



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL MĀORI COMMITTEE

Unconfirmed minutes

Date: Tuesday, 29 June 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
M Apatu
P Paku
M Black
T Tareha

In Attendance: A Newman - CEO
C Scott – HBRC Councillor
F Wilson
D Lew – Group Manager – Resource Management
V Moule – Kaitohutohu
G Sevicke Jones – Manager Environmental Science
A Uytendaal – Team Leader/Principal Scientist Water Quality and Ecology
B Stansfield – Freshwater Scientist
A Madarasz-Smith – Senior Scientist – Coast Water Quality and Ecology
E Amy Bate - Planner
M Drury – Minute Secretary

1. KARAKIA – HAAMI HILTON

2. WELCOME/APOLOGIES/NOTICES

3. Chairman Mohi welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that some committee members would leave the meeting early to attend the funeral service of John Mauger

Chairman Mohi also advised that due to time restraints for several Committee members, some agenda items would be heard out of order.

Apologies were received from Mrs N Taylor, V Wairau, Messrs H Hiha, A Tipene, C Lambert, F McRoberts

**Black/Apatu
CARRIED**

4. SHORT TERM REPLACEMENT(S) ON COMMITTEE

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, 29 June 2010 as a short term replacement on the Committee for Mr Fred McRoberts.

**Mohi/Apatu
CARRIED**

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 27 APRIL 2010

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 27 April 2010, a copy having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read and confirmed.

**Hilton/McGregor
CARRIED**

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON TUESDAY, 27 APRIL 2010

12. General Business

Waimarama Council Visit

Chairman Mohi advised that a Council visit to Waimarama would be arranged after the October Local Body elections. This would give any newly elected councillors the opportunity to join the visit.

RMA Phase 2 Workshop

Mr Black updated the Committee on progress to date in regard to the RMA Phase 2 workshop process.

7. CONSIDERATION OF GENERAL BUSINESS

- (a) Fencing of Dams/Tree Planting Ceremonies
- (b) Environment Awards - HBRC
- (c) CHB Maori Advisory Committee
- (d) Parimahu Beach

8. ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items.

9. STREAM ECOLOGICAL VALUATIONS FOR THE KARAMU STREAM CATCHMENT

Mr Sevicke Jones introduced Mr Adam Uytendaal, the new Team Leader/Principal Scientist Water Quality and Ecology to the Committee. Mr Uytendaal gave the Committee a brief outline of his work experience in Australia and said he was extremely happy to have the opportunity of now living in New Zealand.

Mr Stansfield gave a Powerpoint presentation which updated the Committee on stream ecological valuations that had been occurring within the Karamu Stream Catchment and also outlined the potential uses of the SEV method which examines the integrity of stream ecological functions at a given site and provides a framework for the application of numerical values to describe the level of impairment of ecological functions operating at a study reach. Mr Stansfield noted that as there were not any reference streams in Hawke's Bay, and that a reference stream in Papakura, Auckland had been used to compare each test and generate the SEV scores,

Mr Stansfield advised that all the information gained from SEV scores would be useful to Council to assist in future strategic approaches for ecological enhancement.

Responding to a question, Mr Stansfield said the length and width of the riparian margins would depend on what was hoped to be achieved when enhancement projects of streams were undertaken and also the topography of the stream area.

Mr Black noted that Maori are more concerned about what is happening in their own little area and if there were problems they would expect remediation to take place in that area rather than fix the problem out of their area.

The Committee discussed the SEV method and agreed that it was a useful tool for policy development, however, expressed concern that it may be too technical for whanau and hoped there would still be opportunities for whanau to participate in future cultural policy assessments.

The Committee also discussed hard engineering solutions which had been introduced by Hastings District Council and the possible effects these may have on stream ecology.

Resolution:

That the Committee receives the report titled "*Stream Ecological Valuations for Karamu Stream Catchment*".

**Black/McGregor
CARRIED**

Councillor Remmerswaal and Messrs P Paku and M Apatu left the meeting at 10.40am to attend the funeral.

10. RECREATIONAL WATER QUALITY MONITORING REPORT

Ms Madarasz-Smith gave a Powerpoint presentation and updated the Committee on recreational water quality at key recreation sites in Hawke's Bay which included the results for the 2009/2010 season. These results indicated a 95-100% compliance with national guidelines at marine sites with exceedances related to 1 February 2010 flood event. Freshwater sites achieved 90-95% compliance with exceedances also

related to heavy rainfall. Lagoon sites achieved between 85-95% compliance with the majority of exceedances a result of heavy rainfall.

It was also noted by the Committee that statistical analysis of the last ten years of data indicated that water quality at most areas had improved over this period however water quality at Porangahau Estuary had declined. Three of the five shellfish gathering sites also exceeded guideline values.

The Committee expressed concern that on occasions there was a lack of signs erected in areas which were currently unsafe for the community to use and requested an explanation of the communication process involved at these times.

