

Minutes of the Maori Committee Meeting held at Whakaue Kaipapa Marae, Maketu Village on Thursday, 24 February 2011 commencing at 9.30 a.m.

Present:

Chairman: T Eru

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

In Attendance: Councillors P Thompson, M Macleod (Group Manager Strategic Development), K Belshaw (Maori Policy Manager), J Waldon, M McDonald, T Himona (Maori Policy Advisors), R Rogers (Student), S Kameta (Committee Administration Officer), L Butt (Governance Team Leader)

Attendance in part – J Barber (Senior Environmental Scientist), N Steed (Senior Planner), P Scholes (Environmental Scientist), K Tarboton (Group Manager Hazards Management)

The external attendance of the following was also recorded:

Chris Battershill (University of Waikato), Kahuariki Hancock, Rikihana Hancock, Gina Mohi (Ngāti Rangiwewehi), Darlene Dinsdale (Nga Mokopuna a Tia me Hei), Reuben Gardiner (Tauranga Moana), Elaine Tapsell, Manu Pene, Graeme Dobson, Rachel Dargaville Brian Goldsbury, Clem Tapsell, Jackie Butcher, Greg Rolleston, Petera Tapsell, Ray Bushell, Huia Tapsell, Te Wano Walters, Maria Horne (Ngāti Whakaue), Geoff Rice, Joseph Hohepa Maxwell (Tapuika), Te Awanui Black (Ngāti Pukenga), Tracey Ngatoko, Paula Werohia, Julie Sparham, Jedda Cooper (Ngāti Ranginui), Walton Lee (Tuhourangi Tribal Authority), Glenn Ayo, Kathy Webb, Mokohiti Brown (WBOPDC), Tawhiri Morehu (Te Puni Kokiri) (31 members of the public were present)

Apologies: P Sherry (Deputy Chairman), Chairman J Cronin (Ex-Officio)

Absent: Councillor J Mansell

The external apologies of S Potaka, M Bennett, P Bennett (for lateness), G Karu, C Bidos, M Tapsell, B Hughes, P Nikora, B Carson, N Alexander, J Harawira, R Mihinui, G Skudder, D Flavell, T Bidois, H Naera, K Bidois, R de Paul, H Ngatai and J Carlson were also recorded.

1 Adjournment

The meeting opened and adjourned at 9.30am until such time as the pōwhiri had finished.

Resolved

That the Maori Committee:

- 1 **Adjourns the Maori Committee meeting.**

**Eru/Marr
CARRIED**

- 2 **Karakia**

The meeting reconvened at 10.45 am, and opened with a karakia by Huia Tapsell.

- 3 **Committee Chairman's Announcement**

The Committee Chairperson Councillor Tai Eru welcomed everyone to the first Maori Committee meeting of the triennium. Chairperson Eru introduced members of the Committee including new Maori Committee members Councillors Douglas Owens, and Lyall Thurston. He also welcomed new Councillor, Paula Thompson who whilst not a member of the committee, had chosen to attend this meeting. Chairperson Eru also introduced Chris Battershill (Chair Coastal Science, Waikato University), who responded with a brief introduction and explanation about his role.

Councillor Eru called for any general business and tabled items.

- 4 **General Business and Tabled Items**

Resolved

That pursuant to section 46A of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 the following items be considered at this meeting.

- 4.1 **Wastewater scheme affordability**
- 4.2 **Additional item – Pia Bennett, Cameron Quarry Extension Otamarakau, the Ngati Makino experience**
- 4.3 **Replacement person to give Maru Tapsell's tangata whenua presentation on his behalf**
- 4.4 **Additional item – Ken Tarboton, Kaituna Maketu Strategy Update**

Reason

The matters have just come to hand and should not be delayed until the next Maori Committee meeting scheduled in April 2011.

