



## Maori Standing Committee

Minutes 7 September 2015

- Present:** Michael Roera (chair from 6:34pm), Francis McNally-Te Maari, Terry Te Maari, Johni Rutene (chair until 6:34pm), Rutu Namana (from 6:35pm), Horipo Rimene, Johnny Shaw, Cr Solitaire Robertson and Cr Brian Jephson.
- In Attendance:** Mayor Adrienne Staples, Paul Crimp (Chief Executive Officer) 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 6:30pm and 8:20pm except where expressly noted.
- In Attendance:** Allanah Irvine (Department of Conversation), Tim Porteous (Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC)) and Hoani Paku (Masterton District Council).

### PUBLIC BUSINESS

Mr Rutene opened the meeting with a karakia and powhiri for the new Kohunui Marae representative and visitors to the meeting which was responded to by Mr McNally-Te Maari and Mr Paku.

#### 1. APOLOGIES

*MSC RESOLVED (MSC 2015/34) to receive apologies from Trevor Hawkins.  
(Moved Cr Jephson/Seconded Rimene)*

Carried

#### 2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

##### 2.1 Proposed Ramsar Status for Lake Wairarapa

Ms Irvine acknowledged the welcome and karakia. With support from Mr Porteous, Ms Irvine gave the background to the Ramsar Convention and outlined next steps for Wairarapa Moana to be allocated Ramsar status. The wetlands area met seven of the nine required criteria. Ramsar status would not impact treaty negotiations nor affect the potential rights and benefits of treaty settlement recipients. Ramsar status was not law binding, would not put restrictions on private land and may attract funding to enhance the wetland.

##### 2.2 WaiConnect and Maori Engagement

Mr Paku briefed members on the WaiConnect project and the ability (dependant on the success of the funding application to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment) of maraes to be able to connect to

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ultra-fast broadband. Mr Paku outlined the Masterton District Council approach to Maori engagement.

### **3. ACTIONS FROM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/PRESENTATIONS:**

#### **3.1 Proposed Ramsar Status for Lake Wairarapa**

Mr Rutene was not in favour of the proposal due to concerns about kaitiaki, copyright protection of stories, whakapapa and other intellectual rites.

*MSC RESOLVED (MSC 2015/35):*

1. To support an application to the Minister of Conservation seeking Ramsar status for the Lake Wairarapa wetlands area.

*(Moved Rimene/Seconded Te Maari)*

Carried

Mr Rutene voted against the motion.

2. Action 544: Write to advise GWRC of the Maori Standing Committee support for the Lake Wairarapa wetlands area Ramsar application project; P Crimp

### **4. MAORI STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES**

#### **4.1 Maori Standing Committee Minutes – 27 July 2015**

*MSC RESOLVED (MSC 2015/36)* that the minutes of 27 July 2015 were a true and correct record.

*(Moved Cr Robertson/Seconded Namana)*

Carried

#### **4.2 Action items**

Members discussed the open action items and updates were provided.

### **5. OPERATIONAL REPORTS – COUNCIL OFFICERS**

#### **5.1 Officers' Report**

*MSC RESOLVED (MSC 2015/37)* to receive the Officers' Report.

*(Moved Te Maari/Seconded Rutene)*

Carried

#### **5.2 Nomination to Creative Communities Assessment Committee**

Mr Rutene nominated Mr McNally-Te Maari as the Maori representative on the Creative Communities Scheme Assessment Committee.

*MSC RESOLVED (MSC 2015/38):*

1. To receive the information.
2. To appoint Francis McNally-Te Maari to the Creative Communities Scheme Assessment Committee with acceptance by Mr McNally-Te Maari subject to a review of the CCS requirements documentation.

*(Moved Rutene/Seconded Cr Robertson)*

Carried

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## 6. MEMBER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

### 6.1 Unitary Authority Amendment Bill

Mayor Staples advised that there was no bill and that the Local Government Commission's proposal had now been discounted. The regions chief executive officers were in discussion with the Local Government Commission chief executive to work through local governance delivery options.

### 6.2 Hodder Block Purchase

*MSC NOTED:*

1. Action 545: Send members a location map of the Hodder block purchase in Featherston; M Allingham

### 6.3 Papawai Stream Care Group request for Funding

Mr Roera undertook to advise the Papawai Stream Care Group that the Maori Standing Committee do not have a budget allocation and was unable to provide funding.

### 6.4 Kotahitanga Hui

Some members of the Committee had attended the Hui in Masterton.

## 7. RESOURCE CONSENTS

### 7.1 150095 – Resource Consent Subdivision Application

Members were not aware of any wahi tapu sites in the vicinity of the subdivision.

Mr Roera undertook to draft a submission to GWRC on the Draft Natural Resources Plan and forward to members for comment before submitting by the 25 September 2015.

*MSC NOTED:*

1. Action 546: Put a system in place following rural subdivision consent where GWRC is notified of changes so that any future water consents are assessed against correct subdivision information; M Buchanan

## 8. CORRESPONDENCE

### 8.1 Inwards

From AJ Millward, Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment to Maori Standing Committee, dated 5 August 2015

### 8.2 Outwards

To Hon Tim Groser, Minister of Trade, from Paul Crimp, CEO on behalf of Maori Standing Committee, dated 31 July

*MSC RESOLVED (MSC 2015/39) to receive the inwards and outwards correspondence.*

*(Moved Te Maari/Secoded Rutene)*

Carried

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**9. GENERAL BUSINESS**

The next meeting was scheduled for 6:30pm, 19 October 2015.

Mr Namana closed with a karakia.

**Confirmed as a true and correct record**

.....Chairperson

.....Date

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