



Maori Standing Committee

Minutes – 28 November 2016

- Present:** Reuben Tipoki (Chair), Teresa Aporo, Michael Roera, Demetrius Potangaroa, Johnny Shaw, Terry Te Maari, Amiria Te Whaiti, Cr Paora Ammunson and Cr Pip Maynard.
- In Attendance:** Mayor Viv Napier and Suzanne Clark (Committee Secretary).
- Conduct of Business:** The above attendees gathered in the South Wairarapa District Council Chambers, 19 Kitchener Street, Martinborough. The meeting was conducted in public between 6:45pm and 8:55pm.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

Mayor Napier in the Chair

1. APOLOGIES

MSC RESOLVED (MSC 2016/36) to receive apologies from Horipo Rimene and Paul Crimp.

(Moved Roera/Seconded Tipoki)

Carried

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND DEPUTY CHAIR

Mayor Napier called for nominations for the position of chairperson.

Johnny Shaw nominated Reuben Tipoki to the position of chairperson. The motion was seconded by Amiria Te Whaiti.

Terry Te Maari nominated Michael Roera to the position of Chairperson. The motion was seconded by Johnny Shaw.

Mr Te Maari declined a nomination to the position of chairperson.

Mr Roera and Mr Tipoki left the meeting at 6:50pm.

Following a vote, in which Cr Pip Maynard and Cr Paora Ammunson abstained, Mayor Napier advised that neither motion was carried and that that the matter would be resolved by lot as per clause 25 Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act.

Reuben Tipoki was declared Chairperson following his name being successfully drawn by Deputy Mayor Brian Jephson.

Johnny Shaw nominated Michael Roera to the position of deputy chairperson. The motion was seconded by Cr Pip Maynard.

Michael Roera was declared Deputy Chairperson.

Mr Roera and Mr Tipoki returned to the meeting at 7:00pm.

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Reuben Tipoki in the Chair

Amiria Te Whaiti opened the meeting with a karakia.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/PRESENTATIONS

There was no public participation.

4. MINUTES FOR RECEIPT

4.1 Maori Standing Committee Minutes – 5 September 2016

MSC RESOLVED (MSC 2016/37) that the minutes of 5 September 2016 be received.

(Moved Te Whaiti/Seconded Te Maari)

Carried

4.2 Action Items from previous meeting (Nil)

There were no outstanding actions.

4.3 SWDC Minutes from 26 October 2016

MSC RESOLVED (MSC 2016/38) to receive the Council minutes of the 26 October 2016.

(Moved Cr Ammunson/Seconded Roera)

Carried

5. OPERATIONAL REPORTS – COUNCIL OFFICERS

5.1 Schedule of Ordinary Meetings

Members discussed the possibility of meeting in varying locations around the district.

MSC RESOLVED (MSC 2016/39):

1. To receive the information.

(Moved Te Whaiti/Seconded Shaw)

Carried

2. To adopt the 2017 schedule of ordinary meetings for Council, community boards and committees.

3. To set a regular meeting time of 6:30pm for the Maori Standing Committee with an informal workshop to be held at 6:00pm.

(Moved Cr Ammunson/Seconded Te Whaiti)

Carried

MSC RESOLVED (MSC 2016/40):

1. To invite Murray Buchanan, Group Manager Planning and Environment, to the 13 February 2017 meeting to discuss the resource consent process, legislative timeframes, and the timeframe given to the Committee for feedback to Council.

(Moved Cr Ammunson/Seconded Cr Maynard)

Carried

2. Action 718: Provide clarity on the role of iwi and the role of the Maori Standing Committee in reviewing resource consents and advise who does the site investigation; M Buchanan

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5.2 Model Standing Orders for Meetings for Local Authorities and Community Boards

Mayor Napier advised that standing orders were a practical way of organising meetings.

MSC RESOLVED (MSC 2016/41):

1. To receive the information.
(*Moved Cr Ammunson/Seconded Te Maari*) Carried
2. To adopt the Model Standing Orders NZS9202:2003 for Meetings of Territorial Authorities and Community Boards, including Appendix H.
(*Moved Te Maari/Seconded Potangaroa*) Carried

5.3 Maori Standing Committee Terms of Reference

Mr Tipoki reported that the strategic visions of the South Wairarapa marae were being collated, with the intention to put forward recommended changes to the Terms of Reference and Maori Policy once this work had been completed.

Members requested a review of the current remuneration structure for resource consent reviews where iwi were paid but Committee members were not.

Members discussed possible Committee representation from the Featherston Maori community and reporting structures.

Members discussed an appointment to the Community Safety and Resilience Working Party and decided that in the interim Cr Maynard should report to the Committee.

Mayor Napier proposed that the Committee have three appointed councillors given the importance of environmental and governance decisions to be made at Council this triennium. Members felt that the current representation was well balanced and preferred to progress a representative from the Featherston Maori community.

Mr Potangaroa left the meeting at 7:35pm.

Mr Potangaroa returned to the meeting at 7:40pm.

MSC RESOLVED (MSC 2016/42):

1. To receive the information.
2. To recommend to Council that the Maori Standing Committee consult with the Maori community in Featherston with a view of seeking interest for up to two members of the Featherston Maori community becoming voting members of the Committee.
(*Moved Cr Maynard/Seconded Te Maari*) Carried
3. Action 719: Depending on Council outcome, organise a hui for the Featherston Maori community to discuss representation on the Maori Standing Committee - to be facilitated by Mayor Napier; R Tipoki

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4. Action 720: Document potential reporting structures for Featherston Maori community representatives in consultation with Mayor Napier and Mr Tipoki; Cr Ammunson
5. Action 721: Organise for Council to place advertisements in the paper and other communications to be developed once the format for the Featherston hui has been decided; R Tipoki
6. Action 722: Brief the Chief Executive on the Committee request for members to be paid to review resource consent applications and clarify the role and what was required from the resource consent application reviews; Mayor Napier

6. MEMBER ITEMS

6.1 Wairarapa Moana Visitors Guide

Members expressed disappointment about the lack of consultation by Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) on the Wairarapa Moana Visitors Guide and the resulting lack of historical content in the Guide. The Committee wanted to form part of a recognised consultation process.

Mayor Napier understood that the Guide was reviewed by the Wairarapa Moana Governance Group which had member representation from the two iwi.

MSC RESOLVED (MSC 2016/43) that letters of disappointment regarding the lack of historical content in the GWRC Wairarapa Moana Visitors Guide be written from the Maori Standing Committee to the Wairarapa Moana Governance Group and from Papawai and Kohunui Maraes to Rangitaane and Kahungunui iwi.

(Moved Roera/Seconded Cr Ammunson)

Carried

6.2 Treaty Workshop

Due to legal responsibilities in regards to application of the Resource Management Act and other legislation, Mr Tipoki suggested it would be beneficial for councillors to attend a course on the Treaty of Waitangi and requested that Council support the initiative. The course was tentatively to be planned for a Wednesday in February 2017.

MSC RESOLVED (MSC 2016/44) that a treaty workshop for Council, community board members and the Maori Standing Committee is initiated and that Cr Ammunson develop a draft programme to be discussed with Mayor Napier and Reuben Tipoki for approval.

(Moved Potangaroa/Seconded Te Maari)

Carried

6.3 First Information Board for Coastal Trail

Mr Tipoki tabled a first draft of the information board material for the first sign, which the Committee had agreed should now be located at Lake Ferry. There was a lot of support for the signs to be printed in English and Te Reo.

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MSC NOTED:

1. Action 723: Place pou for Otauirā on the 13 February 2017 Māori Standing Committee agenda; P Crimp
2. Action 724: Source illustrations and historical photos for the Lake Ferry information board; R Tipoki/Cr Maynard
3. Action 725: Meet with the information board artistic designer (when all information and illustrations have been assembled); R Tipoki

6.4 Toilets at Lake Ferry

The Committee had not been consulted prior to the Lake Ferry toilet installation and requested that they were removed. The toilets were sited at the mouth of where Lake Wairarapa used to run and a toilet had previously washed away from this site. Mr Tipoki was concerned that the site was becoming a hub for rubbish.

MSC RESOLVED (MSC 2016/45) to recommend to Council that the portaloos be removed from the carpark at Lake Ferry and new signage be erected to make the public toilet in Lake Ferry more easily found.

(Moved Tipoki/Seconded Roera)

Carried

6.5 Toilets at North Tora Camping

Mr Shaw understood that toilets were available for installation at North Tora, but permission to install was being withheld as the purchased toilet did not allow for wheelchair access. Not having a toilet onsite where camping was permitted put the environment at risk.

MSC NOTED:

1. Action 726: Write a letter to the Group Manager Infrastructure and Services expressing frustration about no toilet facilities available at North Tora and the need to protect our environment which currently relies on freedom campers providing their own facilities; R Tipoki

7. GENERAL

7.1 Treaty of Waitangi Settlement Exhibition

Mr Roera tabled information about the planned Treaty of Waitangi Settlement exhibition at Aratoi in March 2017 and reported that Aratoi were looking for cultural funding to ensure the exhibition goes ahead as planned.

MSC RESOLVED (MSC 2016/46) to invite Haami Te Whaiti to meet with the Committee and talk about the planned exhibition at Aratoi.

(Moved Cr Ammunson/Seconded Tipoki)

Carried

7.2 Feedback on Martinborough Guy Fawkes Event

Ms Aporo reported that the Masterton wardens were concerned about the organisation of the Martinborough Guy Fawkes celebration as no-one appeared to be onsite monitoring lingering groups following the end of the event.

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7.3 Tuia Programme

Mayor Napier reported that she would be supporting the Tuia programme for mentoring Maori youth and would submit an application to become part of the programme. The selection process was unclear, but if Tuia didn't run the selection process, Mayor Napier would be looking for assistance from the Committee.

MSC NOTED:

1. Action 727: Choose a karakia for members to learn and send out the words (Reuben Tipoki to make a sound file); A Te Whaiti

Mr Tipoki closed with a karakia.

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.....Chairperson

.....Date

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