
1 ATTENDANCE

His Worship the Mayor AD Livingston

Members

Councillors – GH Jull, PL Lee, DL Sharpe;
R Brown (Pirongia), R Tuineau (Maungatautari), W Karaka (Ngati Haua), C
Maikuku (Kaumatua), H Maniapoto (Puniu), G Roberts (Parawera), G Searancke
(Ngati Ngawaero), L Thompson (Kaniwhaniwha), D Walters (Kakepuku)
Chief Executive (JC Inglis)

2 KARAKIA

3 APOLOGIES

4 LATE ITEMS

5 CONFIRMATION OF ORDER OF MEETING

File: 01-89-08

Recommendation

That the order of the meeting be confirmed.

6 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

File: 01-89-08

**Minutes of meeting held on 3 September 2008 are included in
the agenda.**

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Recommendation

*That the minutes of the meeting of the Iwi Consultative Committee held on 3
September 2008, having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a
correct record.*

7 QUARTERLY REPORT FROM TE TAKAWAENGA

File: 01-84-34

Report of Te Takawaenga dated 24 November 2008 is included in the agenda.

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Recommendation

That the report of Te Takawaenga dated 24 November 2008 be received.

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.

Recommendation

That the information be received.

9 DISTRICT PLAN REVIEW PROJECT – UPDATE: WAIPA 2050

File: 65-06-36

Ngā Karu Atua o te Waka Tāngata Whenua Perspectives paper is included in the agenda.

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Project Overview

The project is known as Waipa 2050 and includes a number of key components.

These are:

- district growth strategy,
- town concept plans,
- an environmental strategy potentially combined with an iwi management strategy, and
- the review of the District Plan.

The current focus of the project is on the District Growth Strategy.

Progress with tangata whenua consultation

At the last meeting possible models for tangata whenua engagement in the project were discussed. The resolution from the meeting was to investigate the potential for appointing a facilitator to assist tangata whenua and the Council. Following the last Iwi Consultative Committee further meetings have been held with Nga Iwi Toopu o Waipa. As a result a facilitator has been appointed and that person is Steven Wilson.

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With Steven's assistance a hui was held on 3rd November and a further hui was planned for the 20th November. This hui was not able to proceed and planning is underway for a new date with 16th December being the most likely option.

The purpose of 3rd November hui was to discuss how best to involve tangata whenua in the project. The following groups were invited to attend:

- Maniapoto Maori Trust Board
- Nga Iwi Toopu o Waipa
- Nga Mana Toopu o Kirikiriroa
- Ngati Koroki Kahukura Trust
- Nga Uri o Mahanga
- Raukawa Maori Trust Board
- Te Whakaminenga o Haua
- Waikato Raupatu Lands Trust

Representatives from Te Whakaminenga o Haua, Nga Iwi Toopu o Waipa, and Ngati Koroki Kahukura Trust attended. Apologies were received from the following organisations: Nga Mana Toopu o Kirikiriroa and Nga Uri o Mahanga. At the hui a presentation was given on the Waipa 2050 project and the growth scenarios in particular.

The main outcome of the hui in terms of process is for separate hui to be called on Waipa 2050 matters prior to the Nga Iwi Toopu o Waipa hui. A hui is planned for 16th December.

The purpose of 16th December hui is:

- to gather feedback on the growth scenarios; and
- consider the application of Nga Karu Atua o Te Waka perspectives from Future Proof.

To assist in gathering feedback Council staff have prepared some questions which have been pre-circulated. The outcome of this hui will help to inform the development of the Draft District Growth Strategy and will reported to the Strategic Planning and Development Committee at its February meeting.

Nga Karu Atua o Te Waka Tangata Whenua perspectives

The Iwi reference group as part of the Future Proof project has developed a tangata whenua perspective on growth management. This paper is included in the agenda.

The paper includes key matters for consideration relating to the content of the strategy as well as key strategic directions. The strategic directions relate to economic and social development aspirations, the restoration and protection of wahi tapu and wahi whakahirahira, papakainga, community development, and transport infrastructure.

Growth Scenarios

Since the last meeting draft growth scenarios have been developed.

