



## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MAORI COMMITTEE

- Date:** Tuesday 18 August 2009
- 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  
N Taylor  
M Apatu  
P Paku  
C Lambert  
H Hiha  
F McRoberts  
V Wairau  
H Hilton  
T. Tareha (from 11.40 am)
- In Attendance:** A Newman – Chief Executive  
A Dick – HBRC Chairman  
M Adye – Group Manager Asset Management  
N Simpson – Group Co-ordinator – HB CDEM Group  
D Broadley – Marketing Communications Manager  
V Moule - Kaitohutohu  
M Drury – Minute Secretary

**1. KARAKIA – HEITIA HIHA**

**2. WELCOME/APOLOGIES**

Chairman Mohi welcomed everyone to the meeting and sought the Committee's approval that some agenda items would be discussed out of order.

There were no apologies.

**3. SHORT TERM REPLACEMENT(S) ON COMMITTEE**

There were no short-term replacements on the Committee.

**8. UPDATE REPORT ON CURRENT ISSUES BY CEO**

**Environment Protection Agencies**

Mr Newman updated the Committee on progress with Government's plans for the establishment of Environmental Protection Agencies (EPAs) in the regions. As a result of interest from various lobby groups, the subject of a central regulatory body keeps emerging, however to date the initiative for EPAs has not progressed.

**Land and Water Forum**

Mr Newman advised that a Land and Water Forum had been established by Government with a view to coming up with a process of water management throughout New Zealand.

**Waikato/Tainui Treaty Settlement**

In regards to the Waikato/Tainui Treaty Settlement, delays have occurred following the realisation that if a number of statutory authorities were created there could be some complicated issues in the management of the river system arising.

**Ngati Pahauwera Negotiations**

Mr Newman advised that in regard to the Ngati Pahauwera negotiations, the Crown has appointed Fran Wilde to be their representative for these negotiations. He noted it was important that there was an urgent need for positive interaction between Ngati Pahauwera and Council in order for this claim to be processed to a satisfactory conclusion of all parties involved.

Following discussion by the Committee in regard to the sale of water, Mr Hiha expressed concern that there appeared to be differences between the Crown expectations and what was stated in the Resource Management Act (RMA) in regards to ownership and management of water and it was important that this was clarified otherwise a precedent could be set.

The Committee also discussed the current consent process and noted that presently a leaseholder of the land could be granted a consent and was able to take that consent with them when they were no longer leasing the land – the consent did not stay with the landowner and it did not come back to Council. This is a major concern to Maori as is the prospect of 'selling' water consents.

The Committee requested that Mr Lew attend the next Maori Committee meeting on 27 October to clarify points raised in regard to the sale of water and the current water consent process.

Mr Newman reiterated his concerns that as the Treaty settlements are worked through in the region, it was essential that interested parties and Council work as partners in order to bring a successful and workable settlement.

### **Ahuriri Treaty Settlement**

Mr Adye advised that he had recently met with Nigel Hadfield and Barry Wilson of Mana Ahuriri which is mandated by the 7 Ahuriri hapu in regards to the Ahuriri Treaty settlement. A further meeting would take place in the near future to discuss Council's drainage infrastructure and the stop-bank infrastructure of the Ahuriri Lagoon area.

### **Irrigation NZ Meeting**

Mr Newman advised that a successful forum organised by Irrigation NZ and chaired by Mr Chris Laidlaw took place recently at Havelock North. One of the concerns expressed at the meeting related to the Taharua catchment in the headwaters of the Mohaka where 3 large dairy farms are located and the impact those farms were having on the water quality in the Mohaka.

The Committee discussed the problems associated with intensive dairy farming in the Taharua region and felt there was an urgent need to remedy the land use issues.

### **Local Government Restructure Paper**

Chairman Dick updated the Committee on the proposals set out by Mayor Yule in regards to possible reforms and amalgamation of all Councils in the region.

Chairman Dick noted that there were several significant issues which needed to be worked through with the question of cost savings also to be considered. The issue needed to be debated by the whole regional community before any final reform options were discussed as there were quite a number of possibilities. It was planned that a study commences in 2011 following the next local body elections with wide embracing debate and if options can be reached, a referendum would then be held.

The Committee noted that ongoing Treaty settlements would need to be considered in any debate and hoped that Maori would be fully involved in the proposed study and ongoing discussions.

### **Resolution**

That the Maori Committee:

- 1.1 Receives the Chief Executive's report on the above matters.
- 1.2 Receives the Chairman's Report on the Local Government Restructure paper

**Mohi/Apatu  
CARRIED**

#### **4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 23 JUNE 2009**

Minutes of the meeting held on 23 June 2009, a copy having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read and confirmed following amendment.

**Remmerswaal/Apatu  
CARRIED**

#### **5. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON TUESDAY 23 JUNE 2009**

##### **11. General Business**

##### **Ngaruroro River Clean Up**

Chairman Mohi advised that he had met with the Works Group and tangata whenua. It was agreed that a joint venture be set up to carry out a restoration project on the riverbank near Kohupatiki as tangata whenua were very keen to look after the river in their rohe.

## 6. CONSIDERATION OF GENERAL BUSINESS

- (a) Maori Language Week
- (b) Speaker Series
- (c) Taharua Catchment

## 7. PRESENTATION BY THE KAIRAKAU LANDS TRUST

Chairman Mohi welcomed Stella August and Andrew Taylor to the meeting and explained to the Committee that they were representing the Kairakau Lands Trust. Chairman Mohi advised that following an application from the Kairakau Development Society to replace their current consent to discharge domestic treated wastewater effluent to land for a further 6 years, the Kairakau Lands Trust had requested a meeting with the Maori Committee to discuss their concerns and the lack of consultation by Council with the Trust.

