



## Maori Standing Committee

Minutes 27 July 2015

- Present:** Michael Roera, Trevor Hawkins, Terry Te Maari, Johni Rutene, Rutu Namana, Johnny Shaw, Cr Solitaire Robertson and Cr Brian Jephson.
- In Attendance:** 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 6:00pm and 7:50pm except where expressly noted.
- In Attendance:** Greg Rzesniowiecki (TPP Action) and Ngaere Webb.

### **PUBLIC BUSINESS**

Mr Namana opened the meeting with a karakia.

#### **1. APOLOGIES**

*MSC RESOLVED (MSC 2015/27)* to receive apologies from Horipo Rimene and Mayor Adrienne Staples.

*(Moved Cr Robertson/Seconded Jephson)*

Carried

#### **2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

##### **2.1 Greg Rzesniowiecki, Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP)**

Mr Rzesniowiecki discussed the TPP agreement with members saying negotiations were nearing the end and outlined concerns of TPP Action. Maori groups had made applications seeking that negotiations be slowed so Maori could be consulted to ensure sovereignty positions are not compromised. Mr Rzesniowiecki recommended the Committee endorse the Policy and Finance Committee resolution with an amendment to number xii.

##### **2.2 Ngaere Webb, Te Miha Crescent**

Mrs Webb spoke in support of moving the road name Te Miha Crescent, Kawakawa to a road in Ngawi as descendants of Hemi Te Miha had owned a block of land in Ngawi since the 1800's. Mrs Webb acknowledged that the family did have an old connection to Kawakawa but it was relinquished over 200 years ago to Mr Tilson and Mr Te Whaiti. Mrs Webb asked the Committee to support Hemi Te Miha's descendants and request Council to rename roads in Kawakawa and Ngawi areas.

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

#### 3.1 Trans-Pacific Partnership

*MSC RESOLVED (MSC2015/28):*

1. To receive the report.
2. To endorse clause xii of the TPP policy solution as recommended by TPP Action and move clause xi to become clause i.

*(Moved Rutene/Seconded Namana)*

Carried

3. To support the request of the TPP Action Network by encouraging central government to conclude negotiations of the Trans-Pacific Partnership in a way that provides net positive benefits for Wairarapa and New Zealand and achieves the following objectives;
  - i. Has general exceptions to protect human rights, the environment, the Treaty of Waitangi, and New Zealand's economic and financial stability;
  - ii. Continues to allow South Wairarapa District Council and other councils, if they so choose, to adopt procurement policies that provide for a degree of local preference; to choose whether particular services or facilities are provided in house, by controlled organisations (CCOs) or by contracting out; or to require higher health and safety, environmental protection, employment rights and conditions, community participation, animal protection or human rights standards than national or international minimum standards;
  - iii. Maintains good diplomatic and trade relations and partnerships for South Wairarapa and New Zealand with other major trading partners not included in the agreement, including with China;
  - iv. Provides substantially increased access for our agriculture exports to those markets;
  - v. Does not undermine PHARMAC, raise the cost of medical treatments and medicines or threaten public health measures, such as tobacco control;
  - vi. Does not give overseas investors or suppliers any greater rights than domestic investors and suppliers, such as through introducing Investor-State Dispute Settlement, or reduce our ability to control overseas investment or finance;
  - vii. Does not expand intellectual property rights and enforcement in excess of current law;
  - viii. Does not weaken our public services, require privatisation, hinder reversal of privatisations, or increase the commercialisation of government or of South Wairarapa District Council or other local government organisations;

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- ix. Does not reduce our flexibility to support local economic and industry development and encourage good employment and environmental practices and local initiatives;
- x. Contains enforceable labour clauses requiring adherence to core International Labour Organisation conventions and preventing reduction of labour rights for trade or investment advantage;
- xi. Contains enforceable environmental clauses preventing reduction of environmental and biosecurity standards for trade or investment advantage;
- xii. Has been negotiated with real public consultation including regular public releases of drafts of the text of the agreement, and ratification being conditional on a full social, environmental, and economic impact assessment including public submissions.

*(Moved Rutene/Seconded Shaw)*

Carried

### 3.2 Te Miha Crescent

*MSC RESOLVED (MSC 2015/29):*

1. To recommend to Council that coastal/rural subdivision applications that require road naming approval go to the Maori Standing Committee for consideration before they go to Council.

