in Council's Long Term Council Community Plan. Where there is not a statutory requirement for a policy, Council may also adopt other procedural policies to provide elected members and council staff with guidance for dealing with similar issue in a consistent manner.

13 PROPOSED CAMBRIDGE – KARAPIRO CYCLE WAY

File: 01-85-26

Group Manager Policy advised that the proposed Cambridge-Karapiro Cycleway, being part of "Te Awa – the Great NZ River Ride", was the subject of a Perry Foundation submission to the draft Annual Plan 2010/11. He said that it was an exciting opportunity for Council and the Policy Committee had recommended that Council's contribution to the \$1.3million project will be in the order of \$450,000 which will be loan funded.

14 HERITAGE / BIODIVERSITY UPDATE

File: 01-89-13

Maungatautari Update

The Regional and District Councils continue to fund on-ground activities associated with removing mammalian predators and maintaining the predator proof fence. More recently the Crown through its Biodiversity Condition Fund, agreed to provide \$300,000 annually for three years, towards similar pest and fence work on private land.

MEIT are working with Ngati Koroki Kahukura toward a governance regime that reflects equal representation of iwi and other parties on the Trust. If agreed this will need to be formalised at the MEIT's AGM in June. Co-governance is viewed by NKK as a pre-requisite to Iwi supporting a range of activities including further introductions of threatened species and the development of tourism opportunities.

MEIT have lodged an application for a concession to charge a fee for services provided. In the Council's view the application was incomplete and a request for further information has been made. It is likely any concession application will be publicly notified.

Yarndleys Bush Update

A land use consent has been granted to Breckon Farms to undertake additional land contour works to the south and north of Yarndleys Bush Scenic Reserve. Ultimately the land owner will be seeking one or more Environmental Protection Lots for providing additional land to buffer the margins of the reserve. In total we are expecting 2.5ha of additional land being added to the Reserve. This additional land will be planted in suitable trees and shrubs.

The Ngaroto Road bridge is being replaced and the new alignment will result in a section of unwanted land. Negotiations are proceeding with Council's Roading Department to acquire this land for an interpretation area which will include a car park, seating and displays.

Waipa District Plan Review Update

Kessells and Associates, EW and Council have agreed on a contract and timelines for identifying natural heritage sites within the Waipa District. This work is being completed in conjunction with EW's SNA programme and resources are being shared. The SNA work will be followed by identifying all sites that are protected by way of a 2.2.1 consent notice or QE II covenants. This will then enable us to isolate all protected sites from the dataset and allow us to focus on unprotected sites.

Phase two of this work will look at mechanisms and incentives that could be used to protect the priority heritage sites. We are hopeful a range of options, from EPLs through to grants, will ultimately be available. priority will be given to site that fall within defined ecological or conservation corridors.

Peat Lake Update

Priority continues to be given to Lake Serpentine. The goal is to secure a wider buffer around the lake reserve and to replant the land purchased in appropriate trees and shrubs. Unfortunately early winter frosts in June 2009 caused significant plant mortality and these will be replaced this planting season.

Work to identify the most appropriate water level management regime for Lake Ngaroto is proceeding. The information collected will be presented in an application to EW for a resource consent to operate the outlet weir in October 2010. Any increase to the existing levels will need considerable evaluation, in terms of effects on adjoining land and infrastructure (tracks, grassed Domain) within the Reserve.

National Wetland Centre Update

The National Wetland Trust continues to promote Lake Serpentine as the site for their National Wetland Centre. They have progressed concept plans for the centre, prepared a Business Plan and are funding works that will improve visitor experiences. The most recent of these works has been to extend the *restiad* plant communities around the eastern shoreline of East Lake. Council's Parks staff assisted in collecting plants from Russell Gammon's peat mining operations at Torohape on the Hauraki Plains and transporting these to Lake Serpentine.

Biodiversity Awards

2010 is the Year of the Biodiversity Awards. This event will be planned for August and more information will follow.

15 KARAPIRO DEVELOPMENT / K2010

File: 60-06-01

Events and Community Centre

The Committee were advised that the Events and Community Centre, and Cultural Room, at the Mighty River Domain, Lake Karapiro will be opened by the Governor-General and the Maori King on 1 June 2010. Proceedings on the day will include the unveiling of the new entrance-way into the Domain. These initiatives acknowledge and celebrate key milestones in the development of the Domain.

A regional working group, facilitated by Council, has come together to explore opportunities to maximise community benefit from the World Rowing Championships. Council has signalled \$50,000 to assist in this regard. The Working Group are focusing on the following:

- Visitor Information
- Dress up the Towns – Cambridge and Te Awamutu
- Community Events/Hospitality Programme

In addition, Council is developing a civic events programme and looking at opportunities to align its normal service delivery programme to ensure the District is presented at its best.

RESOLVED

7/10/19

That the information contained in items 8 to 15 be received.

W Clarke/K Hodge

16 CLOSING KARAKIA

Committee Member W Clarke provided the closing karakia

**IWI CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES 2 JUNE 2010**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.17pm

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD

CHAIRPERSON: _____

DATE: _____