

Minutes of the Māori Committee Meeting held at Tanatana Marae, 154 Matahī Valley Road, Waimana on Thursday, 30 June 2011 commencing at 9.30 a.m.

Present:

Chairman: T Eru

Councillors: R Bennett, T Marr, D Owens, L Thurston

In Attendance: K Belshaw (Māori Policy Manager), T Himona, M MacDonald (Māori Policy Advisors), R Rogers (Student), D Pooley (Biosecurity Officer), S Kameta (Committee Secretary), Presenters: C MacGregor (Senior Economic Development Advisor), A Olsen (Bay of Connections Advisory Group), M Boynton (Tuapo Marae), J Harawira (Swap Project Coordinator), D Ruru (Waimana Kaaku Tribal Executive Committee)

Apologies: Chairman J Cronin (ex-Officio), Councillor J Mansell, G Maloney (Acting Strategic Development Group Manager)

1 **Adjournment**

The meeting opened and adjourned at 9.30 a.m. until such time as the pōwhiri had concluded.

Resolved

That the Māori Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Adjourns the Māori Committee meeting.**

**Eru/Marr
CARRIED**

2 **Karakia and Mihi**

The meeting reconvened at 10.45 a.m. with an opening karakia by Tamiana Thrupp.

This was followed by a welcome mihi from Tane Rakuraku, a representative of the Waimana Kaaku Tribal Executive.

3 **Chairman's Announcement**

The Committee Chairperson, Councillor Tai Eru welcomed all those present to the meeting and provided an outline of the meeting structure and item order. This was followed by a round of introductions from Committee members and staff present.

4 Reports

4.1 Engaging with Māori - A Toolkit for staff of the Bay of Plenty Regional Council

Refer Tabled Document No.1.

Kataraina Belshaw (Māori Policy Manager) reported that the Māori Engagement Toolkit had been approved by Council's Executive Leadership Team and that training would be rolled out to staff and introduced and promoted during Māori Language Week.

Concerns were raised by a councillor that Council had no policy or criteria within job descriptions for Māori engagement or Treaty knowledge. Committee members commended staff on the Toolkit. Further to this, they asked for clarification on training budget and training for Councillors.

Resolved

That the Māori Committee under its delegated authority:

- 2 Receives the report, Engaging with Māori - A Toolkit for staff of the Bay of Plenty Regional Council.

Thurston/Marr
CARRIED

4.2 Options to fly the Māori Flag on occasions of significance to Māori in the Bay of Plenty Region

Ms Belshaw presented the report seeking the Committee's consideration on options to fly the national Māori Flag on other occasions significant to Māori. It was noted that Bay of Plenty Regional Council had already approved the flag to be flown on Waitangi Day and that currently it was the only local authority to fly the national Māori Flag. Ms Belshaw advised that the options outlined within the report were based on previous consultation and discussions with Councillors.

The Committee agreed unanimously with the four options recommended. A member of the public provided comment of some marae flying the flag during tangihanga as a symbol of that person's rangatiratanga (status).

Resolved

That the Māori Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Options to fly the Māori Flag on occasions of significance to Māori in the Bay of Plenty Region.
- 2 Confirms that the decision is within the Bay of Plenty Regional Council's strategic planning framework (Council's Ten Year Plan, and planning documents and processes under the Resource Management Act 1991, Biosecurity Act 1993, Land Transport Act 2003, Civil Defence and Emergency Management Act 2002, and Local Government Act 1974 and 2002).
- 3 Approves flying the Māori flag, in addition to Waitangi Day, on/during:
 - A Māori Language week (1 week);

- B The start and/or part/full duration of the Māori new year (Matariki) (up to one month);**
- C When a directive is received to fly the New Zealand flag by the Prime Minister, and/or;**
- D At the discretion of the Māori Committee on significant occasions (such as, for example, Anzac Day or acknowledging visits by the Royal family or of Heads of State to the region) in the Bay of Plenty region**

Owens/Bennett
CARRIED

4.3 **Bay of Connections - The Energy Strategy**

Refer Tabled Document No.2.

