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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 24 March 2004, at 10.00am

Present

<i>Ngati Kahungunu o Wairarapa Taiwhenua Inc</i>	Charles Morunga, Thomas Paku
<i>Rangitaane o Wairarapa</i>	Alma Mihaere, Horipo Rimene
<i>Ngati Toa</i>	Te Akapikirangi Arthur
<i>Ngati Raukawa</i>	Queenie Rikihana Hyland, Rupene Waaka
<i>Taranaki Whanui</i>	Ihaia Puketapu
<i>Te Ati Awa ki Whakarongotai</i>	Jack Rikihana
<i>Wellington Tents Trust</i>	Liz Mellish, Mark Te One (from 10:25AM)
<i>Greater Wellington Regional Council</i>	Crs Margaret Shields and Ian Buchanan

Officers Present

Jane Bradbury, Rawiri Faulkner, Barry Harris (from 11:25AM), Jason Kerehi, Luci Ryan, Stephen Karaitiana, Wayne Hastie, Kirsten Forsyth (for item 7)

Also Present

Crs Long, McDavitt and Turver

Procedural Items

1. Welcome/Karakia

Te Akapikirangi Arthur offered the karakia.

2. Apologies

Resolved

(Aka Arthur/Alma Mihaere)

That the apologies from Miria Pomare, Ra Pomere, Miki Rikihana and Mark Te One (for lateness) be confirmed.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

Progress Report – Maori Policy Advisors, Wellington and Wairarapa

Liz Mellish noted that “Rikihia” should be “Ritihia” on page 3 of the minutes.

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Resolved

(Liz Mellish/ Queenie Rikihana Hyland)

That the minutes of the meeting of Ara Tahi held on 12 November 2003 as amended be confirmed.

Matters for Consideration

4. Election of Chairperson

The Chairperson introduced this item, referring to a letter he sent out prior to Christmas. He noted that he wished it to be clear that the path was open for an alternative representative to take on the role.

Several members expressed support for the job that Tom had done as Chairperson, and their desire for him to continue on in the role.

Rupene Waaka outlined the accepted process for rotating the Chair around the region – east/west/central. He noted that it should be Ngati Raukawa’s turn to chair, but that if the current Chairperson was willing to continue in the role, Raukawa supported this.

Resolved

(Alma Mihaere/Liz Mellish)

That Tom Paku continues in the role of Chairperson of Ara Tahi.

The motion was carried with acclamation.

5. Progress Report – Maori Policy Advisors

Rawiri Faulkner introduced this item. He noted that the report built on the report presented to the last meeting.

Rawiri referred members to the dates that had been confirmed for 2004. He noted that no attempt had been made to reschedule the meeting that was cancelled on 20 February, but that if Ara Tahi needed an additional meeting later in the year this would be arranged.

Te Waka Awhina hui, 27-29 November 2003, Rotorua

Rawiri stressed the value of this forum and said that this year the hui was to be hosted by Taranaki.

Iwi Project Funding Update

All funding for the current year is committed. Iwi representatives were urged to start thinking about next year's projects now, and to contact Rawiri or Jason to discuss.

Capacity Funding Report Template

Jason and Rawiri will be meeting with each Iwi to discuss the new reporting template.

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

Liz Mellish said that this project was becoming more exciting now that they were at the stage of being able to produce reports. They are working on a new deal with Massey University. The Trust is also working well with and receiving support from GIS staff within Hutt City Council, Wellington City Council and Greater Wellington. A paper is being prepared on the project. The Trust is receiving a large number of visitors, including several GIS "geeks".

Iwi Environmental Management Plan – Te Runanganui o Taranaki Whanui ki te Upoko o te Ika a Maui

Ihaia Puketapu spoke to this item and said that they were making good progress and working closely with Rawiri Faulkner and Stephen Karaitana. The management structure has been rearranged so that the project is being reported to both the Whanui CEO and the Wellington Tenth's Trust CEO. The first draft should be completed within 2-3 weeks. A web site has been established.