The purpose of the scenarios is to describe possible futures and to get people thinking about the future. The scenarios are aligned with those that have been developed for Future Proof. They have also been developed using research undertaken for Future Proof and Waipa 2050 including demographic data. The scenarios have been built around common assumptions and have the same elements to enable comparison. A brief description of each of the scenarios follows:

The scenarios are:

Scenario 1: Business as Usual (27,000 more people by 2050)

This scenario imagines what the future may look like if we continue to do things much as we do today. A brief overview of some of the elements follows:

- Low density housing in Cambridge and Te Awamutu and limited intensification in existing urban areas,
- Extensions to urban areas occurred by plan change,
- Papakainga development around marae has occurred,
- Additional rural residential areas identified by plan change, primarily in areas adjacent to existing rural residential areas,
- Much employment stemming from outside the District,
- High car dependence,
- Protection of prime agricultural land is given importance; however some fragmentation occurs,
- The peat lakes between Te Awamutu and Hamilton are subject to degradation.

Scenario 2 – Managed Growth to Urban Areas (27,000 additional people by 2050 – 90% to urban areas)

This is a future based on the best ideas that have developed through recent research and planning. This scenario takes a long term view and tries to anticipate what future needs may be.

A brief overview of some of the elements follows:

- Higher residential density in appropriate locations such as close to CBD's with mixed use development also occurring in these areas,
- Greater redevelopment of existing urban areas,
- Urban zone boundaries have followed a staged approach in accordance with Waipa 2050,
- New development in accordance with good urban design principles,

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- Nodal rural lifestyle development within defined locations,
- Reduced reliance on Hamilton city for employment – growth in service, business services, retail trade, manufacturing and construction sectors,
- Reduced car dependence,
- Establishment of biodiversity corridors,
- Buffers established around peat lakes. Rural residential development provided in some locations to enable a transition from surrounding agricultural uses.

Scenario 3 – Consolidated Waipa (20,250 additional population to Waipa focused on either Cambridge (3A) or Te Awamutu (3B))

Consistent with Future Proof this scenario imagines greater consolidation within Hamilton City and less people in Waipa. It also raises the possibility of the majority of growth either being in Cambridge or Te Awamutu.

A brief overview of some of the elements follows:

- Urban areas with distinct boundaries with development being contained in tightly defined urban limits with an emphasis on higher density development,
- New development has occurred in accordance with urban design principles consistent with the urban design protocol,
- Pirongia is retained as a rural village,
- Value added industries establishing and clustering encouraged around transport routes,
- Reduced car dependence and possibilities of passenger rail in either Cambridge or Te Awamutu,
- Protection of prime agricultural land and natural resources in accordance with an inventory of approved land uses,
- Peat lakes protected through requiring buffer areas.

Feedback on the growth scenarios

Feedback has now been received on the growth scenarios at Open Days and through the lodgement of feedback forms,

39 feedback forms were received. Submissions were received from individuals, development interests as well as organisations such as the New Zealand Transport Agency, Environment Waikato, Fonterra, and the Perry Group.

160 people attended the Open Days at Te Awamutu, Cambridge and Pirongia. At the Open Days people had the opportunity to write what they loved about the Waipa District. The intention of asking this question was to gather information about what people currently value about the District.

The following comments were received from the Open Days at Te Awamutu and Cambridge:

Cambridge	Te Awamutu
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very friendly shop owners/staff • Green spaces/trees/gardens • Nice neighbours • Safe neighbourhood • Space / Spacious • Foliage • Everything • The lakes, rivers and mountains • Community spirit • Champions • Trees • Tight-knit community • The beautiful horses • Beautiful mature trees (hardwood) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beautiful mountains and farmland • Maungatautari Restoration Project • It's people • Flat for cycling • Friendly town people smile at you in the street • Fab indoor pool • Great for scooters and wheelchairs • Small enough to build great community. Big enough and central enough to access resources and activities • Kakepuku / Pirongia / Maungatautari / Maungakawa Reserve areas to develop into better picnic areas and tui breeding sites. Conservation and community groups – passion to give voluntarily to better the environment. The natural environment, the peat lakes, landscape, mountains, waterways, iconic landscapes, small friendly town, close to Hamilton if you need services • Te Awamutu is a beautiful and friendly town, mountains, historical pa sites, rivers and many more aspects which enhances the environment of which we live • Beautiful mountains and beautiful farmland. Great communities that are friendly and not too big – but should not be allowing so much good farmland to be subdivided in to smaller blocks and I see too much farmland being ploughed up too often which damages the soil structure • The culture – the rose gardens, the theatres, the library and museum, the cinema