*(Moved Hawkins/Seconded Rutene)*

Carried

2. Action 454: Undertake research (including Wairarapa Archives if necessary) to determine what process was followed to name Te Miha Crescent; M Buchanan
3. Action 455: Obtain the minutes and/or review files from the original 1960's Ngawi subdivision hearing meeting and other records to determine whether Te Miha was a planned Ngawi road name when the subdivision was first created; M Buchanan

## 4. MAORI STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

### 4.1 Maori Standing Committee Minutes – 4 May 2015

*MSC RESOLVED (MSC 2015/30)* that the minutes of 4 May 2015 were a true and correct record subject to spelling corrections of 'pau' to 'pou' and 'whatekai' to 'wharekai'

*(Moved Cr Jephson/Seconded Namana)*

Carried

### 4.2 Action items

Members discussed the action items and asked that the actions record the correct spelling of names for Betty Howie and Horiara Manihera.

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## 5. OPERATIONAL REPORTS – COUNCIL OFFICERS

### 5.1 Officers' Report

Mr Crimp reported that the 15/25 Long Term Plan had been adopted and gave an update on the Local Government Commission amalgamation process moving forward. Mr Crimp expected the 2016 local government elections to be based on current boundaries.

*MSC RESOLVED (MSC 2015/31) to receive the Officers' Report.*

*(Moved Te Maari/Secoded Cr Jephson)*

Carried

### 5.2 Ramsar Convention

The Committee expressed concern about supporting the proposed Ramsar proposal for Lake Wairarapa prior to Treaty settlement. If Ramsar restrictions on how the lake was managed were contrary to how iwi wanted to manage the lake there would be an issue. The Committee wanted to know if Ramsar status could be reversed.

*MSC RESOLVED (MSC 2015/32) to request that the Department of Conservation and Greater Wellington Council make a presentation to the next meeting of the Maori Standing Committee about the Ramsar proposal for Lake Wairarapa.*

*(Moved Cr Robertson/Secoded Namana)*

Carried

## 6. MEMBER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

### 6.1 Proposal to Name the Lake Ferry Settlement

The Committee could not support the name Lake Ferry at this stage due to the Treaty of Waitangi negotiations.

*MSC NOTED:*

1. Action 456: Contact the Treaty Trust requesting information on what the Trust thought Lake Ferry Settlement should be formally named; Michael Roera

### 6.2 Road Name Spelling Correction of Pah Road

Mr Namana requested that the spelling of 'Pah Road', Greytown be corrected to 'Pa Road'.

*MSC NOTED:*

1. Action 457: Review Council records to determine what official name was given to Pah Road, Greytown and whether information indicates why the name 'Pah' was chosen instead of 'Pa' or whether a spelling error has been made; M Buchanan

### 6.3 What is a Pou

*MSC RESOLVED (MSC 2015/33) that if pou were being erected by South Wairarapa District Council they should be traditionally and culturally correct.*

*(Moved Rutene/Secoded Roera)*

Carried

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6.4 Wairarapa ki uta ki tai

Mr Roera reported that the kapa haka group were aiming to get to national competition and required funding support.

*MSC NOTED:*

- 1. Action 458: Advise the leaders of Wairarapa ki uta ki tai to write to iwi, Wairarapa Moana Trust and local marae with a request for funding; Michael Roera

6.5 Hau Ariki Marae Matariki Dinner

Mr Roera congratulated Hau Ariki Marae on their successful matariki fund raising dinner.

**7. CORRESPONDENCE**

7.1 Inwards

From Anaru Fraser, NZ Petroleum and Minerals to Maori Standing Committee dated 11 May 2015

7.2 Outwards

To Mahanga Maru, NZP&M from Suzanne Clark, Committee Secretary on behalf of the Maori Standing Committee dated 8 May 2015

To Jason Kerehi, Wairarapa District Health, from Suzanne Clark, Committee Secretary on behalf of the Maori Standing Committee dated 11 May 2015

**8. GENERAL BUSINESS**

Mr Roera queried the use of the name ‘Papawai’ by Papawai Puppetry.

Mr Shaw closed the meeting with a karakia.

**Confirmed as a true and correct record**

.....**Chairperson**

.....**Date**

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