

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

MINUTES

**MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HUIA STREET, TAUMARUNUI
ON FRIDAY 24 OCTOBER 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 Wayne Hudson	Tuwharetoa (Ngāti Hinemihi Hapu) Tuwharetoa (Ngāti Hikairo Hapu)
	Gina Cribb Evelyn Kereopa Raukura Tangihaere	Maniapoto (Tuhua Hikurangi RMC) Maniapoto (Te Ihingārangi Hapu) Maniapoto (Ngāti Pahere Hapu)
	Tira Pehi	Ngāti Hinewai & Uenuku Hapu
Council Staff:	Peter Till Ngahuaia Konui Warren Furner Rebecca Van Orden Paul Wheatcroft	Chief Executive Executive Assistant – Community Services Group Land Transport/ Economic Developer Manager (Part) Team Leader – Community Property (Part) Communications Manager (Part)
Observers:	Graham (Tinka) Bell Gregory Keenan	Te Puni Kokiri (Part) Mana Ariki (Part)

1 KARAKIA M80-0057

Chairperson Ashford opened the meeting with a karakia.

2 APOLOGIES M80-0057

No apologies received.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 12 SEPTEMBER 2014 M35-0072

A discussion on Māori Wards (Item 8, Doc No 587713) ensued as follows:

- Member Hudson apologised for not attending the previous meeting. He also stated that Ngāti Hikairo did not support the establishment of Māori Wards and that the hapu supported Te Kaunihera Māori forum in its entirety.

- Member T Pehi expressed that the establishment of Māori Ward were still being developed and believes that iwi and hapu in the District would better represented under the ward structure and would like to see Council proactively support this. She also stated that Te Kaunihera Māori would still need to exist independently from the Maori Ward structure.
- Mayor Cameron expressed concerns over the complexities of implementing three Māori Wards, as well as the financial costs, time and effort that would be needed to reconfigure the current wards boundaries and the need for consultation with the public in general. He also expressed the need for Māori Wards to be discussed on marae with respective iwi and hapu.
- The following amendments be made:
 - (a) A correction to Member Kereopa's representation stated as Ngāti Pahere, but should be Te Ihingārangi.
 - (b) The meeting date of 4 July 2014 for the minutes be amended to 12 September 2014.

RESOLVED

Councillor Gillard / Member Tangihaere

- 1 *That the Public-Business Minutes of Te Kaunihera Māori a Rohe o Ruapehu (Māori Council) meeting held on 12 September 2014, amended as agreed, are confirmed as a true and correct record.*

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

RESOLVED

Mayor Cameron / Member T Pehi

- 1 *That the following resolution made at the 4 July 2014 meeting be rescinded:*

“That a recommendation be made to Council's Elected Members for Māori Wards to be in the Ruapehu District for the 2016 local body election in accordance with the Local Electoral Act 2001”.

Members requested that the following votes be recorded:

For

Mayor Cameron
Councillor Gillard
Chairperson Ashford
Member Hudson
Member Cribb

Against

Councillor P Pehi
Member T Pehi
Member Tangihaere
Member Kereopa

- 2 *That Māori Wards for the Ruapehu District be reconsidered for the 2019 local body election in accordance with the Local Electoral Act 2001.*

4 **590937 – OMISSION OF RESOLUTION FROM TE KAUNIHERA MĀORI** M35-0072
PUBLIC BUSINESS MINUTES 4 JULY 2014

Members considered a Report to include the Resolution from the Report on Ratification of the Proposed King Tawhiao sign document: 583339 of which, was omitted from Te Kaunihera Māori public business minutes of 4 July 2014.

RESOLVED

Member Tangihaere / Councillor P Pehi

5 **590937 – UPDATES AND PROGRESS REPORT** M35-0072

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

- **Proposed Draft Boundary Maps**

The proposed draft boundary maps have been confirmed by Members for their respective iwi/hapu/marae representation:

- Te Ihingārangi Hapu
- Ngāti Hikairo Hapu
- Ngāti Hinemihi Hapu
- Ngāti Hinewai

Some Members still need to establish and confirm their proposed draft boundary maps.

- **Working Party Hui – Proposed Stock Effluent Disposal Facility at Manunui**

Members acknowledged the proposed site location and its proximity to the Whanganui Awa and the lack of consultation with iwi at large given the site is culturally important to iwi. Council's Land Transport/Economic Development Manager discussed the safety precautions that will be put in place to stop any potential river pollution.

- **Draft Strategic Communication Plan**

Council's Land Transport Manager Warren Furner will present Members with a final Strategic Communication Plan in the near future.

RESOLVED

Members Tangihaere / Hudson

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

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:20pm and reconvened at 1:00pm.

6 **590942 – ISSUES FROM REPRESENTATIVES** M35-0072

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

- **Deputy Chairperson**

- Members discussed the appointment of a Deputy Chairperson.

Member Tangihaere nominated Member T Pehi, the nomination was seconded by Councillor P Pehi.

Member Kereopa nominated Member Hudson, the nomination was seconded by Member Cribb.

Mayor Don Cameron and Councillor Gillard abstained from voting.

Member Hudson was appointed Deputy Chairperson.

RESOLVED

Members Cribb / Tangihaere

That Member Hudson be appointed Deputy Chairperson.

- **Role of Māori Representative of Te Kaunihera Māori a Rohe o Ruapehu (Te Kaunihera Māori)**
 - Members Tangihaere queried if her role as a mandated iwi Member of Te Kaunihera Māori was as a point of contact for people living in her area and stated that a Council Officer had contacted her to discuss matters concerning another person who lived in her area.
 - Council' Chief Executive confirmed that the mandated role of a Member was not for this capacity and he needs to be informed of this. He also advised that Members should decline to discuss such matters with Council Officers if they feel uncomfortable.
 - Member Tangihaere also tabled her 'Update Report 24/10/14' on behalf of her respective iwi/hapu/marae representation.
- **Māori Freehold Land Rates Remission Policy**
 - Members were reminded that the Māori Freehold Land Rates Remission Policy is coming up for review with the Long Term Plan 2015-25 and feedback was requested for discussion at the meeting on 5 December 2014.
 - A Rates Working Party Hui will be held on 26 November 2014 to review the Māori Freehold Land Rates Remission Policy.
- **Kaumatua Council**
 - Members suggested the idea of establishing a Kaumatua Council to support Te Kaunihera Māori. It was also suggested that Chairperson Ashford attend other relevant Hui in the area to liaise with Kaumatua.
- **District Libraries**
 - Members were informed that children are being left in Council Libraries unattended and Council staff are concerned about their safety and are seeking support from Māori Wardens or other ideas how to managed this issue. Member Cribb will discuss this matter with the District Māori Wardens.
- **Signs at Cherry Grove**
 - Council's Team Leader Community Services, Rebecca Van Orden explained to Members that all Department of Conservation (DoC) signs have been replaced except for the sign at Cherry Grove. Graeme Bell expressed that Iwi have issues with the new wording on the sign and would prefer that DoC use the wording from the original sign.
- **King Tawhiao Sign**
 - Member Tangihaere asked when the new King Tawhiao sign would be erected. Rebecca Van Orden, Team Leader Community Services informed Members that resource consent was required for the new sign because it was larger than the current sign. Therefore, installation of the sign is hoped to be done in December followed by the unveiling in January 2015.

RESOLVED

Members Hudson / Cribb

That the Report on Issues from Representatives and Council be received.

7 **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

Councillor Gillard / Mayor Cameron

- 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
<i>C1: Confirmation of Public Excluded Business Minutes 12 September 2014.</i>	<i>The reason(s) for excluding the public is recorded in Public Business Minutes of the meeting.</i>	<i>48(1)(a)</i>

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 5th day of December 2014.

Edwin Ashford
CHAIRPERSON