

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

**MINUTES**

**MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HUIA STREET, TAUMARUNUI  
ON FRIDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2010 AT 10:30AM**

**PUBLIC BUSINESS**

**PRESENT**

<b>Mayor:</b>	Sue Morris	
<b>Councillors:</b>	Don Cameron	Waimarino-Waiouru Ward
	Marion Gillard	Ohura Ward
<b>Iwi Representatives:</b>	Edwin Ashford	Tutetawha (Tuwharetoa)
	Tame Tuwhangai	Maniapoto
	Donna Tuwhangai	Te Ihingārangi (Manaipoto)
	Mere McGee	Te Koura Putaroa (Maniapoto)
	Wayne Hudson	Tutetawha (Tuwharetoa)
	Arthur Edmonds	Tamahaki Council of Hapu (Awa/Ngati Rangi)
<b>Observers:</b>	Ngaiterangi Smallman	Te Rūnanganui O Ngāti Hikairo Ki Tongariro
	Robert Jonathan	Wharauoa Marae – Ngāti Rangitāhi
<b>Staff:</b>	David Hammond	Chief Executive
	Pauline Love	Team Leader – Strategic Development
	Jo Tocker	Iwi Liaison Officer

**1     KARAKIA**

Donna Tuwhangai opened the meeting with a karakia.

**2     APOLOGIES**

Katherine Webb

*Tame Tuwhangai / Marion Gillard*

**3     PUBLIC FORUM**

The Chair, Edwin Ashford reinforced protocol of mandated members only to sit around the table.

Mike Plowman expanded on his letter to the Editor in the Ruapehu Bulletin, 31 August 2010.

#### **4 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES: 23 JULY 2010**

Pauline Love confirmed that the paper road was not being rated within Council.

Mayor Sue stated that further investigation is still required, regarding Council's Policy on Paper Roads and Lands taken under the Public Works Act.

Donna Tuwhangai stated that further work is required to confirm a design for the upgrading of the Northern Entrance, Taumarunui.

##### ***RESOLVED***

*That the Public-Business Minutes of the Ruapehu District Maori Council meeting held on 23 July 2010 be confirmed as a true and correct record.*

*Tame Tuwhangai / Mayor Sue*

#### **5 HIKUMUTU SEWERAGE TREATMENT PLANT**

Anne-Marie Westcott, Team Leader Environment gave a power point presentation.

It was confirmed that the pre-Hearing for the Hikumutu Treatment Plant with Horizons Regional Council will be held on 14 October 2010 at 10:00am, in the Council Chambers Taumarunui.

##### ***RESOLVED***

*That the Report on the Hikumutu Sewerage Treatment Plant be received.*

*Arthur Edmonds / Mere McGee*

#### **6 PROGRESS REPORT ON OUTSTANDING ISSUES**

- Discrete Remedies - No movement to date.
- Abandoned Land – Still progressing. Bulletin covered by One News.
- Roads taken by Public Works Act – Proving to be a difficult process. Trying to work out how to progress forward on this one. Need to include all land, not just paper roads.
- Resource Consent Working Party – Memorandum of Understanding required by all Iwi members. This will then need to come back to Council for approval.
- Te Puni Kokiri – Still working on funding. RDMC does not satisfy the scope of which funding is available for. It was confirmed that a meeting be arranged with Sam Bishara.

##### ***RESOLVED***

*That the Report on Progress Report on Outstanding Issues be received.*

*Marion Gillard / Tame Tuwhangai*

## **7 ISSUES FROM REPRESENTATIVES**

### **Letter to Editor**

It was confirmed that a reply to Mike Plowman's letter to the Editor in the Ruapehu Bulletin be made.

### **Wāhi Tāpu**

Arthur Edmonds questioned if Council has a list of all Maori Wāhi Tāpu sites on record? Pauline confirmed that Council do not contain these records. Iwi and Council are to investigate recording these on a GIS system.

### **Tree Felling in Raetihi**

Arthur Edmonds questioned if Council has a policy on the removal of Native Trees? Councils Group Manager, Community and Regulations, Marion Smith stated that the District Plan (DP) covers Indigenous Vegetation which links to Horizons One Plan. Copies were circulated.

### **Council Heritage Protection Fund**

It was stated that the Regional Council have an 'Environmental Fund' which will pay up to 30% of the project and a grant is also available from the Lotteries Commission.

### **Maniapoto Maori Trust Board**

In terms of his mandated Iwi representation of the Maniapoto Maori Trust Board, Tame Tuwhangai requested that the name Maori Trust Board be removed but Maniapoto remain.

### **District Plan Panel**

Council are seeking Independent Hearing Commissioners and an Iwi Representative to sit on the panel for the Proposed Changes to the Ruapehu District Plan. This is an opportunity for the RDMC to nominate an Iwi Representative at the next RDMC meeting.

### **Christchurch Earthquake**

The Chairperson, Edwin Ashford requested a letter be sent acknowledging the Christchurch disaster.

### **Local Body Elections**

Pauline explained the legal process required until Council is confirmed. Letters from all 'Mandated Iwi Members' are requested for the next meeting.

### **Mandated Iwi Members**

It was requested representation of Mandated Iwi Members be discussed at the next meeting.

### **RESOLVED**

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

*Tame Tuwhangai / Mere McGee*

**8 RATING OF MAORI SCHOOLS AND PRESCHOOLS**

Donna Tuwhangai confirmed that this related to the Pan Tax Charges for the Kura Kaupapa, currently using the old Matapuna Primary School site. The issue has been resolved with Georgina Jones – Finance Officer (Council)

***RESOLVED***

*That the Report on Rating of Maori Schools and Preschools be received.*

*Donna Tuwhangai / Arthur Edmonds*

**9 NGATI RANGI STRATEGIC PLAN AND WATERWAYS DOCUMENT**

It was decided that other Iwi documents be added to the agenda, these to include:

- Tuhua Hikurangi Strategic Plan Document
- Ngati Maniapoto Iwi Environmental Document

***RESOLVED***

*That the Report on Ngati Rangi Strategic Plan and Waterways Document be received.*

*Donna Tuwhangai / Mayor Sue*

The date of the next meeting will be confirmed.

Meeting closed 3:45pm with karakia by Arthur Edmonds.

Edwin Ashford  
**CHAIRPERSON**