

Minutes of the Māori Committee Meeting held at Wairoa Marae, State Highway 2, Bethlehem, Tauranga on Thursday, 1 September 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), B Gardner (Tauranga Harbour Programme Coordinator), R Skelton (Land Resources Manager (Western)), T Himona, M MacDonald, J Waldon (Māori Policy Advisors), R Rogers (Māori Policy Student), L Thompson (Communications Advisor), External Presenters: C Battershill (Coastal Science Chair (University of Waikato)), V Main (Eight Associates), P Nicholas, D Poka (Ngai Tauwhao ki Rangiwaea), Councillor M Waaka (Rotorua District Council), S Kameta (Committee Administration Officer)

The external attendances of the following were also recorded:

R Te Keeti, T Roretana, D Heke Kaiawha, N Kuka, N Ranapia, P Ranapia, H Rewa, M Tapsell, G Taikato, E Matehaere, E Evans, W Lee, P Staite, P Akuhata, J Harawira, I Reti, T Bidois, S Ranapia, N Reweti, R Tuanau, P Nuku, M Brown, M Murray

Apologies: Council Chairman John Cronin, M Macleod (Chief Executive)

The external apologies of the following were also recorded: H Naera, J Tahana and G Mohi.

1 **Adjournment**

The meeting was 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**

Te Ruruanga Te Keeti.

3 **Chairman's Announcement**

The Committee Chair opened the meeting at 10.30 a.m. and advised there would be a change to the order of business. Agenda Items 3.5 'Lodgement of Te Awaroa, the Ngati Kahu Hapu Environmental Management Plan 2011' and 3.6 'Lodgement of the Motiti Island Native Resource Management Plan' would be received first.

Further to this, the Chair advised two additional presentations would be received from Chris Battershill (Coastal Science Chair, University of Waikato) and Councillor Maureen Waaka (Rotorua District Council).

Resolved

That the Māori Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 **Accept a change to the order of agenda items.**

**Thurston/Marr
CARRIED**

4 **Reports**

4.1 **Lodgement of Te Awaroa, the Ngati Kahu Hapu Environmental Management Plan 2011**

Pia Bennett on behalf of Te Runanga o Ngati Kahu provided a PowerPoint presentation and overview of their Hapu Environmental Management Plan, their vision and aspirations and the stages of development. Ms Bennett acknowledged the support and assistance that had been provided by Council.

Matemoana McDonald (Māori Policy Advisor) acknowledged Ngati Kahu for developing their plan to the second stage of recording cultural heritage data. Mr Ruruanga Te Keeti (Ngati Kahu) encouraged other Iwi/hapu to work with the Regional Council and provide access to cultural data to inform development and mitigation processes.

Resolved

- 1 **That the Māori Committee under its delegated authority:**
- 2 **Receives the report, Lodgement of Te Awaroa, the Ngati Kahu Hapu Environmental Management Plan 2011.**
- 3 **Officially receives Te Awaroa, the Ngati Kahu Hapu Environmental Management Plan (2011).**
- 4 **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 Act 2002, and Local Government Act 1974 and 2002).**

**Thurston/Owens
CARRIED**

4.2 **Lodgement of the Motiti Island Native Resource Management Plan**

Refer to Tabled Document No.1.

On behalf of Te Patuwai Native Tribal Committee, Mr Nepia Ranapia presented the Māori Committee with the Motiti Island Native Resource Management Plan, officially lodging the Plan with the Regional Council. Mr Ranapia provided a historical account of some of the Island's ancestry and highlighted the importance of protecting cultural heritage and wāhi tapu sites. Mr Ranapia requested that the Plan be kept confidential until further notice due to current Environment Court proceedings. A letter outlining this was presented to the Committee (refer Tabled Document No.1).

Discussion followed regarding the challenges of the understanding required to work with legislative processes and acknowledgements were made to Council staff for their support and assistance.

Councillor Bennett declared an interest as a descendant of Ngai Tauwhao Hapu and advised that she would need to confer with kuia and kaumatua before giving her support for the Plan. Members of Te Patuwai Hapu sought clarification on the issues in question and advised that they were open to consultation with Ngai Tauwhao Hapu. Reon Tuanau, a member of Ngai Tauwhao ki Otawhiwhi Hapu acknowledged Te Patuwai for their efforts and advised that it was their intent to develop a hapu management plan.

Resolved

That the Māori Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Lodgement of the Motiti Island Native Resource Management Plan (2011).**
- 2 Officially receives the Motiti Island Native Resource Management Plan (2011).**
- 3 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 Act 2002, and Local Government Act 1974 and 2002).**

**Thurston/Owens
CARRIED**

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned for a short break at 11.35 a.m. and reconvened at 11.40 a.m.

