

Oct 2012

MINUTES	MEETING HELD ON	TIME
TE WHAKAMINENGA O KĀPITI	23 WHIRINGA-Ā-NUKU 2012	10.03AM

MEMBERS

Mr	R	Waaka	Ngā Hapū o Ōtaki (Chair)
Mr	T	Carkeek	Ngā Hapū o Ōtaki (from 10.25am)
Ms	C	Reihana	Ngāti Haumia (from 10.14am until 11.30am)
Cr	R	Booth	Koromatua Tuarua
Cr	H	Wooding	Mema o te Kaunihera
Mr	H	Sundgren	Ati Āwa ki Whakarongotai Charitable Trust

IN ATTENDANCE

Cr	K	Gurunathan	Mema o Te Kaunihera
Mr	B	Carter	Ati Āwa ki Whakarongotai
Dr	G	Ferguson	Te Kaihautū Rautaki me te Rangapū
Ms	M	Fraser	Te Āpiha Whakapiringa mo te Kaunihera
Ms	T	Paringatai	Te Kaiwhakapakari mo te Hunga Mahi
Mr	P	Dougherty	Tumuaki
Mr	P	Moore	Kairangahau - Waahi Tapu
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.

The meeting opened with a karakia by Te Paea Paringatai.

Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti 12/10/221
TUKU AROHA/APOLOGIES

MOVED (Wooding/Booth)

That apologies be accepted from the Mayor, Jennie Smeaton, Rawhiti Higgott, Don Te Maipi and from Carol Reihana for lateness.

CARRIED

Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti 12/10/222
PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

Mik Peryer tabled a letter about the the new weir with a fish bypass installed by Council at the Waikanae Waimanu Lagoons. He said that the fish bypass had been created to allow the fish and whitebait to find their way into the Waimanu lagoons but that iwi were fishing at the bypass entrance. He suggested that the weir and especially the bypass should not be fished at all. Mr Peryer was assured that his submission would be circulated to members after the meeting for further discussion, especially amongst iwi members.

Mr Peryer had attended today at the recommendation of Cr Gurunathan who supported wider publicity of the Public Speaking Time timeslot at meetings of Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti. The issue raised by Mr Peryer would be referred to Te Āti Awa for comment and advice to Mr Peryer.

Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti 12/10/224
ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

There were no additional agenda items, but the Chair took the opportunity to welcome the new Te Āti Awa representative Hemi Sundgren (Rawhiti Higgott had also been confirmed as the other representative for Te Āti Awa). Bill Carter was attending as Mr Sundgren's supporter. Mr Sundgren thanked the Chair and gave his mihi.

Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti 12/10/223
MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

Cr Wooding asked about the Procedures for Ad Hoc Funding Requests and Ms Fraser informed her that this document had been finalised and a copy would be circulated to members.

In addition the Chair said he would followup with Ms Smeaton about providing Council with an overview of the Treaty Settlement process as per action arising from the previous meeting.

Carol Reihana arrived at 10.14am

Dr Ferguson advised that the first group of waahi tapu sites had been approved for inclusion in the District Plan. Letters had been circulated to affected private landowners.

MOVED (Wooding/Waaka)

That the minutes of 4 Mahuru 2012 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

CARRIED

Matters arising

There were none.

Strategic Work Programme

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TE WHAKAMINENGA O KĀPITI WORKPLAN

Ms Fraser asked members to formally endorse the items on the workplan and associated budgets as discussed at the September 2012 workshop. It was pointed out that the column headed 'Budget 11/12' should read 'Budget 12/13' and it was agreed to correct this in the final version of the workplan.

MOVED (Wooding/Reihana)

That the priorities and associated budgets in the Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti 2012/13 workplan as amended be approved.

CARRIED

Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti 12/10/226

PROPOSED MEETING DATES FOR 2013

MOVED (Reihana/Sundgren)

That Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti confirms the meeting dates for 2013 as 12 Poutū-te-rangi (March), 23 Paenga-whāwhā (April), 4 Pipiri (June), 16 Hongongoi (July), 27 Here-turi-kōkā (August), 1 Whiringa-ā-nuku (October).