Evaluation Workshop

An Evaluation Workshop was held on 17th November. The purpose of the workshop was to gather wider stakeholder opinion. People representing different stakeholders participated in the workshop including community groups, development interests, New Zealand Transport Agency, Environment Waikato, Hamilton City Council, Community Boards, New Zealand Historic Places Trust, Chambers of Commerce, Vision Groups, Waikato District Health Board, Ministry of Education, Hamilton Airport, Biodiversity and Heritage Councils and the Senior Council. 41 people attended the workshop. Workshop attendees represented a wide range of community interests. As noted earlier a separate hui for tangata whenua is being planned.

Attendees were divided into groups and were asked as a group to indicate how preferable each scenario was in meeting each of the criteria. The groups then reported back to the workshop. The results of this discussion indicated the following:

Criteria	Scenario Scoring
Urban	Most groups favoured a variant of Scenario 2. With higher density development being provided in appropriate locations close to CBD's. There was less common ground over the level of infill development envisaged in Scenario 2. Some groups clearly preferred the Scenario 1 outcome of limited intensification within the existing urban area while others preferred Scenario 2. Clear direction was given that infill development was not favoured in Pirongia.
Rural	Clear preference for nodal rural residential development and for rural residential to be identified and planned for. Papakainga development around marae was also identified.
Working	Preference was indicated for both Scenario 2 and 3A. People commented that local opportunities for employment should be actively sought and provided for in the planning context.
Travelling	Scenario 2 and Scenario 3A were favoured with reduced car dependence and a focus on better bus transport in particular. Development of key arterial routes was also favoured. Scenario 3A identified the potential for a third river crossing in Cambridge. Scenario 3A also identified the potential for active transport modes such as cycling and walking.
Hard Infrastructure	Scenario 2 and 3A were favoured. Focus on provision of service to current reticulated networks, improved water quality to meet drinking standards and water conservation measures being encouraged. Sub regional provision of wastewater treatment was also identified as a favoured option.
Soft Infrastructure provision	Scenario 2 was clearly favoured. Continued reliance on Hamilton as major healthcare provider but with secondary services in Cambridge and Te Awamutu, provision of community halls, ecological corridors forming part of reserve network, pools and

Criteria	Scenario Scoring
	active areas increased
Biodiversity and soil protection	Scenario 2, 3A and 3B were favoured with more interest shown in Scenario 3A and 3B. Scenario 3A and 3B placed higher emphasis on sustainability outcomes. The higher level of scoring on Scenario 3 reflects the weighting score that the workshop placed on this element. The scenario suggests that rural activities occur in accordance with an approved inventory of land uses. Biodiversity corridors are identified and linkages between ecological areas are promoted. It also suggests that buffers are required around Peat lake areas.

Next steps

The following are the key milestones for the project over the next few months:

- March 2009 approval of Growth Strategy for Public Consultation
- May 2009 hearings on Growth Strategy

Consultation with tangata whenua will occur as part of the development of the Draft Growth Strategy.

Recommendation

That the information be received.

10 FUTUREPROOF (SUB-REGIONAL GROWTH STRATEGY) - UPDATE

File: 01-69-23

Submission process

Submissions on the FutureProof growth scenarios closed on Monday 10 November. A total of 54 submissions were received by that time, although some late submissions are expected. A selection of submitters will be invited to speak to their submissions at a hearing of the Joint Committee on 17 and 18 December.

The Joint Committee will then make recommendations on the scenarios which will be reflected in the draft strategy.

Ngā Karu Atua o te Waka Perceptions Paper

A perceptions paper from Ngā Karu Atua o te Waka was presented to the Joint Committee's November meeting.

A range of matters are noted in the report including:

- A revised vision,
- Inclusion of mihi/kōrero from King Tūheitia,
- Relationship with Te Tiriti o Waitangi,

- Strategy alignment with iwi and hapu documents,
- Provision for papakainga,
- Community development.

There is also a request that implementation structures be considered, with co-management as a benchmark. The report will be considered in development of the draft strategy.

Growth Management Tools

Growth management tools were briefly discussed at the last Strategic Planning and Development Committee Meeting. The two tools under consideration are the setting of urban limits and growth management areas. Work is progressing on the development of these tools for incorporation into the draft strategy document.

