

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

**MINUTES**

**MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HUIA STREET, TAUMARUNUI  
ON FRIDAY 5 JULY 2013 AT 10.45AM**

**PUBLIC BUSINESS**

**PRESENT**

Councillors:	Marion Gillard	Ohura Ward
Iwi Representatives:		
Chairperson	Tame Tuwhangai	Maniapoto (Ngāti Hari)
	Evelyn Kereopa	Maniapoto (Te Ihingārangi)
	Arthur Edmonds	Tamahaki Council of Hapu
	Pita Pehi	Ngāti Hinewai & Uenuku Tribal Authority
Staff:	Peter Till	Chief Executive
	Warren Furner	Land Transport Manager (Part)
	Marrisa Cairncross	Team Leader Policy Planning (Part)
	Jo Tocker	Policy Planner (Part)
	Heni Butler	Environmental Planner
	Erik Lei	Management Accountant Projects (Part)

**1      KARAKIA M80-0057**

Acting Chairperson Tuwhangai opened the meeting. Member Pehi conducted the karakia.

**2      APOLOGIES M80-0057**

***RESOLVED***

***Councillor Gillard / Member Pehi***

*That the apology received from Mayor Morris, Councillor Cameron, Chairperson Ashford, and Member Kathy Webb be received and Leave of Absence granted.*

*No apologies have been received from Members Hudson and Tangihaere.*

**3      565029 - PUBLIC FORUM A05-0014**

***RESOLVED***

***Councillor Gillard / Member Edmonds***

**1**      *That the Report on Public Forum: Temporary Suspension and Reinstatement of Standing Orders be received.*

- 2 *That, pursuant to Section 27(4) Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002, the Board temporarily suspends Standing Orders in their entirety to allow Members and the public to address the Board.*

The Board received addresses as follows:

Rayden Horton, a senior student from Taumarunui High School spoke to the Members:

- he gave a mihi and provided his whakapapa to the Members
- he spoke of his aspirations to become a politician
- he will be an observer and provide an administrative role for the Members

### **King Tawhiao Sign**

Patena Tupe, Taumarunui carver spoke to the Members:

- he would like to contribute to the King Tawhiao sign with his contemporary art
- he will wait for the Committee and Members decision to accept his proposal
- can provide borders for the sign that will enhance the portrait, suggest a motif which will be in a style that will belong to Taumarunui

The Members discussed:

- the size of the words
- await current feedback from Member Rangihaere and the Northern Entrance Committee
- remind all that Taumarunui has another entrance not just the Northern entrance

### **Deputation Te Reo Hau**

Te Reo Hau, Principal Liaison Officer for the Māori Land Court, Whanganui provided a Report to the Members:

- as part of his role, he looks after 15 Local Councils and 3 Regional Councils
- he discussed rating charging orders
- he talked about negative engagement
- he proposed education on 'how we engage' to be more successful
- he advised that no other Council has applied for rate charging orders hence why he has come to this forum
- he advised the implications of placing charging orders on a land title:
  - charges on land will be there forever
  - any potential development will not go ahead

Council's Chief Executive provided a comprehensive presentation on the rates arrears status for the Ruapehu region and explained the process that Ruapehu District Council follow. Council's Management Accountant explained the process for rating charging orders.

Tira Pehi from National Park spoke to the Members:

- she recognised the names on Council's presentation and suggested that:
  - Ruapehu District Māori Council create a policy
  - land should not be taken
  - rates has been used as a vehicle to take Māori land
  - Council should not process this land in the manner outlined
  - it is a waste of ratepayer's time and resources
  - Council remits the rates of the new owner, why not the current owner?
  - debt accumulates on land that can't be paid at 5 years

- Māori land because of the particular issues that they have, should have special considerations

Council's Chief Executive and Members agreed that a working party of Members and staff be established to examine Māori land issues. Members Pehi and Kereopa expressed their wishes to be in the rates forum. Members that are not present will be contacted for their input.

**RESOLVED**

**Councillor Gillard / Member Edmonds**

*That, pursuant to Section 27(4) Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002, the Board reinstates Standing Orders in their entirety for consideration of the agenda.*

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.15pm and reconvened at 12.55pm.

#### **4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - 24 MAY 2013**

Member Edmonds apologised to the Members for his nonattendance to the meeting on Friday 24 May 2013.

A correction to the spelling of Member Tangihaere's name be corrected.