CARRIED

Members noted that:

- Venues would be advised in due course and would include the Council Chambers in Rimu Road once the upgrade was completed;
- There was a commitment to hold at least one meeting per year at a marae;

Cr Wooding pointed out that in the 2013 calendar of Council meetings supplied with the agenda, there were dates blocked out for potential District Plan hearings and that iwi representatives would be involved in these. Members asked for as much warning as possible of the commitments so they could organise participation appropriately. Dr

Ferguson reminded them that training as Hearing Commissioners was available for those who were interested.

Te Waari Carkeek arrived at 10.25am.

Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti 12/10/227

ATTENDANCE BY CHAIR AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

Mr Waaka said that due to work commitments he was unable to attend Council meetings and would be happy to nominate an alternate to attend. This opportunity was the same as that extended to Community Board Chairs, with speaking rights. The Chair committed to attending the Council meeting on 29 November and would liaise with members regarding who would attend as an alternate at the 13 December Council meeting. Dr Ferguson said she was happy to brief any alternate on meeting agenda items.

Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti 12/10/228

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Ms Starbuck-Maffey spoke to this document, advising that:

- The Terms of Reference was intended to sit under the Memorandum of Partnership as a practical guide to the workings of Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti and its meetings;
- Members had previously agreed to review the document;
- The previous version was fully reflected in the new draft;
- Ms Starbuck-Maffey and Ms Fraser had met with the Chair some weeks ago and his amendments had been incorporated;
- Further changes highlighted in red text sought to clarify certain features eg. the functions and powers of the Chair, and were modelled on the Council's Model Standing Orders;
- Comments were invited today or later with the intent to bring the document back to the November meeting for final approval.

The issue of defining a quorum was discussed with the suggestion that the current wording be changed to be more specific i.e. make the quorum at least one member of Council and at least one representative each from two out of the three iwi. This suggested would be made in a fresh draft and that draft circulated to members for their consideration and further discussion.

OTHER MATTERS/UPDATES

Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti 12/10/229

MĀORI REPRESENTATIVES TO COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEES – PROGRESS REPORT

The Chair invited Hemi Sundgren to comment who said there needed to be a wider discussion. He invited Dr Ferguson and staff to attend a forthcoming Charitable Trust meeting.

Cr Wooding said Council had hoped to have the appointments process in place as a model for the rest of the District by now, and further delay was regrettable. The Chief Executive agreed, urging iwi to come to a final decision by the November meeting so that, if the process was to go ahead, invitations of interest in the roles could be organised as soon as possible.

Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti 12/09/230

IWI UPDATES

- Ngāti Haumia – Ms Reihana said there were no updates.
- Although Ngāti Toa was absent the Chair ventured to comment he thought their settlements were progressing.
- Te Āti Awa Charitable Trust – Mr Sundgren said the Trust was in the process of streamlining its structure which required a lot of consultation.
- Ngāti Raukawa - Te Waari Carkeek said there was a hui at the marae about regional plan consultation on 6 December around 6pm. There was also consultation regarding Whānau Ora scheduled for 10 December. The Chair added that this Saturday was the the 80th birthday of Hira Royal and suggested the Mayor send her a letter of congratulations. There would also be a Māori Battalion Ball in Palmerston North, and other Ōtaki Village events.

Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti 12/09/231

COUNCIL UPDATES

Dr Ferguson noted that:

- the document ‘Te Haerenga Whakamua’ had been approved by Council for inclusion in the District Plan Review process.
- work on coastal erosion and natural hazards was continuing and Council was talking to landowners about the implications for their properties. A key issue was the way in which the Regional Council manages the land around stream and river mouths.
- work on a Biosolids Strategy is also underway and is expected to be a complex lengthy project.
- the Expressway process is progressing.


Mr Carkeek raised the issue of contaminated sites and was concerned that a lot of institutional knowledge at Council about these was disappearing with staff turnover. Dr Ferguson will discuss this issue further with Mr Carkeek.

The meeting adjourned at 10.56am and reconvened at 11.04am

There were a number of other briefings by Council staff:

Local Government Reforms

Senior Advisor Alison Lash updated the group about the local government reforms, handing out copies of a powerpoint presentation to support her remarks which included:

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- A discussion of streams of activity associated with the Local Government Act Amendment Bill
 - Potential issues around amalgamation of councils in the Wellington region, including changes to the requirement for a poll on any proposal;
 - The Council submission to the Select Committee;
 - The proposed removal of the four 'wellbeings' from the new Bill;
 - Proposals to tighten up fiscal accountability and what that might mean for councils;
 - Provisions around cost efficiency could lay councils open to judicial review;
 - Proposed intervention levels would give the Minister greater powers and the triggering events are not clear and possibly anti-democratic;
 - Elected Members in the region met recently and agreed to work together especially in respect of any proposal for a reorganisation; the government had made it clear that the status quo is not acceptable – there will be change;
 - The Select Committee would be reporting back around 5 November;

Climate Change Impacts project

Ms Lash also also briefed the Group about the Climate Change Impacts project relating to natural hazards - information which had triggered a lot of interest in the community especially amongst property owners in respect of coastal erosion:

- This work had emerged from the District Plan Review process and also from the requirements of central government policy.
- It was the Council's stance not to intervene to protect private property from natural hazards, but it recognised that community collaboration on the matter would be useful;
- It was proposed to hold a number of 'public deliberation' meetings and workshops as a consulting tool.
- Members were asked for advice on the best way to involve iwi in these as there were specific issues for Māori. Although none of the sites identified through the waahi tapu project were affected by coastal erosion there must be other areas not formally designated that would potentially be affected in this regard.

It was agreed to keep members informed of some preliminary working group meetings so they could become more involved as consultation unfolded.

Civic building upgrade project - progress

Tamsin Evans spoke about work progressing on the Civic Building upgrade specifically in relation to the position of the pou. She circulated recent photos which showed the agreed site and explained why it was being recommended to look for another location (due to a concrete column now in the way). After having spoken to architects it was suggested that the pou be relocated at the front of the building but this raised a number of matters needing the advice of members and as the work was progressing quickly an expedited response was required. Members would inspect the site after the meeting and the Chair would provide a decision by the end of the week.

Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti newsletter

Ms Fraser informed members that the draft newsletter on target for release at the end of October and would feature a profile on Ngāti Toa as well as the heritage trail.

Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti 12/09/23
CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY

Ms Fraser introduced Margaret Sweetman recently appointed to the Events Coordinator role, especially with reference to Waitangi Day 2013 and the Citizenship Ceremony on 28th November with powhiri at 6.30pm. Whakarongotai marae would be the venue for both events with Raukawa marae as a back up for the Citizenship Ceremony.

The meeting closed with a karakia whakamutanga by Te Waari Carkeek at 12.15pm

Action arising from the meeting

No	Action	Person responsible	Timeframe
1	Further discussion on whitebaiting issue at Waimanu Lagoons and feedback to Mik Peryer.	Te Āti Awa members	By November meeting
2	Ad Hoc Funding Request procedures document to be finalised	Monica Fraser	Done
3	Information to Council on the Ngāti Toa Treaty Settlement	Chair to remind Jennie Smeaton	By November meeting
4	Advise the name of the Chair's alternate to attend Council meeting 13/12/2012	Chair	By mid-November
5	Amendment to be made to Draft Terms of Reference and circulated to members for comment.	Members to Vyvien Starbuck-Maffey	On the November meeting agenda

6	Further discussions to occur on the issue of Māori appointments to Council Standing Committees	Gael Ferguson with Āti Awa members	Discussions completed.
7	Provide advice on the recommended relocation of the pou in the upgraded Civic Building	Members through the Chair	Done

Don Meade