

July 2012

MINUTES	MEETING HELD ON	TIME
TE WHAKAMINENGA O KĀPITI	24 HONGONGOI 2012	10.04AM

MEMBERS

Mr	R	Waaka	Ngā Hapū o Ōtaki
Mr	T	Carkeek	Ngā Hapū o Ōtaki
Mr	R	Higgott	Te Āti Awa Charitable Trust
Mayor	J	Rowan	Koromatua
Cr	H	Wooding	Mema o te Kaunihera

IN ATTENDANCE

Cr	R	Booth	Mema o te Kaunihera
Cr	K	Gurunathan	Mema o te Kaunihera
Ms	A	Parata	
Ms	Q	Rikihana-Hyland	
Ms	H	Higgott	
Mr	R	Te Maipi	Kaumatua
Ms	T	Paringatai	Te Kaiwhakapakari mo te Hunga Mahi
Mr	P	Dougherty	Tumuaki
Ms	M	Fraser	He Āpiha Whakapiringa mo te Kaunihera
Ms	H	Fraser	Te Āpiha Awhina Tōpū
Ms	V	Stabuck-Maffey	Te Kaiarahi o Te Rōpū Manapori

The meeting was held at the Library Meeting Room, Paraparaumu Library, Iver Trask Place Paraparaumu.

Karakia timatatanga was performed by Don Te Maipi.

Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti 12/07/196
TUKU AROHA/APOLOGIES

MOVED (Carkeek/Wooding)

That an apology be accepted from Carol Reihana and Jennie Smeaton.

CARRIED

Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti 12/07/197
PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

The Chair Mr Waaka invited Mr McKinney and Mr Gray to address members. Nathan Gray introduced John McKinney a tour operator in the Wellington region for the past 16 years. Mr McKinney operated two tours: the 'Seal Coast' tour and the 'Hop On Hop Off' tour. Both had proven popular. Mr McKinney was hoping to initiate a new tour of Kāpiti Island. He submitted a proposal to the Department of Conservation who were happy for him to consequently apply for a concession to take visitors to the Island for a world-class cultural and environmental experience. One of the current concession holders Mr John Barrett had also submitted a proposal.

Mr McKinney wanted to have a special jet-propelled catamaran built with capacity for 49 people which would depart Mana Marina for the Island twice a day, at 9.30am and 1.30pm, landing at Rangatira Point. This would ensure that people from Wellington and also cruise ship passengers could be included in the tours. There would be cultural and educational talks during the trip and Mr McKinney invited members' comments about the cultural input. During discussion the following points emerged:

- Today was an introduction to the concept of the tour and would be followed up with more formal consultation with each iwi through marae committees and the rūnanga.
- Providing ways of ensuring biosecurity onboard was recognised as a priority.
- Other departure/arrival points for the tour along the coast were suggested as being possible further down the track.
- John McKinney and John Barrett would be meeting with DOC this Friday to discuss their proposals.
- It was emphasised that Kāpiti Island was an iconic site on the Coast and visits were a privilege.

Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti 12/07/198
MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

MOVED (Carkeek/Wooding)

That the minutes of Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti meeting on 12 Pipiri 2012 are confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

CARRIED

Matters arising

The issue of Waitangi Day 2013 event planning was raised and Mr Dougherty mentioned that the Council would shortly be recruiting an Events Coordinator who would be involved with this.

Mr Carkeek commented that the comments on page 4 of the minutes relating to the appointments to Standing Committees issue were unbalanced and too prescriptive. Mr Dougherty explained that the minutes reflected the substance of the Council resolution approving the appointments process. Cr Gurnathan pointed out that there was no iwi presence or input at the Council meeting which passed this resolution.

Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti 12/07/199
ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

Members requested that the following items be added to the agenda:

1. Māori Economic Development Working Party
2. Rob Hewitt's visit to the Kāpiti Coast
3. Māori Wardens
4. The draft Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti newsletter
5. Tabling of a progress report on the Waahi Tapu project

Strategic Work Programme

Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti 12/07/200
WORKING PARTY ON IWI APPOINTMENTS TO COUNCIL STANDING
COMMITTEES

Ms Smeaton had agreed to take charge of convening the Working Party to set up the process for appointing Māori representatives to Council Standing Committees. Unfortunately she could not attend today's meeting but was recommending that the process be similar to that employed by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Ara Tahī). The aim was to have the appointees in place by September. It was noted that this process was meant to be discussed at a workshop scheduled for 17 July but this had to be cancelled. Members agreed that a new hui needed to be scheduled for sometime in the next two weeks so that all the details could be discussed.


Mr Higgott stood and shared his whakapapa and quoted several tenets from the newly-signed Memorandum of Partnership between Council and the three iwi. He said the boundaries of their rohe had been set down by tūpuna and were well-documented. He did not believe that the Council and Ngāti Toa were acting in accordance with the Memorandum's principles. Te Āti Awa were against the appointment of Māori representatives to Council Standing Committees. There was no point in being part of a partnership in which one party's views were disregarded. He had spoken about this issue

to the Charitable Trust, the marae committee and the rūnanga and was confident that he represented the views of Te Āti Awa, with the Charitable Trust being the mandated authority.

Mr Higgott's kōrero was supported by his sister Hariata Higgott. Ms Rikihana-Hyland questioned the level of support for this stance and said that iwi should discuss this at the hui set down for 27 July.

Ms Ani Parata acknowledged Mr Higgott's comments and said that iwi had not consulted enough amongst themselves on this matter. She saw the appointments as an opportunity to participate more actively in the work of Council. However it could mean that Te Āti Awa were left out of the process as the appointees could be anyone.

The Chief Executive Mr Dougherty agreed that the appropriate place to discuss this was at a hui for iwi. From Council's point of view the legislation (being the Local Government Act 2002) referred to councils providing ways for Māori to participate in decision-making and so that was why Council had deliberately uses that term in its resolution. It was not about picking winners and losers amongst the iwi.



The Mayor said she felt aggrieved by Mr Higgott's comments. Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti had been in existence for over ten years with an evolving conversation about how to manage and strengthen the relationship under the Treaty especially in a practical sense. The current Council was very supportive of increasing opportunities for iwi to participate in decision-making processes. She urged members to hold a hui and come back to Council with a clear direction on the matter.

Council's previous attempts to include iwi had included consideration of a Māori Ward which had been rejected by iwi. The appointment of representatives to Standing Committees was therefore the next attempt for a meaningful connection to be forged and to ensure that Māori were included at the Council table. Any inference that Council's agenda was already set or dubious in intent was untrue and unacceptable. It was a serious affront to suggest that Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti was no longer a safe environment for the partnership dialogue. Council would accept whatever the decision of the iwi turned out to be.

Other matters/updates

Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti 12/07/201
RONGOĀ GARDENS

Ms Fraser confirmed that the first plantings had occurred at Haruatai Park in Ōtaki and work was progressing on signage. Ms Fraser will work with the Leisure and Open Space team in Council to ensure the Rongoā Gardens are embedded appropriately in future Parks and Reserves Asset Management Plans.

Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti 12/07/202

LGA AMENDMENT BILL AND REGIONAL GOVERNANCE

Mr Dougherty explained some key features of the proposed Local Government Act 2002 Amendment Bill, which included disposing of the current four 'wellbeings' and replacing them with a definition of the purpose of local government focussing on delivery of core services in a cost-effective way. If this change was enacted it could lead to councils being legally challenged around some of their work. Councils at the recent Local Government New Zealand Conference had unanimously opposed the change.

The new legislation also sought to make any reorganisation proposals easier to implement, but a worrying feature was a change to the referendum mechanism which would see a referendum being implemented only if 10% of all electors across the affected area signed a petition within two months. This was seen as an erosion of local democracy.

Council had recently approved a submission to the Select Committee expressing its concerns and invited members of the ART Confederation to consider making their own submission. The issue of Māori representation was a very important one, especially in view of the way this had been treated during the Auckland reorganisation. If the Wellington Region became a unitary authority this would have considerable and probably negative ramifications for iwi. The establishment of effective and equitable representation arrangements for Māori ahead of any changes would be prudent.

The Mayor acknowledged that Greater Wellington had given a good steer on Māori representation in this respect. Mr Carkeek pointed out that the GWRC had recently won an award for its Crown/iwi relationship model. Ms Starbuck-Maffey would email member later today with a copy of the Council submission. The deadline for submissions was 26 July.

Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti 12/07/203

IWI UPDATES

Ngāti Toa were not present to provide an update.

Te Āti Awa confirmed that the Charitable Trust's AGM would be held this Saturday and there was also a new marae committee.

Ngā Hapū o Ōtaki:

- were in discussions with NZTA concerning the Ōtaki to Levin Expressway proposal which would now see improvements made to SH1 instead of a fullblown expressway.
- A workshop had also been held with E Tu Whānau group relating to results-based accountability.
- The puppet roadshow would be underway in early August.

- A series of seminars would be held including one on Wednesday 1 August 7-9pm in which Mr Waaka would talk about the Huia flag; another seminar on the 22nd of August would be on healing.
- The Ōtaki Scholar ceremony was scheduled for 2 August at 10.30am at the Raukawa marae. Mr Waaka would provide pānui.

Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti 12/07/204
COUNCIL UPDATES

Mr Dougherty confirmed:

- The Council had adopted its Long Term Plan, which saw contracts being let for the installation of water meters;
- a 5.9% average rates increase across the District;
- a focus on Council's five priorities (water supply/water meters, progressing the Civic Building and Aquatic Centre, economic development, and ensuring the NZTA expressway reflected community needs);
- Council was extremely busy dealing with the notification of the Expressway, the District Plan Review and the Local Government Act Amendment Bill. The land purchase for the dam was almost signed off.

Mr Waaka commented that a new design for the three pou would see them being affixed to the building not free-standing and he sought further information on this.

Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti 12/07/205
CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti 12/07/206
OTHER BUSINESS

The additional items for the agenda were discussed:

1. Māori Economic Development Working Party – this project had been in hiatus for a while but was now ready to move forward again. The next meeting was scheduled to take place at the Clean Technology Centre. It was explained that the establishment of the Clean Technology Park was Stage 2 of the project, which would see successful businesses moving out of the Centre into the Park. Council had accepted two contracts recently, one to manage the visitor information centres, and another for a role relating to business support and retention.
2. Rob Hewitt's visit to the Kāpiti Coast – Cr Booth circulated a copy of the programme for Mr Hewitt's visit which would see him visit 18 District schools, and participate in a pōwhiri and tree planting.
3. Māori Wardens – this role was acknowledged to be very effective in helping manage local youth and the programme should be strengthened. Te Āti Awa would like this programme to be presented at Whakarongotai marae.

4. The draft Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti newsletter – Queenie Rikihana-Hyland circulated a draft version of the newsletter, describing key features. A story about Māori economic development would also be included, while the paragraphs on the Māori representation issue would be deferred to a future issue pending the outcome of the forthcoming hui. The work of Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti needed to be made more widely known in the community. Photos of kuia and kaumātua would be included in future issues. Members agreed for marae images to be included in the newsletter. The logo for the Te Āti Awa Charitable Trust needed to be changed.
5. Ms Starbuck-Maffey tabled a progress report on the Waahi tapu project as Mr Moore could not attend today's meeting.

MOVED (Carkeek/Higgott)

That the progress report for the waahi tapu project be received.

CARRIED

The meeting closed with a karakia whakamutanga by Don Te Maipi at 12.15pm.

Action arising from the meeting

No	Action	Person responsible	Timeframe
1	Māori appointments to Council Standing Committees – convene a hui to discuss the matter	Members of ART	By September
2	Regional governance – hold a workshop for members to discuss the options	Chair and Members	Workshop was scheduled for 17 July but had to be rescheduled
3	Discuss new pou designs (in which they are affixed to the building)	Monica	asap
4	Convene a working party to discuss the Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti workplan	Rupene and Monica	asap
5	Circulate a copy of the Council's submission on the Local Government Act Amendment Bill	Vyvien	Completed

