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**Minutes of the Ara Tahī meeting held in the Wellington Regional Council Chamber, the Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington, on Wednesday, 11 June 2003, at 10.00am**

**Present**

*Ngati Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Maori Executive  
Taiwhenua*

Charles Morunga, Tom Paku, Pita Flynn

*Rangitaane o Wairarapa*

Alma Mihaere, Dane Rimene

*Ngati Toa*

Te Akapikirangi Arthur

*Ngati Raukawa*

Queenie Rikihana Hyland

*Taranaki Whanui*

Ihaia Puketapu

*Te Ati Awa ki Whakarongotai*

Miki Rikihana

*Wellington Tenth's Trust*

Mark Te One

*Greater Wellington Regional Council*

Crs Margaret Shields and Ian Buchanan

**Officers Present**

Jane Bradbury, Jason Kerehi, Amy Norrish, Mike Pryce and Nicola Shorten.

**Also Present**

Crs Long, McDavitt, Turver and Yardley.

## Procedural Items

### 1. Welcome/Karakia

Both Mark Te One and Alma Mihaere offered the karakia.

### 2. Apologies

*Resolved*

*(Alma Mihaere/Margaret Shields)*

*That the apologies from Rupene Waaka (Ngati Raukawa), Teri Puketapu (Taranaki Whanui), Te Waari Carkeek (Ngati Raukawa), Liz Mellish (Wellington Tenth Trust) and Te Akapikirangi Arthur (Ngati Toa) for lateness, be accepted.*

Tom Paku also apologised for his lateness.

### 3. Confirmation of Minutes

Margaret Shields informed the meeting that Liz Mellish would be attending the Local Government Conference on behalf of Ara Tahi.

Margaret Shields requested that the resolution under item 8.3 of the minutes include liaison with Tuwharetoa, if necessary, to discuss the details of the powhiri for the Council's new CEO, Barry Harris. Tom Paku said this matter should also be discussed with tangata whenua. Mark Te One offered to follow this up.

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*Resolved*

*(Margaret Shields/Dane Rimene)*

*That the minutes of the meeting of Ara Tahi held on 23 April 2003 be confirmed.*

## Matters for Consideration

### 4. Oil Spill Response Plan

Mike Pryce discussed the review of the Tier 2 Marine Oil Spill Response Plan. He noted that consultation with iwi was an important part of the review process and he requested that the 24-hour contact numbers for at least two members from each iwi be updated. These people will be contacted in the event of an oil spill to provide advice and be part of the response team.

Ara Tahi members agreed to supply contact details for two people once they had discussions with their respective iwi. They advised Mike Pryce to contact the iwi

delegates on the Ara Tahi Committee if there was an oil spill incident in the meantime.

The members of Ara Tahi asked Mike Pryce several questions about the clean-up techniques and equipment that is used when responding to marine oil spills. After some discussion, members stated that the Plan did have implications for iwi and that they would like to be consulted further about the document.

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*Resolved*

*(Mark Te One/Pita Flynn)*

*That the members of Ara Tahi will talk to their respective iwi and then decide on two people to be the permanent, 24-hour contacts for oil spill pollution response matters. In the meantime, Ara Tahi iwi delegates will be the contacts.*

## **5. Progress Report from Maori Policy Advisor**

### ***Okautete Bush Reserve***

Jason Kerehi advised that with the fencing completed at Okautete Marae, attention has now moved to the Okautete Bush project. This project is currently in the planning stages and may involve establishing walking tracks through and around the bush reserve and pest plant control. Further details will be forthcoming as the project is scoped.

### ***Ngawi Wetland***

Jason Kerehi noted this project is progressing well. Over the next two weeks 150 flax plants will be planted in the wetland.

### ***Haamua Sites of Significance***

The protocol between Rangitaane o Wairarapa and Council has now been signed and the database will be available for Council to use in their consent processes from next week.

### ***New Haamua Projects***

Jason Kerehi advised that Rangitaane o Wairarapa have extended their proposal for the second GIS project:

- Sites of investigation will now also include Carterton and South Wairarapa districts.
- Staff will receive further training in the use of GIS software.
- A History of Haamua report will be developed.
- Rangitaane also intend to develop and publish a series of Haamua Environmental Principles education sheets.

## **6. Feedback on Joint Workshop**

Nicola Shorten presented her report, which summarised the feedback from the joint workshop on iwi input into Council decision-making. She advised members of Ara Tahi that council staff are currently developing an action plan that will pull together the main points that emerged from the workshop and describe how Council will give effect to them. This action plan will be discussed at the next Ara Tahi meeting.

Both Councillors and iwi members agreed the workshop was of considerable benefit to everyone.

Nicola Shorten pointed out that the next step is prioritising iwi technical workshops. She advised that council officers will contact iwi representatives about the next technical workshops.

## **7. General Business**

Pita Flynn expressed his support for wind generation. He stressed that local iwi have an important role to play with their involvement in feasibility studies on regional parks.

The meeting concluded at 11:30am so that the members of Ara Tahi could farewell Howard Stone and welcome the new Maori Policy Advisor, Rawiri Faulkner.

Te Akapikirangi Arthur offered the closing karakia.

The date of the next meeting is 3 September 2003.

Tom Paku  
Chairperson

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