

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

MINUTES

**MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HUIA STREET, TAUMARUNUI
ON FRIDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2012 AT 10:45AM**

PUBLIC BUSINESS

PRESENT

Councillor: Don Cameron Deputy Mayor/Waimarino-Waiouru Ward

Iwi Representatives Members:

Chairperson:	Edwin Ashford	Tuwharetoa (Tutetawha)
	Wayne Hudson	Tuwharetoa (Ngāti Hikairo Hapu)
	Donna Tuwhangai	Maniapoto (Te Ihingārangi)
	Tame Tuwhangai	Maniapoto (Ngāti Hari)

Arthur Edmonds Tamahaki Council of Hapu

Staff:	Peter Till	Chief Executive (Part)
	Margaret Hawthorne	Group Manager Environment Manager (Part)
	Warren Furner	Team Leader Land Transport
	Jo Tocker	Policy Planner
	Heni Butler	Executive Support Officer
	Daniel Allen	Youth Project/Planning Assistant (Part)

1 KARAKIA

Chairperson Ashford opened the meeting and karakia by Member Hudson.

2 APOLOGIES

That the apologies from Mayor Sue Morris, Councillor Marion Gillard and Raukura Tangihaere be received.

RESOLVED

Members Edmonds / Hudson

3 PUBLIC FORUM

A05-0014

The Board received addresses as follows:

- Mrs Olivia Ngaronga, the Neighbourhood Support Co-ordinator for the Ruapehu District was in attendance. Mrs Ngaronga presented her whakapapa to the Members and explained her role which is based at the Taumarunui Police Station:
 - Enhance and support safer communities.
 - Enrol community residents onto a support network.

- Her goal is to enlist 1000 volunteer community members onto the neighbourhood support database.
- Would like to make connections with Marae and Iwi/Hapu groups.

Chairperson Ashford advised the Members to take this information back to their respective Iwi/Hapu groups and encourage this initiative. This was also an opportunity for Marae and Iwi/Hapu groups to invite Mrs Ngaronga to attend hui and present her kaupapa.

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM 3 AUGUST 2012

A05-0014

Item 6 – Refurbishment of King Tawhiao and Update on the Taumarunui Northern Entrance Project

Members requested an update on progress of the meeting being arranged by Mayor Sue Morris, to discuss the refurbishment of King Tawhiao with Ngati Hekeawai, Mana Ariki and Rotary representatives. Unfortunately, Mayor Sue was not in attendance and an update could not be given.

Item 12 – Progress Report - Discreet Remedies Process

Member T Tuwhangai updated Members on the progress of the discreet remedies process with the Tuku Street Domain and the Taumarunui Airport. He also advised that Maui Solomon, the lawyer involved in the claim process is sending a letter to Council to confirm the hapu/whanau, associated to these lands.

RESOLVED

Members Edmonds / T.Tuwhangai

That the Public-Business Minutes of the Ruapehu District Māori Council meeting of 3 August 2012 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

5 548652 – DEPUTATION TONI WAHO

Toni Waho was unable to attend this meeting; therefore his deputation will lie on the table until the next meeting on 26 October 2012.

RESOLVED

Councillor Cameron / Member Edmonds

Member D Tuwhangai entered the meeting at 11.40am.

6 548778 – INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Members considered a letter from the Tuhua Hikurangi Regional Management Committee. Members agreed that a reply letter be sent acknowledging the correspondence received.

RESOLVED

Members T.Tuwhangai/ Edmonds

- 1 *That the Report on Inwards Correspondence be received.*
- 2 *That a reply letter be sent to the Tuhua Hikurangi Regional Management Committee acknowledging the correspondence received.*

7 **548776 - RUAPEHU YOUTH FORUM**

Members considered a Report advising Council's initiative to develop a Youth Forum in the Ruapehu District. Council's Youth Project/Planning Assistant spoke to the Report and answered Members' questions. Mr Allen explained the goal of the Forum is to build a solid foundation that enables youth to function on its own capabilities. Members asked if youth in rural areas such as Kakahi, Ohura, Pipiriki, Ongarue and Waimiha had been notified of the Forum. Mr Allen confirmed that the facilitating group is restricted in its capacity of funding which unfortunately limits their resources.

Members will endeavour to inform their respective whanau/hapu groups, especially in these rural areas and Member D.Tuwhangai has volunteered to assist with the Forum.

