

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

MINUTES

**MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HUIA STREET, TAUMARUNUI
ON FRIDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2011 AT 10:00AM**

PUBLIC BUSINESS

PRESENT

Councillors:	Marion Gillard	Ohura Ward
Iwi Representatives:	Tame Tuwhangai Mere McGee Arthur Edmonds Wayne Hudson Edwin Ashford	Maniapoto (Ngāti Hari) Maniapoto (Te Koura Putaroa) Tamahaki Council of Hapu Tuwharetoa (Ngāti Hikairo Hapu) Tuwharetoa (Tutetawha)
Staff:	David Hammond Warren Furner Pauline Welch Jo Tocker	Chief Executive Team Leader Land Transport (Part) Team Leader Strategic Development (Part) Policy Planner
Invited Guest	Barry Gilliland	Horizons Regional Council Staff (Part)
Observer	Ken Hill	Director Māori Economic Development (Part)

1 KARAKIA

The Chairperson, Edwin Ashford opened the meeting with a karakia.

2 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

Arthur Edmonds/Cr Gillard

That the apologies from the following be received.

Mayor Sue Morris

Cr Don Cameron

Katherine Webb

Donna Tuwhangai

Tame Tuwhangai for lateness

3 PUBLIC FORUM

Nothing presented or required discussion.

4 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES: 28 OCTOBER 2011

Warren Furner stated that phase two (the final stage) work on the Mangapurua and Kaiwhakauka cycleway tracks is due to commence. This work will include the construction of signage and toilets along the tracks.

RESOLVED

Tame Tuwhangai/Wayne Hudson

That the Public-Business Minutes of the Ruapehu District Māori Council meeting of 28 October 2011 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

5 FEEDBACK FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

Cr Gillard commended Edwin for his report and highlighted that the forums are proving to be very valuable. She also confirmed that the report has been added to the Council agenda meeting being held on 29 November 2011. Wayne Hudson thanked the Councillors for supporting the group.

RESOLVED

Arthur Edmonds/Wayne Hudson

That the Report on Feedback from the Chairperson be received.

6 DISCUSSION ON THE NATIONAL POLICY STATEMENT ON FRESHWATER MANAGEMENT WITH HORIZONS REGIONAL COUNCIL

Barry Gilliland gave a PowerPoint presentation on Horizons Proposed One Plan and the National Policy Statement. He also outlined the Regional Council's policy framework of managing, maintaining and improving the quality and quantity of freshwater. Members were encouraged to submit Iwi Management Plans to the Regional Council. Barry can be contacted at Horizons Regional Council on 0508 800 800 or email: barry.gilliland@horizons.govt.nz.

RESOLVED

Tame Tuwhangai/Mere McGee

That the Report on Discussion on the National Policy Statement on Freshwater Management with Horizons Regional Council be received.

7 PROGRESS REPORT

Resource Consent Working Party - Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Members requested further discussion on the MOU. It was agreed that this be discussed after this meeting.

Funding

Members discussed improving development of the group. To achieve this they have engaged Ken Hill, Director of Māori Economic Development Ltd to assist them in applying for funding from Te Puni Kokiri.

Northern Entranceway Project

Members were updated on the Northern Entranceway Project.

- The idea of replacing the existing image of King Tawhiao with a painted image by Gottfried Lindauer has had a positive response from within the community.
- The Mana Ariki Pou concept requires further discussion with Iwi groups and this discussion should include the Iwi of Ngāti Hekeawai.
- The plans for the project will be drawn up by Alex Ferrier but a timeframe for this is yet to be confirmed.
- The project needs to go to the Taumarunui Ohura Ward Committee (TOWC) for their endorsement.
- Rotary have agreed that they will take responsibility of the Moa project.

Dinner in the Park

Members were informed that a day for celebrating locals and ex locals of Taumarunui is being organised for 3 March 2012. The event will be held at the Taumarunui domain in conjunction with the Children's Day celebrations. This will allow the community to partake in the sharing of (wild) food and will also give the locals an opportunity to show off their talents catching, preparing and cooking (wild) food.

Countdown's Celebrity Chef Richard Till will also be involved in the celebrations. The co-ordinator of the event is Briar Van Buel and she can be contacted in the Work and Income office in Taumarunui.

Updates from Anne-Marie Westcott, Team Leader Environmental Services

The Pipiriki water scheme is being funded by the Ministry. Arthur Edmonds highlighted that the Department of Conservation (DOC) needs to be involved in this project. He also stated that National Park have association with more than one Iwi.

RESOLVED

Tame Tuwhangai/Wayne Hudson

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

8 ISSUES FROM REPRESENTATIVES

Warren Furner updated members on the proposed projects for rural roads of which bridge maintenance work is a high priority. He also stated that the maintenance of rural roads in being affected by the reduction in the Financial Assistance Rate (FAR) and the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) concentrating on priorities of city road maintenance not rural road maintenance.

Wayne Hudson and Nyree Nikora formulated a "Tangata Whenua Consultation Process" document which outlines the proposed procedures in dealing with resource consent applications. This will be presented to Council for discussion. Copies were handed out to all present for perusal and comment.

Arthur Edmonds will speak to a whanau member about an appropriate Māori Whakairo to be placed in Council's public foyer.

Members would like to pursue the idea of designing a flag to recognise the existence of the RDMC group. It was suggested that members write a letter to Council's elected members to formally address this concept.

Arthur addressed concerns about land erosion contributing to freshwater degradation. He stated there is a necessity for farms to implement land erosion management plans to protect freshwater quality.

RESOLVED

That the Report on Issues from Representatives be received.

The next RDMC meeting for 2012 will be held in February and confirmation will be sent to members early in the New Year.

There being no further business the Chairperson, Edwin Ashford concluded the meeting with a karakia at 1:50pm.

Dated at Taumarunui this 2nd day of March 2012

Edwin Ashford
CHAIRPERSON