**Eru/Marr
CARRIED**

5 Reports

5.1 Bay of Regional Council Tangata Whenua Representative for the SmartGrowth Implementation Committee

The Maori Committee endorsed Councillor Raewyn Bennett's appointment as the Bay of Plenty Regional Council Tangata Whenua representative for the SmartGrowth Implementation committee.

Resolved

That the Maori Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, SmartGrowth Implementation Committee – Bay of Plenty Regional Council Tangata Whenua representative.
- 2 Confirms that the significance of the decision has been assessed as LOW, and under Section 79 of the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA) confirms that in light of the level of significance of the decision it does not require: (a) Further identification and assessment of different options under section 77 LGA; (b) Further investigation or consideration of community views under section 78 LGA; (c) Any further written record of the manner in which section 77 and section 78 matters have been addressed.

That the Maori Committee recommend that the Regional Council:

- 1 Receives the report, SmartGrowth Implementation Committee – Bay of Plenty Regional Council Tangata Whenua Representative.
- 2 Confirms the appointment of Councillor Raewyn Bennett as the Bay of Plenty Regional Council Tangata Whenua representative for the SmartGrowth Implementation committee.

Thurston/Marr
CARRIED

5.2 Update on the Proposed Regional Policy Statement (RPS)

Nassah Steed (Senior Planner) presented the report that updated the Committee on the process for the Proposed Bay of Plenty Regional Policy Statement. He noted a correction to the report that a total of 183 submissions had been received (more than the 164 reported). He also discussed the number of iwi and hapu submissions received, and explained the purpose of '*Nga Whakaaetanga-a-Ture ki Te Taiao a Toi*' - '*Statutory Acknowledgements in the Bay of Plenty*' addendum to the Operative Bay of Plenty Regional Policy Statement, and operative regional plans.

Mr Steed noted there was support from Iwi for the Iwi provisions in the RPS.

Resolved

That the Maori Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Update on the Proposed Regional Policy Statement.

Bennett/Thurston
CARRIED

5.3 **Treaty Settlements Update Report 2011**

Matemoana McDonald (Maori Policy Advisor) presented the report that updated the Committee on the progress of settlement negotiations in the Bay of Plenty region.

Members commented that all local authorities needed to grasp the significance and impact of settlement agreements being confirmed noting also that this was an exciting threshold for Maori.

Resolved

That the Maori Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 **Receives the report, Treaty Settlements Update Report 2011.**

**Marr/Owens
CARRIED**

5.4 **Groundwater resources of the Western Bay of Plenty - an overview**

Janine Barber (Senior Environmental Scientist) presented the report that explained the framework for the development of targeted science investigation programs and policy for the sustainable management of the groundwater science.

Members of the committee and public asked questions of clarification. It was noted Iwi want to be a part of any research taking place in their rohe. Questions were asked about the quality and quantum of groundwater, and subsequently concerns about allocation and land use practices. Staff advised the questions and concerns that had been expressed were part of the research currently being undertaken in the development of Council's groundwater programmes.

Resolved

That the Maori Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 **Receives the report, Groundwater resources of the Western Bay of Plenty - an overview.**

**Bennett/Owens
CARRIED**

5.5 **Update on water quality of the Kaituna River and Maketu Estuary**

Paul Scholes (Environmental Scientist) presented the report that updated the committee about the current water quality status of the Kaituna River and Maketu Estuary. The committee and members of the public asked questions of clarification noting the improved water quality results post 2003 were a consequence of improvements made to the Affco meat works discharges. It was also clarified that the majority of nutrient input into the river was not from the lakes, but was likely from other sources such as local land-use and nitrogen from groundwater catchments.

Resolved

That the Maori Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Update on water quality of the Kaituna River and Maketu Estuary.**

**Thurston/Bennett
CARRIED**

5.6 Additional item – Kaituna Maketu Strategy Update

Ken Tarboton (Group Manager Environmental Hazards) gave a verbal presentation that updated the meeting about the three key strategic actions from the strategy:

- Diversion of the Kaituna back into the Maketu Estuary
- 100 ha wetlands
- Regional park.