Growth management areas are likely to be defined by census mesh blocks. There are currently four growth management areas suggested for Waipa District including Cambridge, Te Awamutu, Airport and Rural.

An update on progress on development of these tools will be provided to the meeting.

Recommendation

That the information be received.

11 WAIPA DISTRICT CYCLING & WALKING STRATEGY

File: 01-89-08

Amalgamation of the Draft Cycling Strategy 2008 and the Walkway Strategy 2004.

At the Iwi Consultative Committee Meeting of 3 September 2008, Group Manager – Policy & Strategy, R McNeil provided an update of the progress in finalising the draft Cycling strategy, which draws together a number of cycling initiatives for the Waipa District.

In addition, the draft strategy went out for public consultation in September 2008 and submissions were heard at the Policy Committee Meeting of 14 October 2008.

Recommendations from that meeting included that :

- The proposed targets be updated to include targets applicable to Walking and Cycling, and to ensure alignment with the Government Policy Statement on transport, and
- Reference be included to possible funding sources for each project including reference to Council's Reserve Development Programme and grants as additional sources of funding, and
- The strategy scope be broadened to include statements indicating support for groups advancing off-road cycling facilities within the District, and
- Construction costs be updated to reflect current estimates.

It was also recommended that the draft Cycling Strategy 2008 and the District Walkway Strategy 2004 be amalgamated into a single document and that this document acknowledge that Waipa District Council has become a signatory to the International Charter for Walking.

The completion of initiatives signaled in the Cycling and Walkway strategies is subject to periodic review and confirmation as part of the 10-year Plan (LTCCP) process.

The combined document will be presented to Council for consideration and adoption at the meeting scheduled for 16 December 2008.

Recommendation

That the information be received.

12 NATURAL HERITAGE & RESERVES PLANNING - UPDATE

12.1 Maungatautari

Plan Change 56 – Maungatautari Ecological Island – was initiated by Council to recognize the contribution land owners with land within and adjoining the Maungatautari Ecological Island have made to the restoration project. It will enable the creation of Maungatautari Ecological Island Lots that can be transferred through the Transferable Development Right process to approved locations within the District.

Public submissions on the proposed Plan Change closed on 22 October 2008. Consultants for Council have prepared a summary of submissions and planning is underway to process and formally hear the submissions received.

Five submissions were received within the formal public notification period, four of which were in support and one unspecified. This is pleasing and suggests the level of engagement and consultation pre-notification, was both adequate and well received by landowners. A formal hearing will be convened to enable parties indicating that they wish to be heard, to present their case. This is unlikely to take place before February 2009.

12.2 Kihikihi Domain Management and Strategic Plan

Environmental Management Services Ltd have been consulting key stakeholders and the wider community about Council's intended review of the Reserve Management Plan and preparation of a Strategic Plan that will guide the future development and use of the Kihikihi Domain.

Key themes that have emerged from the consultation to date are:

- Appreciation for the Domain as a special facility, well-used by the community;
- Strong support for continued diversity of activities that use the Domain;
- Acknowledgement that equestrian activities predominate;

- Concern and confusion about conflicts between use by dog owners and by key stakeholders; and,
- Mix of views with respect to the continued operation / consolidation of the speedway.

A draft management plan and strategic plan is now being prepared and this will go before the Policy Committee for approval in the New Year. Once approved the draft plan will be available for public submissions.

12.3 Mangauika Stream Restoration

An application for a resource consent to undertake works on the Mangauika Stream bed has been lodged with Environment Waikato.

This consent will enable the vehicle ford across the stream that services Council's forestry block, to be modified to improve passage for native fish. Species likely to benefit include short jawed kokopu, a nationally threatened species, long finned eel and torrent fish, the young of which migrate upstream from the sea to reach their adult habitat. The improvements to the existing structure have been specifically designed to prevent access of introduced trout. Trout are aggressive predators that prey on native fish and compete for food and habitat. This work will commence early in the New Year.

12.4 Lake Serpentine Reserve

Council administers the Recreation and Esplanade Reserves that adjoin the southern and eastern boundaries of Lake Serpentine (Rotopiko), which is a Government Purpose Reserve (Wildlife Management) administered by the Department of Conservation.

For many years Council has recognised the potential to utilise the Reserve to promote the many environmental and community benefits wetlands provide. Council has made a considerable investment in extending and securing buffer margins around the lake to reduce or eliminate adverse affects resulting from agricultural land use, restorative planting and providing for public access.

Council's vision for the site remains and it is committed to investing in the restoration of the indigenous plant and animal communities, as well as the provision of infrastructure to help promote recreational use and enjoyment of the Reserve.

Recently Council has become aware that the National Wetland Trust has, as one of its primary goals, the development of a National Wetland Centre to help expose New Zealanders to the diverse range of wetlands in NZ and the many services they provide. Lake Serpentine (Rotopiko) could well provide an ideal location for such a Centre and a letter has been sent to the National Trust inviting them to consider this option.

Lake Serpentine (Rotopiko) is a regionally and arguably nationally significant wetland. It is representative of the Waipa and Waikato peat lakes, has a variety of physical and biological features, and an archaeological site (swamp Pa), all of which would provide a unique and rewarding experience to visitors. Being close to SH 3, one of the region's busiest transport corridors, the site is very accessible to visitors and tourists.

Recommendation

That the information be received.

13 HEART OF TE AWAMUTU – UPDATE

File: 01-23-01/01

The following information is being considered by the Strategic Planning & Development Committee on 2 December 2008 and is provided for your information.

Following the recent Heart of Te Awamutu (HOTA) public consultation process, Council's Strategic Planning and Development Committee subsequently reduced the scope of an upgrade to Alexandra Street. In doing so, the Committee did not specify a revised scope but referred to an enhancement of the main street in line with the budget of \$380,000 (available in 2008/09).

In order that a project to enhance Alexandra Street can proceed this year, the scope of that project needs to be confirmed. With this in mind, the Steering Group met to consider possible project components, with a view to progressing towards an agreed scope that met budget constraints. From that meeting a proposed scope has been prepared and is set out below:

Activity	Element(s) / Description	Cost (\$)	Comment
Maintenance	Fix broken kerbs and areas of poor paving	\$30,000	Needs to be completed (this work was included in the original project signalled in the 2006 10-year Plan (LTCCP))
Drainage	Install catch-pits and remove grating	\$50,000	Not completing will significantly reduce the quality of the finish
Paving	Churchill Street to the end of the Courier Building – matching paving	\$50,000	Changes to business operations in this area are likely to see enhanced retail activities
Paving	Feature areas – likely to be focused around seating and pedestrian crossing areas	\$25,000	Removal/replacement of seating will necessitate restoration of paving
Lighting*	Median – triple globes	\$70,000	*Investigate renewing road side lighting – not provided for in proposed scope due to budget constraints

Street furniture	Litter Bins	\$22,000	
	Seats	\$45,000	
	Fencing (feature/seating areas)	\$45,000	Separate pedestrian space from road
Estimated construction cost (including contingency)		\$345,000	
Estimated design and project management costs		\$30,000	
Consultation / communication		\$5,000	
Estimated total cost		\$380,000	

With the limited budget available, the Steering Group have focused on those enhancement elements that will generate a significant improvement to the amenity of the main street. It may be possible to achieve further enhancements through such areas as replanting and footpath/street cleansing programmes, and these initiatives would need to be funded from other approved budgets. In addition, some enhancement elements, such as the installation of feature art, could attract external funding and be advanced accordingly.

It is important that all aspects of the enhancement are coordinated around an agreed design theme and completed to a high standard.

Assessments of underground services (water, sewer and stormwater) are currently being completed. Any near term upgrades of these services need to be coordinated with the proposed enhancement project so that rework is avoided. The timing of any drainage and paving-related enhancement works are likely to be most affected.

The scope of works for the Alexandra Street enhancement will need to be confirmed by the Strategic Planning and Development Committee, which is in line with their involvement in confirming the overall scope of the HOTA initiative.

Subject to scope confirmation, and the timing of any underground services upgrades, enhancement works could commence in March/April 2009. The budgets for 2009/10 are currently being prepared, and further funding for this and other HOTA projects may be confirmed as part of the 2009 10-year Plan (LTCCP).

Recommendation

That the information be received.

14 MEETING SCHEDULE 2009

File: 01-89-08

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 meeting dates for the Iwi Consultative Committee for 2009. The Committee's practice is to meet at 10.00am on the first Wednesday of every third month, except for January.

Recommendation

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 2009 (generally being the first Wednesday of every third month except for January) –

- 1 April - (marae)
- 3 June
- 2 September - (marae)
- 2 December