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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 25 August 2004, at 10.00am

Present

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| <i>Ngati Kahungunu o Wairarapa Incorporated</i> | <i>Taiwhenua</i> | Charles Morunga, Thomas Paku, Pita Flynn |
| <i>Rangitaane o Wairarapa</i> | | Alma Mihaere, Horipo Rimene |
| <i>Ngati Toa</i> | | Te Akapikirangi Arthur, Ra Pomare |
| <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>Greater Wellington Regional Council</i> | | Crs Margaret Shields, Terry McDavitt and Ian Buchanan |

Officers Present

Jane Bradbury, Rawiri Faulkner, Wayne Hastie, Susan Hutchinson-Daniel, Jason Kerehi, Amy Norrish and Nicola Shorten

Also Present

Crs Long and Turver

Procedural Items

1. Welcome/Karakia

Alma Mihaere offered the karakia.

2. Additional Agenda Items

Three new items were added to the agenda of the meeting:

- Oral report from Jack Rikihana on the Local Government Conference
- *Take Action for Water* presentation from Susan Hutchinson-Daniel
- Oral report from Wayne Hastie about nominations for the Regional Land Transport Committee

3. Apologies

Resolved

(Rupene Waaka/Jack Rikihana)

That the apologies from Miria Pomare and Teri Puketapu for absence, and Margaret Shields for leaving early, be confirmed.

Margaret Shields advised Ara Tahi that Terry McDavitt would stand in for her when she left the meeting.

4. Confirmation of Minutes

Rawiri Faulkner clarified that there was no close-off date for iwi project proposals.

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Resolved

(Jack Rikihana/Alma Mihaere)

That the minutes of the meeting of Ara Tahi held on 14 July 2004 be confirmed.

Matters for Consideration

5. Staff Changes

Rawiri Faulkner advised Ara Tahi that his position as Policy Advisor - Maori had been moved from the Environment Division to the Council Secretariat. He said the Council Secretariat had a corporate and governance focus that better fitted the expanding role of the Policy Advisor - Maori and Ara Tahi. He assured the members of Ara Tahi that the change would not affect his relationship with them.

Thomas Paku thanked Jane Bradbury and Nicola Shorten on behalf of Ara Tahi for the huge amount of work they had put into Ara Tahi while the committee and Policy Advisor - Maori was the responsibility of the Environment Division. He presented each

of them with a bunch of flowers. It was noted that Jane Bradbury had been involved in Ara Tahi since its inception.

6. Progress Report – Maori Policy Advisors

6.1 Staff Training

Rawiri Faulkner advised Ara Tahi that council officers were reviewing staff training on iwi matters. He said the purpose of the review was to ensure that staff training was more structured in the future. The outcomes of the review will be reported back to Ara Tahi.

Officers clarified that iwi members would be involved in the process of telling staff about their iwi's history.

6.2 Maori Language Week

Te Akapikirangi Arthur commented that it was important to 'feel', not just 'hear', when speaking or listening to Te Reo Maori.

6.3 Capacity Funding

Rawiri Faulkner said that he had received some of the reports required for funding. He said the reports received so far were of a high standard and looked comprehensive.

6.4 Iwi Projects

6.4.1 Wellington Tenth Trust – Inventory of Maori Heritage Sites and Values

Rawiri Faulkner advised Ara Tahi that the Wellington Tenth Trust would be presenting their GIS system to the Council sometime over the next two months.

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

Ihaia Puketapu advised Ara Tahi that Taranaki Whanui were waiting for the review of their Environmental Management Plan to be completed. Once the review had been completed, amendments would be made and the plan would be finalised. He said they are aiming to start consultation in mid-September.

6.5 Thanks

Rawiri Faulkner thanked Jane Bradbury and Nicola Shorten for the support and assistance they had provided him while his role was in the Environment Division.

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Resolved

(Jack Rikihana/Alma Mihaere)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

7. Feedback from the Hui on Requirements for Maori in the Local Government Act 2002

Jason Kerehi outlined the process for Maori involvement in council decision-making. The proposed process was based on the outcomes of discussions at two iwi workshops.

Several councillors commented that the requirement under the Local Government Act 2002 to involve Maori in council decision-making would not alter the long-term relationship the Council had established with Ara Tahi.

Jason also suggested that Ara Tahi hold a hui after the local government elections in October to discuss the possibility of iwi representation on Council committees.

Jason thanked Jane Bradbury and Nicola Shorten for supporting him in his role as Maori Liaison Officer in the Wairarapa.

Report 04.454

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Resolved

(Ihaia Puketapu/Te Akapikirangi Arthur)

- (1) That the report be received.*
- (2) That the report's contents be noted.*
- (3) That a hui be held after the local body elections in October 2004 to discuss the possibility of iwi representation on Council committees.*
- (4) That the key outcomes outlined in the report be adopted and that Ara Tahi recommend to Council that they form the process for involving Maori in the Council's decision-making processes.*

8. Policy on External Organisations Participating at Ara Tahi

Rawiri Faulkner outlined the process for responding to external organisations wishing to make presentations to, or consult with, Ara Tahi. He said that the process was based on discussions at the previous meeting of Ara Tahi on 14 July. The process clearly distinguishes between 'presenting to' and 'consulting with' Ara Tahi, the latter being regarded as an inappropriate use of Ara Tahi.