The Committee and members of the public asked questions of clarification. Concerns were expressed about water quality and where monitoring was occurring. A comment was made that there needs to be better engagement to update the community about the strategy actions. The question of compensation for impacts as a result of the Te Tumu cut was also raised.

Resolved

That the Maori Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the verbal report.**

**Owens/Bennett
CARRIED**

5.7 Status Report - Hapu/Iwi Resource Management Plans

Jane Waldon (Maori Policy Advisor) presented a status report on Council's hapu/iwi resource management plan fund. Ms Waldon advised that the budget of \$50,000 was adequate to meet the current needs of the regional Maori community.

Resolved

That the Maori Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Status Report - Hapu/Iwi Resource Management Plan Fund 2011.**

**Thurston/Owens
CARRIED**

5.8 Post Meeting Action Table from the Maori Committee Meeting held at Papakainga Marae, Ruatoki on 8 September 2010

Kataraina Belshaw (Maori Policy Manager) presented the report that outlined matters raised and actioned from the previous meeting.

Resolved

That the Maori Committee under its delegated authority:

- 1 Receives the report, Post Meeting Action Table from the Maori Committee Meeting held at Papakainga Marae, Ruatoki on 8 September 2010.**

**Bennett/Thurston
CARRIED**

6 Tangata whenua presentations

6.1 Maketu Project Team

Petera Tapsell presented an overview of the 6 projects the Maketu Project Team had undertaken.

6.2 Ongarahu Environment Care

Glenn Ayo (WBOPDC) introduced the project which is aimed at upskilling and providing opportunities for rangatahi.

Julie Sparham and three students addressed the committee noting what the project is teaching rangatahi such as the historical significance of whenua, maori protocol, tikanga and environmental care. Ms Sparham noted that the project was a good example of how to support and work in closer together with the potential to influence other age groups in environmental projects.

6.3 Maru Tapsell (represented by Councillor Raewyn Bennett)

Councillor Raewyn Bennett provided a verbal report on behalf of Maru Tapsell about holding a one-day conference on developing Iwi capabilities. The theme of the conference is to support and collaborate with those parties likely to be involved in the post treaty settlements, focusing on the WBOP sub-region with some linkages to the whole region.

Councillor Bennett asked that the Committee put a request to Council to support facilitation of conferences, to be held in the community with a specific interest in Maori views. The committee agreed that the matter be forwarded to Council for its consideration.

6.4 Additional item – Pia Bennett, Cameron Quarry Extension Otamarakau the Ngati Makino experience

Pia Bennett gave a presentation to the Committee of the challenges Iwi face with resource consent processes, giving the example of the resource consent process for Cameron Quarry extension.

7 General business and tabled items

13.1 Rachael Dargaville (Maketu Waste-water Group)

Refer tabled document No. 1.

Rachael Dargaville (spokesperson for the Maketu Waste-water Group) gave a presentation that sought support for the Maketu/Little Waihi Ratepayers to obtain additional funding for the proposed waste-water scheme. Ms Dargaville said people would be displaced from their homes because of the high scheme and maintenance costs, and also expressed concern that this scheme will set the precedence for how other community waste-water schemes are imposed.

The committee requested that given the significant public health gains and the positive environmental effects and together with concerns about the affordability and socio-

economic deprivation status, the benefits of which will extend beyond the immediate area of benefit - the current project warrants being seen as an exception in respect of the funding models and mechanisms usually applied. The committee agreed that this matter be forwarded to Council for its consideration.

8 **Closing remarks**

The Maori Policy team and the Committee were acknowledged and thanked for the work done to prepare the reports and presentations for the meeting, and commended for their effort to convene such hui at a localised level.

9 **Closing karakia**

Te Wano Walters.

The meeting closed at 1.50 pm.