

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

**MINUTES**

**MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HUIA STREET, TAUMARUNUI  
ON FRIDAY 26 OCTOBER 2012 AT 10:50AM**

**PUBLIC BUSINESS**

**PRESENT**

Councillor: Don Cameron Deputy Mayor/Waimarino-Waiouru Ward  
Marion Gillard Ohura Ward

Iwi Representatives Members:

Chairperson: Edwin Ashford Tuwharetoa (Tutetawha)  
Donna Tuwhangai Maniapoto (Te Ihingārangi) (Part)  
Tame Tuwhangai Maniapoto (Ngāti Hari)  
Raukura Tanighaere Maniapoto (Te Koura Putaroa)

Staff: Peter Till Chief Executive (Part)  
Margaret Hawthorne Group Manager Community Services (Part)  
Jo Tocker Policy Planner  
Henri Butler Executive Support Officer

**1** **KARAKIA** M80-0057

Chairperson Ashford opened the meeting and karakia by Member T.Tuwhangai.

**2** **APOLOGIES** M80-0057

*That the apologies from Mayor Sue Morris and Kathy Webb be received; and Donna Tuwhangai for lateness.*

**RESOLVED**

***Members T.Tuwhangai / Member Tangihaere***

**3** **551158 – DEPUTATION – POLICE INSPECTOR STEVE MASTROVICH** A02-0003

Members received a deputation from Police Inspector Steve Mastrovich who answered Chairperson Ashford's question in relation to Police process and protocol in dealing with a sudden death. A further discussion ensued how Maori continue to be over-represented in crime despite a reduction in the crime statistics, and that Maori youth crime offending and crime victimisation also remains problematic. Inspector Mastrovich would appreciate any suggestions on how such matters could be addressed. Chairperson Ashford requested statistics on youth behaviour in the Ruapehu District. Members have Inspector Mastrovich's contact details were encouraged to make contact at any time should the need arise.

**RESOLVED**

**Councillor Gillard / Member T.Tuwhangai**

*That the Report on Deputation – Police Inspector Steve Mastrovich be received.*

**4 PUBLIC FORUM**

A05-0014

There was no business presented to the Board.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.20pm and reconvened at 12.50pm.

Member D Tuwhangai entered the meeting at 12.50pm.

**5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 7 SEPTEMBER 2012**

M80-0057

**Item 4: Refurbishment of King Tawhiao and Update on the Taumarunui Northern Entrance Project**

Council's Chief Executive advised Members that Rotary will continue with the plans to refurbish the King Tawhiao sign, but the plans for the northern entrance will be redesigned because the cost to carve the POU was greater than expected.

Member Tangihaere expressed that Te Koura Putaroa have interests in King Tawhiao and wish to meet with Mayor Sue and the parties involved in the project. A tentative meeting date has been scheduled for Wednesday 31 October 2012.

**Item 11: Progress Report**

**Parakore Presentation**

Members Tangihaere and T Tuwhangai advised that their respective hapu/whanau are not ready to engage in the Parakore Project for Marae at this stage. Member Ashford advised that he has not yet had the opportunity to inform his respective hapu/whanau, but will, in the near future.

**The Native Trees Shading Residential Properties in O'Reilly Crescent**

Members were advised that due to the Council meeting on 30 October 2012 being held in Ohakune, the report to discuss the trees in O'Reilly Crescent has been rescheduled for the Council meeting on 27 November 2012 in Taumarunui.

Copies of the Report to Council have been circulated to the Members who expressed their interests in attending the meeting.

**Accretion Land**

Council's Group Manager Community Services advised Members that a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been sent to the Ngapuwaiwaha Marae Trustees. But, Council is yet to receive a response in relation to this.

**RESOLVED**

**Members D.Tuwhangai / T.Tuwhangai**

*That the Public-Business Minutes of the Ruapehu District Maori Council meeting held on 7 September 2012, are confirmed as a true and correct record.*



**Dinner @ the Domain 2013**

Member Ashford advised that a meeting was being held next Wednesday 31 October 2012. He also advised that the contact person coordinating the event is Briar Van Buel.

**Cherry Grove Dog Exercise Area**

Council's Chief Executive advised that a comprehensive survey of dog exercise areas are being conducted and the options available will be presented to RDMC in the future.

**Ruapehu District Council Waiata**

Councillor Cameron requested to learn waiata/s specifically for hui attended by Council Officers and Councillors. Chairperson Ashford advised that waiata must compliment the speaker; therefore it is suggested to learn three waiata. Policy Planner and Executive Support Officer will follow up and discuss with Koro Hokio and Jackie Cash.

**Release of property for Treaty Claim Wai 987**

Member T Tuwhangai tabled a letter from the Officials Committee on the Protection Mechanism for Surplus Crown Land and sought the following resolution from Members in relation to the letter:

**RESOLVED****Councillor Gillard / Member T.Tuwhangai**

- 1 *That a letter from the Officials Committee on the Protection Mechanism for Surplus Crown Land be received.*
- 2 *That a letter of support from the Ruapehu District Maori Council be sent to:-*
  - a. *Chair Beca Nesus, Officials Committee on the Protection Mechanism for Surplus Crown Land*
  - b. *Dr Peter Sharples*
  - c. *Judge Carrie Wainwright*
  - d. *Minister of Treaty Settlements Chris Finlayson*
- 3 *The letter to state; that RDMC supports that Taringamotu Road Taumarunui is put back into the Land Bank. Sufficient evidence and cultural / historical information was provided as heard at the Waitangi Tribunal Whanganui Enquiry District.*

**Discreet Remedies Process for the Taumarunui Airport and Tuku Street Domain**

Member T Tuwhangai advised that progress on the Taumarunui Airport and Tuku Street Domain discreet remedy processes are awaiting Iwi/Hapu/Whanau to assign contact people.

**Council Meeting – Brian Richards**

Council's Chief Executive extended an invitation to RDMC Members to attend Councils meeting on 13 November 2012 at 1pm to listen to Brian Richard, an inspiring speaker who talks about innovative initiatives and economic development.

The next RDMC meeting will be held at 10.30am on **7 December 2012**, instead of 30 November 2012.

There being no further business Chairperson Ashford concluded the meeting with a karakia by Member T.Tuwhangai at 1.50pm.

Dated at Taumarunui this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December 2012.

Edwin Ashford  
**CHAIRPERSON**