Cheryl MacGregor and Anthony Olsen gave a presentation on the Bay of Connections' Energy Strategy highlighting key areas of focus, advisory group structure including māori representation and timeframe for completion of the strategy.

Members of the committee and public asked for clarification on the broader areas of energy and efficient management of resource. Advice of potential benefits to the region included local production of solar energy and bio-diesel and reconfiguration of power for local and national supply.

Resolved

That the Māori Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Bay of Connections - The Energy Strategy.**

Bennett/Thurston
CARRIED

4.4 **Making Good Decisions Iwi Sponsorship Update June 2011**

Ms Belshaw provided an update on the Making Good Decisions sponsorship. Ms Belshaw noted that the purpose of the sponsorship was to build the Māori talent pool of potential hearing commissioners and advised who the successful candidates were for the 2011/12 sponsorship round.

Resolved

That the Māori Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Making Good Decisions Iwi Sponsorship Update June 2011.**

Thurston/Owens
CARRIED

4.5 **Snap Shot of the Māori Economy 2010**

The Māori Policy Manager presented the report summarising the latest BERL report on the Māori Economy. Ms Belshaw noted the percentage of contributions to the national

Gross Domestic Product (GDP), which indicated the significant social and economic gains made by Māori.

Councillors noted that the TPK report was a great tool for knowledge and information. Committee members sought and were provided clarification on the percentage of land owned by Māori. It was noted that data within the report was based on 2006 Census details and excluded privately owned land.

Resolved

That the Māori Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Snap Shot of the Māori Economy 2010.**

**Owens/Marr
CARRIED**

4.6 Matters of Interest

Ms Belshaw provided a brief summary of matters of interest outlined within the report.

Committee members sought and were provided clarification on some of the matters of interest. Ms Belshaw noted to the Committee that report updates could be provided on a regular basis.

Resolved

That the Māori Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Matters of Interest.**

**Bennett/Thurston
CARRIED**

4.7 Post Meeting Action Table from the Māori Committee Meeting held at Te Pakira Marae, Whakarewarewa on 28th April 2011

Ms Belshaw presented the report outlining matters raised by the public at the last Māori Committee meeting at Te Pakira Marae, Whakarewarewa on 28 April 2011.

Committee members sought and were provided with a brief update on the Puarenga Stream issue and asked that staff continue to follow-up with this issue as a matter of priority. Comment was also made regarding the Rangitaiki Forum process.

Resolved

That the Māori Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Post Meeting Action Table from the Māori Committee Meeting held at Te Pakira Marae, Whakarewarewa on 28th April 2011.**

**Owens/Thurston
CARRIED**

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned for a brief interval at 12.15 pm and reconvened at 12.25 pm.

5 Tangata Whenua Presentations

5.1 Mavis Boynton, Tuapo Marae

Mavis Boynton provided a DVD presentation and narrative on a community project that she and other volunteers had undertaken to eradicate privet behind Tuapo Marae under the Environmental Enhancement Fund. In her presentation Ms Boynton spoke about the support that has been provided by Council staff on various aspects of land care and the positive outcomes and achievements of the project group. Des Pooley acknowledged the good working relationship that has emerged from the EEF initiative between staff and tangata whenua.

5.2 Joe Harawira, SWAP Project Coordinator

Refer Tabled Document No.3.

Joe Harawira gave a presentation of his experiences of exposure to chemicals from the sawmill industry and contaminated sites. Mr Harawira spoke about the establishment and various arms of the SWAP project and advisory groups, local contaminated sites and the research and dioxin testing undertaken to diagnose chemical sensitivities of sawmill workers, their families and the surrounding environment.

5.3 Diane Ruru, Waimana Kaaku Tribal Executive

Diane Ruru, Senior Administrator of the Waimana Kaaku Tribal Executive Committee gave a brief overview of the Committee, their interests and activities within their rohe. Ms Ruru spoke about the level of consultation required by representatives to consult with external agencies and the need for agencies to have a consistent approach when consulting with the Committee.

Staff provided feedback on this matter noting that resolution could be worked through and that this would be raised through the Māori Engagement training for staff.

6 Closing karakia

Tamiana Thrupp

The meeting closed at 2.00 p.m.