

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

**MINUTES**

**MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HUIA STREET, TAUMARUNUI  
ON FRIDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2013 AT 10.30AM**

**PUBLIC BUSINESS**

**PRESENT**

Councillors:	Don Cameron Marion Gillard Pita Pehi	Mayor Ohura Ward Waimarino-Waiouru Ward
Iwi Representatives: Chairperson	Edwin Ashford Katherine Webb Wayne Hudson	Tuwharetoa (Tutetawha) Tuwharetoa (Tutetawha) Tuwharetoa (Ngāti Hikairoa Hapu)
	Tame Tuwhangai Raukura Tangihaere Evelyn Kereopa	Ngāti Hari Ngāti Pahere Te Ihingarangi Hapu
	Arthur Edmonds Tira Pehi	Tamahaki Council of Hapu Ngāti Hinewai & Uenuku Tribal Authority
Administrator:	Rayden Horton	Ruapehu District Māori Council
Council Staff:	Margaret Hawthorne Anne-Marie Westcott Marissa Cairncross Rebecca Van Orden	Group Manager Community Services Environmental Manager Team Leader Policy Planning Team Leader Community Services

**1      KARAKIA M80-0057**

Chairperson Ashford opened the meeting with a karakia.

**2      APOLOGIES M80-0057**  
**RESOLVED *Members Edmonds / Councillor Gillard***

*That the apologies from Peter Till and Gerrard Albert be received.*

**3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - 27 SEPTEMBER 2013**

**RESOLVED**

**Member Tuwhangai / Councillor Pehi**

Item 13: Issues from Representatives (570189); Members sought clarification of the following resolution:

- 2 That the Members agree to look into possible funding options for the liaison person to represent Ruapehu District Māori Council (RDMC).

Members amended the above resolution as follows:

- 2 *That the Members agree to look into outside funding options for the Ruapehu District Maori Council (RDMC).*

*That the amended Public-Business Minutes of the Ruapehu District Māori Council meeting held on 27 September 2013, are confirmed as a true and correct record.*

**4 572963 - CORRESPONDENCE**

*M35-0072*

Members considered a Report on the internal and external correspondence received.

**RESOLVED**

**Members Tuwhangai / Tangihaere**

*That the Report on Correspondence be received.*

**5 573260 – CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBERS REPORT**

*M35-0072*

The Chairperson and Members discussed their Report in relation to their representation on the Ruapehu District Māori Council.

**RESOLVED**

**Members Edmonds / Tangihaere**

*That the Report on Chairperson and Members Report be received.*

**6 573254 – ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON**

*M35-0072*

Members considered a Report on the Election of Chairperson. Prior to the meeting a letter was received from Tira Pehi indicating her interest in the Chairperson's position. The letter was withdrawn by Tira at the meeting and this, being the case the Chairperson's position remained status quo with Chairperson Ashford.

No other Members expressed an interest in being the Chairperson.

**RESOLVED**

**Councillor Gillard / Member Tangihaere**

*That the Report on Election of Chairperson be received.*

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.20pm and reconvened at 12.52pm.

**7**      **572953 – REPRESENTATION OF MANDATED IWI MEMBERS**

M35-0072

**RESOLVED**

**Mayor Don / Member Edmonds**

Members considered a Report reconfirming the mandated Iwi representation for Members Edmonds and Ashford. Tira Pehi received a mandate to replace Pita Pehi as the Iwi representative for Uenuku Hapu and Ngāti Hinewai.

- 1      *That the Report on Representation for Mandated Iwi Members be received and the letters mandating the Members be accepted.*

**8**      **573317 - PUBLIC FORUM**

A05-0014

**RESOLVED**

**Mayor Don / Councillor Pehi**

- 1      *That the Report on Public Forum: Temporary Suspension and Reinstatement of Standing Orders be received.*
- 2      *That, pursuant to Section 27(4) Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002, the Board temporarily suspends Standing Orders in their entirety to allow Members and the public to address the Board.*

Members received addresses as follows:

- Pip Meihana from Nga Hau E Wha Maara Kai introduced herself to Members and explained that the purpose and vision of Nga Hau E Wha Maara Kai is to act as a food bank to supply kai to local marae. She also explained that they are seeking financial assistance to pay the rates on the property which is leased Railway land located at 4 BP Road, Taumarunui and wondered if the Ruapehu District Māori Council could assist in any way.
- Richard Kingi from Paraweka Marae explained that Pipiriki now has a telecommunications network which enables cellphone coverage in the area and investigations are being made to extend this network further down the Whanganui River. He also stated that this is part of the marae upgrade which he and four other hapu are involved in.
- Jackie Te Moananui from the Tuhua Hikurangi Regional Management Committee (THRMC) introduced herself to Members and explained that THRMC is the mandated authority who represents a cluster of hapu/marae affiliated to Maniapoto. She also stated that the delegates put forward to the Ruapehu District Māori Council (RDMC) will represent a wider collective of local iwi and this will increase the representation of Maniapoto Iwi within the Ruapehu District.

**RESOLVED**

**Members Tuwhangai / Kereopa**

*That, pursuant to Section 27(4) Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002, the Board reinstates Standing Orders in their entirety for consideration of the agenda.*

9 **573266 – DEPUTATION OF GERRARD ALBERT, WHANGANUI RIVER** M35-0072  
**MĀORI TRUST BOARD**

Unfortunately, Gerrard Albert was unable to attend the meeting due to being involved in further settlement negotiations in Wellington. However, Gerrard will make himself available to speak to Members at the next hui.

In place of the Deputation Report, Members discussed the Raetihi Water Contamination. Council's Environmental Manager, Anne-Marie Westcott presented a PowerPoint of the events to Members.

**RESOLVED**

**Members Webb / Councillor Gillard**

10 **573253 – MEETING DATES 2014** M35-0072

Members considered a Report to adopt a meeting schedule for 2014.

**RESOLVED**

**Members Kereopa / Webb**

- 1 *That the Report on Meeting Dates for 2014 be received.*
- 2 *That the following dates be set for 2014 for Ruapehu District Māori Council meetings and be held in the Council Chamber, Taumarunui at 10:30am:*
  - *Friday 21 February*
  - *Friday 28 March*
  - *Friday 9 May*
  - *Friday 20 June*
  - *Friday 1 August*
  - *Friday 12 September*
  - *Friday 24 October*
  - *Friday 5 December*

11 **573263 – RATES WORKING PARTY STRUCTURE** M35-0072

Members considered a Report on the structure of the Rates Working Party (RWP). Council's Environmental Manager Community Services spoke to the Report and answered Members' questions.

**RESOLVED**

**Members Pehi / Edmonds**

- 1 *That the Report on Rates Working Party Structure be received.*
- 2 *That the Rates Working Party consists of the following Members:*
  - Councillor: .....Pita Pehi*
  - Councillor: .....Marion Gillard*
  - Ruapehu District Maori Council: .....Evelyn Kereopa*
  - Ruapehu District Maori Council: .....Raukura Tangihaere*
- 3 *That the Members agree to the frequency of the scheduled meetings be held six weekly between the scheduled Ruapehu District Māori Council meetings.*

**12**     **573262 – PROGRESS REPORT**

M35-0072

Members considered a Report on the Progress Report. The following matters were discussed:

- Refurbishment of King Tawhiao Sign
  - Member Tangihaere will book the Ngapuwaiwaha Marae on 9 December 2013 at 10:00am for a public hui. Once the marae booking has been confirmed Member Tangihaere will liaise with Council's Policy Planner, Jo Tocker for the hui to be advertised in the Ruapehu Press and for flyers to be made up and distributed around town. Members will be notified once the hui date has been confirmed.
  - Member Hudson confirmed that the Ariki, Timu Te heuheu has been informed and updated on the progress of the sign.
  
- Resource Consent Working Party
  - Member Hudson expressed his interest in re-establishing the Resource Consent Working Party (RCWP).
  - Member Pehi expressed her interest in joining the group.

**RESOLVED**

***Councillor Gillard / Member Hudson***

*That the Report on Progress Report be received.*

**13**     **5701189 – ISSUES FROM REPRESENTATIVES**

M35-0072

Members considered a Report on Issues from Representatives:

- Member Tangihaere will investigate funding options outside the scope of Ruapehu District Council. In the past, Members have sought funding from Te Puni Kokiri but, have been unsuccessful.
- Member Tangihaere read and tabled her Members Report.
- Chairperson Ashford reminded Members that their mandated Iwi representation letters for their respective iwi/hapu/marae need to be received before the next meeting.

**RESOLVED**

***Members Hudson / Tuwhangai***

There being no further business the meeting was closed with a karakia by Chairperson Ashford at 3:30pm.

Dated at Taumarunui this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February 2014.

Edwin Ashford  
**CHAIRPERSON**