

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

MINUTES

**MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HUIA STREET, TAUMARUNUI
ON FRIDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 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	Ngāti Hinemihi
	Gina Cribb Evelyn Kereopa Raukura Tangihaere	Maniapoto (Tuhua Hikurangi RMC) Maniapoto (Te Ihingārangi Hapu) Maniapoto (Ngāti Pahere Hapu) (Part)
Administrator:	Tira Pehi Arthur Edmonds Rayden Horton	Ngāti Hinewai & Uenuku Hapu Tamahaki Council of Hapu Te Kaunihera Māori a Rohe o Ruapehu
Council Staff:	Margaret Hawthorne Jo Tocker Pauline Welch Warren Furner Erik Lei	Acting Chief Executive/Group Manager Community Services Policy Planner/Iwi Liaison Group Manager Customer Services (Part) Land Transport/Economic Development Manager (Part) Management Accountant – Projects (Part)
Observers:	Ngarau Tarawa Herewini Tarawa Jackie Ngataierua Takere Cash Edward Moana Duncan Iwikau Graham (Tinka) Bell Shane Te Wiki Richard Kingi Brian Megaw Gregory Keenan Tony Jilesen Gail Sherson Roger Harper Neil Edwards	Te Waka Pu Whenua (Part) Te Waka Pu Whenua (Part) Te Waka Pu Whenua (Part) Te Waka Pu Whenua (Kaumatua) (Part) Te Waka Pu Whenua (Kaumatua) (Part) Hinengakau Development Trust / Te Puni Kokiri (Part) Local Carver (Part) Tama Upoko (Part) River Valley Ventures Ltd (Part) Mana Ariki (Part) Jilesen Contractors (Part) Jilesen Contractors (Part) Downer (Part) Downer (Part)

1 **KARAKIA** M80-0057

Chairperson Ashford opened the meeting with a karakia.

2 **APOLOGIES** M80-0057

No apologies received.

3 **587692 - KORERO NGA MANUHIRI (VISITING SPEAKERS) DEPUTATION: NGARAU TARAWA** M35-0072

Members received a Deputation from Ngarau Tarawa as follows:

Manunui Effluent Disposal Facility

- Whaea Ngarau Tarawa from Te Waka Pu Whenua expressed her concerns on behalf of local kaumatua and iwi Māori about the proposed Manunui Effluent Disposal Facility as per her letter to Chairperson Edwin Ashford on 4 September 2014. The letter was tabled at the meeting and copies distributed to Members'. Whaea Ngarau is seeking 100% assurance from Council that the proposed effluent facility will impose no risk of polluting the Whanganui Awa. She also expressed her disappointment at the lack of consideration in respect to the cultural significance of the area, stating that the proposed site was a cross-roads for hapu affiliated to three major iwi within the District, Ngāti Tuwharetoa, Ngāti Maniapoto and Atihaunui a Paparangi who converged at the site.
- Graham (Tinka) Bell expressed his concerns on behalf of Hinengakau Development Trust (HDT) and the Whanganui River Māori Trust Board (WRMTB) and also in support of Whaea Ngarau, local kaumatua and iwi Māori about the proposed Manunui Effluent Disposal Facility. Mr Bell stated that the lack of consultation with the WRMTB was disappointing in respect of Te Awa Tupua Deed of Settlement signing recently. He also expressed his disappointment towards acknowledging the legal obligations and principles of the Treaty of Waitangi.

RESOLVED

Member Tangihaere / Mayor Don Cameron

- 1 *That the Report on Deputation: Ngarau Tarawa (Manunui Effluent Disposal Facility) be received.*
- 2 *That the korero (talk) from Tinka Bell be received.*
- 3 *That a working party for the Manunui Effluent Disposal Facility be established today to work with iwi/hapu.*

4 **587693 - KORERO NGA MANUHIRI (VISITING SPEAKERS) DEPUTATION: SHANE TE WIKI** M35-0072

Members received a Deputation from Shane Te Wiki as follows:

Native Trees at O'Reilly Crescent and Carving(s) Proposal

- Shane Te Wiki, a local carver expressed his aspirations and interests in carving. Mr Te Wiki is seeking approval from Members to put together a proposal to establish appropriate carving(s) for Council's Office Administration Building in Taumarunui using the wood from the native trees at O'Reilly Crescent. Council expressed the need for the trees to be cut down in the near future because they are affecting local houses.
- Kaumatua Herewini Tarawa from Te Waka Pu Whenua stated that the O'Reilly Crescent area is currently under a Treaty of Waitangi Claim. He also expressed the importance of following tikanga (protocols) and the need for kaumatua to be consulted and involved in the proposal drafting process.