Ms Madarasz-Smith advised that bacterial numbers had increased at Porangahau Estuary and staff were currently undertaking investigations to find the cause for the increase. It had been suggested that wastewater discharges and land management practices in the area could be the causes. The test results to date had not shown any metal residue from the landfill present.

Resolution:

That the Committee receives the report titled "*Recreational Water Quality in Hawke's Bay: Review of the 2009-2010 Recreational Water Quality Monitoring Programme*".

**Mohi/Black
CARRIED**

9. UPDATE ON CURRENT ISSUES BY CEO

Land and Water Forum

Mr Newman advised that the Land and Water Forum which included iwi members was currently preparing a report on fresh water management issues. This report was due for release at the end of August and no doubt will have an impact for Council.

Section 36 Charges

Mr Newman updated the Committee on Section 36 charges and outlined the process why charges would be levied across consent holders. The current results are based on defined zones within the region.

Holding Company Structure

Mr Newman updated the Committee on the proposed Holding Company structure to be established by Council and outlined the purposes for the proposed company.

Treaty of Waitangi Settlements

Mr Newman reported that there was ongoing debate with Central Government around the Ngati Pahauwera Deed of Settlement which could have implications for other Hawke's Bay treaty claims.

Feasibility Study – Ruataniwha Basin

Mr Newman reported that the geological phase of the feasibility study had been undertaken on the Ruataniwha Basin and only 2 out of the 6 proposed sites were suitable. Sites included within the first 14 selected were currently being re-evaluated.

CHB Wastewater Project

Mr Newman advised that Council had investigated additional land where possible irrigation could take place and that the revised consent would include an investigation of an integrated wastewater system to land mainly forestry and pasture. There was potential for Council to move some water out of the river onto land particularly in the summer time.

QSM – Haami Hilton

Mr Newman on behalf of Council congratulated Mr Hilton on his receiving a QSM awards in the recent Queen's Honour's List for his services to the Community.

Resolution:

That the Committee receives Mr Newman's verbal update on current issues.

**Hilton/Black
CARRIED**

11. SOE REPORT 2009 INTERACTIVE PRESENTATION

Mr Sevicke Jones introduced the agenda item, outlined the updated layout of the report and the communication strategy around the public being able to access the report and described the information contained in the report which underpins the resource management services of Council.

Responding to a question Mr Sevicke Jones said there was no time limit for this report to remain on Council's website.

Mr Lew also outlined the trends which appear to be developing around intense rainfall and noted there has been a substantial shift from what was a 5 year event to a 2 year event with increased high intensity frequent rainfalls on the East Coast. Mr Sevicke Jones advised that data recording of rainfall had changed over the last 20 years however, Council now had rainfall results for Napier which went back 100 years.

Resolution:

That the Committee receives the verbal report "SoE Report 2009 Interactive Presentation

**Mohi/McGregor
CARRIED**

12. STATUTORY ADVOCACY UPDATE

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

In response to a question from the Committee, Mr Lew updated the major renewal process of HDC stormwater discharges in the area which Council had recently undertaken.

Mr Lew also advised that letters had been sent to consent holders in CHB, Wairoa and in some areas of Napier advising them their consent conditions document required updating.

Resolution:

That the Committee receives the report "Statutory Advocacy Matters between 15 April and 18 June 2010.

**Mohi/Gilbertson
CARRIED**

13. GENERAL BUSINESS

Fencing of Dams

Councillor McGregor commented that during a recent flight over the region he had observed many unfenced dams which could be used as water storage areas once they had been fenced. He also commented that Council may expand its thinking on

the storage opportunities available in the region and spread investigations region wide.

Environment Awards/Tree Plant Ceremonies

Chairman Mohi advised that entries were now open for the Environment Awards, noted it would be good to see some Maori entries and that entry forms were available from Council offices.

Chairman Mohi also advised that he attended a tree planting ceremony with kingtanga members and Sir Tumu te Heuheu at Turangawaewae marae to celebrate the official start of the clean up of the Waikato River.

Mr Hilton advised that he had recently attended a tree planting day at Peka Peka where about 1700 native trees were planted and congratulated Council on an excellent project.

Councillor McGregor advised that he had also recently attended a native planting ceremony just south of Peka Peka in memory of the late Mr John Lane.

CHB Maori Advisory Committee

Mr Black advised that as the Maori Advisory Committee at CHB was not meeting at the moment, he was assisting CHB District Council with any issues until the elections in October.

Parimahu

Chairman Mohi advised that a landowner whose land was used for public access to the beach near Blackhead had denied any further access through his land because of damage occurring on the land. Following discussions, TLAs had agreed to contribute towards the cost of fencing. Ngati Kere to supply the labour content for the project as their contribution.

Closure:

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 12.00 noon.

Signed as a true and correct record.

DATE:

CHAIRMAN: