

## **Maori Standing Committee**

## Minutes 28 November 2011

Present:	Haami Te Whaiti (Chair), Janine Adams, Cr Jephson, Lisa Pirere, Cr Robertson, Trevor Hawkins and Alex Webster.					
In attendance: Adrienne Staples (Mayor), Paul Crimp (Group Manager Corporate Support) and Suzanne Clark (Committee Secretary).						
Public attendance:	Martin Watson					
Conduct of Business:	The meeting was held in the South Wairarapa District Council Chambers, 19 Kitchener Street, Martinborough. The meeting was conducted in public between 6:00pm and 7:10pm.					

#### **PUBLIC BUSINESS**

Janine Adams opened the meeting with a karakia.

#### 1. APOLOGIES

*MSC RESOLVED (MSC 2011/37)* to receive apologies from Gray Carter, Liz Watson and Dr Jack Dowds.

(Moved Webster/ Seconded Adams)

Carried

#### 2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Martin Watson attended the meeting and queried the purpose of planning 30 years into the future.

#### 3. MAORI STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Maori Standing Committee Minutes – 17 October 2011
MSC RESOLVED (MSC 2011/38) that the minutes of the Maori Standing Committee 17 October 2011 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

(Moved Cr Robertson/ Seconded Webster)

Carried

3.2 Matters arising

It was noted that Council approval of fire and safety plans were conditions of the La De Da resource consent.

3.3 Action items

The Group Manager Corporate Support said that both open items were ongoing and still being investigated. A property in Tora sited as being noncompliant with the building code was also discussed.

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#### MSC NOTED:

1. Action 1097: Try to locate an already published 'how to guide' or similar that can be made available to people seeking to work through the resource consents process; G Bunny

#### 4. OPERATIONAL REPORTS – COUNCIL OFFICERS

4.1 Officers' Report

Mrs Adams asked that the Maori Standing Committee encourage uptake of the free budgeting service and said Rangitaane also have a free advocacy service for whanau needing support.

There was concern that the Pain Farm review report had been made public too early in the waste water considerations process. This was addressed by the Group Manager Corporate Support.

MSC RESOLVED (MSC 2011/39) to receive the Officers' Report.

(Moved Hawkins/ Seconded Webster)

Carried

#### 5. LTP MATTERS

The Maori Standing Committee asked that the Group Manager Planning and Environment facilitate a workshop with the committee and wider community at Hau Ariki Marae. Mrs Adams and Mr Te Whaiti undertook to assist with organising the hui.

MSC NOTED:

- 1. Action 1098: Liaise with Mr Te Whaiti regarding organising a meeting of the MSC and wider attendees; G Bunny
- 2. Action 1099: Follow-up the letter that was intended to be sent from the Civil Defence Emergency Management office to Hau Ariki Marae requesting the Marae be used as a civil defence centre; M Allingham

Haami Te Whaiti thanked everyone for their contribution during the year and closed the meeting with a karakia.

Confirmed as a true and correct record

.....Chairperson

.....Date

#### Maori Standing Committee Action I tem List From 28 November 2012

Ref #	Meeting	Date	Action Type	Responsible Manager	Action or Task details		
720	MSC	20-Jun-11	Action	Glenn	Investigate the original resource consent conditions of the Priest site to see if the existing bachs had limited tenure, if the bachs comply with the Building Act, and if the driveway location breaches consent conditions	Open	25 August 11: Application still on hold. Feedback has been received from Historic Places Trust who have no further objection. Applicant awaiting iwi correspondance and will forward to Council when available. RC and BC issued for the existing dwelling and bachs on the property. No restricted tenure imposed on them.
916	MSC	5-Sep-11	Action	Glenn	Determine whether a campground on the Priest subdivision (in the area of the gazebo) complies with Council bylaws and policy	Open	No RC issued for the 'camping ground'. Appears to be used for private use. Unclear whether or not a RC is required at this time, or if any bylaw has been breached, further investigation required. 1st Dec 2011 -Will undertake some discussion directly with iwi and ascertain specific concerns.

## **13 FEBRUARY 2012**

## AGENDA ITEM 5.1

# **OFFICERS' REPORT**

## Purpose of Report

To inform the Community Boards and Maori Standing Committee of the activities of the organisation's three Groups, provided at the Council meeting of 14 December 2011.

## Recommendations

Officers recommend that the Board / Committee:

1. Receive the information.

## 1. Corporate Support

#### 1.1 Revenue and Financing Policy

The draft policy will be presented to the Policy and Finance Committee. This policy is one of the key policies for the LTP, and as you know is the result of a number of workshops.

#### 1.2 LTP Timetable

Audit New Zealand visited on 30 November to discuss progress on the LTP, and agree dates when we would have information to them for audit.

Audit New Zealand seemed happy with progress and was particularly interested in our longer term approach.

An updated timetable will be tabled, following finalisation of a number of workshop dates.

#### 1.3 LTP Meetings

Following on from the internal meetings, the external focus group meetings commenced with the business group on 30 November. Despite the numbers being lower than anticipated, I think the discussion generated all the ideas that would have been raised anyway.

#### 1.4 Emissions Trading Scheme

There has been a flurry of activity and a reasonable amount of work to register our pre 1990 plantings under the Emissions Trading Scheme.

The Pre 1990 application was a matter of claiming the compensation units available for the PRE 1990 land which due to legislation change, is now required to remain as forest land (it can be cut down and replanted).

Woodnet, a Masterton based firm, were retained to assist with the mapping and lodging of the claim, which was successfully completed a minute or so prior to the 30 November deadline.

We have applied for approximately 70 Ha (there is one block I am not sure of the actual size), this will be subject to MAF review.

The next step is to review our other landholdings and ascertain whether it is prudent to plant additional areas under the ETS. This is not as straightforward as it may seem as pre and post 1990 plantings are treated quite differently under the scheme.

#### 1.5 Summary of rate arrears

The following table summarises the rate arrears excluding multi ownership Maori land.

Date	Amount \$'000	Number	Days since instalment due	SWDC component \$′000 (81%)
30 June 2011	\$851	631	31	\$689
1 August 2011	\$780	463	64	\$632
28 November 2011	\$969	760	7	\$785

At the time of writing (6 December 2011), the \$969K had reduced by \$41K to \$928K.

#### 1.6 Website

The new website is up and running and thanks must go to Jen and Suzanne for their work on this important customer interface. We will be deciding on "where to from here" in the New Year.

## 2. Planning & Environment Group

#### 2.1 Resource Consents

Officers received 12 consent applications since 1 October. 13 consents were approved since 1 September (4 of which were received in October, 1 was received in August) all within the statutory timeframes. Officers now provide detailed fortnightly updates on all consents direct to Councilors and Community Board members, so consent details are not listed here.

#### 2.2 La De Da

Officers are continuing to work on the consent conditions and various management plans with the applicant and the interested parties such as Police and the Fire Service. Progress towards the full compliance of Councils requirements is being made.

#### 2.3 Policy

#### 2.3.1. District Plan

The hearing before the Combined Plan Committee for Private Plan Change 3858 regarding the application by Greytown Trust Lands Trust to rezone land to Industrial between Bidwills Cutting Road and SH2 was held on 24 November 2011. A decision will be issued before the end of the year.

#### 2.3.2. Lake Domain Development Plan

The second meeting with Lake Domain Stakeholders was held on 30 November 2011 where the landscape architect presented the draft development plan. The development plan will be refined and will be publicly notified before the end of the year.

#### 2.4 Enforcement

#### 2.4.1. Breach of RMA and Building Act, Illegal entranceway

Further investigations regarding the informal camping activity on a Tora property established that any enforcement would not be supported by the WCDP. If any action were to be taken against this property then the Building and Health Acts would have to be utilized instead. Officers sought a legal opinion confirming this position. As indicated to Council earlier, using the Building and Health Acts would be a lengthy, expensive and potentially image-damaging exercise for Council.

Discussions have been held with the land owner, his lawyer and the neighbour and it appears that a compromise has been reached. A Memorandum of Understanding will be entered between Council and the landowner to allow the existing level of activity and structures to remain on the property, so long as this activity and number of structures does not increase. The landowner will also be required to plant the top of the bank to screen views from the road and the neighbouring property, and remove the second entranceway, that has been illegally constructed. The neighbours who raised the initial concern with us are very happy with this as it addresses their two main concerns, more traffic near their dwelling, and views of the camping area.

It is considered to be the best available outcome to Council in all senses.

#### 2.4.2. Breach of RMA and Building Act

There is a similar property at Palliser that is providing holiday accommodation for friends by way of caravans and other structures. Although the camping activity is similar to the Tora property in section 2.3.1, iwi are involved as they want to address the occupation of and potential for damage to a significant historic cultural area. Discussions will be held with the parties in the near future to try and satisfactorily address this.

#### 2.5 Building consents

Processing statistics for: 1 November 2011 to 30 November 2011

Item	Period	Year to date	Same period last year	Annual Plan
Consents received	22	321	35	N/A
Consent processing performance (within 20wd's)	100%	99.37%	87.88%	90%
COA processing performance	100%	81.82%	100%	N/A
CCC processing performance	95.24%	97.99%	100%	100%

#### Consents granted by project

Code	Туре	Avg. Duration	No. of consents	Value
		(Days)		
AE	Single Story Weatherboard	14.0	1	10,000
CE	Minor Commercial Work – no P/D	13.0	1	3,000
MA	Solid Fuel Heater	9.3	4	19,000
MB	Minor Plumbing Work	15.0	1	3,000
MJ	Swimming/Spa Pools	10.0	2	80,000
NC	Single Story Weatherboard Urban	10.0	1	250,000
ND	Single Story Weatherboard Rural	11.0	1	250,000
NF	Single Story Stucco/Txt Coat etc - Rural	18.0	1	310,500
NR	Single Story Stucco/Texture Coating/Ply	14.0	1	600,000
RB	Relocated Residential Dwelling - Rural	10.0	1	60,000
SA	Garden Sheds/Retaining Walls/Carports	11.0	1	850
SB	Decks/Conservatories etc	8.0	1	4,000
SC	Minor Farm Buildings	14.0	1	23,000
SF	Proprietary Garages Standard	13.0	1	12,300
SK	Garages, Custom Design - inc P/D	12.0	2	114,000
SM	Residential Demolition	17.0	1	80,000
		12.0	21	1,819,650

Building consent numbers from 1 July 2011 to 30 November 2011 show as 124. For the same period the year before the number was 153.

#### Enforcement

Dangerous Buildings - Cape Palliser Road, Whatarangi

The buildings at Cape Palliser continue to be monitored. A dangerous building notice has been issued to another home owner due to the proximity of the dwelling to the cliff face.

#### Earthquake Prone Buildings (EQP)

Engineer's assessments on EQP buildings continue to be submitted to Council. There are currently 224 buildings on the register of which 79

reports have been received. Of the 79 assessments 9 do not meet the required 33% of today's building code as stated in the EQP Buildings Policy.

#### 2.6 Liquor Licensing

19 Liquor licenses were issued during November.

#### 2.7 Noise Control

One seizure was undertaken during this period.

#### 2.8 Overhanging trees

Bylaws officers are continually checking and issuing notices to properties where conditions are likely to cause hazards to the public. Compliance has been good with only one property non compliant. The obstructing vegetation has since been removed by a contractor and the costs charged back to the owner of the property.

#### 2.9 Food

There has been no further information about progress with the proposed Food Bill. The expectation is that this will be passed in 2012. Council officers are continuing with encouraging premises to be part of the voluntary implementation programme and using this as an opportunity to familiarise council staff with the NZFSA templates and there implementation requirements.

Both EHO's now have completed training and have approval to audit OTP Food Safety Programmes from NZFSA.

#### 2.10 Dog and Animal Control

Bylaws officers have been concentrating on finishing up the annual dog registration process this year. Total number of dog owners in district 1941 and total number of dogs in district 2737. Outstanding unregistered dogs number 116 (4.2%) It is expected that this will reduce as final notices have been sent out. Outstanding unregistered dog owner numbers are 78 (4.0%).

It has also been noticed that there has been a very significant increase in dogs that are now microchip compliant.

We continue to get requests for an off leash dog running area in Greytown and Martinborough.

#### 2.11 Update on the Alcohol Law Reform:

The NZ Institute of Liquor Licensing Inspectors NZILLI and the Local Government Alcohol Reference Group have been working with Ministry of Justice to fine tune several parts of the Bill before it goes to the full Committee stage in front of the new Government in the first or second quarter of 2012.

LGNZ plan to give TAs as much notice as possible around the makeup and set up of the District Licensing Committees and likely fee structures for TA forward planning purposes.

## 3. Infrastructure and Services Group Report

#### 3.1 Consents

Considerable work has been done on Council consents over the past year. This work is in line with discussions with Greater Wellington Regional Council and the regular follow up meetings held.

New consent applications are being developed for the Herricks Bore field and the Greytown Urban Water Supply Bore. These consents expire at the end of September 2012 and it is intended that the applications are lodged before the end of March 2012 to the current consent can be exercised whilst the new applications are being processed.

Meetings were held at the Papawai Marae for the steering groups for the Greytown, Featherston and Martinborough wastewater consents. Following this meeting individual meetings were held with some of the concerned participants to show, in greater detail, Councils work toward gaining long term consents in line with the wastewater strategy.

#### 3.2 Pain Farm review

Council has been asked to consider Pain Farm as an option to discharge to land. A report on Pain Farm and the suitability for use for irrigation to land has been commissioned and since circulated to the Council. This report has also been distributed to Greater Wellington Regional Council and stake holders as per the consent variation condition requirement in respect of the current Martinborough wastewater consent. This report will be considered along with other options.

It is anticipated that there will be some discussion with the Regional Council and affected parties in the New Year alongside other consultation requirements related to the Martinborough Wastewater Treatment Plant discharge consents application.

#### 3.3 Wastewater

#### 3.3.1. Operations

Wastewater treatment plants operated routinely over the period. Normal monitoring for flow and compliance reporting continued throughout the period with no non-compliance issues reported.

Above ground property inspection in targeted areas of Featherston to check for stormwater ingress potential into the waste water reticulation system with the priority catchment areas has been substantially completed.

Investigation of existing Council condition data (pipeline video records) has almost been concluded. The aim of this investigation is to produce a long term pipeline renewal/remediation programme for inclusion in the Asset Management Plans.

Four pipeline blockages were reported and rectified during the period.

#### 3.3.2. Capital

Planning processes, development of resource consent applications and the delivery of new infrastructure continued across Council's wastewater treatment sites.

Greytown Wastewater Treatment Plant

The affected party consultation process is almost complete. Some unanticipated delays due to concept refinement and technical agreement have occurred pushing back the timeline for application lodgment to January 2012. Pre–circulation of the draft AEE to interested and affected parties is planned ahead of application lodgment.

Martinborough Wastewater Treatment Plant (consent variation works)

The UV plant shelter and pump chamber is in place. With the completion of associated pipe work and electrical reticulation works commissioning was achieved on 1 December 2011 meeting the consent deadline (photo attached). The variation also requires that the Preliminary and Draft AEE for the new consent application be submitted by 10<sup>th</sup> January 2012 with a full application to be lodged by 10 April 2012. It is expected Council will be in a position to lodge the draft meeting the imposed timelines. A briefing meeting with elected members and affected parties is planned for 19 December 2011.



UV Reactor installed at the Martinborough wastewater plant

Featherston Wastewater Treatment Plant. The UV plant is expected be operational by Christmas (the provision of this was a condition of the consent variation approved in 2010).



New wastewater building in Featherston

Similar processes and efforts are required to prepare a draft AEE by no later than 25 February 2012, being six months ahead of the consent expiry date with the full AEE and application to be submitted by 1 June 2012. It is proposed where appropriate to deliver a similar level of reporting for the draft AEE to that proposed for the Martinborough site.

#### 3.4 Capital planning in water and waste water

The Minister of Health under the Capital Works assistance programme has provided a stage 1 funding approval for a sum of \$50,000 for the further investigation of a bore water resource for the Featherston community. This is now work in progress with an outcome expected by the end of June 2012.

#### 3.5 Water Supply

The water main renewal work in Featherston being undertaken by Perkinson Civil has been completed at a finished cost of \$288,000.

The objective of this work was to:

- Renew old critical pipeline in Watt Street.
- Provide an alternative point of supply and equivalent capacity into the distribution zone from Underhill Road, providing much improved operational flexibility in the event of a failure of Boar Bush infrastructure.

#### 3.6 NZTA Land Transport Program

Meetings have been held with NZTA and a Road Safety Audit has been undertaken. The main conclusion is that roadmarkings set out of EMPs is excellent, as is bridges with good clear zones. Council was also complimented on its unsealed road maintenance.

Areas for improvement were noted as the hierarchy being unclear with a lack of route consistency and varying delineation standards. Other areas were in vegetation control, signage, edgebreak, lack of shoulders and hazards such as trees and bridge width markers.

#### 3.7 Review of Facilities Management (FM) Contract

The review of the FM contract is underway with legal advice on the procurement process expected in the first week of December. Discussions

have taken place with Masterton and Carterton councils to determine the best use of shared services in these works.

#### 3.8 Shared Services

As with FM, efficiencies in shared services are being investigated and will be reported on in coming months. The possibility of a single coordinator for the solid waste contract has been discussed at length with the opportunity of a single waste minimisation officer and contract manager for the Wairarapa being investigated currently.

The Regional GIS project is also seen as a good opportunity for the region to be able to view works as a single area. Once this is rolled out for all councils there will be potential, as an example, for the national RAMM (roads database) to be linked singularly for all councils allowing for joint works contracts and better coordination of works. Other areas of opportunity will be in Civil Defence Emergency Management, waste tracking, road opening permits etc.

#### 3.9 Reserves and Playgrounds - Transfield Services

Transfield Services are busy with mowing and spraying. They had quite a lot of work to do, catching up with the abundance of weeds on footpaths and in kerbs but most areas have now been sprayed and all will be nearly weed free by Christmas.

Arrangements are being finalised with Transfield for servicing toilets and litter bins in the rural camping areas for the Christmas holiday period.

Considine and Centennial Parks in Martinborough are to receive a higher level of maintenance and work has started on cutting the areas of long grass and weeds along the walkway with the intention of keeping the grass short with regular mowing.

At a recent meeting of interested parties the draft plans for the development of Lake Reserve were discussed and agreed. The next stage of the process is to encourage public consultation.

Also planned is the Annual meeting of the Stella Bull Park users group, 6 December 2011. At this meeting a schedule of work will be agreed for this autumn.

Martinborough Playground is receiving some attention. Some dangerous play equipment is being refurbished to make it safe and possible new equipment is being discussed with the Martinborough Community Board.

#### 3.10 Libraries

Library statistics. Two other library reports are going to Council this month, the Library Management System (LMS) report and the Trial of Extended Hours report.

The LMS is important for any move to a shared service with either SMART or National Library Service. This needs to be reviewed via the current shared service arrangement i.e. the Wairarapa Library Service (WLS), as per the MOU. The trial of hours over the January period and the survey will assist the WLS to determine the best service delivery to cost model for the libraries to move to in the coming Council Long Term Plan.

#### 3.11 Attachments

- Issues Statistics all libraries
- Transactions Statistics all libraries.
- Water usage chart
- Waste Exported to Bonny Glenn including Recycling



Issues: Featherston, Greytown and Martinborough Libraries: 2009-2011



#### Transactions (excluding Council functions) for Featherston, Greytown and Martinborough Libraries

#### Water use South Wairarapa District Council





#### Monthly weight of waste transfered from Martinborough transfer station to Bonny Glen

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## AGENDA ITEM 5.2

## MEETING NOTES

## Purpose of Report

To present to the Committee the notes from the hui held 30 January 2012.

## Recommendations

Officers recommend that the Committee:

1. Receive the information.

## 1. Background

Council is considering matters for the upcoming long term plan that is due to be adopted by the end of June this year.

As part of this process a number of targeted meetings were held to consider not only the current issues, but issues that are relevant for the longer (20,30+ years) term.

The plan is to start to incorporate where possible these longer term issues into the upcoming, and future LTP's.

The notes from the hui are attached for further consideration and expansion.

## 2. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Notes From Hui

Contact Officer: Paul Crimp, Group Manager Corporate Support

# Appendix 1 – Notes From Hui

- 1. Landlocked Maori land
- 2. Community ownership of issues
  - Give community resources
  - e.g. community garden
  - e.g. plant fruit trees instead of natives
- 3. Solid waste treatment
- 4. National Wetland Centre at Southern end of Wairarapa e.g. National Wildlife Centre at Mount Bruce.
- 5. Southern Wairarapa is an iconic place and we need to recognise this as an asset.
  - Marae recognised as a community asset and needs support -
  - financial and promotional.
  - Each marae has own aspirations
  - Usage of existing skills/resources transferred to community

[Mowing Marae?]

- 6. New bridge SH53 plus better roading infrastructure
- 7. Coastal access/improved toilet facilities at coast
- People look at everyone. What impacts on people; what are the major issues that affect people?
- 9. Health/living
- 10. Farm nutrient runoff
- 11. Create more employment.
  - Use locals instead of outside contractors.
  - Consider social cost of not using locals
- 12. Wastewater treatment
  - No sewage into rivers/waterways
  - Treatment to a standard that has no impact on receiving environment
- 13. Fisheries reserves (e.g. Kapiti) including whitebait and eel.
- 14. Better footpaths both sides of road
- 15. Lake Onoke set net gets full of "white jelly"
- 16. Mauri of water in general
- 17. Maori land utilisation
- 18. Treaty claims

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- 19. Better electricity infrastructure
  - Pay most for power/worst infrastructure
  - Clip ticket for electricity generation
- 20. Amalgamation economies of scale
- 21. Develop Kaitiake Toanga
- 22. Heritage Park
  - Historical sites need protection
  - Some accessible
  - Some inaccessible
- 23. SWDC apps iphone/ipad
  - identify sites of significance
- 24. Promotion of (cultural) assets
  - telling our story
  - but not "bright lights"
- 25. Maori health
  - access/location/aging population
  - on own marae
- 26. Education on recycling e.g. "Mother Earth" in Wellington
- 27. There is sometimes an imbalance created with the four well-beings (i.e. one has more weight than others).

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## AGENDA ITEM 5.3

# SCHEDULE OF ORDINARY MEETINGS 2012

## Purpose of Report

To provide Community Boards and the Maori Standing Committee with the proposed schedule of ordinary meetings for 2012.

## Recommendations

Officers recommend that the Committee:

- 1. Receive the information.
- 2. Adopt the 2012 schedule of ordinary meetings for the Maori Standing Committee.

## 1. Background

Each year Council adopts a schedule of council, committee and community board meeting dates for the coming twelve month period. Council adopted the 2012 calendar on 2 November 2011. The 2012 meeting dates for the Maori Standing Committee now need to be adopted.

## 2. 2012 Calendar

#### 2.1.1. 6-weekly Cycle

Council, community boards and committees are meeting on a 6-weekly cycle. The 2012 calendar in Appendix 1 retains this cycle.

The gap between community board, committee and council meetings has been retained in order for minutes and recommendations from committees and community boards to be included in the council agendas.

#### 2.1.2. Time of Meeting

The meeting start time previously adopted by the Maori Standing Committee remains the same.

## 3. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Schedule of Ordinary Meetings 2012

Contact Officer: Suzanne Clark, Committee Secretary Reviewed By: Paul Crimp, Group Manager Corporate Support

# Appendix 1 – Schedule of Ordinary Meetings 2012

#### SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL PROGRAMME OF COUNCIL, COMMUNITY BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2012

MEETING	TIME	DAY	JAN 2012	FEB 2012	MAR 2012	APR 2012	MAY 2012	JUN 2012	JULY 2012	AUG 2012	SEP 2012	ОСТ 2012	NOV 2012	DEC 2012
Maori Standing Committee	7.00PM	Mon	30		12	30		11	16	27		8	19	
Featherston Community Board	6.00PM	Tues	31		13		1	5	17	28		9	20	
Greytown Community Board	7.00PM	Wed		1	14		2	6	18	29		10	21	
Maori Standing Committee	6.00PM	Mon		13	19		7	18	23		3	15	26	
COUNCIL	9.30AM	Wed		22		4	16	27		8	19	31		12
Policy and Finance Committee	Follows Council	Wed		22		4	16	27		8	19	31		12

**NOTES 1.** The dates of all other meetings will be separately notified.

2. Local Government New Zealand Conference: 15-17 July 2012

- **3.** Waitangi Day: Monday 6 February 2012
- 4. Easter: Good Friday 6 April 2012 and Easter Monday 9 April 2012
- 5. Anzac Day: Wednesday 25 April 2012
- 6. Labour Day: Monday 22 October 2012

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## **AGENDA ITEM 5.4**

# TORA MUSIC FESTIVAL UPDATE

## Purpose of Report

To inform Maori Standing Committee members of the status of recent and upcoming rural music festivals.

## Recommendations

Officers recommend that the Committee:

1. Receive the information.

## 1. Background

The South Wairarapa has seen an increase in outdoor music festivals in the last two years, some of which have required resource consent. In ideal situations, event organisers contact the Council to make sure their event complies with District Plan and Health Act rules. Resource consents and licences are then processed easily prior to the event. In some cases, organisers are not aware that consents or licences may be required for their event, in which case Council officers make contact where possible and help them sort out the required permits before the events take place.

## 2. Discussion

#### 2.1 La De Da music festival

The La De Da music festival was granted Resource Consent (RC 3932) and was held on 30 December 2011 – 1 January 2012 at Daisy Bank Farm. In accordance with the resource consent issued for this event, Council officers will be conducting a debrief meeting with festival organisers in March 2012 to discuss how everything went in terms of the conditions of consent. Postevent investigations indicate the event was successful and compliant with the terms of the consent.

#### 2.2 Tora! Tora! Tora! music festival

Recently it came to the Planning Department's attention that a small music festival was organised for the Tora coastal area on 4-6 February 2012. The festival, called "Tora! Tora! Tora!", was held on private land and attracted up to 200 attendees. The organisers were not aware that resource consent

and camping licences were required at the time, and there was insufficient time to issue them anyway. Therefore, for this year's event the Council and the festival organisers came to an agreement about covering the main issues of water, fire, emergency management, health (including toilets and hygiene) and noise management. The organisers are required to consult with Council to address these and any related issues at least 3 months before any future event.

#### 2.3 Forest 2012 music festival

Another small music festival (not to exceed 1000 people) is proposed to be held on 10 March 2012 on private land on Western Lake Road, Featherston. The Planning Department and the Environmental Health Department have worked closely with the organisers to address water, fire, emergency management, health (including toilets and hygiene) and noise management. A Resource Consent application (RC 3970) has been submitted and is currently being assessed.

Contact Officer: Jen Olson, Resource Management Officer Reviewed By: Glenn Bunny, Manager Planning and Environment