RESOLVED

Members Pehi / Cribb

- 1 *That the Report on Deputation: Shane Te Wiki (Native Trees – O'Reilly Crescent / Carving be received.*
- 2 *That Shane Te Wiki work with kaumatua and other carvers on a proposal for appropriate carving(s) for the foyer of Council's Administration Building in Taumarunui.*
- 3 *That Te Waka Pu Whenua and Hinengakau Development Trust are involved in the Resource Consenting process for the trees.*
- 4 *That Member Tangihaere work with Margaret Hawthorne, Group Manager Community Services and Council staff and liaise with Shane Te Wiki on the proposal for appropriate carving(s).*

5 587798 - KORERO NGA MANUHIRI (VISITING SPEAKERS) M35-0072 DEPUTATION: RICHARD KINGI

Members received a Deputation from Richard Kingi as follows:

Updates on Hapu and Marae Development in Pipiriki / Whanganui Awa Tourism Adventure

- Richard Kingi gave an update on the progress of Hapu and Marae development in Pipiriki. Mr Kingi also introduced Brian Megaw the owner/operator of River Valley Ventures Ltd.
- Mr Megaw gave a PowerPoint presentation explaining his proposal to set up a river dory adventure operation on the Whanganui Awa under the trade name of Whanganui River Dories.
- The presentation ensued discussion about the commercial and environmental impacts of the operation and the significance of acknowledging tikanga (Māori protocol). Mr Kingi explained his involvement is to facilitate from the perspective of iwi and to enable engagement with Whanganui Awa people. He expressed that he has been to the Whanganui Awa people in the lower reaches for a cultural impact assessment and the Department of Conservation have no issues. He further stated that the proposal will be discussed with Hinengakau.

RESOLVED

Members Edmonds / Pehi

1 *That the Report on Deputation: Richard Kingi be received.*

2 *That the PowerPoint presentation from Brian Megaw be received.*

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 4 JULY 2014

M35-0072

Item 6: 583180 - Impending Representation Review – Māori Representation.

“RESOLVED Councillor Pehi / Cribb

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

Councillor P Pehi asked that the following to be noted:

- The above resolution was based on the information received at the meeting on 4 July 2014.

RESOLVED

Members Tangihaere / Cribb

That the Public-Business Minutes of Te Kaunihera Māori a Rohe o Ruapehu (Māori Council) meeting held on 4 July 2014, are confirmed as a true and correct record.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:30pm and reconvened at 1:10pm.

7 587860 – RIVER VALLEY MEETINGS

R76-0047

Members considered a Report on River Valley Meetings. River Valley Meetings are held with various Valley communities throughout the District to identify and prioritise minor roading improvement works. Council’s Land Transport/Economic Development Manager Warren Furner gave a PowerPoint presentation and answered Members questions. Mr Furner stated that the Valley meetings are now entering the third rotation of the entire District and have proved very useful as an engagement model.

Council’s Roading Contractors attended the meeting and introduced themselves to Members:

- Tony Jilesen and Gail Sherson (Jilesen Contractors)
- Roger Harper and Neil Edwards (Downer)

RESOLVED

Members Kereopa / Pehi

That the Report on River Valley Meeting be received.

8 587713 – MĀORI WARDS

M35-0072

Members considered a Report on Māori Wards. Council’s Policy Planner, Jo Tocker gave a PowerPoint presentation and answered Members questions. Pauline Welch, Council’s Group Manager Customer Services also answered Members questions. The PowerPoint presentation discussed various example options and scenarios for General and Māori Wards. Members supported establishing Māori Wards.

RESOLVED**Members Pehi / Cribb**

- 1 *That the Report on Maori Wards and the upcoming Representation Review be received.*
- 2 *That a recommendation be made to Council's Elected Members for Māori Wards to be established in the Ruapehu District for the 2016 local body elections in accordance with the Local Electoral Act 2001.*

9 587811 – UPDATES AND PROGRESS REPORT**M35-0072**

Members considered a Report on Updates and Progress on the following matters:

- **Strategic Communications Plan**
 - No feedback was received from Members on the Strategic Communications Plan.
- **Te Kaunihera Māori Survey**
 - Members received the results from the survey conducted by Rayden Horton, Te Kaunihera Māori Administrator during the July school holidays in the townships of Ohakune, Raetihi and Taumarunui.
- **Workshop 6 June 2014**
 - Members were asked to check and confirm the proposed draft boundary maps with their respective iwi/hapu/marae by the next meeting on 24 October 2014. Member Kereopa stated the proposed boundaries for Te Ihingārangi are correct. Margaret Hawthorne, Acting Chief Executive/Group Manager Community Services expressed that the boundary maps will identify who Council Officers should be talking to and respects that at times the boundaries may overlap with other iwi/hapu. But, Council will aware other iwi/hapu has an association to the land.
- **List of Apparently Abandoned Land Properties**
 - Members received an update on the list of properties advertised as Apparently Abandoned Land in the Ruapehu Bulletin on 27 May 2014 and the Ruapehu Press on 28 May 2014.

RESOLVED**Members Cribb / Councillor Pehi**

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

10 587822 – ISSUES FROM REPRESENTATIVES**M35-0072**

Members considered a report on Issues from Representatives:

- Appointment of Deputy Chairperson
 - Councillor Pehi expressed the need for a Deputy Chairperson to be confirmed.
 - Chairperson Ashford stated that the following resolution was made at the meeting of 21 February 2014:
“RESOLVED Members Hudson / Pehi
That in the absence of the Chairperson, an interim Chairperson will be elected on the day of the meeting.”

- Member Pehi expressed her concerns over not feeling supported by Members in her role as interim Chairperson at the last meeting held on 4 July 2014 and requested that a Deputy Chairperson be discussed at the next meeting.
- The role of Māori representatives of Te Kaunihera Māori a Rohe o Ruapehu
 - This item was put on the agenda by Member Tangihaere, but because she left the meeting early it was not discussed and will be put on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting on 24 October 2014.
- Member Kereopa expressed her concerns over the resource consent for a quarry located on Taringamotu Road, Taumarunui. She stated that the owner sought affected party sign off from Iwi and not the land owners at the time the resource consent was initially applied for 10 years ago. Chairperson Ashford stated he is seeking clarity from Ngāti Hinemihi hapu as it is considered to be an affected party, but he is unsure why.
- Members received copies of the following correspondence:
 - Memorandum of Understanding - Raukawa Settlement Trust and Maniapoto Māori Trust Board.
 - Te Runanganui o Ngāti Hikairo ki Tongariro - mandate letter for Wayne Hudson.
- Members were reminded that applications for the 2015 Commemorating Waitangi Day Fund close on 19 September 2014.

RESOLVED

Members Cribb / Edmonds

- 1 *That the Report on the Issues from Representatives be received.*
- 2 *That the following correspondence tabled at the meeting be received.*
 - *Memorandum of Understanding - Raukawa Settlement Trust and Maniapoto Māori Trust Board.*
 - *Te Runanganui o Ngāti Hikairo ki Tongariro.*

**11 587830 – RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC FOR M35-0072
CONSIDERATION OF CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**

Section 48 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 gives Council the right by resolution to exclude the public from the whole or any part of the proceedings of any meeting only on one or more of the grounds contained within that Section.

RESOLVED

Members Kereopa / Cribb

- 1 That the Report on Resolution to Exclude the Public for Consideration of Te Kaunihera Māori Business be received.
- 2 That the public is excluded from the following part of the proceedings of the meeting.
- 3 That the general subject of each matter to be discussed while the public is excluded, the reason for passing the resolution in relation to each matter and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General Subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under S 48(1) for passing this resolution
C1: 588038 - List of Māori Land Properties	To protect the privacy of a natural person	48(1)(a)

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act or Section 6 or Section 7 or Section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982 as the case may require are listed above.

There being no further business the meeting was closed with a karakia by Councillor Pehi at 4:15pm.

Dated at Taumarunui this 24th day of October 2014.

Edwin Ashford
CHAIRPERSON