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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, 3 September 2003, at 10.00am

Present

<i>Ngati Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Maori Executive Taiwhenua</i>	Charles Morunga, Tom Paku, Pita Flynn
<i>Rangitaane o Wairarapa</i>	Alma Mihaere, Horipo Rimene
<i>Ngati Toa</i>	Te Akapikirangi Arthur
<i>Ngati Raukawa</i>	Queenie Rikihana Hyland
<i>Taranaki Whanui</i>	Ihaia Puketapu
<i>Te Ati Awa ki Whakarongotai</i>	Miki Rikihana, Jack Rikihana
<i>Wellington Tenth's Trust</i>	Mark Te One, Liz Mellish, Neville Gilmore, Morrie Love
<i>Greater Wellington Regional Council</i>	Crs Margaret Shields and Ian Buchanan

Officers Present

Jane Bradbury, Rawiri Faulkner, Jason Kerehi, Amy Norrish and Nicola Shorten

Also Present

Crs Long and McDavitt

Procedural Items

1. Welcome/Karakia

Te Akapikirangi Arthur offered the karakia.

2. Apologies

Resolved

(Miki Rikihana/Alma Mihaere)

That the apologies from Teri Puketapu (Taranaki Whanui) and Rupene Waaka (Ngati Raukawa) be accepted.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

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Resolved

(Horipo Rimene/Queenie Rikihana Hyland)

That the minutes of the meeting of Ara Tahi held on 11 June 2003 be confirmed.

Matters for Consideration

4. Progress Report - Maori Policy Advisors, Wellington and Wairarapa

4.1 Training Initiatives

Rawiri Faulkner presented the progress report and outlined the training initiatives undertaken by the Council. Members of Ara Tahi complimented Council on the Te Reo training programme for staff. They also highlighted that it was important to include the principles of tikanga. Rawiri Faulkner said that they are currently looking into broadening the training to include a more holistic view of Maori culture.

4.2 Input into Plan for Responding to Marine Oil Spills

Ara Tahi members again expressed their desire to be involved in developing response plans for marine oil spills. Rawiri Faulkner confirmed that Mike Pryce had indicated he would be happy to meet with iwi to discuss this and said that he would follow this up and make arrangements for the necessary hui(s) to take place.

4.3 Freshwater Aquaculture

Members of Ara Tahi stressed that freshwater aquaculture was a very important issue for

Maori and the Government should be considering it as part of the aquaculture review.

Ian Buchanan noted that freshwater aquaculture was not currently on the Government's agenda. He suggested that Ara Tahi raise such issues with Council so that it can be included in any feedback the Council gives the Government before the legislation is drafted.

Jack Rikihana noted that iwi are also gathering information so that they are in a good position to respond to the draft legislation when it is released for comment.

4.4 Iwi Projects

Wellington Tenth Trust - Inventory of Maori Tenth Heritage Sites and Values

Neville Gilmore advised that all the data has been entered into their GIS system and staff from Massey University have almost completed the software architecture, which will provide a front for the system. The Tenth Trust will now digitally photograph the relevant records, maps etc which are held by Land Information New Zealand.

He noted that a technical expert had recently been employed by the Trust to help with aspects of the project and he said he would like to bring him to the next Ara Tahi meeting.

Ngati Kahungunu - Okautete Bush

Jason Kerehi noted the valuable advice the project had received from the Department of Conservation and Greater Wellington staff on restoring the Okautete bush. He advised that the first step in the project will be spraying, and this will start soon.

Ngati Kahungunu - Iwi Management Plan

Jason Kerehi advised that Ngati Kahungunu are keen to progress this initiative and are in the early stages of putting together a proposal.

Rangitaane O Wairarapa - Haamua Project II

Jason Kerehi advised that the History of Haamua report is currently being drafted, with 180 pages completed to date.

4.5 Wetland Hydrology Expertise

Rawiri Faulkner added that Mark Gyopari was available if anyone was interested in utilising his services in relation to wetland hydrology.

5. Review of Contracts for Non-Notified Consents and Administrative Capacity Funding

Rawiri Faulkner advised Ara Tahi that council officers are undertaking a review of the non-notified consents contracts. He requested that representatives fill in the non-

notified consents questionnaire, as well as provide any other comments, so that members' views can be assessed as part of the review.

It was noted that a separate report (03.460), which outlined the outcomes of a review of the administrative capacity funding contract, was the next item to be discussed. The report recommended that the administrative capacity funding level be continued for the 2003/04 financial year, and suggested some changes to the reporting requirements and timing of the contract payments.

Ian Buchanan suggested that the contracts for non-notified consents and administrative funding be reviewed together. This would provide the opportunity to consider whether or not a generic approach is still suitable for both of these contracts, given that iwi have wide-ranging requirements.

Members of Ara Tahi agreed that the contracts should be reviewed simultaneously. It was suggested that council officers discuss the issues and requirements with each iwi individually. Then hold a collective hui to formalise ideas before formal adoption at the next Ara Tahi meeting on 12 November 2003.

**Report 03.482 &
Report 03.460**

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Resolved

(Ian Buchanan/Liz Mellish)

1. *That reports 03.482 and 03.460 be received.*
2. *That a review be undertaken to evaluate the appropriateness of both non-notified consents contracts and administrative capacity funding contracts and provide a more suitable contract.*
3. *That council officers arrange to meet with individual iwi to discuss the contracts.*
4. *That a collective hui of Ara Tahi members be held after initial discussions to formalise ideas before formal adoption of the resulting recommendations at the next Ara Tahi meeting on 12 November 2003.*

Resolved

(Mark Te One/Liz Mellish)

5. *That the administrative capacity fund and non-notified consents payments be made for the first quarter of the 2003/04 financial year while the review is completed.*

6. Ngati Tama Representation on Ara Tahi

Jason Kerehi presented this report and requested that Ara Tahi determine a process to decide if Ngati Tama will be invited to join Ara Tahi. Ngati Tama Incorporated

Society sent a letter to Margaret Shields twelve months ago. Council are required by legislation to respond to their request and would like the help of Ara Tahi in doing so.

Ara Tahi agreed that it was important to support the Council in their requirement to respond to Ngati Tama. Members of Ara Tahi highlighted the many complexities involved in deciding on whether a group, such as Ngati Tama, be invited to join Ara Tahi. A number of issues were raised including:

- How many Ngati Tama representative groups are there?
- Who do they represent? Who decides this?
- What constitutes a "party"? What category do Ngati Tama fall into?
- Are their interests already being maintained by Wellington Tenth Trust?

After much discussion, Ara Tahi requested that council officers investigate the Te Ohu Kaimoana model as part of the process for deciding on whether a group should be represented on Ara Tahi. Ara Tahi suggested that Council respond to Ngati Tama by saying that:

- a) There is currently no policy for deciding whether or not a new group can join Ara Tahi.
- b) Ara Tahi are currently considering a process for making such decisions and this may include the Te Ohu Kaimoana model.

Report 03.492

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Resolved

(Ihaia Puketapu/Queenie Rikihana Hyland)

That council officers investigate the Te Ohu Kaimoana model as a process for deciding whether a group should join Ara Tahi and report back findings to the next Ara Tahi meeting on 12 November 2003. Ara Tahi can then decide if this is an appropriate methodology.

7. General Business

7.1 New Positions

Ian Buchanan introduced Luci Ryan, who has taken over Paula Hammond's position while she is on maternity leave, and Alastair Cross, who has replaced Nigel Corry. Both Luci and Alastair gave a brief summary of their background.

7.2 More information on Wind Farms and Transport

Jack Rikihana requested more information on transport and wind energy. Both of these issues currently had a high profile in the media. Margaret Shields responded by suggesting there be a presentation on Council's transport policy at a future Ara Tahi meeting.

7.3 Consultation on Wairarapa Corridor Plan

Pita Flynn noted that he had not received any information on the Wairarapa Corridor Plan, which is currently out for consultation. He stated that Ara Tahi should be consulted before such plans were published for comment. Margaret Shields assured Pita Flynn that he would be sent a copy of the plan and advised that there would still be an opportunity for Maori to influence the outcome.

7.4 Local Government Conference

Liz Mellish thanked the Council for taking an iwi representative to the Local Government Conference. She said that she found the conference very informative and worthwhile. She felt it was important for Maori to be represented at such a forum and hoped that this opportunity continued in future years.

Tom Paku thanked all of Ara Tahi for their input at the meeting as there were some important and complex matters that needed to be discussed.

The meeting concluded at 12:25pm. Alma Mihaere offered the closing karakia.

The date of the next meeting is 12 November 2003.

Tom Paku
Chairperson

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