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TE WHAKAMINENGA O KĀPITI	RATU 8 POUTŪ-TE-RANGI 2016	10.00 AM

Minutes of a six-weekly meeting of Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti on Tuesday 8 March 2016, commencing at 10.00am in the Council Chambers, Ground Floor, Civic Administration Building, 175 Rimu Road, Paraparaumu.

MEMBERS

Mr	H	Potini	Ngāti Toa Rangatira (Acting Chair)
Ms	M	Hakaraia	Ngā Hapū o Ōtaki
Ms	A-M	Ellison	Te Āti Awa Charitable Trust
Cr	J	Holborow	Mema o Te Kaunihera
Ms	C	Reihana	Ngāti Toa Rangatira (Ngāti Haumia)

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr	D	Te Maipi	Kaumātua
Mr	P	Dougherty	Tumuaki
Ms	M	Fraser	Kaiwhakahaere Tairangawhenua
Mr	K	Black	Kaiwhakahaere Ratonga Rangapū
Mr	M	Cole	Kaiwhakahaere Wai
Mr	S	McArthur	Kaihautū Rautaki me te Rangapū
Ms	V	Starbuck-Maffey	Kaiwhakahaere Ratonga Manapori
Ms	M	Whiterod	Te Āpiha Tairangawhenua

APOLOGIES

Mr	R	Waaka	Ngā Hapū o Ōtaki
Mayor	R	Church	Koromatua
Ms	C	Seamark	Te Āti Awa Charitable Trust

The meeting opened with a karakia by Don Te Maipi.

In Rupene Waaka's absence the group elected Hohepa Potini to chair this meeting.

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TUKU AROHA/APOLOGIES

MOVED (Holborow/Hakaraia)

That Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti accepts apologies from Rupene Waaka, Mayor Ross Church and Cherie Seamark.

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PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

There were no public speakers.

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ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

There were no additional items.

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CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 26 KOHITĀTEA (JANUARY) 2016

There were no amendments. The Chief Executive Pat Dougherty mentioned that in a recent meeting with the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) it was confirmed that the next project would be known as P2Ō (Pekapeka to Ōtaki i.e. with the correct spelling of Pekapeka).

MOVED (Potini/Ellison)

That the minutes of the meeting of Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti on 26 January 2016 are confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

CARRIED

Strategic Work Programme

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MARAE MAINTENANCE FUND 2016 (SP-16-1829)

Monica Fraser introduced this report.

MOVED (Hakaraia/Ellison)

That Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti notes the process and panel for allocation of funds through the Marae Maintenance Contribution Fund as set out in report SP-16-1829.

CARRIED

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MĀORI ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – PROCES FOR GRANT DISTRIBUTION (SP-16-1828)

Monica Fraser introduced this report.

MOVED (Ellison/Reihana)

That Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti notes the process for the allocating funds through the Māori Economic Development Grants Fund as set out in report SP-16-1828.

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UPDATE : ANNUAL PLAN

Kevin Black, Manager of Corporate Planning and Reporting spoke to this item and gave a powerpoint presentation about the development of the 2016/17 Annual Plan (AP).

While legislation still required an Annual Plan to be developed, amendments now allowed Council to decide not to consult on the content of the AP provided the Plan contained no significant or material differences to the content of the Long Term Plan (LTP). Examples of material change would include changes to existing levels of services, or significant new expenditure, or changes to rates and borrowings projections and none of these thresholds applied to this Council. The proposed approach is to inform the community on progress made delivering Year 1 of the LTP and consult on proposed changes for Year 2 (2016/17).

He described the development process to date including three workshops, discussing items such as proposed budget increases and savings, changes to current and planned infrastructure activities, community board proposals, savings proposals, three waters revaluation, changes proposed to fees and charges over and above CPI, and an update on the Charging Regime Advisory Group's (CRAG's) work. The 4.6% rates increase signalled in the LTP is the starting point for the upcoming consultation process.

There would also be project updates as well, eg the seawall at Paekākāriki and expressway development timings which provide an opportunity to bring some projects forward to align with that work.

Two papers would be tabled at the Council meeting on 17 March. Council will be asked to adopt the components of the AP and to approve a 2015/16 consultation document, which would be promoted through a variety of channels. The consultation period would be over four weeks between 4 and 29 April.

A draft version was circulated to members and the document structure explained. Cr Holborow and Ann-Maree Ellison were invited to comment as they had attended the Council workshops in February. There was always a desire to reduce the rates increase but without reducing levels of service. It was noted that Community Boards had been involved and consulted at a much earlier time than usual, as per the feedback during the LTP process, but this had created the need to manage expectations around the proposals put forward which nearly always involved increased expenditure. Perhaps suggestions or proposals by Boards could be put forward within the context of the next LTP. It was also noted that one suggested area for cutting expenditure was Māori Economic Development but this had not been taken up.

As part of the consultation effort there would be 'drop-ins' at Paraparumu and Waikanae and this was queried. Most of the issues in the consultation document focus on those two communities but efforts would be made to ensure that Paekākāriki and Ōtaki were given equal opportunity to comment and the Community Boards would be useful in this respect, with Standing Orders being suspended during the meetings to allow the community to participate. Community Boards would still be able to make a submission to the Plan. Any panui should go to ART for discussion.

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UPDATE : LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION DETERMINATION ON REPRESENTATION ARRANGEMENTS

Vyvien Starbuck-Maffey, Democracy Services Manager spoke to this item, explaining that the Local Government Commission had issued its determination regarding the Council's review of representation arrangements, a process which unfolded according to statutory timeframes throughout 2015, and which involved a formal submission process. The Commission had upheld the Council's final proposal which retained the status quo in terms of Councillor numbers, wards, and community boards and included some boundary adjustments between Ōtaki and Waikanae. The robust discussions and input from the Working Party was acknowledged and the work of staff and Councillors in the process was commended.

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PRESENTATION : WAITANGI DAY 2016

Maia Whiterod Iwi Relationships Project Officer gave her mihi and provided an update on the outcomes of 2016 Waitangi Day. A powerpoint presentation was given. The 2016 event marked 176 years since the signing of the Treaty. Five hundred people attended the pōwhiri alone at Whakarongotai marae from throughout the District. A variety of activities were on offer, from street art interactive creations, historic bus tours, poi making, art exhibitions, music and kapa haka performance, market stalls, and hangi and high tea. There were 1,285 visitors to Mahara Gallery over the three weeks of their exhibition 'Whakatupuranga Past, Present and Future Generations'. Sites of significance bus tour was booked out very quickly. Eighty families participated in the 'History Hunt' and 300 hangi were sold. The whole community supported the event. The Working Party was thanked. The involvement of Te Papa as well as local businesses was noted. Te Papa had extended an invitation to visit the current taonga collection and this invitation would be submitted through Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti.

Updates / Other Matters

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IWI UPDATES

Ngā Hapū o Ōtaki

- The Māoriland Film Festival programme was circulated: those present were invited to join tāngata whenua to welcome manuhiri at a pōwhiri at 9,30am on 23 March at Raukawa Marae.
- A query was made about the slip at Ōtaki Gorge Road.

Te Āti Awa

- the new Charitable Trust and Marae Trustees had been appointed and are currently undergoing trustee training.

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Ngāti Toa Rangatira

- Members requested a minute to pay respects to the memory of Council Arts and Museums Manager Catherine Scollay who had recently passed away. The range of Catherine Scollay's work and achievements were detailed.
- There were two new employees at the rūnanga
- The Beach Carnival hosted by Hongoeka marae was a success.
- The Chief Executive referred to an address on treaty settlements at a conference he had attended last year and asked why Kāpiti was one of the few areas highlighted where iwi were not engaging with the Crown. It was agreed that an update on Treaty Settlements would be provided to the next meeting.

