



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE HAWKE'S BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL
MĀORI COMMITTEE**

Unconfirmed

Date: Tuesday, 23 February 2010

Time: 10.15am

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

Present: M Mohi - Chairman
T Gilbertson
E McGregor
L Remmerswaal
C Scott
F Wilson
N Taylor
M Apatu
P Paku
M Black
A Tipene
F McRoberts
H Hiha –(until 10.50am)

In Attendance: A Newman – Chief Executive
V Moule - Kaitohutohu
G Clode – Manager Engineering
C Perley – Manager Land Management
G Ide – Team Leader Policy
E Amy Bate - Planner
M Drury – Minute Secretary

1. KARAKIA –HEITIA HIHA

2. WELCOME/POWHIRI

Chairman Mohi welcomed everyone to the meeting, with a particular welcome to Hiro Hamilton and other members of the Ngati Peehi Hapu who would present a Management Plan.

A powhiri was held to welcome new senior Maori staff members to Council Joseph Stafford in the Policy Section and Morehu Te Tomo in Corporate Services.

Mr Mohi advised that due to time restraints and the Hapu Management Plan presenters from Wairoa some agenda items would be heard out of order.

3. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Chairman Dick, Mrs L Lambert, and Committee members Messrs C Lambert, H Hilton and T Tareha and Mrs V Wairau.

**Mohi/Black
CARRIED**

4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

9. NGATI PEEHI – HAPU MANAGEMENT PLAN – PRESENTATION BY HIRO HAMILTON

Mr Hamilton advised the Ngati Peehi Hapu had created a management plan for the sustainability of the physical resources from a Maori perspective and wished to be part of any decision making processes in relation to their resources in particular the Wairoa River. The Management Plan would be available for open discussion and feedback for 6 months and Mr Hamilton was happy to offer any clarification required during that time.

Mr Hamilton noted that Ngati Peehi Hapu had also filed a claim with the Waitangi Tribunal.

In response to a question, Mr Hamilton confirmed that the Maori Liaison Officer for Wairoa District Council was having discussions with other hapu in the area to encourage them to also undertake a Management Plan and/or work towards a combined approach to issues of importance to them.

Chairman Mohi advised the manuhiri that the Maori Committee was an advisory committee and outlined the process Council staff would undertake regarding Ngati Peehi's Management Plan.

Resolution:

That the Committee:

- 1.1 Receive the presentation from Ngati Peehi Hapu on their Hapu Management Plan
- 1.2 Instruct staff to prepare a report outlining their recommendations on how Council would accept and respond to hapu management plans as they are received.

**Paku/Tipene
CARRIED**

8. UPDATE REPORT ON CURRENT ISSUES BY CEO (VERBAL)

Port of Napier Ltd Share Purchase

Mr Newman advised that Council had now purchased Horizons Regional Council shares which gave Council complete ownership of PONL. Mr Newman said the decision was a sound financial investment and strategic decision.

Water Storage

Mr Newman updated the Committee about ongoing discussions about Council's water storage proposals and noted that a feasibility study was now underway to determine whether the proposed project was feasible – would it work for the community and was the project going to be a sound financial investment. This study could take up to 2 years to complete.

A Governance Group had also been established which will give Council and members of the community an opportunity for dialogue. Mr Newman stressed the importance of iwi's contribution to this group. Discussions had already been held with Tamatea taiwhenua. A key stakeholders Group had also been established.

Treaty Settlements

Mr Newman updated the Committee on Central Government's progress to settle cultural and environmental claims. It was hoped that the Crown would make a final decision on the way claims were to be settled in the near future and hoped that the final direction taken would mean that the Crown worked with Council and iwi in the region.

Wastewater Systems in CHB and Mahia

Mr Newman advised that Council was assisting CHB to alleviate sewerage/wastewater problems in the area and to date Council had purchased land where effluent would be distributed over and were actively assisting CHB to obtain Resource consents for the project. It was hoped an application for consents would be completed by April 2010.

Wairoa District Council were currently preparing an application to obtain resource consent for a wastewater land transfer system at Mahia Beach.

It was noted by the Committee that several smaller communities in the region were querying the state of the oxidation ponds in their areas.

Heretaunga Plains Strategy

Mr Newman also updated the Committee on progress with the joint Heretaunga Plains Strategy which proposes that the future urban development with the Heretaunga Plains would give a restrained urban footprint. Council had also been looking at infrastructure planning but it was not a statutory process at this time.

Replying to a question from the Committee, Mr Newman said there was a need for acknowledgement of partnerships with iwi in order for them to work effectively, however if there were 60 hapu plans prepared, there may be difficulties managing a large number of plans.

Resolution:

That the Committee receive the CEO's verbal report.

**Mohi/Black
CARRIED**

10. INCORPORATING MAORI VALUES PRESENTATION BY G CLODE (VERBAL)

Mr Clode gave a presentation which set out his personal views as a Council Manager regarding understanding Maori values for water and linking them with Council values. The presentation also highlighted Mr Clode's concerns that historical information was not always accurate, there was a frustration with the way in which water quality was scientifically tested which may not determine the true reasons for degradation. He also explained the value of the Cultural Health Index and how it would be used in Council monitoring processes

The Committee congratulated Mr Clode on his presentation and commented that although a lot of the values set out in the presentation were already contained in Council planning documents, these were not the correct places for these values – they should be transferred into the rules associated with planning documents.

The Committee discussed Mr Clode's presentation, agreed that everyone wanted to have healthy water and that although the Cultural Health Index tool kit was already present, Council should have confidence in Maori understanding and knowledge to use it.

Mr Clode also reminded the Committee that Council were currently undertaking a gravel review and a hui would be held at the Omahu Marae on Saturday 6 March at 10.00am so this subject could be discussed.

Resolution:

That the Committee receive Mr Clode's presentation "Incorporating Maori Values"

**Mohi/Black
CARRIED**

Mr Newman left the meeting at 12.25pm

11. LAND MANAGEMENT OUTCOMES & IMPLEMENTATION

Mr Perley gave a Power point presentation which illustrated outcomes that align with the goals set by the Land Management team. The main goal was resilience which relates to preparedness for future uncertainty and change of circumstances – droughts or floods.

Resolution:

That the Committee receive the presentation Land Management Outcomes and Implementations.

**Taylor/Gilbertson
CARRIED**

Mr Newman returned to the meeting at 1.05pm

12. STATUTORY ADVOCACY

Mr Ide and Ms Bate presented this agenda item and responded to questions from the Committee.

Following discussion on Recommendation 2 of the Agenda item, the Committee agreed that this Agenda item remain a regular item on the Maori Agenda and could also be emailed to Committee members. Councillor Scott advised this agenda item was useful as it also listed the Statutory Advocacy of other Councils' plans.

Resolution:

1. That the Committee:

1.1 Receive the updated report "Statutory Advocacy Matters

**Mohi/Apatu
CARRIED**

1.2 Agree that the Statutory Matters paper remain as a regular agenda item and also a copy be emailed to Committee members.

**Paku/Black
CARRIED**

Councillor Gilbertson left the meeting at 1.15pm

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 2 DECEMBER 2009

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 2 December 2009, a copy having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read and confirmed.

**Mohi/Apatu
CARRIED**

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 2 DECEMBER 2009

9. Update Report of Current Issues by CEO

Following a question from Mr Apatu concerning the Strategic Policy Advisory position, Mr Moule confirmed that Mr Joe Stafford had filled that role.

6. CONSIDERATION OF GENERAL BUSINESS

(a) Rating of Maori Land Best Practice

Mr Moule reminded the Committee that a paper on Council's rate remission policy had been presented at the December meeting of the Committee and a discussion document Rating of Maori Land Best Practice had been attached to the Agenda items for the Committee's information.

Mr Moule advised that Rates consultation meetings had taken place during February but unfortunately he had not received the information prior to the commencement of the meeting in Gisborne on 17 February.

(b) Membership of Maori Advisory Committee

Chairman Mohi indicated that he thought it would be appropriate for representation on the next Maori Committee (ie after the Local Government elections in October this year) to be finalised before October to ensure a new Maori Committee was in place when the new Council approved the Committee structure soon after their election. He also indicated the need for some discussion over the makeup of the Committee as the present representation model may need reviewing.

7. ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items.

Closure:

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 1.25pm

Signed as a true and correct record.

DATE:

CHAIRMAN: