



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MAORI COMMITTEE

Unconfirmed

Date: Tuesday, 23 June 2009

Time: 10.15am

Venue: Council Chamber
Hawke's Bay Regional Council
159 Dalton Street
NAPIER

Present: M Mohi – Chairman
F Wilson – HBRC Councillor
L Remmerswaal – HBRC Councillor
T Gilbertson – HBRC Councillor
N Taylor
M Apatu
P Paku
T Tareha
C Lambert
H Hiha

In Attendance: A Newman – Chief Executive
A Dick – HBRC Chairman
M Adye – Group Manager – Asset Management
V Moule - Kaitohutohu
M Drury- Minute Secretary

1. KARAKIA – HEITA HIHA

2. WELCOME/APOLOGIES/NOTICE

Chairman Mohi welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were received from Councillor E McGregor, Messrs A Tipene, M Black, F McRoberts, V Wairau and H Hilton

**Mohi/Apatu
CARRIED**

8. CE UPDATE – CURRENT ISSUES

Water Harvesting Update

Mr Newman updated the Committee on progress with the proposed water harvesting project. He reiterated that there was real merit in this whole proposition but at this time there was no guarantee that it would go ahead. Each step that was taken by Council needed to be considered to determine whether the project was to progress further.

Mr Newman stressed that it was extremely important that iwi were aware of the project and all cultural issues surrounding the water harvesting project were considered. Council representatives had already attended two hui with the Tamatea Taiwhenua and that he was to go to meet with Tamatea Taiwhenua that night...

Mr Newman also noted that Fish and Game NZ and DoC had stated in their submission to Council's LTCCP they were in support of the project as long as their ecological concerns could be mitigated.

Mr Apatu requested that Te Hauke and Omahu people be advised and included in any discussions relating to the proposed water storage dam in the Gwavas area.

The Committee discussed the cultural aspects of the proposed project and the merits of compensation versus participation. It was agreed that there should be an awareness around a whole range of sustainable issues within the project, not just the cultural aspects. The Committee also discussed the need to identify the possible location of any wahi tapu sites within the area.

Central Hawke's Bay District Council's Oxidation Ponds

Mr Newman advised that Council had entered into an unconditional sale and purchase agreement for land to create a forest investment to assist CHBDC in their plans to reduce phosphorous loadings into the Tukituki River.

Mr Newman noted that CHBDC would prepare a resource consent application and it was anticipated that a joint hearing chaired by an independent commissioner to consider the application would be required as a result of Council's involvement. It was hoped that the application would be heard in late July which would allow time for trees to be planted as early as this season.

Mr Newman also advised that Council's LTCCP would be ratified at Council's meeting on 30 June. Included in the LTCCP was an investment in wetlands with a priority wetland being established this year.

Chairman Mohi advised that archaeological sites had been located in the proposed Waipawa oxidation/forestry project area along a ridge line. Following an investigation by Mr Pat Parsons and a representative from the Historic Places Trust, these sites had been confirmed as food storage pits. A possible solution was to plant Maori rongoa plantings around the sites which would form a 25m border.

Tutira Land Purchase

Mr Newman reported that Council had been successful in its bid for the purchase of land known as Mantel Harding property which was 300ha of hill land adjacent SH2 just below the Devil's Elbow.

Because of the severe erosion on the land it was unsuitable for farming, however, Council would look at several options for sustainable land use. These would include a forestry option and recreational opportunities. Mr Newman noted that Council desired a financial gain from this purchase and an Afforestation Plan would be completed following discussions with local hapu.

Ngati Pahauwera Negotiations Update

Mr Adye updated the Committee on progress with the Ngati Pahauwera negotiations and the recent bus trip the purpose of which was to ensure that there was an in-depth understanding by Ngati Pahauwera of Council's responsibilities and Council's understanding of Ngati Pahauwera issues.

Agreement had been reached that interventions had to be identified in order to progress towards a holistic view of what was required. A further meeting would take place on 10 July.

Concern was expressed that to date there had been insufficient guidance from the Crown and ongoing discussions between Council and Ngati Pahauwera were therefore important to reach an acceptable solution to all parties.

The Committee noted that water quality in the 3 major rivers was an issue and it was important to understand that events which occurred in the upper catchment had an impact at the lower end of the catchment. It was hoped that a co-management agreement could be worked on with all landowners in the catchment and Ngati Pahauwera so that all issues were understood.

Mr Lambert advised that Ngati Pahauwera had employed consultants to assist them to reach a sustainable practical solution.

Chairman Mohi noted that through this process, good guidelines were being set which would assist Council in future Treaty negotiations. Mr Newman stressed the need for positive interaction between Council and iwi and Council resources to assist in this process were currently being investigated.

Mr Tareha joined the meeting at 10.55am

LTCCP Update

Chairman Dick updated the Committee on the hearing of 98 submissions on the 10 Year Plan. He identified several issues which were of concern to submitters in particular the implications for the public in regard to the Healthy Homes funding

proposal and Central Government's Insulation and Clean Heat Programme and the erosion issues at Haumoana/Te Awanga. The erosion issue would be addressed by a joint committee of HDC and HBRC staff who will hear submissions prior to a final decision being made.