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COUNCIL UPDATES

- The Ōtaki Kite Festival had been a huge success and was one of three major events that had received funding from the Council (the others being Coastella and the Māoriland Film Festival).
- The Mayor had attended the first event of Parks Week which included a walk and BBQ at Haruatai Park in Ōtaki.
- There would be a public opening of the Te Arawa Walkway on 9 April
- The Chief Executive informed members that Ōtaki Community Board member Colin Pearce had passed away early this morning.
- Local body elections were in October and a pre-election protocol has been circulated amongst staff. The Communications Manager Janice McDougall would be supervising the Customer Services team as well as her own while Jude Wadsworth was released to focus on her role as Electoral Officer.
- There had been a high-level examination of stormwater issues informed by lessons from the June 2015 floods. This was one of the biggest issues that Council faced and an earlier estimate of \$140 million to improve stormwater capacity was now set at \$200 million largely in the wake of global warming forecasts which included a greater rainfall intensity. This would be a challenge for the new Council in terms of next LTP.
- The slip at Ōtaki Gorge Road – the situation has worsened with other big cracks opening up and a report had recently been received from a geologist about the scale of the damage and whether it could be fixed. It could be repaired but at significant cost and Council's approval would need to be sought before action could be taken.
- Expressway – the Alliance was planning to open M2PP to traffic in February 2017 with a stretch target before Xmas 2016.
- Raumati Straights – a complete rebuild was envisioned which was presented to Council, with a reworked duration estimate of eight months. NZTA were aware of traffic congestion and other effects and it was explained why they couldn't do the work at night. It was expected to be finished by the start of September.
- The Transmission Gully project was in commencement phase with a proposal to install lights at Sang Soo Corner. This had been resisted but overall it was expected that due to these large projects traffic congestion along the route would get a lot worse over the next couple of years. NZTA were monitoring traffic from MacKays Crossing to Poplar Avenue but they needed to monitor further south.

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- Kāpiti Road – Council was proposing to bring forward funding in the budget to finish the upgrading work on Kāpiti Road.
- An update was provided on the Proposed District Plan (PDP) process with hearings starting in April.
- The 2015 Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) had been attended by Ann-Maree Ellison and Mahinarangi Hakaraia. It was proposed that Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti should be put forward for an award as the longest productive partnership between a local authority and iwi. While the Conference did feature an Awards section in the programme, none of the award categories was pertinent. It was proposed to ask LGNZ if Council could have a speaking slot on the programme to highlight the partnership's achievements and this was supported. There was overall a cultural element lacking in the conference.
- A meeting had been held with M2PP project group concerning stormwater and there was work to be done on culverts and drains to lessen flooding impacts.

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PRESENTATION: BIO-SOLIDS

- Martyn Cole Water and Wastewater Asset Manager gave a powerpoint presentation, providing an update on progress. Biosolids were currently disposed of at the Silverstream landfill in the Hutt. The treatment process was explained. Otaihanga Landfill was closed to biosolids last year. A number of composting trials were being held of vermicomposting and a Strategy being developed. The cultural acceptability of the Strategy was critical. Options for consideration included continued disposal to landfill or beneficial re-use through application to land. Currently the latter option of application to land was considered a restricted discretionary activity and the work to date was outlined. The issue had been referred to the ART Forum who had done a lot of work in the background, including a recommendation to prepare a cultural impact assessment (CIA).
- Iwi members commented that they were concerned about biosolids going into the sand and peat that formed so much of the District's environment.
- ART had approached Ngāti Toa for CIA their approach (as they had already done a CIA on biosolid disposal to land in Nelson).
- The Chief Executive outlined his experience with in Nelson where the biosolids in liquid form had been sprayed between pine trees on plantations in Bell's Island and Rabbit Island. This process worked very well.
- The issue of tapu to noa was discussed, and there were very serious cultural concerns about the process that Council would consider carefully.
- It was agreed that alternative end uses would be explored.

MOVED (Ellison/Hakaraia

That work continue on developing the Terms of Reference which will inform the selection of a specialist to undertake the Cultural Impact Assessment.

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CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence received.

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OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

The meeting closed at 12.22pm with a karakia by Don Te Maipi.

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