**RESOLVED**

**Councillor Gillard / Member Pehi**

*That the Public-Business Minutes of the Ruapehu District Maori Council meeting held on 24 May 2013, are confirmed as a true and correct record.*

#### **5 565044 - CAPITAL WORKS AND OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST**

*M35-0072*

Members considered a Report on the Capital Works, Other Items of Interest and Members Requests for Information from the Taumarunui/Ohura Ward Committee, the National Park Community Board area and the Waimarino-Waiouru Community Board area in 2012/13. Council's Chief Executive spoke to the Report and answered Members' questions.

(E3) Rangataua – Wastewater Treatment Facilities Renewal of Resource Consent - Member Pehi advised Members that matters concerning Raetihi must be addressed with Uenuku Tribal Authority. This is the right thing to do. Raetihi is not part of the Ngati Rangi area and 'I am the go to person for Uenuku'. We will recalibrate ourselves.

(C12) Raetihi Swimming Pool, Incident Reports – Member Edmonds requested information about an incident in January. Council's Chief Executive to follow up.

**RESOLVED**

**Members Kereopa / Pehi**

*That the Report on Capital Works, Other Items of Interest and Members Request for Information be received.*

Members considered a Report on Updates and Progress. Acting Chairperson Tuwhangai spoke to the Report and answered Members' questions.

- Refurbishment of King Tawhiao Sign:
  - Member Tangihaere was not present to provide a Report on the Northern Entrance Project. Discussions from the public forum will be raised provided to Member Tangihaere for the Northern Entrance Committee.
- Para Kore:
  - A contact list is being compiled by the RDMC Administrator, who will make contact with the Members for details.
- Submission from RDMC for dog exercise areas:
  - Member Hudson was not present to provide feedback
- Cherry Grove (Nga Huinga):
  - Member Hudson was not present to provide feedback
- Council Road Sign – Kaitupeka Pah Road:
  - Members pleased with progress
- Māori Land – Remission of Rates:
  - Council's Chief Executive has agreed with Members to establish a working party to look at rate issues

**RESOLVED****Councillor Gillard / Member Pehi**

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

7 **565050 - ISSUES FROM REPRESENTATIVES**

R76-0077

Members considered a Report which allows Members to raise any issues for discussion.

**Elections**

Councillor Gillard discussed:

- the General Elections open for nomination in July
- Voting is in October
- is RDMC considering supporting a Member to enrol for Council?

Council's Chief Executive gave a brief explanation on the Wards of the Ruapehu District Council and encouraged the Members of RDMC to consider standing for Council.

Member Pehi advised Members that he will stand for Council. Acting Chairperson Tuwhangai offered his approval and full support.

**Road Hazard**

Member Edmonds discussed:

- the 100km sign on the road between Ohakune and Raetihi

- when there is a tangi at the Raetihi Marae, pedestrians are at risk of being hit by traffic
- this is currently mitigated by Māori Wardens slowing and stopping traffic
- he suggests the road speed is lowered from 100kms to between 40 – 50kms
- What is Council policy?

Council's Chief Executive responds:

- the speed limit is set by NZTA
- suggest that the Marae Committee provide a 'Temporary Traffic Management Plan' to Council for events as such
- Council will provide this information for Members

**RESOLVED**

**Members Kereopa / Pehi**

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

**8      564679 – APPARENTLY ABANDONED LAND**

*R20-0019*

Members considered a Report briefing Members on the next lot of Abandoned Land that will be processed over the next few months. Council's Chief Executive spoke to the Report and answered Members' questions.

Member Kereopa requested time to enable her to contact some of the names on the list.

Acting Chairperson Tuwhangai suggested a new resolution be made.

Council's Chief Executive suggested that this will take time over the next few months. This issue can be discussed with the rates working party.

**RESOLVED**

**Members Edmonds / Kereopa**

*That the Report on Apparently Abandoned Land be received.*

Council's Chief Executive advised Members:

- the Taumarunui Library will be moved into the Council Buildings, Huia Street. No date has been decided yet.
- the 'l-site' will move out of the Railway Station and into the old building the Library.

Acting Chairperson invites Horizons to the next RDMC meeting.

There being no further business, Acting Chairperson Tuwhangai concluded the meeting at 2.40pm and Member Pehi did the karakia.

Dated at Taumarunui this 16<sup>th</sup> day of August 2013.

Tame Tuwhangai  
**ACTING CHAIRPERSON**