Mr Apatu stressed the importance of a good relationship being maintained by iwi and Council in order to avoid conflict. Issues that require a resource consent should be dealt with prior to the consent process – this would alleviate further difficulties during the process. Chairman Mohi noted that Mike Adye had been instrumental in building good relationships with the Heretaunga Taiwhenua.

Resolution:

1. That the Committee receives the Chief Executive's verbal report on the above matters.

**Apatu/Taylor
CARRIED**

3. SHORT TERM REPLACEMENT(S) ON COMMITTEE

Council has made allowance in the terms of reference of the Committee for short term replacements to be appointed to the Committee where the usual member/s cannot attend.

This item is to formalise the need for any such appointment(s) at this meeting

Resolution:

That Councillor Fenton Wilson be appointed as a member of the Māori Committee of the Hawke's Bay Regional Council for the meeting on Tuesday 23 June 2009 as a short term replacement on the Committee for Councillor Ewan McGregor.

**Paku/Hiha
CARRIED**

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 26 MAY 2009

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 26 May 2009, a copy having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read and confirmed.

**Remmerswaal/Lambert
CARRIED**

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON TUESDAY, 27 MAY 2009

8. Potential Land use Change

Following comment from Mr Apatu in regard to the proposed land use change and the affect on water quality, the Committee sought clarification that the points outlined in the Minutes of Tuesday, 27 May 2009 would be noted in the preparation of an interim plan change to existing plan provisions in the Regional Resource Management Plan and the Proposed Regional Coastal Environment Plan. Mr Moule will have further discussions with staff and report back to 18 August Committee meeting.

Councillor Gilbertson also suggested that one solution to improve the water quality in affected rivers would be for riparian margins to be permanently fenced off by 1 or 2

wire electric fencing. Assistance for farmers could be achieved through a grant from Council's Regional Landcare Scheme.

12. CE Update – Bridge Pa

Mr Moule advised that in a conversation with Lester White he was informed that the residents of Bridge Pa had requested further technical information and were awaiting this. It was hoped that there would be a temporary extension of the current water supply. It is evident that the Bridge Pa community is not unified in terms of a commitment to a lasting solution. It was stated that this Council is willing to participate in further discussions to resolve the issue.

6. CONSIDERATION OF GENERAL BUSINESS

- (a) Rotary Pathways
- (b) Ngaruroro River Cleanup
- (c) Hapu Management Plan
- (d) Congratulations to Heita and Margaret Hiha

7. ACTION ITEMS FROM COUNCIL MEETINGS

On the list **attached** as **Appendix 1** are items raised at Maori Committee meetings that require actions or follow-ups. All action items indicate who is responsible for each action, when it is expected to be completed and a brief status comment for each action. Once the items have been completed and reported to the Committee they will be removed from the list.

Resolution:

That the Committee receives the report "Action Items from Maori Committee Meetings".

**Mohi/Tareha
CARRIED**

9. MANA AHURIRI

Mr Hiha advised that an Environmental Committee had been set up and had met with Council. A scientific survey on the Ahuriri Estuary had been undertaken and the report had been released. A second study by Lincoln University was now underway to identify sources of pollution within the estuary.

Resolution:

That the Committee receive the verbal update given by Mr Hiha.

**Taylor/Apatu
CARRIED**

10. REPRESENTATION DISCUSSION

Mr Moule gave the Committee advance notice of the need to review representation issues. He indicated that this involved two aspects; firstly, possible direct Maori representation on Council via a Maori constituency, and secondly the way in which the Maori Committee is nominated.

The Committee agreed that the makeup of the present Committee served the purpose of consultation with Council and was an effective method. However, in terms of regional council representation, it was important that mana whenua issues

were addressed and this had been one of the main concerns in the earlier Maori Committee decision not to support the introduction of a Maori constituency.

Mr Lambert noted that following the settlement of Treaty claims, this could have an impact on the membership of the current Committee but the purpose of the Committee was to get **take** on the environment in front of Council and facilitate all to work together on that issue.

The Committee acknowledged the need to review the Committee membership at some time before the next elections.

Resolution:

That the Committee receive the verbal report by Mr Moule on Maori representation.

**Lambert/Taylor
CARRIED**

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

Rotary Pathways

Councillor Remmerswaal advised that a suggestion had been made at a recent Rotary Pathways meeting with Ngati Poporo that as the region had a tremendous amount of rich history, a historical and cultural approach be added to the Rotary pathway network in the region in the form of signs and notice boards at the appropriate area.

Ngaruroro River Clean Up

Mrs Taylor said she was aware of trees being felled on the riverbank near Kohupatiki in readiness for the planting of native seedlings and sought clarification that the Works Group were aware of this project.

Hapu Management Plan

Mr Moule updated the Committee on a recent meeting with HDC and representatives from Ngati Poporo who had agreed to embark on a Hapu Management Plan.

The Committee reiterated that a management plan prepared by a hapu would be their own plan and therefore give them the ability to amend the Plan themselves.

Heita and Margaret Hiha

Chairman Mohi asked the Committee to convey via Heitia Hiha their congratulations to his wife, Margaret Hiha on the receipt of her Queen's birthday award (NZ Order of Merit - Member) for services to sport.

Closure:

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 12.15pm.

Signed as a true and correct record.

DATE:

CHAIRMAN: