

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

MINUTES

**MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HUIA STREET, TAUMARUNUI
ON FRIDAY 19 MARCH 2010 AT 1:10PM**

PUBLIC BUSINESS

PRESENT

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| Mayor: | Sue Morris | |
| Councillors: | Don Cameron | Waimarino-Waiouru Ward |
| | Marion Gillard | Ohura Ward |
| Iwi Representatives: | Arthur Edmonds | Tamahaki Council of Hapu |
| | Tame Tuwhangai | Maniapoto Maori Trust Board |
| | Donna Tuwhangai | Te Ihingārangi |
| | Mere McGee | Te Koura Putaroa |
| | Wayne Hudson | Tutetawha |
| | Graham Bell | Te Puni Kokiri |
| | Katherine Webb | Tutetawha |
| | Edwin Ashford | Tutetawha |
| Observers: | Ngaiterangi Smallman | Hapu o Ngati Hikairo |
| Staff: | David Hammond | Chief Executive |
| | Maurice Wikaira | Team Leader - IT / Iwi Liaison Officer |
| | Jo Tocker | Consents Administrator / Iwi Liaison Officer |
| | Pauline Love | Team Leader – Strategic Development |

Mayor Sue Morris welcomed the Iwi representatives and Edwin Ashford opened the meeting with a karakia.

David Hammond, Chief Executive briefly upheld the position of Chair to call for nominations of a new Chairperson.

1 ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

Edwin Ashford was unanimously appointed.

RESOLVED

*That Edwin Ashford be appointed Chairperson of the Ruapehu District Maori Council.
Katherine Webb / Mere McGee*

2 APOLOGIES

Sam Bishara (Te Puni Kokiri).

3 PUBLIC FORUM

Graham Bell spoke about the scope of activities where Te Puni Kokiri may be able to offer support to the Ruapehu District Maori Council (RDMC).

RESOLVED

That the RDMC write to Te Puni Kokiri to request funding support for the Maori Council (RDMC) and its activities, and Mayor Sue Morris write a letter of support.

Cr Marion Gillard / Arthur Edmonds

4 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: 25 SEPTEMBER 2009

Donna Tuwhangai requested that “Te Ihi Nga Rangi” be referenced as Teihi Ngā Rangi.

Tame Tuwhangai requested that “Tuwhangi” be spelt as Tuwhangai.

Donna Tuwhangai requested that “Tu Tetawha” be referenced as Tutetawha.

The Chief Executive acknowledged and apologised the spelling errors.

The Chairperson clarified that Ngati Hikairo is affiliated to Tutetawha. Ngaiterangi Smallman clarified that there is Ngati Hikairo Marae, but his representation was to the Hapu.

It was recommended to communicate agenda items to Pauline Love (Team Leader, Strategic Development) and the Chair to approve.

A query was raised on the “Awaiting nomination” portion of the Representation: Mandated Iwi Members table. Mayor Sue Morris confirmed that Ngati Rangi and Ngati Uenuku had both declined representation on the RDMC at this stage. The Chief Executive confirmed that the names noted were the only mandated Iwi members; others may attend as observers only.

Cr Marion Gillard noted that the meeting scheduled for Friday 20 November 2009 had been cancelled.

RESOLVED

That the corrected Public-Business Minutes of the Ruapehu District Maori Council meeting held on 25 September 2009 are confirmed as a true and correct record.

Tame Tuwhangai / Mere McGee

5 RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT (1991) OVERVIEW

It was requested that a copy of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) including the 2009 amendments be circulated to all members of the RDMC.

Other topics requested for inclusion in future agendas are:

- The Historic Places Act
- Maori Land Rates Remission Policy
- Public Works Act

- Abandon Land/Rates
 - Utilities – specifically with the Telecom upgrades on the mountain
- The Chief Executive stated he would like a paper presented to the RDMC on the Maori Land Rates Remission Policy. The following RMA topics also require further discussion:

- Protection of sacred sites;
- District growth and environmental/cultural prospective on this growth;
- Sewerage schemes' disposal of effluent and consents.

The committee considered aspects of the RMA and the effect on Iwi with regard to the land, rivers (waterways), mountains and sacred sites (wāhi tapu). Discussion was held as to how Ruapehu District Council (RDC) can improve when dealing with the consent process and better liaison with Iwi.

RESOLVED

That the RDMC mandate a working group of Wayne Hudson and Donna Tuwhangai, and another yet to be appointed by Arthur Edmonds, to work with Ruapehu District Council to develop an approach to Iwi involvement in consent and fee setting for this in Ruapehu District.

Tame Tuwhangai / Ngaiterangi Smallman

RESOLVED

That the report on the Resource Management Act 1991 Overview be accepted.

Edwin Ashford / Mayor Sue Morris

An overview of the Local Government Act was requested for the next meeting.

6 THE DISTRICT PLAN REVIEW UPDATE

Pauline Love, Team Leader Strategic Development gave a power point presentation of the draft District Plan (DP). (Copy attached).

The committee pointed out aspects of making a submission including provisions for extensions to Iwi cemeteries (urupa). These will be investigated. It was encouraged that Iwi make contributions to the draft DP.

RESOLVED

That the District Plan Overview present today be accepted.

Cr Don Cameron / Tame Tuwhangai

7 ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

The following issues were lead by Arthur Edmonds.

Pipiriki House

Committee was advised of correction to the agenda item entitled "Pipiriki Wharf" which should read "Pipiriki House". Updates were given on status and consideration made to existing filtration plant and current sewerage system.

Rating Issues

Discussion ensued on concerns of unpaid rates in the Pipiriki area. Issues are being addressed by RDC.

Public Halls

A question was raised as to how RDC defines a Public Hall and whether a Marae would qualify as one. This will be investigated by RDC.

Mangapapapa Housing

Consenting solutions for the Department of Conservation (DoC) sites and Mangapapapa Housing were discussed. The Chief Executive advised that he had waived prosecution on receipt of written undertaking to address the consenting issues.

Tongariro Crossing

Concerns were raised about the volume of people utilising the crossing per day and whether RDC had any influence over DoC regarding the provision of facilities.

8 MEETING TIMES

It was decided that future meetings will commence at 10:30am.

9 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Discussion was raised on Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to be received from Tutetawha Tapuwae Runanga. Wayne Hudson will present the MOU to Ruapehu District Council before presenting to RDMC.

The next meeting to be held in the Ruapehu District Council Chamber, Taumarunui, Friday 30 April 2010 at 10:30am.

EDWIN ASHFORD
CHAIRPERSON