

**TE KAUNIHERA MĀORI A ROHE O RUAPEHU**  
**(RUAPEHU DISTRICT MĀORI COUNCIL)**

**MINUTES**

**MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HUIA STREET, TAUMARUNUI  
ON FRIDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2014 AT 10.30AM**

**PUBLIC BUSINESS**

**PRESENT**

Councillors:	Don Cameron Marion Gillard Pita Pehi	Mayor Ohura Ward Waimarino-Waiouru Ward
Iwi Representatives: Chairperson	Edwin Ashford Wayne Hudson	Tuwharetoa (Tutetawha) Tuwharetoa (Ngāti Hikairoa Hapu)
	Georgina Cribb Raukura Tangihaere Evelyn Kereopa	Maniapoto (Tuhua Hikurangi RMC) Maniapoto (Ngāti Pahere) Maniapoto (Te Ihingarangi Hapu)
	Arthur Edmonds Tira Pehi	Tamahaki Council of Hapu Ngāti Hinewai & Uenuku Tribal Authority
Administrator:	Rayden Horton	Ruapehu District Māori Council
Council Staff:	Peter Till Jo Tocker Warren Furner Anne-Marie Westcott Daniel Allen	Chief Executive (Part) Policy Planner Team Leader Land Transport (Part) Environmental Manager (Part) Land Transport/Economic Development Officer/Youth Liaison (Part)
Observers	Pip (Joy) Meihana George Onehi Gregory Keenan Jackie Te Moananui  Robert Jonathan  Tame Tuwhangai	Nga Hau E Wha Māra Kai Nga Hau E Wha Māra Kai Mana Ariki Tuhua Hikurangi Regional Management Committee Tuhua Hikurangi Regional Management Committee Ngāti Hari

**1 KARAKIA**

*M80-0057*

Chairperson Ashford opened the meeting with a karakia.

**2 APOLOGIES**

M80-0057

No apologies received.

**3 KORERO NGA MANUHIRI (VISITING SPEAKERS)**

Unfortunately, Robin Scott, Project Manager for Kiwirail was unable to attend the meeting.

Members received addresses as follows:

- Pip Meihana and George Onehi updated Members on the Nga Hau E Wha Māra Kai Project and are seeking ideas in terms of funding in order to enhance the project. Suggestions were made to investigate funding via King Country Energy and Trust Waikato. Pip also stated that they are still looking for financial assistance with the rates and whether the property located at 4 BP Road, Taumarunui would qualify for a rates reduction.

**4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - 22 NOVEMBER 2013**

M35-0072

**RESOLVED**

**Members Kereopa / Hudson**

*That the Public-Business Minutes of Te Kaunihera Māori a Rohe o Ruapehu meeting held on 22 November 2013, are confirmed as a true and correct record.*

**5 CORRESPONDENCE**

M35-0072

Members considered the internal and external correspondence received.

**RESOLVED**

**Councillor Gillard / Member Tangihaere**

*That the Inwards Correspondence including the correspondence tabled at the meeting be received and the Outward Correspondence be confirmed.*

**6 GENERAL BUSINESS**

M35-0072

**Exception Annual Plan (EAP) 2014/15**

Council's Policy Planner informed Members about the EAP timelines and that the draft consultation period is scheduled to open on 18 March 2014 and will close on 18 April 2014. Members were encouraged to discuss any matters that may be of concern with their respective iwi/hapu/marae and make submissions during the consultation period.

**Proposed King Tawhiao Sign Project**

Member Tangihaere gave an overview of her notes from the public hui held at the Ngapuwaiwaha Marae on 9 December 2013 which discussed the proposed King Tawhiao Sign. She also discussed the letter received from the Hapu Whanui Runanga o Hinengakau on 13 February 2014 in response to the public hui and advised that she would respond to the letter.

**RESOLVED**

**Members Tangihaere / Hudson**

*That the King Tawhiao Sign Hui notes from the public hui held on 9 December 2013 be received.*

### **Raetihi Water**

Council's Environmental Manager updated Members on the Raetihi Water Supply and advised the situation of the Makotuku River and the Makara Stream.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:45pm and reconvened at 1:30pm.

### **National Maori Flag**

Members discussed the correspondence received from the Minister of Māori Development, Dr Pita Sharples.

#### **RESOLVED**

**Members Pehi / Cribb**

*That a submission to purchase the National Māori Flag be made to the draft Exception Annual Plan 2014/15.*

### **Rates Working Party**

Members would like to meet before the next hui on 28 March 2014.

#### **RESOLVED**

**Members Tangihaere / Hudson**

*That Member Cribb is added to the Rates Working Party.*

### **Resource Consent Working Party**

Members discussed the need to re-establish the Resource Consent Working Party (RCWP). Member Hudson explained how the RCWP previously consisted of a Member representing their respective iwi/hapu/marae from Tuwharetoa, Maniapoto and the Southern iwi groups.

#### **RESOLVED**

**Members Pehi / Tangihaere**

*That the Resource Consent Working Party consists of the following Members:*

*Raukura Tangihaere*

*Evelyn Kereopa*

*Arthur Edmonds*

*Wayne Hudson*

*Georgina Cribb*

*Tira Pehi*

*Councillor Marion Gillard*

### **Trust Waikato Hui**

Members have been invited to attend a Trust Waikato hui on 27 March 2014 at 11:45am in the Council Chamber, Taumarunui. The Trust's purpose is to help organisations carry out projects which will benefit the people within its community. Members confirmed that they will attend the hui on 27 March 2014.

## **7 5701189 – ISSUES FROM REPRESENTATIVES**

*M35-0072*

### **Deputy Chairperson**

Members discussed the need for a Deputy Chairperson.

#### **RESOLVED**

**Members Hudson / Pehi**

*That in the absence of the Chairperson, an interim Chairperson will be elected on the day of the meeting.*

**Ohura Water Supply**

Mayor Don advised that two public meetings have been held recently with residents in relation to Ohura's future water supply. The meetings discussed options such as, the use of roofed water tanks or alternative rating methods.

**Para Kore**

Member Kereopa announced that Te Ihingarangi Marae will be implementing the Para Kore zero waste project.

**Dog Exercise Area Cherry Grove**

Members asked about the dog exercise area at Cherry Grove. There has been no further progress since the dog exercise areas were discussed at the Taumarunui/Ohura Ward Committee (TOWC) meeting on 11 April 2013.

**Tuhua School**

Member Cribb raised a question about Council's position with the Tuhua School as it is currently under a Treaty Claim. The question was unable to be answered at the meeting, but Council staff will make enquiries for the next hui.

**Budget/Funding**

Members discussed funding options outside the capacity of Council. Members Hudson, Pehi and Cribb will investigate funding options from outside organisations. Member Pehi has requested a breakdown of their six weekly meeting fees for the past year.

**Waitangi Tribunal Hearings**

Member Cribb on behalf of the Northern Whanganui Cluster group invited Members to attend Te Rohe Potae District Inquiry Waitangi Tribunal Hearings. The Hearings are scheduled to be held at Wharauoa Marae, Taumarunui from 30 March to 4 April 2014.

**Māori Wardens**

Member Cribb advised that there is a shortage of Māori Wardens in the community and encouraged the need for more recruits.

There being no further business the meeting was closed with a himene and karakia by Chairperson Ashford at 3:15pm.

Dated at Taumarunui this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March 2014.

Edwin Ashford  
**CHAIRPERSON**