

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

**MINUTES**

**MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HUIA STREET, TAUMARUNUI  
ON FRIDAY 2 MARCH 2012 AT 10:30AM**

**PUBLIC BUSINESS**

**PRESENT**

**Mayor:** Sue Morris

**Iwi Representatives:** Tame Tuwhangai Maniapoto (Ngāti Hari)  
Arthur Edmonds Tamahaki Council of Hapu  
Wayne Hudson Tuwharetoa (Ngāti Hikairo Hapu)  
Edwin Ashford Tuwharetoa (Tutetawha)  
Donna Tuwhangai Maniapoto (Te Ihingārangi)

**Staff:** Peter Till Chief Executive  
Margaret Hawthorne Group Manager Environmental Services  
Jo Tocker Policy Planner  
Kevin O'Shannessey Regulation Administrator Manager  
Anne-Marie Westcott Team Leader Environment  
Lee-Anne Jolley Executive Support Officer

**Observers:** Graeme Cosford Councillor – Taumarunui Ward  
Louise Wahapa Ngapuwaiwaha Marae  
Gregory Keenan Mana Ariki  
Paul Ropata Mana Ariki

**1 KARAKIA**

The Chairperson, Edwin Ashford welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2012 and requested that Tame Tuwhangai open the meeting with a karakia.

**2 APOLOGIES**

***RESOLVED***

***Arthur Edmonds/Wayne Hudson***

*That the apologies from the following be received.*

*Councillor Don Cameron*

*Councillor Marion Gillard*

*Katherine Webb*

*Mere McGee*

*Pauline Welch*

*Donna Tuwhangai for lateness*

### **3 PUBLIC FORUM**

Kaumatua Paul Ropata from Mana Ariki spoke on behalf of the Director of Mana Ariki following a letter received by Council on 10 January 2012. Mr Ropata informed members that Mana Ariki would like to assist with the refurbishment of King Tawhiao, which is part of the Taumarunui Northern Entrance Project. He outlined the history of the King Tawhiao sign as well as King Tawhiao's significance with the people of Mana Ariki.

Members requested that Gregory Keenan from Mana Ariki discuss agenda item six.

### **4 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES: 25 NOVEMBER 2011**

No matters arising.

#### ***RESOLVED***

***Arthur Edmonds/Wayne Hudson***

*That the Public-Business Minutes of the Ruapehu District Māori Council meeting of 25 November 2011 be confirmed as a true and correct record.*

### **5 MEETING DATES FOR 2012**

Members discussed the proposed dates in the agenda.

#### ***RESOLVED***

***Tame Tuwhangai/Wayne Hudson***

- 1 *That the Report on meeting dates be received.*
- 2 *That the following meeting dates be set for 2012, to be held in the Council Chamber, Taumarunui at 10.30am:*
  - Friday 13 April
  - Friday 3 August
  - Friday 26 October
  - Friday 18 May
  - Friday 7 September
  - Friday 30 November

### **6 REFURBISHMENT OF KING TAWHIAO AND UPDATE ON THE TAUMARUNUI NORTHERN ENTRANCE PROJECT**

Gregory Keenan requested that Mana Ariki would like the existing image of King Tawhiao, if no other group wanted it. Wayne Hudson suggested Ngāti Hekeawai be consulted on this. Louise Wahapa confirmed contact names of those affiliated to Ngāti Hekeawai, who should be contacted. Margaret Hawthorne, Group Manager Environmental Services informed members on progress of the new King Tawhiao image.

#### ***RESOLVED***

***Mayor Sue Morris/Wayne Hudson***

- 1 *That the Report on refurbishment of King Tawhiao and Update on the Taumarunui Northern Entrance Project be received.*

**RESOLVED**

**Mayor Sue Morris/Wayne Hudson**

- 2 That a special meeting be held to discuss the refurbishment of King Tawhiao and the Taumarunui Northern Entrance Project with Ngāti Hekeawai, Mana Ariki and Rotary representatives at a date to be advised.

**7 UPDATE ON THE HIKUMUTU SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT RESOURCE CONSENT**

Anne-Marie Westcott, Team Leader Environment and Margaret Hawthorne, Group Manager Environmental Services presented members with a timeline of Council's attempts to consult with Ngāti Haua Mana Whenua via Nyree Nikora, which has continued for over 12 months now. Anne-Marie also confirmed that Horizons Regional Council is requesting to progress towards a Hearing. Wayne Hudson requested that the Ruapehu District Māori Council (RDMC) write a support letter to Horizons requesting that the consultation process continue between Council and Ngāti Haua. Louise Wahapa confirmed that Ngāti Haua Mana Whenua have recently been informed of this matter at a meeting held on 5 February 2012.

**RESOLVED**

**Tame Tuwhangai/Wayne Hudson**

- 1 That the Report on updating on the Hikumutu Sewage Treatment Plant Resource Consent be received.

Donna Tuwhangai entered the meeting at 11.30am.

**8 POSSIBLE NEW LOCATION FOR THE NEW TAUMARUNUI FIRE STATION ON THE TAUMARUNUI DOMAIN**

Margaret Hawthorne, Group Manager Environmental Services informed members of the possibility of a new location site for the Taumarunui Fire Station, stating the new site identified as a preferred location to be the old croquet bowling green's on the Taumarunui Domain. Members identified the following Iwi groups for Council to consult with:

- Ngāti Haua
- Hinengakau
- Morero Marae Trustees
- Wharauoa Marae Committees
- Ngapuwaiwaha Marae Committees

**RESOLVED**

**Arthur Edmonds/Tame Tuwhangai**

- That the Report on Possible New Location for the Taumarunui Fire Station on the Taumarunui Domain be received.

**9 SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED FROM REVIEW OF THE DOG CONTROL POLICY**

Jo Tocker, Policy Planner informed members of submissions received from Iwi requesting dogs be prohibited from Cherry Grove Reserve (Ngahuinga). She explained that Council would like to work toward a solution with submitters that addressed the concerns raised. Wayne Hudson suggested on behalf of the submitters, an alternative dog exercise area be established upstream from Victory Bridge. Arthur Edmonds tabled a letter regarding his concerns on the Dog Control

Policy and addressed the Whanganui river walkway upgrade between Victory Bridge and Cherry Grove Reserve.

Margaret Hawthorne, Group Manager Environmental Services advised members that informative (talking) boards and maps are being erected along the Whanganui River by the Department of Conservation (DoC) as part of their river plans project. She also suggested that Council invite Connie Norgate from DoC to attend the next RDMC meeting to update Members on DoC's future rivers plans.

**RESOLVED** **Wayne Hudson/Arthur Edmonds**

1 *That the Report on Submissions received from review of the Dog Control Policy be received.*

**RESOLVED** **Wayne Hudson/Tame Tuwhangai**

2 *Ruapehu District Maori Council recommends to Council an alternative site upstream from Victory Bridge for a dog exercise area and that the Cherry Grove Reserve be completely prohibited to dogs.*

**RESOLVED** **Mayor Sue Morris/Donna Tuwhangai**

3 *That the letter from Arthur Edmonds be received and referred to Council for consideration.*

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.25pm and reconvened at 1:05pm  
Tame Tuwhangai left the meeting at 1.00pm

## **10 DISCUSSION ON THE TANGATA WHENUA CONSULTATION PROCESS**

Kevin O'Shannessey, Regulations Administration Manager gave a PowerPoint presentation on the timelines of a resource consent application. Wayne Hudson confirmed that the proposed Tangata Whenua Consultation Process document would exist at the pre-application stage of resource consents. A copy PowerPoint presentation will be distributed to Members.

**RESOLVED** **Donna Tuwhangai/Wayne Hudson**

*That the Report on Discussion on the Tangata Whenua Consultation process be received.*

## **11 INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE**

Arthur Edmonds questioned which Māori flag was being referred to in the letter received from the Hon Dr Pita Sharples, Minister of Māori Affairs on 2 February 2012. Members will discuss the Māori flag with their respective Iwi/Hapu groups.

**RESOLVED** **Arthur Edmonds/Wayne Hudson**

*That the Report on Inwards Correspondence be received.*

## **12 PROGRESS REPORT**

### **Resource Consent Working Party – Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**

A draft version is being reviewed by Members. Wayne Hudson tabled an addition to the MOU. Members agreed that the addition be added to the MOU.

### **National Park Wastewater Treatment Plant**

Anne-Marie Westcott, Team Leader Environment updated Members that the resource consent has been granted by Horizons Regional Council for a short term until 2015.

### **Pipiriki Wastewater Treatment Plant**

Anne-Marie Westcott, Team Leader Environment informed Members that the resource consent application for the Pipiriki Wastewater Treatment Plant was sent to Horizons Regional Council on 24 February 2012. A copy of the resource consent application will be sent to Arthur Edmonds.

### **Māori Whakairo – Council's Public Foyer**

Arthur Edmonds updated members on the design of a Maori Whakairo (carving), which he sourced from a whanau member who is a professional carver. Mayor Sue expressed the importance of establishing an agreement from all Iwi/Hapu groups within the Ruapehu District on any Maori design and the difficulty in achieving this. Members will communicate these concerns to their respective Iwi/Hapu groups.

#### **RESOLVED**

**Wayne Hudson/Arthur Edmonds**

1 *That the Report on Progress Report be received.*

#### **RESOLVED**

**Wayne Hudson/Arthur Edmonds**

2 *That the addition tabled by Wayne Hudson be received and inserted to form part of the Memorandum of Understanding.*

## **13 ISSUES FROM REPRESENTATIVES**

The briefing on the opening of Ngā Ara Tūhono Mountains to Sea Cycle Trail will be referred to the next RDMC meeting as Arthur Edmonds was not given the updated information.

#### **RESOLVED**

**Arthur Edmonds/Wayne Hudson**

*That the Report on Issues from Representatives be received.*

There being no further business the Chairperson, Edwin Ashford concluded the meeting with a karakia at 2.10pm.

Dated at Taumarunui this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August 2012.

Edwin Ashford  
**CHAIRPERSON**