Mrs August and Mr Taylor outlined their concerns in relation to the proposed application, the process involved to date, and asked as to the reasons why the application had not been notified with reference to Part 2 of the RMA and the potential environmental effects the granting of this consent would have on the Kairakau beach community. They also indicated that there were suitable alternative methods of disposal available that would allay tangata whenua concerns, particularly in regard to potential water quality issues of the nearby lagoon and the overall issue of sewage disposal near the sea.

Ms Conland outlined the consultation protocol as set out by Council and clarified the RMA requirements when people could be treated as an affected party.

Mr Hilton left the meeting at 11.35am.

Mr Tareha joined the meeting at 11.40am

Ms Conland also advised that Council monitoring data had not shown evidence of any adverse affects on surface or ground water at Kairakau as a result of the current consent held by Kairakau Development Society and Council had not received any odour complaints.

The Committee discussed the concerns of the Kairakau Lands Trust and requested that a review of the application for resource consent from Kairakau Development Society be undertaken.

### **Resolution:**

That the Maori Committee:

1. Request a review of the consent process in relation to an application by Kairakau Development Society.
2. The concerns expressed by the Kairakau Lands Trust be taken into account as part of the review.

**Mohi/Taylor  
CARRIED**

## 9. UPDATE REPORT ON TREATY SETTLEMENT DISCUSSIONS, MAORI STRATEGIC INITIATIVES AND HAPU MANAGEMENT PLAN – NGATI POPORO

Mr Adye updated the meeting on recent discussions with the Heretaunga Taiwhenua on their proposal to form a community development unit.

Mr Adye also advised that Ngati Poporo wished to develop a Hapu Management Plan and a meeting would be held with them, Hastings District Council and Council representatives shortly. Mr Adye noted that part of the discussion would be to set clear milestones which would need to be met as part of the Hapu Management Plan.

It was noted that once a Hapu Management Plan had been approved by the iwi authority, HBRC must have regard to those Plans. The Hapu have complete ownership of the Plan.

**Resolution:**

That the Committee receive the verbal report from Mr Adye on the above topics.

**Taylor/Apatu  
CARRIED**

**10. PROGRESS REPORT ON THE HERETAUNGA PLAINS URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

Chairman Dick presented this agenda item in the absence of Ms Codlin.

Chairman Dick updated the Committee on progress with the Heretaunga Plains Urban Development Strategy project and summarised the broad areas that will have a direct influence on the development and evaluation of the proposed growth scenarios for the study period from 2015 to 2045. Chairman Dick also summarised the consultation strategy which has been developed to facilitate robust consultation and ensure effective communication.

**Resolution:**

That the Maori Committee receives the report on the Heretaunga Plains Urban Development Strategy Project.

**Paku/Apatu  
CARRIED**

**11. COMMUNITY RESPONSE PLANS – MARAE PREPAREDNESS**

Mr Simpson reminded the Committee that following the 2004 Manawatu floods Ngati Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated approached Civil Defence Emergency Management to develop a process to ensure Marae wanting assistance would receive help with developing their emergency preparedness. Little progress had been made on this since then with the exception of the Wairoa District where eight marae commenced their emergency planning.

Mr Simpson advised that in order for the multi-agency approach to work it was imperative that emergency procedures be developed and key marae contacts be identified so that the marae can become part of a wide community support network in the case of an emergency.

Mr Simpson requested that Maori be included in the discussions of developing a Group Plan when this is prepared next year.

The Committee discussed the financial implications of a marae assisting communities in an emergency event and sought clarification on the compulsory use of a marae in an emergency. Mr Simpson confirmed that under the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act, there were rules which would allow for the facility to be commandeered but that this would be as a 'last resort'. In the main, in an emergency situation marae would be an option considered to provide support and this would be done in consultation with appropriate marae committee members.

Mr Simpson also requested that Taiwhenua email him contact names for use in an emergency and a meeting would be arranged in the near future with Taiwhenua to discuss the proposed plans.

**Resolution:**

That the Maori Committee:

- 1.1 Receives this report
- 1.2 That the Committee consider the merits of progressing this initiative, and identify methodology for communicating this activity and implementation option.

**Paku/McGregor  
CARRIED**

**12. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Maori Language Week**

Mr Broadley updated the Committee on a very successful Maori language week held at Council recently. Several planned activities were well attended by staff and it is hoped to participate more fully in the event next year.

**Speaker Series**

Chairman Mohi advised that Moana Jackson would be addressing the last meeting in the Speaker Series breakfast session in December.

**Taharua Catchment**

Councillor Remmerswaal advised that a councillor workshop was being held on Wednesday, 8 September to discuss the current situation in the Taharua catchment area and to form a strategy to handle the environmental effects in the area. Councillor Remmerswaal also noted that there was a water conservation order on the upper half of the river.

Councillor McGregor advised that he had visited the area recently and noted that although the riparian margins were fenced off with 2 electric wire, very little riparian planting had taken place however he was aware a Land Management officer was working with landowners in the area.

**Closure:**

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 12.50pm.

Signed as a true and correct record.

**DATE:** .....

**CHAIRMAN:** .....