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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 26 May 2004, at 10.10am

Present

<i>Ngati Kahungunu o Wairarapa Taiwhenua Inc</i>	Charles Morunga, Thomas Paku, Pita Flynn
<i>Rangitaane o Wairarapa</i>	Alma Mihaere
<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, Miki Rikihana
<i>Wellington Tenth's Trust</i>	Susan Love, Neville Gilmore
<i>Greater Wellington Regional Council</i>	Crs Margaret Shields and Ian Buchanan

Officers Present

Jane Bradbury, Rawiri Faulkner, Jason Kerehi, Barry Harris, Victoria Owen, Trecia Smith, Gunther Wild, Wayne O'Donnell and Amy Norrish

Also Present

Crs McDavitt, Laidlaw and Turver

Procedural Items

1. Welcome/Karakia

Te Akapikirangi Arthur offered the karakia.

2. Apologies

Resolved

(Alma Mihaere/Margaret Shields)

That the apologies from Miria Pomare, Te Waari Carkeek, Mark Te One, Dane Rimene, Liz Mellish and Teri Puketapu be confirmed.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

It was noted that the apologies from Pita Flynn had not been recorded in previous meeting minutes, even though he phoned in advance to notify the Council of his absence. Officers will ensure his apologies for absence are recorded in future.

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Resolved

(Te Akapikirangi Arthur/Jack Rikihana)

That the minutes of the meeting of Ara Tahi held on 24 March 2004 be confirmed.

Matters for Consideration

4. Presentation by Transfund

Wayne Donnelly, the Chief Executive of Transfund, introduced himself, and the other staff and board members of Transfund that were present at the meeting. He made a presentation to Ara Tahi on the role of Transfund and their obligations to engage with Maori. The main requirement for Transfund is to consult Maori about decisions approving the annual land transport programme.

Wayne Donnelly asked members of Ara Tahi if they would work with him to find ways for Transfund and Maori to engage that are efficient and effective, and relevant to both parties. It was suggested that the technical workshop on 16 June would be the most appropriate time to discuss such matters. Wayne offered two members of his staff to join in the discussions, if this would be helpful.

5. Progress Report – Maori Policy Advisors

5.1 Representatives to Attend Local Government New Zealand Conference and Maori Legal Forum

It was agreed that Jack Rikihana would attend the Local Government New Zealand Conference and that Miria Pomare and Ihaia Puketapu would go to the Legal Forum. As Miria Pomare was not present, Te Akapikirangi Arthur said he would go to the forum if Miria couldn't make it.

5.2 Progress on Iwi Projects

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

Neville Gilmore said the Wellington Tenth's Trust continues to work with Massey University staff. They are currently increasing the mapping for each site and the text data, which will make the information even more robust. The information they have gathered will also be used to revise the Nga Taonga manual.

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

Ihaia Puketapu said the draft was now 90% finished. The executive summary will be put on the website soon with a link to a downloadable copy of the full document. He added that consultation would be in full swing by the end of June.

Water Monitoring Project – Te Ati Awa ki Whakarongotai

Jack Rikihana said the data that was collected was very helpful and would be put to good use. A report showing the results of the data will be produced soon. They intend to collect the data for at least another year, so that the data from two or three summers can be compared.

Ngati Hamua GIS Project – Rangitaane o Wairarapa

Jason Kerehi advised that the book would be published by about August this year.

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Resolved

(Te Akapikirangi Arthur/Pita Flynn)

- (1) That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) That Jack Rikihana attends the Local Government New Zealand conference on 25-28 July 2004.*
- (3) That Ihaia Puketapu and Miria Pomare attend the Maori Legal Forum on 24 June and 25 June 2004.*

6. Feedback from Joint Workshop

Rawiri Faulkner outlined the feedback from the joint workshop on developing a process to enable Greater Wellington to meet the requirements for Maori in the Local Government Act 2002. He said staff would investigate the options that arose from the workshop in more detail and report the findings to the next meeting of Ara Tahi.

Members of Ara Tahi discussed the importance of having a consultation process that acknowledges “tikanga”, but is also mindful of other Maori who need to be considered (urban Maori). It was agreed that members would hold a hui to discuss these issues and assess the options further.

Ihaia Puketapu noted that there were often misconceptions about the number of urban Maori. He said there are flaws in the Statistics New Zealand data because of the way Maori are classified between rural and urban Maori. Margaret Shields indicated she was very interested in finding out more about this research.

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Resolved

(Jack Rikihana/Miki Rikihana)

- (1) *That the report be received and its contents noted.*
- (2) *Rawiri Faulkner will liaise with the members of Ara Tahi to organise a hui to further discuss a process that enables Greater Wellington to meet the requirements for Maori in the Local Government Act 2002.*

7. Ngati Tama Update

Rawiri Faulkner advised Ara Tahi that Te Puoho Katene, Ngati Tama kaumatua, had written to the Council. He said the letter challenged the mandate of the Wellington Tenth Trust to represent the interests of Ngati Tama.

Neville Gilmore said that members of the Wellington Tenth Trust would still expect this group of Ngati Tama to consult with them in terms of their representation on Ara Tahi. Jack Rikihana noted that he had already offered to meet with Ngati Tama on the issue but that they hadn't responded to his offer.

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Resolved

(Jack Rikihana/Rupene Waaka)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

All members of Ara Tahi who voted on this resolution, voted in favour of passing it. Both Rangitaane o Wairarapa and Ngati Kahungunu continued to abstain from making any decision or passing any resolution relating to Ngati Tama's representation on Ara Tahi.

8. Policy on Use and Removal of Natural Materials from Regional Parks and Forests

Victoria Owen presented her report, which outlined the proposed process for managing requests to use or remove natural materials from regional parks and forests. She asked Ara Tahi for their feedback on the most appropriate level of tangata whenua involvement in this process.

Initial discussions indicated that the preferred level of tangata whenua input changed from iwi to iwi. Both Neville Gilmore and Charles Morunga said they would like to be consulted on all applications (both major and minor). Others were happy with lower levels of consultation. Victoria Owen said she would speak to each iwi individually.

All members of Ara Tahi agreed that they would like applicants to deal directly with the relevant iwi, as is the case with resource consents. Miki Rikihana suggested that they consult with the kaitiaki groups within the parks.

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Resolved

(Miki Rikihana/Jack Rikihana)

- (1) That the report be received and its contents noted.*
- (2) That Ara Tahi support the proposed approach for managing requests to use or remove natural material from regional parks and forests.*

9. Proposed Bovine Tb Management 2004/05 – 2006/07

Wayne O'Donnell presented his report on the proposed bovine Tb control programme for the next three years. He advised iwi that vector control contractors would contact them more over the next few years. This is because the Animal Health Board is expanding their programme and contractors carrying out the work must consult with iwi on matters of significance.

Wayne said that council officers would provide an annual overview of the programme to Ara Tahi. He also said he was happy to talk with individual iwi about any issues in more detail if required.

Pita Flynn raised the issue of inadequate testing on the effects of 1080. He said testing should be based on the first metabolite rather than the actual compound, as the damaging ingredient is activated after ingestion.

10. General

Thanks for Support

Te Akapikirangi Arthur thanked Margaret Shields for supporting him in becoming a Justice of the Peace.

Signs in our Parks and Forests

Pita Flynn asked for the signs in the region's parks and forests to better reflect the relationship between Ara Tahi and the Council. Members thought this was a good point. Victoria Owen said that the Parks and Forests Department were looking at reviewing the signs as they went through each of the park management plans and said she would pass this feedback on.

London Wildlife Wetland – An Inspiration

Margaret Shields told Ara Tahi about her experience at the London Wildlife Wetland. The wetland had been created from scratch and had attracted 161 species of birds since it had been established. She said it made what the Council was doing with restoring wetlands seem all the more possible. She will make available the material she had on the wetland to anyone who was interested.

The meeting concluded at 12.40pm.

Alma Mihaere offered the closing karakia.

The date of the next meeting is 14 July 2004.

Thomas Paku
Chairperson

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