

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

**MINUTES**

**MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HUIA STREET, TAUMARUNUI  
ON FRIDAY 4 JULY 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 (Ngāti Hinemihi) (Part) Tuwharetoa (Ngāti Hikairoa Hapu)
	Gina Cribb Raukura Tangihaere	Maniapoto (Tuhua Hikurangi RMC) Maniapoto (Ngāti Pahere Hapu)
	Tira Pehi	Ngāti Hinewai & Uenuku Hapu
Council Staff:	Peter Till Pauline Welch Margaret Hawthorne Anne-Marie Westcott Pam Bicknell Andrea Nicol Jo Tocker	Chief Executive (Part) Group Manager Customer Services (Part) Group Manager Community Services (Part) Environmental Manager (Part) Group Manager Corporate Services (Part) Technical Services Co-ordinator (Part) Policy Planner / Iwi Liaison
Observers:	Gregory Keenan Jackie Te Moananui	Mana Ariki Tuhua Hikurangi Regional Management Committee

1     **KARAKIA** *M80-0057*

Chairperson Ashford opened the meeting with a karakia.

2     **APOLOGIES** *M80-0057*  
**RESOLVED** ***Councillor Gillard / Member Hudson***

*That the apologies from Members Evelyn Kereopa and Arthur Edmonds be received and Leave of Absence granted and, the apology for lateness from Mayor Don Cameron and Raukura Tangihaere be received.*

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

Jamie Downes was unable to attend the meeting and gave his apologies to Members.

**4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - 28 MARCH 2014**

M35-0072

**RESOLVED**

**Member Hudson / Councillor Gillard**

*That the Public-Business Minutes of Te Kaunihera Māori a Rohe o Ruapehu (Māori Council) meeting held on 28 March 2014, are confirmed as a true and correct record.*

**5 583339 – RATIFICATION OF THE PROPOSED KING TAWHIAO SIGN**

M35-0072

Members considered a Report to ratify the proposed King Tawhiao sign in order for the upgrade project to proceed to the implementation stage. Chairperson Ashford acknowledged the lengthy consultation process with local iwi and the wider community.

**RESOLVED**

**Members Hudson / Cribb**

*That the Report on the Ratification of the Proposed King Tawhiao Sign be received.*

**6 583180 – IMPENDING REPRESENTATION REVIEW – MĀORI REPRESENTATION**

M35-0072

Members considered a Report on the Impending Representation Review - Māori Representation. Members asked that the Report lie on the table for further discussion. Pauline Welch, Council's Group Manager Customer Services spoke to the Report and answered Members' questions.

The discussion triggered a variation of opinions about the representation of Māori. Member Hudson stated that Te Kaunihera Māori a Rohe o Ruapehu (Māori Council) was still in its infancy and needed time to grow. Following a lengthy discussion the general consensus supported Te Kaunihera Māori forum remaining as status quo.

**RESOLVED**

**Councillors Gillard / Pehi**

1 *That the Report on the Impending Representation Review – Māori Representation lie on the table for further discussion.*

2 *That the Report on the Impending Representation Review – Māori Representation be uplifted off the table.*

**RESOLVED**

**Councillor Pehi / Member Hudson**

3 *That the Report on the Impending Representation Review – Māori Representation be received.*

4 *That Te Kaunihera Māori a Rohe o Ruapehu (Māori Council) Forum remains as status quo.*

**7 548272 – TAUMARUNUI LIBRARY PROJECT UPDATE**

M35-0072

Members considered a Report on the Taumarunui Library Project Update. Margaret Hawthorne, Council's Group Manager Community Services spoke to the report and answered Members' questions. She also advised that completion date for the library was likely to be the end of August. Councillor Pehi suggested that bi-lingual signs be used in the library.

**RESOLVED**

***Councillor Pehi / Member Cribb***

1 *That the Report on the Taumarunui Library Project Update be received.*

2 *That any new library signage be bi-lingual.*

**8 583586 – APPARENTLY ABANDONED LANDS**

M35-0072

Members considered a Report on the Apparently Abandoned Land properties that were publicly advertised in the Ruapehu Bulletin on 27 May 2014 and the Ruapehu Press on 28 May 2014. Pam Bicknell, Council's Group Manager Corporate Services spoke to the Report and answered Members questions. She advised that as part of Council's rates arrears process all general land properties advertised as apparently abandoned land are sent to the Māori Land Court. She also advised that the Māori Land Court has no interest in the current list of apparently abandoned land properties.

**RESOLVED**

***Members Tangihaere / Pehi***

1 *That the Report on Apparently Abandoned Lands be confirmed.*

2 *That an update on rating issues be given at every Te Kaunihera Māori a Rohe o Ruapehu (Māori Council) meeting.*

**9 OHAKUNE MOUNTAIN ROAD POWERPOINT PRESENTATION**

Members were given an update on the Ohakune Mountain Road rehabilitation programme. Council's Technical Services Co-ordinator, Andrea Nicol gave a PowerPoint and answered Members questions. She also advised that the PowerPoint has also been presented to Ngāti Rangī and Ngāti Uenuku iwi. Members discussed the environmental impacts associated to the rehabilitation programme.

**10 583590 - CORRESPONDENCE**

M35-0072

Members considered the internal and external correspondence received.

**RESOLVED**

***Member Tangihaere / Councillor Pehi***

*That the Inwards Correspondence be received and the Outward Correspondence be confirmed.*

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 1:15pm and Chairperson Ashford left the meeting at this time.

The meeting reconvened at 2:00pm and in the absence of Chairperson Ashford, the meeting was chaired by Member Tira Pehi.

**11 583394 – UPDATES AND PROGRESS REPORT**

*M35-0072*

Members considered a Report giving an overview on the progress of the following matters:

- **Iwi Representation Mandate Letters**
  - Members who are yet to submit their mandate letters to Council were reminded to do so as soon as possible.
- **Rates Working Party – Public Rating Hui**
  - Public rating hui were held at Morero Marae in Taumarunui on 23 May 2014 and at Raetihi Pa in Raetihi on 28 May 2014.
  - The hui were well received by the general public who attended.
  - Members are grateful to the Māori Land Court and Te Puni Kokiri for their attendance and support at the hui.
- **Strategic Communications Plan**
  - Members will be meeting on 1 August 2014 to discuss the Strategic Communication Plan document.
- **Te Kaunihera Māori Survey**
  - Rayden Horton, Te Kaunihera Māori Administrator will conduct a survey in the townships of Ohakune, Raetihi and Taumarunui during the July school holidays. The general purpose of the survey is to find out if Te Kaunihera Māori is known to the wider community. Details of the survey will be presented to Members at the meeting on 12 September 2014.
- **Ohura Water Supply**
  - Mayor Don Cameron gave an update on the Ohura Water Supply. He advised that a referendum process is being undertaken to decide the future of the current Water Supply.
- **Draft Boundary Maps**
  - Council's Information Systems Administrator, Stuart Campbell is working on the draft boundary maps for each Member's respective iwi/hapu/marae. Once he has completed a draft version copies will be given back to Members to check that he has drafted the boundaries correctly. Member Tangihaere mapped out the proposed boundary for her respective hapu representation.
- **National Park Water Supply**
  - Members considered a Report on the National Park Water Supply Land Use and Regional Council Resource Consents. Council's Environmental Manager, Anne-Marie Westcott gave a PowerPoint presentation on the National Park Water Supply and answered Members' questions.

**RESOLVED**

***Members Hudson / Pehi***

- 1 *That the Report on the National Park Water Supply Land Use and Regional Council Resource Consents be received.*
- 2 *That consultation should take place with Ngāti Hikairo and Ngāti Uenuku for resource consent purposes.*

**RESOLVED**

**Councillors Cameron / Gillard**

*That the Report on the Updates and Progress Report be received.*

**12 583565 – ISSUES FROM REPRESENTATIVES**

*M35-0072*

Members considered a report on Issues from Representatives:

- Strategic Direction Plan
  - Members agreed to meet on 1 August 2014 to discuss a strategic direction for the group which will include the following:
    - What are the future goals?
    - How to achieve these goals?
    - Is the current structure efficient/effective?
- Taumarunui Landfill
  - Member Cribb raised concerns that a toxic blow-out had occurred at the Taumarunui landfill.
  - Mayor Don Cameron stated that a pumice bank had collapsed, but no residue had reached the river and that the problem had been rectified.

**RESOLVED**

**Members Cribb / Hudson**

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

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

Dated at Taumarunui this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 2014.

Edwin Ashford  
**CHAIRPERSON** – (Until 1:15pm)

Tira Pehi  
**ACTING CHAIRPERSON** – (From 2:00pm)