Water Monitoring Project – Te Ati Awa ki Whakarongotai

Jack Rikihana outlined the history to this project in relation to the amount of water being extracted through bores on the Kapiti Coast. In this pilot project the Iwi are monitoring use from 25 sites with the aim of doubling this number in the next year. The information will assist with the management of the underground water resource and is being undertaken in close association with Greater Wellington's groundwater scientist.

Ngati Hamua GIS Project – Rangitaane o Wairarapa

Jason Kerehi spoke to this item. A large report is nearing completion and will be finalised once references are checked and permission is obtained for the use of a

number of portraits. A series of public information sheets have been produced and Joe Potangaroa will be invited to a future meeting to present these to Ara Tahi. Further work will be carried out in association with Masterton District Council to determine what protection measures are appropriate for each site. Of the 200 sites, it is thought that only 30 or 40 will require protection through the district plan.

Oil Spill Response Course

Rawiri stressed the importance of Iwi attending this course. Te Akapikirangi Arthur and Jack Rikihana said that they had found the course to be of value.

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Resolved

(Rupene Waaka/Te Akapikirangi Arthur)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

5. Achievement of Regional Policy Statement Objectives for Iwi

Rawiri Faulkner and Kirsten Forsyth spoke to this report. Rawiri outlined the process for the review and sought comment from Iwi about the suggested process for the review which must be completed by August this year. Iwi representatives indicated a willingness to take part in the review. They pointed out that their interest spanned the full range of environmental matters and was not restricted to the Iwi chapter of the RPS. It was noted that a review of the objectives of the RPS would follow a review of how well the Council had met the objectives set 10 years ago.

Iwi representatives felt that it was not necessary to engage an independent party to undertake the review and that they were happy to deal directly with Greater Wellington staff. Once the individual responses had been obtained there will be a workshop with all Iwi.

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Resolved

(Ian Buchanan/Jack Rikihana)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

6. Meeting the Requirements of the Local Government Act 2002

Rawiri Faulkner reminded members of the new provisions of the LGA2002 that required Greater Wellington to develop a process where Maori groups not represented at Ara Tahi have an avenue to participate in Council decisions. Ara Tahi had discussed the matter on previous occasions and it was being suggested as the topic of the first technical workshop of the year. Rawiri asked that Ara Tahi agree to this topic and sought guidance about the venue and who should facilitate the workshop. There was considerable discussion about the topic and unanimous support for it to be the subject matter of the first technical workshop. Rupene Waaka offered Raukawa as a venue and

suggested Ngati Toa as a back-up. Margaret Shields asked that Councillors be able to attend, which was agreed by the meeting. Ian Buchanan suggested Rawiri as the facilitator and the meeting also supported this. Ian Buchanan, Rupene Waaka and Rawiri will sit down and prepare the programme.

Report 04.41

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Resolved

(Margaret Shields/Alma Mihaere)

1. *That the report be received and the contents noted.*
2. *That a workshop be held to discuss Maori involvement in the decision-making processes of the Council.*

7. General

Margaret Shields informed the meeting that Greater Wellington had received a request from the CEO of Transfund to speak at the next Ara Tahi meeting. Transfund were now required to provide an opportunity for Maori to participate in its decision-making, and were keen to start the dialogue as to what might be an appropriate process in the Wellington Region.

Rupene Waaka brought up the possibility of Greater Wellington support of Iwi representatives attending a Maori law forum. It was agreed that further information was required about the relevance of the forum to Ara Tahi and the Council, and that a general watch be kept on similar opportunities.

Te Akapikirangi Arthur talked about the meaning of “Ara Tahi”, which defines “one path” or togetherness. This was followed by a discussion about whether “iwi projects” should be described as “Ara Tahi projects”. Rawiri Faulkner reminded the meeting that many projects were specific to an Iwi and that it was important that the Council recognised the autonomy of each Iwi.

The Chairperson thanked members for their attendance and participation.

The meeting concluded at 12.14pm.

Alma Mihaere offered the closing karakia.

The date of the next meeting is 26 May 2004.

Thomas Paku
Chairperson

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