



Maori Standing Committee

Minutes - 25 July 2016

- Present:** Michael Roera (Chair), Demetrius Potangaroa, Terry Te Maari, Amiria Te Whaiti, Reuben Tipoki, Horipo Rimene, Cr Brian Jephson and Cr Solitaire Robertson.
- In Attendance:** Mark Allingham (Infrastructure and Services Group Manager) and Suzanne Clark (Committee Secretary).
- Also in Attendance:** Kahutara (Sandy) Watene, Liz Watson, and Hayley Gastmeier (Wairarapa Times Age).
- 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 8:35pm.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

Mr Roera welcomed Demetrius Potangaroa, the new Kahungunu ki Wairarapa representative as well as Sandy Watene and Liz Watson from Papawai Marae who were speaking under public participation.

Mr Potangaroa gave a mihi and karakia.

1. APOLOGIES

MSC RESOLVED (MSC 2016/22) to receive apologies from Johnny Shaw, Paul Crimp and Mayor Adrienne Staples.

(Moved Te Whaiti/Seconded Cr Jephson)

Carried

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/PRESENTATIONS

2.1 Kahutara (Sandy) Watene and Liz Watson

Mr Watene asked the Committee not to support the proposal to change the spelling of Kahutara back to Kahautara. Mr Watene was a fifth generation descendant of the area, with area roads named after his siblings. The suggestion was disrespectful to his whakapapa and was not supported by other Kahutara whanau.

Ms Watson believed the spelling change in the 1960's corrected an existing error and supported Mr Watene saying whanau were affected when tipuna names were altered.

2.2 Proposal to change the spelling of Kahutara back to Kahautara

The Committee agreed to discuss agenda item 4.2 under a new agenda item 2.2.

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The Committee did not agree to the proposal to change the spelling of Kahutara for the following reasons:

- Out of respect for Mr Watene's whakapapa and genealogy.
- Kahutara was the name of a local waka.
- There were often spelling errors introduced during the original transcribing of Maori words by Europeans which could account for the 1960's change.

MSC RESOLVED (MSC 2016/23):

1. To receive the information.
2. Not to support the proposed name change to Kahautara and to keep the rightful name of Kahutara.

(Moved Roera/Seconded Te Maari)

Carried

3. MAORI STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

3.1 Maori Standing Committee Minutes – 13 June 2016

MSC RESOLVED (MSC 2016/24) that the minutes of 13 June 2016 were a true and correct record.

(Moved Roera/Seconded Te Maari)

Carried

MSC RESOLVED (MSC 2016/25) to recommend to Council that representation from 'Greytown and Papawai residents' on the Greytown Waste Water Treatment Plan Community Liaison Group and Moroa Water Race Group should be clarified and interpreted as a Papawai Marae member.

(Moved Cr Robertson/Seconded Tipoki)

Carried

3.2 Action Items from previous meeting

MSC RESOLVED (MSC 2016/26) to receive the action items.

(Moved Cr Jephson/Seconded Tipoki)

Carried

4. OPERATIONAL REPORTS – COUNCIL OFFICERS

4.1 Officers' Report

Members discussed freedom camping issues on the Ngawi coast and requested input into the bylaw when it was reviewed. The amendment to the Coastal Camping bylaw 2009 was discussed as was rates arrears on multiple ownership Maori land.

MSC RESOLVED (MSC 2016/27):

1. To receive the information, noting that Amiria Te Whaiti and Reuben Tipoki received the report late.

(Moved Cr Jephson/Seconded Te Maari)

Carried

2. Action 459: Provide a list of Maori land blocks in Pirinoa to Terry Te Maari; P Crimp

5. MEMBER ITEMS

5.1 Stock in Waterways

Mr Tipoki had seen stock in Lake Onoke on several occasions and believed boundary fencing was the primary issue. Mr Tipoki had spoken to Greater

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Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) and Council’s Amenities Manager but no action had been taken.

MSC NOTED:

1. Action 460: Discuss with Council’s Amenities Manager whether Council had ideas about addressing the stock incidents in Lake Onoke or whether this should be referred to GWRC; M Allingham

5.2 Role of the Maori Standing Committee

Mr Tipoki had not received an induction to the role of the Maori Standing Committee but noted that Council’s Maori Policy had a wide scope. Cr Robertson advised that the Maori Policy scope was deliberately broad so the Committee could take on extra responsibility if it wished. Ways to make members aware of Council matters, opportunities for the Committee to meet to talk about issues, and the short statutory timeframe for resource consent applications was discussed.

Members discussed chair stand-in delegations to attend Council meetings and Mr Roera undertook to delegate responsibility if he was unable to make scheduled meetings.

MSC RESOLVED (MSC 2016/28) that the previous Council meeting minutes are included as a standard item on the Maori Standing Committee agenda.

(Moved Cr Robertson/Seconded Cr Jephson)

Carried

6. RESOURCE CONSENT

6.1 Proposed Three Lot Subdivision, 94 Parera Road, Kahutara

Cr Jephson declared a conflict of interest as he knew the property owners. Members noted an existing archaeological site and the high likelihood of another site remaining undiscovered in the area.

MSC RESOLVED (MSC 2016/29):

1. To receive the information.
2. That the standard conditions on all three blocks are applied.
3. That a section 221 covenant is registered on the title advising that this is a known archaeological site and that if there are any future earthworks or ground disturbances proposed on sites 1, 2, or 3 then an iwi representative is to be present.

(Moved Roera/Seconded Te Maari)

Carried

Mr Tipoki closed with a karakia.

Confirmed as a true and correct record

.....Chairperson

.....Date

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