4.3 **Te Toanga o Te Ra. A regional event to explore and enhance ways to build and foster Māori Capacity in the Bay of Plenty Region**

Kataraina Belshaw, Māori Policy Manager presented the report and provided an overview of the planning and scope of the capacity symposium for Iwi-Māori, which had been brought about at the requests of Maru Tapsell and Councillor Bennett.

Clarification was provided on registration availability and fees and comments regarding conference actions and outcomes were raised.

Resolved

That the Māori Committee under its delegated authority:

- 4 Receives the report, Te Toanga o Te Ra. A regional event to explore and enhance ways to build and foster Māori Capacity in the Bay of Plenty Region.**

**Thurston/Marr
CARRIED**

4.4 Update on council actions within Tauranga Harbour and catchment

Bruce Gardner, the Tauranga Harbour Programme Coordinator presented the report and provided an update of the key actions currently being undertaken within Tauranga Harbour and its catchment.

Feedback was provided from the floor which raised a question on appropriate forums for tangata whenua. In regard to the Tauranga Harbour Recreation Strategy advice was provided that the forums were not suited to tangata whenua participation.

Resolved

That the Māori Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Update on council actions within Tauranga Harbour and catchment.**

**Thurston/Marr
CARRIED**

4.5 Tauranga Harbour Catchment Action Planning and Address to Sediment

Robyn Skelton, Manager Land Resources (Western) provided a PowerPoint presentation and overview of key issues and land management priorities for Tauranga Harbour. Ms Skelton advised that a series of meetings with landowners including tangata whenua were being undertaken to provide assistance and that input and collaboration from Iwi/hapu was sought.

Questions of clarification were provided on sedimentation and policy issues, budget and resourcing needs and engagement with Council.

Resolved

That the Māori Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Tauranga Harbour Catchment Action Planning and Address to Sediment.**

**Bennett/Owens
CARRIED**

5 External Presentation

5.1 Chris Battershill

Dr Chris Battershill (Coastal Science Chair, University of Waikato) gave a brief update on coastal science activities within Tauranga Harbour, which included a whole of harbour survey census to be undertaken in November, availability of 10 summer student scholarship grants and establishment of a marine laboratory at Sulphur Point, which was currently awaiting funding approval. Dr Battershill advised that he was seeking engagement with iwi/hapu to capture and share historical/survey information and to gain the maximum use out of the pending laboratory facility. Dr Battershill answered several questions of clarification relating to the above matters.

6 Reports

6.1 Post Meeting Action Table from the Māori Committee Meeting held at Tanatana Marae, Waimana on 30 June 2011

The report provided a summary of responses to committee reports and matters raised from the floor from the Māori Committee meeting on 30 June 2011.

Resolved

That the Māori Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Post Meeting Action Table from the Māori Committee Meeting held at Tanatana Marae, Waimana on 30 June 2011.

Bennett/Owens
CARRIED

7 External Presentations

7.1 Donna Poka – Matakana Island

Donna Poka of Ngai Tauwhao ki Rangiwaea Hapu provided an account of the difficulties and challenges faced by iwi/hapu dealing with subdivision development on Matakana Island. In particular, Ms Poka spoke about the Blakely Pacific consent hearings and appeals process, issues with the district plan change process and the need for a whole of Island Plan to inform development and appropriate land use around areas of significance. In conclusion Ms Poka asked that consideration be given to the pressures faced by the hapu with respect to proposed developments.

7.2 Victor Main – Iwi Management Plan template development

Victor Main (Eight Associates Cons) provided a brief presentation on the Iwi Management Plan (IMP) template, a system designed to make it easier for Iwi as they engage with Council. Mr Main highlighted the main components and benefits of the template model and advised of its availability to Iwi/hapu wanting to develop Iwi Management Plans.

7.3 **Patrick Nicholas – Geoduck Aquaculture Trials**

Patrick Nicholas provided an overview and video clip example of Geoduck aquaculture farming. Mr Nicholas advised that the Ministry of Fisheries had granted him permits for two small preliminary trial sites (7m²), but noted that consent from the Regional Council still needed to be gained. Mr Nicholas answered questions of clarification including growth/harvest rates and costs, and noted that a survey of the harbour still had to be undertaken to determine appropriate growing areas.

7.4 **Councillor Maureen Waaka – Te Maruata Committee**

Councillor Maureen Waaka (Rotorua District Council) addressed the meeting and advised of her membership to Te Maruata Committee (a sub-committee of the National Council of *Local Government New Zealand*) as the elected representative for the Waiariki constituency.

Councillor Waaka advised that the forum provided an opportunity to take issues of the Māori Committee and tangata whenua to raise at the Central Government level and in future would be attending Regional Council's Māori Committee meetings. Councillor Waaka advised that she will be seeking funding for a national conference for Māori elected representatives' to collaborate on issues. Timeframes and website availability would be available shortly for further information on the structure and forum.

8 **Closing Karakia**

Te Ruruanga Te Keeti.

The meeting closed at 1.50 p.m.