



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL
MĀORI COMMITTEE**

Unconfirmed

Date: Tuesday, 27 April 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
H Hilton
N Taylor
M Apatu
P Paku
M Black
A Tipene
C Lambert
H Hiha

In Attendance: A Dick – Chairman HBRC
C Scott – HBRC Councillor
M Adye – Group Manager – Asset Management
V Moule - Kaitohutohu
G Ide – Team Leader Policy
M Drury – Minute Secretary

- 1. KARAKIA – HEITIA HIHA**
- 2. WELCOME/APOLOGIES/NOTICES**

Chairman Mohi welcomed all to the meeting and welcomed Dale Moffitt who has been seconded to the Heretaunga Taiwhenua's new community development unit.

Chairman Mohi extended the Committee's sympathy to Anthony Tipene whose brother Bevan died in tragic circumstances recently. Chairman Mohi also acknowledged Chairman Dick for expressing Council's sympathy to the Tipene family.

Chairman Mohi congratulated Haami Hilton and his wife for their recent community award.

Apologies were received from Mrs V Wairau, Messrs F Mc Roberts and A Newman.

**Lambert/Hiha
CARRIED**

Chairman's Update Treaty Negotiations

Chairman Dick updated the Committee about progress with Treaty Negotiations with another meeting planned for next month.

Annual Plan Meetings

Annual Plan public meetings had been held over recent weeks. Councillor Gilbertson had chaired 3 meetings – Maraekakaho, Onga Onga and Waipawa – where considerable interest was taken by irrigators as a result of Council's proposal to apply Section 36 Charges proportional to irrigators and water users. This would result in water management and water allocation being more effective and allocated in a fairer way and would hopefully solve the issues frequently dealt with by litigation. Meetings in Hastings and Napier had also been successful.

Water Storage

The Ruataniwha water storage project is now into a full feasibility stage as a comprehensive effort is undertaken to see if water can be utilised through storage. Wide consultation with iwi will be undertaken throughout the process with respect to both cultural and other tangata whenua issues.

- 3. SHORT TERM REPLACEMENT(S) ON COMMITTEE**
There were no short term replacements on Committee.
- 4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2010**

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 23 February 2010, a copy having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read and confirmed.

**Paku/Tipene
CARRIED**

- 5. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON TUESDAY, 23 FEBRUARY 2010**

8. Heretaunga Plains Strategy

Mr Black advised that the Strategy was now open for public submission and urged Maori to have a look at the Strategy and contribute to the process. Discussion was required at the marae level to see what impact it would have on tangata whenua.

10. Incorporating Maori Values Presentation by G Clode

Following a request from Mr Hiha, Mr Adye undertook to confirm whether a written report by Mr Clode on this item would be produced and circulated to all Maori Committee members.

6. CONSIDERATION OF GENERAL BUSINESS

- (a) ECan Update
- (b) RMA Phase 2 Workshop
- (c) Waimarama Council Visit

11. STATUTORY ADVOCACY UPDATE

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

The following points were noted:

HDC – Plan Change 51 – Heritage Items and Trees

This proposal is separate from HDC's wahi tapu project which is currently underway.

There would only be a slight possibility that heritage trees would be of notable value in HBRC's consideration of consent applications, however it would most likely be considered in a District Council decision.

HDC – Plan Change 50 –Irongate Industrial Zone and associated Notice of Requirement

Mr Black advised the Committee that this topic had been raised at the recent HDC joint Maori Committee in terms of storm water disposal.

Resolution:

That the Committee receives the report "Statutory Advocacy Matters between 1 February 2010 and 15 April 2010.

**Hiha/Tipene
CARRIED**

8. UPDATE ON CURRENT ISSUES (VERBAL)

CHB Wastewater Treatment Project

In Mr Newman's absence, Mr Adye updated the Committee on progress with the Consent application required for the CHB Wastewater treatment project. It was hoped to meet the conditions that have been established by the 2014 consent or better them so that those conditions did not require re-negotiation.