Members made one amendment to the proposed process for managing requests from external organisations to present to Ara Tahi. They asked that "the Council chairperson and Ara Tahi chairperson be consulted on the relevance of **each** presentation". They did not want to be consulted on presentations only where officers considered clarification was required from the chairpersons.

Report 04.471

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Resolved

(Ian Buchanan/Jack Rikihana)

- (1) That the report be received.*

- (2) *That the contents of the report be noted.*
- (3) *That the process for responding to external organisations wanting to participate at Ara Tahi be adopted as amended.*

9. Feedback from the Iwi Technical Workshop on the Wellington Regional Strategy Forum

Rawiri Faulkner outlined the feedback received at the technical workshop on the Wellington Regional Strategy and the role of Ara Tahi.

It was clarified that a representative from the Wairarapa authorities was part of the forum, but only as an observer. This was because the forum focuses on the Western side of the Wellington region. If, however, the scope of the strategy changed, the level of involvement from the Wairarapa was also likely to change.

Members expressed concern regarding the tight timeframe (5 days) between receiving the order paper for the Forum and the actual meeting of the Forum. Ara Tahi would need to meet within the five days to discuss their views on the issues raised in the order paper. It was discussed that the forum meetings were scheduled months in advance so that Ara Tahi could set up their meetings ahead of time. Members said they would do their best to work within this timeframe.

Te Akapikirangi Arthur nominated Maria Pomare and Ihaia Puketapu as representatives of Ara Tahi on the Wellington Regional Strategy Forum. This nomination was supported by the other members of Ara Tahi. While only one the representatives could sit on the forum at a time, they could both attend the forum meeting.

Members discussed what would happen if neither Miria nor Ihaia attend the meeting where Ara Tahi discussed their views on the order paper for the forum. It was decided that in such an instance Ara Tahi should chose a different representative to take their views to the following meeting of the forum. Members requested that Rawiri Faulkner write a report confirming their representatives and the meeting process.

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Resolved

(Rupene Waaka/Queenie Rikihana Hyland)

- (1) *That the report be received.*
- (2) *That the contents be noted.*
- (3) *That Ara Tahi become an advisory group to the Wellington Regional Strategy Forum.*

Resolved

(Te Akapikirangi Arthur/Rupene Waaka)

- (4) *That Miria Pomare and Ihaia Puketapu represent the views of Ara Tahi on the Wellington Regional Strategy Forum. One representative will sit on the forum and the other representative will act as a back up.*

10. Local Government Conference

Jack Rikihana provided a brief outline of the speakers he heard at the Local Government Conference. He also provided everyone with a handout of the notes he took at the conference. He noted that the standard of presenters was high and said the most relevant discussions related to consultation with Maori under the Resource Management Act and sustaining relationships with Maori. He also noted the recurring theme of the 'duty of leadership'.

Jack suggested that two members of Ara Tahi should attend the next conference, as it would be helpful to have someone else to bounce ideas off and discuss views with.

Resolved

(Tom Paku/Ian Buchanan)

That the oral report from Jack Rikihana be accepted and its contents noted.

11. Take Action for Water – Susan Hutchinson-Daniel

Susan Hutchinson-Daniel made a presentation to Ara Tahi on the *Take Action for Water* programme developed for Kaupapa Maori schools and Maori immersion classes at mainstream primary schools. She passed around copies of the Te Reo Maori material that is used in the programme.

12. Nominations for Regional Land Transport Committee

Wayne Hastie advised Ara Tahi that the Council was now seeking nominations for its Regional Land Transport Committee. Members of Ara Tahi said they would be interested in putting forward a nominee in due course. They will discuss who they will nominate at the hui on representation on council committees.

Resolved

(Te Akapikirangi Arthur/Jack Rikihana)

To register an interest in making a nomination for the Regional Land Transport Committee.

13. General

13.1 Candidates for Greater Wellington Regional Council

Thomas Paku passed on Ara Tahi's best wishes to those standing for election to Greater Wellington Regional Council, especially those who sit on Ara Tahi or attend their meetings.

13.2 Next Wellington Regional Strategy

Ara Tahi members agreed to hold a meeting on 22 September to discuss their views on the order paper for the next Wellington Regional Strategy forum, which will be held on 24 September.

13.2 Technical Workshop

Rawiri Faulkner advised Ara Tahi that the next technical workshop would be on 20 October 2004.

The meeting concluded at 12:20pm.

Te Akapikirangi Arthur offered the closing karakia.

The date of the next meeting of Ara Tahi is 24 November 2004.

Thomas Paku
Chairperson

Date: