

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

**MINUTES**

**MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HUIA STREET, TAUMARUNUI  
ON THURSDAY 4 AUGUST 2011 AT 1:00PM**

**PUBLIC BUSINESS**

**PRESENT**

<b>Councillors:</b>	Don Cameron	Waimarino-Waiouru Ward
	Marion Gillard	Ohura Ward
<b>Iwi Representatives:</b>	Edwin Ashford	Tuwharetoa (Tutetawha)
	Katherine Webb	Tuwharetoa (Tutetawha)
	Mere McGee	Maniapoto (Te Koura Putaroa)
	Arthur Edmonds	Tamahaki Council of Hapu
<b>Staff:</b>	David Hammond	Chief Executive
	Pauline Welch	Strategic Development (Team Leader)
	Jo Tocker	Policy Planner

**1 KARAKIA**

Edwin Ashford opened the meeting with a karakia, and mihi to the manuhiri from Mana Ariki attending the meeting to speak in the Public Forum.

**2 APOLOGIES**

***RESOLVED***

***Mere McGee/Katherine Webb***

*That the apologies from the following be received.*

*Mayor Sue Morris*

*Tame Tuwhangai*

*Donna Tuwhangai*

*Wayne Hudson*

*Marion Gillard for lateness*

**3 PUBLIC FORUM**

Kaumatua Paul Ropata and Gregory Keenan members of Te Kotahitanga Society Incorporated (Mana Ariki) spoke of a proposal for the Northern entranceway to Taumarunui. The proposal acknowledges and supports the vision of King Tawhiao and the unity of the Four Winds. Mr Ropata and Mr Keenan covered the background history of King Tawhiao and his significance to the Taumarunui District. They emphasised that the proposal offered was in support of the existing concepts, currently being discussed by the Northern entranceway project committee. A copy of the proposal was tabled to members at the meeting.

David Hammond spoke on behalf of Enterprising Taumarunui Incorporated (ETI) and Ruapehu District Council (RDC) to the Northern entranceway project. He outlined a suggestion which requires consultation, to change the existing image of King Tawhiao to the painted image of King Tawhiao by Gottfried Lindauer. As planning for the project is still in its early stage, he acknowledged the requirement for further direction and guidance in progressing with this task.

Allison Ratcliffe spoke on the Social Sector Youth Services Trials, for which Taumarunui has been selected as a location to trial the programme. The purpose of the trial is to deliver social services that improve the behaviour of youth between the ages of 12-18 years. The trials have been initiated by various Government service departments. Ms Ratcliffe is part of the Trials Team who will be working with a Governance Group to achieve the outcomes of the trial. The groups are asking for support from the community to help make this trial programme a success. The Governance Group comprises of local senior managers, community leaders and decision makers, including two youth members. Ms Ratcliffe can be contacted at the Work and Income office in Taumarunui.

**4 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES: 13 MAY 2011**

Peter Till, Deputy Chief Executive/District Engineer advised members that he has scheduled a meeting with the local Iwi involved in the Whanganui River Channel Management Proposal at Kakahi.

RDC will follow up on progress with Iwi regarding the resource consent for the Ohura Water Treatment Plant.

**RESOLVED**

**Cr Gillard/Cr Cameron**

*That the Public-Business Minutes of the Ruapehu District Maori Council meeting held on 13 May 2011 be confirmed as a true and correct record.*

**5 FOOD SAFETY ON MARAE**

Mohammed Ishrar, Senior Environmental Health Officer informed members of the opportunity for marae to partner with Council to achieve compliance/registration and issuing licences for marae-based food sale operations. Marae which achieve this will be able to prepare and sell food from its premises. This may also enable opportunities to utilise its facilities to accommodate visitors using the cycleway tracks throughout the District. Mohammed stated that under the current regulations, marae are exempt from the Food Safety Standards, provided food prepared on site is not sold. Any interested party wishing to make progress towards achieving compliance/registration of their marae premises should contact Jo Tocker, Council's Iwi Liaison Officer. The Kai Manawa Ora and Food Safety Guide will be distributed to members.

**RESOLVED**

**Mere McGee/Katherine Webb**

*That the Report on Food Safety on marae be received.*

**6 UPDATE ON THE CYCLE WAY TRACKS WITHIN THE RUAPEHU DISTRICT**

Due to Warren Furner being absent, members decided that discussion on the report be held over to the next meeting.

**RESOLVED**

**Mere McGee/Cr Gillard**

*That the Report on Update on the Cycle Way Tracks within the Ruapehu be received.*

**7 PROGRESS OF THE HEARINGS ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE DISTRICT PLAN**

Kate Dahm, Senior Policy Planner, gave a PowerPoint presentation to members advising progress of the Hearings. The next District Plan Hearing on Rural Zone Rules and Policies and Rural Subdivisions (including the 500m Buffer Zone) is scheduled for 29, 30, and 31 August 2011.

**RESOLVED**

**Cr Cameron/Mere McGee**

*That the Report on Progress of the Hearings on the Proposed Changes to the District Plan be received.*

**8 ABANDONED LAND, RATES REMISSIONS AND RATES REBATES**

Peter Till, Deputy Chief Executive/District Engineer, gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining issues Council has in contacting owners who have not taken ownership responsibilities of their land following inter-generational succession. Georgina Jones, Finance Officer, clarified issues relating to rates remissions and rates rebates. Rates rebate forms for 2011/12 were distributed to members and further copies are available from all Council offices. Peter would be available to give this presentation to Iwi and Hapu groups at their Marae Hui.

**RESOLVED**

**Arthur Edmonds/Mere McGee**

*That the Report on Abandoned Land, Rates Remissions and Rates Rebates be received.*

**9 UPDATE ON THE LONG TERM PLAN 2012-22**

Council has met with several community groups throughout the District to discuss and identify issues relating to the Long Term Plan (LTP). Through this process Council will implement the relevant issues in its Asset Management Plans. Council met with Edwin Ashford and Tame Tuwhangai on 13 June 2011. The issues raised from the meeting have been noted, and are not identified as needing to be put into the LTP. However, members and their respective Iwi/Hapu groups can still pass on further issues to Council. Council will notify community groups by the end of November identifying issues put forward to the LTP.

**RESOLVED**

**Arthur Edmonds/Mere McGee**

*That the Report on Update on the Long Term Plan 2012-22 be received.*

**10 TE RUNANGANUI O NGATI HIKAIRO KI TONGARIRO STRATEGIC PLAN FOR 2010 TO 2020**

In the absence of Wayne Hudson, members decided that the discussion on the report be held over to the next meeting. The report will also be presented to RDC's Elected Members.

**RESOLVED**

**Cr Gillard / Katherine Webb**

*That the Report on Progress of the Hearings on the Proposed Changes to the District Plan be received.*

**11 PROGRESS REPORT**

**Resource Consent Working Party - Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**

Members will meet to discuss this on the morning of 16 September 2011 prior to the next RDMC meeting.

**Funding**

Members acknowledged approval of the funding for the RDMC meetings, and congratulated the members who submitted proposals and attended the Hearings for the Draft Exceptions Annual Plan 2011/12. Members will discuss Te Puni Kokiri funding on the morning of 16 September 2011 prior to the next RDMC meeting.

**Discreet Remedies**

RDC has indicated their support to Iwi groups involved in the discreet remedies process. RDC is still awaiting updates on the groups' progress.

**Mandated Iwi Representation Letters**

RDC has now received mandate letters from all members of the RDMC. However there are still two vacant positions for Te Awa Whanganui Rohe.

### **Northern Entranceway Project**

Matters raised in the Public Forum will be passed on to the Northern entranceway project committee for consideration. David Hammond, Chief Executive will also discuss the matter with Donna Tuwhangai who is the contact person for Iwi.

#### **RESOLVED**

**Arthur Edmonds/Katherine Webb**

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

## **12 ISSUES FROM REPRESENTATIVES**

Members discussed the following issues:

- Ngati Rangī submitted a draft report to the Hearing Commissioners, at a Resource Consent Hearing for subdivision of a property at Raetihi-Ohakune Road, Raetihi. The report covered the 'Discovery of Artefacts'. This has prompted a request that Iwi and Hapu groups consider submitting a policy to Council covering procedures to address this matter.
- Members are disturbed that (cremation) ashes can be disposed of in any public or private area throughout the District without permission. However, there are no current rules to acquire permission to do this, as this does not carry any health risks.
- RDC is supporting an initiative of the Whanganui Health Board to keep public parks and reserves areas "smoke free" by erecting signage. Prosecution rules will not be enforced, but the aim is to encourage the general public to acknowledge this initiative. Rangitikei District Council also supports the initiative, and an example of its signage was shown to members.
- Members discussed the issues associated with campervan effluent disposal within the District. RDC is currently working on a Freedom Camping Policy to enforce disposal restrictions. The cycleway tracks being established throughout the District will create issues regarding toileting, which also need to be addressed.
- The National Policy Statement on Freshwater Management raises issues around consultation with Iwi. Members would like to be involved in any decision-making on the policies. RDC will contact Horizons Regional Council to invite a representative to attend the next RDMC meeting.

#### **RESOLVED**

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

The next RDMC meeting will be held on **Friday 16 September at 1:00pm.**

There being no further business Arthur Edmonds concluded the meeting with a karakia at 4:15pm.

Dated at Taumarunui this 28th day of October 2011.

Edwin Ashford  
**CHAIRPERSON**