Mr Adye advised that Council was happy to talk to tangata whenua at any time and it was hoped that in 2-3 weeks Council would have further information available about the proposed system.

Responding to a question, Mr Adye described the original wastewater system and its operation and noted that the proposed wastewater process needs to take into account all water sources.

Mr Black advised that during the hearing process he had suggested a kaitiaki liaison group be set up in CHB to discuss issues surrounding this project however to date this had not occurred. Mr Black advised that he would be working with CHB over the next 2 months in an advisory role.

Mahia Beach

Mr Adye advised that Wairoa District Council had submitted for consent application for this project and HBRC had agreed that the application go directly to the Environment Court for a decision.

Resolution:

That the Committee receive Mr Adye's verbal update on current issues.

**Black/Apatu
CARRIED**

9. NGARURORO PREFEASIBILITY UPDATE

In the absence of Mr Corbett and Ms Dunlop, Mr Apatu updated the Committee on a recent meeting with Mr Corbett and Ms Dunlop. Mr Apatu stressed that consultation with tangata whenua was paramount and this needed to occur on more than one occasion in order for an informed response to be given.

The Committee agreed that in terms of a strategic relationship agreement, Taiwhenua would be happy to participate and facilitate these meetings, Hapu would like to debate the issue and develop healthy ways to have these discussions. It was noted that the requirement to make submissions may disappear and it was preferable to be a proponent to the process to provide input instead of an opponent.

Mr Adye explained the stages involved in the prefeasibility study of the Ngaruroro and if accepted this project will also develop over a number of years. Mr Adye reiterated the importance of consultation early on in order for accurate decisions to be determined and confirmed it was too early to identify any sites on the Ngaruroro where water harvesting in the catchment could be feasible.

Resolution:

That the Committee receives the report title "Ngaruroro Water Storage Prefeasibility Study".

**McGregor/Paku
CARRIED**

10. UPDATE ON HEAT SMART PROGRAMME

Ms Rose gave a verbal update on the Heat Smart programme and confirmed that to date there had been approx 200 loan applications at a value of \$384,000 with \$267,000 committed and \$81,000 costs paid out to date.

Ms Rose also outlined the aim of the Heat Smart programme which is to achieve the air quality targets as set out under Government legislation. The air quality will be monitored on a daily basis with health also being monitored via admissions to hospital with respiratory illnesses.

Ms Rose commented that Hastings was No 10 on the list for poor air quality and homeowners in the Hastings air shed who have a community services card could be fully funded as long as the house was fully insulated through the MfE funded Clean Heat Hastings programme.

In response to questions from the Committee, Ms Rose then outlined the process involved in assessing heating requirements.

Resolution:

That the Committee receive Ms Rose's verbal report on the Heat Smart Programme.

**Hiha/Mohi
CARRIED**

12. GENERAL BUSINESS

ECan Update

Councillor Remmerswaal advised the Committee she would put forward a Notice of Motion at the Council meeting on Wednesday, 28 April 2010 in regard to the recent sacking of ECan councillors without due process, thus taking away a fundamental democratic right from the people of Canterbury to elect their representatives and sought support from the Committee. The Committee supported it in principle.

RMA Phase 2 Workshop

Mr Black gave the Committee an update on the RMA Phase 2 workshop which he had attended recently and advised another workshop would take place in 2 weeks. Unfortunately, he would be unable to attend the workshop and offered Committee members the opportunity to take his place. Mr Anthony Tipene expressed interest and will attend the workshop on 4 May.

Waimarama Council Visit

Councillor Remmerswaal sought the Committee's thoughts on a visit to Wairamama by Councillors, Maori Committee members, staff and also VHB staff members. Chairman Mohi advised a 40ha farm block had been converted into a nursery and a tourism venture had been set up which was proving to be very successful.

Chairman Mohi and Mr Moule will investigate and report back to the next Committee meeting.

Closure:

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 12.10pm.

Signed as a true and correct record.

DATE:

CHAIRMAN: