

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

**MINUTES**

**MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HUIA STREET, TAUMARUNUI  
ON FRIDAY 5 DECEMBER 2014 AT 10.30AM**

**PUBLIC BUSINESS**

**PRESENT**

Deputy Mayor:	Marion Gillard	Ohura Ward/Deputy Mayor
Councillor:	Pita Pehi	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 (Ngati Pahere Hapu)
	Tira Pehi Arthur Edmonds Aiden Gilbert	Ngāti Hinewai & Uenuku Hapu Tamahaki Council of Hapu Ngāti Uenuku
Council Staff:	Peter Till Jo Tocker Margaret Hawthorne Anne-Marie Westcott Steve Carson	Chief Executive Policy Planner/Iwi Liaison Group Manager Community Services Environmental Manager Waste Minimisation Officer (Part)
Observers:	Graham (Tinka) Bell Gregory Keenan Te Maari Gardiner Christine Brears	Te Puni Kokiri (Part) Mana Ariki (Part) General Public (Part) Taumarunui Community Kokiri Trust (Part)

1     **KARAKIA**     M80-0057

Chairperson Ashford opened the meeting with a karakia.

2     **APOLOGIES**     M80-0057

**RESOLVED**

***Members Cribb / Tangihaere***

*That the apologies from Mayor Don Cameron be received and Leave of Absence granted.*

3 **593357 - KORERO NGA MANUHIRI (VISITING SPEAKERS) M35-0072**  
**DEPUTATION: SUE DEMALMANCHE**

Members received a Deputation from Sue Demalmanche as follows:

**Kururau Reserve Proposal**

- Sue Demalmanche spoke to Members about her proposal to restore and improve the reserve land on Kururau Road, Taumarunui. Ms Demalmanche said she has started to plant fruit trees and spoke of her vision to establish a community garden on land in the future.
- The reserve land is owned by Council, but is currently used by the Pony Club. Permission regarding the proposal has not been secured and matters are still being discussed with the Pony Club.

**RESOLVED**

**Members Edmonds / Kereopa**

1 *That the Report on Deputation: Sue Demalmanche be received.*

4 **593360 - KORERO NGA MANUHIRI (VISITING SPEAKERS) M35-0072**  
**DEPUTATION: BRIAR HICKLING**

Members received a Deputation from Briar Hickling as follows:

**Dinner @ the Domain**

- Briar Hickling gave Members an update on the Dinner @ the Domain event which is being held in the Taumarunui Domain on 1 March 2015 in conjunction with the Children's Day Celebration.
- Ms Hickling said the event needs the support of the wider community and would appreciate being able to borrow gazebos and other equipment for the event. She is also seeking ideas for a Marae competition and looking for volunteers to organise this.

**RESOLVED**

**Members Cribb / Councillor P Pehi**

1 *That the Report on Deputation: Briar Hickling be received.*

5 **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 24 OCTOBER 2014** **M35-0072**

Prior to the meeting, the following errors were noted in the 24 October 2014 Minutes:

- (a) That the Minutes of the meeting of 4 July 2014 should read 12 September 2014.
- (b) That the discussion was recorded incorrectly for 24 October 2014 meeting.

Corrected Minutes for 24 October 2014 were tabled at the meeting.

**RESOLVED**

**Councillor Gillard / Member Kereopa**

*That the tabled Public-Business Minutes of Te Kaunihera Māori a Rohe o Ruapehu (Māori Council) meeting held on 24 October 2014, amended as agreed, are confirmed as a true and correct record.*

**6**      **593405 – CORRESPONDENCE**

M35-0072

Members considered the inwards correspondence received from Uenuku Charitable Trust/Ngāti Uenuku. Aiden Gilbert attended the hui on behalf of Te Kura Te Wanikau-Turoa. He also confirmed that Mr Te Wanikau-Turoa will be representing Ngāti Uenuku on Te Kaunihera Māori.

Councillor Gillard sought clarification of Uenuku Hapu and Ngāti Uenuku Hapu. Mr Gilbert explained that Uenuku Hapu and Ngāti Uenuku are two separate entities, but both cover the same interests.

Member T Pehi agreed with Mr Gilbert's comment about the relationship between Uenuku Hapu and Ngāti Uenuku. She also confirmed that she represents the interests of Ngāti Hinewai and said that this was a standalone hapu to Uenuku.

The Southern Iwi now has three mandated Members which completes the allocated number of representatives on Te Kaunihera Māori.

**RESOLVED**

***Members T Pehi / Tangihaere***

- 1      *That the Report on Correspondence be accepted and received.*
- 2      *That formal response letters be sent to the following acknowledging their correspondence:*
  - (a)      *Don Robinson*
  - (b)      *Moana Dawson*
  - (c)      *Aiden Gilbert*

**7**      **5903326 – MĀORI LAND RATES**

M35-0072

Members considered a Report on Māori Land Rates which discussed Council's rating system on Māori Land. Council's Chief Executive, Peter Till spoke to the Report and answered Members questions. The Māori Freehold Land Rates Remissions Policy is being reviewed in 2015 and Council welcomes feedback from Members and interested parties.

A workshop to discuss the misunderstandings associated to the rating issues will be held in conjunction with the hui on 20 February 2015.

A suggestion was also made to lobby Central Government on the Māori land rating issues.

**RESOLVED**

***Members Tangihaere / Hudson***

- 1      *That the Report on Māori Land Rates be received.*
- 2      *That a letter be sent to Central Government seeking the co-operation between local authorities and Central Government over Council's rating issues.*
- 3      *That a Hui be held to enable Te Kaunihera Māori and Council to gain a mutual understanding of Council's rating system.*

**8**      **593383 – RESOURCE CONSENTS**

M35-0072

Members considered a Report on Resource Consents for Ohakune, Raetihi and National Park Wastewater Treatment Plants and Raetihi Water Supply Take in 2015. Anne Marie Westcott, Council's Environmental Manager spoke to the Report and answered Members questions. Consultation has commenced with mana whenua (Ngāti Rangī and Ngāti Uenuku) to acknowledge the cultural consideration under the Resource Management Act 1991.

Member T Pehi questioned the mana whenua consultation group and stated that she would like to be part of the group. Aiden Gilbert questioned Ngāti Uenuku's iwi boundary map. It was agreed that this forum was inappropriate to deal with the mana whenua issues.

**RESOLVED**

**Member Cribb / Councillor Gillard**

*That the Report on Resource Consents be received.*

**9**      **593455 – MEETING SCHEDULE 2015**

M35-0072

Members considered a Report on the Meeting Schedule for 2015. The first meeting scheduled on 20 February 2015 will incorporate an afternoon workshop on Māori land rating issues.

**RESOLVED**

**Members Tangihaere / Cribb**

*That the Report on Meeting Schedule 2015 be received.*

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.30pm and reconvened 1:15pm.

**10**      **593427 – XTREME ZERO WASTE - RAGLAN**

M35-0072

Members considered a Report on Xtreme Zero Waste – Raglan. Council's Waste Minimisation Officer, Steve Carson gave a PowerPoint presentation to Members.

Mr Carson also stated that Council had been approached by local Marae who are seeking support to promote and encourage recycling. He advised that Council could support Marae in-kind by supplying recycling signs and could look at supplying recycling bins.

Christine Brears from Taumarunui Community Kokiri Trust (TCKT) expressed her interest in a Zero Waste programme in the Ruapehu District. She also stated that should Te Kaunihera Māori have a planned approach towards achieving this initiative, TCKT would like to be involved.

Member T Pehi suggested establishing a Waste Management and Minimisation working party.

Members will be given regular updates on the issues of Waste Management and Minimisation.

**RESOLVED**

**Members Edmonds / Kereopa**

*That the Report on Xtreme Zero Waste - Raglan be received.*

**11 593389 – UPDATES AND PROGRESS REPORT**

*M35-0072*

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

- **Rates Working Party Hui**
  - Members discussed the continuing issue of unpaid Māori land rates. The discussion also identified the difficulties around inter-generational successions as well as, the issues of understanding how Māori value their land in comparison to encouraging development.
  - Members need to evaluate the objectives within the Māori Freehold Land Rates Remission Policy and seek ideas on how the objectives can work more efficiently and effectively if the outcomes are not being achieved.
  - The rating issues will be further discussed at the hui on 20 February 2015.

**RESOLVED**

**Members Cribb / Hudson**

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

**12 593383 – ISSUES FROM REPRESENTATIVES**

*M35-0072*

Members considered a Report on Issues from Representatives on the following matters:

- **King Tawhiao Sign**
  - Member Kereopa asked for an update on the proposed King Tawhiao sign.
  - Chairperson Ashford confirmed that King Tuhetia's office had been informed about the proposal and the office will receive an update in due course.
  - Margaret Hawthorne, Council's Group Leader Community Services advised that the resource consent application for the proposed sign has been lodged with Council and is currently being processed.
- **Stakeholder Consultation**
  - Member T Pehi reconfirmed that Ngāti Hinewai was not an entity of Uenuku and requested this information to be recorded.
- **Roading Issues**
  - Member Edmonds raised his concerns about the grading job on Makakahi Road stating that only one half of the road had been graded and asked if it was possible to do the other half.
  - Peter Till, Council's Chief Executive stated that Council has new roading contractors and matters like this should be reported to Council's Customer Services Centre. He also explained the process a service request which is logged to contractors and how staff are then able to follow up on any issues that are not completed.

- **Update Reports**

- Member Kereopa gave Members an update on the following matters relevant to Te Ihingārangi Hapu:
  - a) The hapu is investigating a proposal through the Ministry for the Environment (MFE) and the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) to improve the freshwater tuna (eels) in their waterways.
  - b) A toki (adze) has been found on a Maori Land block and the hapu has been identified as the owners and invited to attend the Māori Land Courts to claim ownership of it.
  - c) The hapu are keen to initiate recycling on their Marae and would appreciate the support of recycling signs and bins that Council is offering. The Marae is also willing to work with the Waimiha community to reduce waste that is being put into private landfills.
- Member Cribb gave Members an update on the following matters relevant to Tuhua Hikurangi RMC:
  - a) As part of their Bridge Renewal Project, Kiwi Rail has started to prepare to bridge 204 located on Borck Road, Taumarunui. Gregory Keenan and local kaumatua from Mana Ariki Marae supported Kiwi Rail with a karakia (blessing) at the site prior to commencement of the work.

**RESOLVED**

**Members Cribb / T Pehi**

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

There being no further business the meeting was closed with a karakia by Aiden Gilbert at 2:35pm.

Dated at Taumarunui this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February 2014.

Edwin Ashford  
**CHAIRPERSON**