

RUAPEHU DISTRICT MAORI COUNCIL
(TE KAUNIHERA MAORI A ROHE O RUAPEHU)

MINUTES

**MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HUIA STREET, TAUMARUNUI
ON THURSDAY 10 MARCH 2011 AT 1:00PM**

PUBLIC BUSINESS

PRESENT

Mayor:	Sue Morris	
Councillors:	Don Cameron	Waimarino-Waiouru Ward
	Marion Gillard	Ohura Ward
Iwi Representatives:	Edwin Ashford	Tutetawha (Tuwharetoa)
	Tame Tuwhangai	Maniapoto
	Donna Tuwhangai	Te Ihingārangi (Manaipoto)
	Mere McGee	Te Koura Putaroa (Maniapoto)
Staff:	David Hammond	Chief Executive
	Pauline Love	Team Leader – Strategic Development
	Jo Tocker	Policy Planner

1 KARAKIA

Edwin Ashford opened the meeting with a karakia. Poroporoaki was given by Tame Tuwhangai acknowledging those who lost loved ones in the past month and the loss of whanau due to the Christchurch earthquake.

2 APOLOGIES

Arthur Edmonds
Katherine Webb
Donna Tuwhangai for lateness

Tame Tuwhangai / Cr Gillard

3 PUBLIC FORUM

Mike Plowman addressed the Council to give an update of the hui Community Response Forum held at the Little Theatre earlier this morning. He commented about the lack of emphasis on employment opportunities and economic development throughout the district.

4 **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES: 10 SEPTEMBER 2010**

Donna confirmed the plan of the Northern entrance way structure has been finalised, a sketch of which was handed out. This will consist of four carvings representing European (settlers), and the three tribes (Iwi) within the district. A carver is still to be sourced for the project. Tame Tuwhangai will ask Kenny Jones (a carver for Hinengakau Development) if he would like to do the carving, and how much he would charge.

Tanya O'Shannessey, Liquor Licensing Officer will attend the next meeting to explain Ruapehu District Council's (Council) obligations and processes in liquor licensing regulation.

RESOLVED

That Pauline Love and Jo Tocker investigate and apply for funding from the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) for the Ruapehu District Maori Council.

Donna Tuwhangai / Mere McGee

RESOLVED

That the Public-Business Minutes of the Ruapehu District Maori Council meeting held on 1 December 2010 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Cr Gillard / Donna Tuwhangai

5 **OUTWARDS AND INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE**

RESOLVED

That the Report on Outwards and Inwards Correspondence be received.

Mayor Sue Morris / Tame Tuwhangai

6 **UPDATE ON DRAFT EXCEPTIONS ANNUAL PLAN 2011/12**

In terms of the Draft Exceptions Annual Plan (EAP) Council is considering funding proposals, so now would be timely for Ruapehu District Maori Council (RDMC) to request a funding proposal for consideration.

RESOLVED

That Ruapehu District Maori Council ask Council to make provisions in the EAP for developing governance and leadership skills with hapu / whanau and economic opportunities and partnership in the Ruapehu District.

Tame Tuwhangai / Donna Tuwhangai

RESOLVED

That the Report on Update on the Draft Exceptions Annual Plan 2011/12 be received.

Tame Tuwhangai / Donna Tuwhangai

7 UPDATE ON THE LONG TERM PLAN 2012/22

Council will be setting up informal meetings with community groups to consult issues relating to the Long Term Plan (LTP). It is encouraged that RDMC members consult with their respective Iwi / Hapu now in preparedness of this time. The meeting with RDMC is scheduled for May or June.

RESOLVED

That the Report on Update on the Long Term Plan be received.

Cr Cameron / Mere McGee

8 UNDERSTANDING THE CONCEPT OF WATER AND SEWERAGE SUPPLY FROM IWI PERSPECTIVE

A new sewerage plant is in the process of being built in the southern area, which Ruapehu District Council (Council) is currently dealing with in conjunction with Ngati Rangi (Iwi). However Council is seeking assistance and guidance from RDMC members and their respective Iwi / Hapu to be assured that this process is conducted in the appropriate way. Council asked if this information can be discussed with RDMC members and hapu groups for presentation of outcomes at the next RDMC meeting on 13 May 2011.

RESOLVED

That the Report on Understanding the Concept of Water and Sewerage Supply from Iwi Perspective be received.

Tame Tuwhangai / Mere McGee

9 LAND TRANSPORT PRESENTATION

A powerpoint presentation was delivered by Warren Furner, Team Leader Land Transport. An email list showing the roads within the district that have had work done will be emailed and posted out to RDMC members.

Warren expanded on his presentation stating that the works completed on rural roads were somewhat minor; but these in turn created a very positive outcome for local residents. The works resulted from Council holding Valley meetings with the local communities. These meetings will continue to be held in different areas throughout the District, with local rural residents being publicly notified. Council's aim is to be informed of road safety issues on rural roads. Warren is also prepared to meet with Iwi / Hapu at their individual localities.

RESOLVED

That the Report on the Land Transport Presentation be received

Cr Gillard / Tame Tuwhangai

10 PROGRESS REPORT

Land Taken By Public Works Act

A policy regarding land taken under the Public Works Act needs to be established by Council. The investigation work will be lengthy and Council may possibly need to engage a University student for the task.

Funding

Council is currently exploring other avenues and investigating funding options from the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA).

Resource Consent Working Party - Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Council is awaiting feedback on the MOU before further progress with the working party can continue. All members are urged to respond prior to the next RDMC meeting in May.

Discreet Remedies

Since the claims were concluded over a year ago now, Council has not received any updates back from the Iwi groups involved. There are several areas throughout the district that have been affected by these claims and Council needs to be updated on their current status. Members are urged to consult with their respective Iwi / Hapu and report to Council.

Mandate Iwi Representation Letters

Council is awaiting mandate letters for two members. In line with the protocols established at the time the RDMC was formed; these letters need to be received, to confirm membership on the RDMC as official Iwi representatives.

RESOLVED

That the Report on Progress Report on outstanding issues be received.

Cr Gillard / Tame Tuwhangai

11 ISSUES FROM REPRESENTATIVES

A question was asked if Council had a bylaw or policy banning alcohol consumption in the town area. The Public Places Bylaw 2008 covers these issues and any breaches to this are urged to be reported to the police.

Another question raised concerned a non-smoking bylaw or policy in public places outside a Council owned building. Chief Executive, David Hammond confirmed that there is no bylaw or policy for this. However provisions may exist as the building is owned by Council, but further investigation is required to clarify this.

RESOLVED

That the Report on Issues from Representatives be received.

Donna Tuwhangai / Mere McGee

The next RDMC meeting will be held on **Friday 13 May 2011 at 10:30am**. The April meeting has been cancelled.

Mere McGee closed the meeting with a karakia at 3:45pm.

Edwin Ashford
CHAIRPERSON