RESOLVED

Members T.Tuwhangai / Edmonds

That the Report on the Ruapehu Youth Forum be received.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12pm and reconvened at 12.45pm.

8 **548580 – THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEW ZEALAND CONFERENCE 2012**

Members considered a Report on the Local Government (LGNZ) Conference held in July 2012. Council's Chief Executive who attended the conference provided Members with an update on progress of the Treaty of Waitangi settlements. He explained the diverse approaches Local Government has used, in working with Treaty partners.

RESOLVED

Members Edmonds / Hudson

That the Report on Local Government New Zealand Conference be received.

9 **548636 – UPDATE PROGRESS FROM THE OFFICERS GROUP ON DEVELOPMENT OF THE WHANGANUI RIVER SETTLEMENT DEED**

Members considered a Report providing an update on progress from the Officers Group involved with the Whanganui River Settlements. Council's Team Leader Land Transport presented the Report and answered Members questions. He also tabled the Tūtohu Whakatupua documentation which was signed in Wellington on 30 August 2012. Tūtohu Whakatupua is an agreement which represents the commitment of the Whanganui Iwi and the Crown to progress the developments of agreed Te Awa Tupua arrangements. The ceremony was attended by Mayor Sue and Council's Chief Executive.

RESOLVED

Members Edmonds / Hudson

That the update Report on Progress from the Officers Group on Development of the Whanganui River Settlement Deed be received.

10 **548629 – OUTCOMES FROM SUBMISSION TO HORIZONS REGIONAL COUNCIL
LONG TERM PLAN 2012-22**

Members considered a Report providing the outcomes on their submission to Horizons Regional Council's Long Term Plan 2012-22-

Members ensued to discuss the Upper Whanganui and Taringamotu River Management Schemes. The Chair advised his attendance at the hui with Horizons Regional Council on 24 August 2012, which sought to appoint an Iwi Liaison Committee for the Taringamotu River Management Scheme. He confirmed that he was nominated for the committee, but declined and Evelyn Kereopa, who was also nominated, accepted her nomination.

Members requested a list of representatives on the Iwi Liaison Committee for the Upper Whanganui and Taringamotu River Management Schemes. Council's Policy Planner will contact Horizons to obtain the list on behalf of Members.

RESOLVED

Members T.Tuwhangai / D.Tuwhangai

- 1 *That the Report on Outcomes from Submission to Horizons Regional Council Long Term Plan 2012-22 be received.*
- 2 *A list of confirming the representatives on the Iwi Liaison Committee for the Upper Whanganui and Taringamotu River Management Scheme is obtained and distributed to Members.*

11 **548641 – PROGRESS REPORT**

PARA KORE PRESENTATION

Members have no feedback to report but will endeavour to discuss with their respective Iwi/Hapu groups in the near future.

THE NATIVE TREES SHADING RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES IN O'REILLY CRESCENT

Member Edmonds advised that the trees are suitable for carving. The trees will be discussed with Elected Members at the Council meeting of 25 September 2012. Members E Ashford, T Tuwhangai and Edmonds expressed interests in attending the meeting and would like to receive a copy of the agenda.

RESOLVED

Councillor Cameron / Member Edmonds

That the Report on Progress Report be received.

12 **548650 – ISSUES FROM REPRESENTATIVES**

APPARENTLY ABANDONED LAND AND/OR ABANDONED LAND

Members raised concerns over the amount of apparently abandoned land throughout the Ruapehu District as publicly notified in the Ruapehu Press on 29 August 2012. A discussion ensued for a process that would include Members being notified of apparently abandoned and/or abandoned lands prior to public notification.

Council's Management Accountant – Projects, Erik Lei entered the meeting at 1:45pm to explain and clarify Council's legal process for dealing with apparently abandoned land and abandoned land. He confirmed a process could be included to notify Members of such lands prior to public notification.

RESOLVED

Councillor Cameron / Member Edmonds

- 1 *That the Report on Issues from Representatives be received.*
- 2 *A list of Apparently Abandoned and/or Abandoned Lands, including maps to be circulated to Members of the Ruapehu District Māori Council prior to public notification.*

The next RDMC meeting will be held on **Friday 26 October 2012 at 10:30am.**

There being no further business Chairperson Ashford concluded the meeting with a karakia by Member Hudson at 2.12pm.

Dated at Taumarunui this 26th day of October 2012.

Edwin Ashford
CHAIRPERSON