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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 November 2004, at 10.00am

Present

<i>Ngati Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Incorporated</i>	<i>Taiwhenua</i>	Charles Morunga, Thomas Paku
<i>Rangitaane o Wairarapa</i>		Alma Mihaere, Horipo Rimene
<i>Ngati Toa</i>		Te Akapikirangi Arthur, Ra Pomare, Miria 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>Wellington Tenth's Trust</i>		Liz Mellish
<i>Greater Wellington Regional Council</i>		Crs Ian Buchanan, Chris Turver

Officers Present

Barry Harris, Jane Bradbury, Rawiri Faulkner, Trecia Smith, Annabel Riley, Murray Waititi
Wayne Hastie, Racheal Hornsby, Jason Kerehi, and David Harmer.

Also Present

Crs Baber and Glensor

Procedural Items

1. Welcome/Karakia

Te Akapikirangi Arthur offered the karakia.

2. Apologies

Resolved

(Horipo Rimene/Alma Mihaere)

That the apologies from Cr Margaret Shields, Mark Te One, Peter Flynn and Teri Puketapu, be confirmed.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

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Resolved

(Rupene Waaka/Queenie Rikihana-Hyland)

That, subject to spelling Miria Pomare's name correctly throughout, the minutes of the meeting of Ara Tahi held on 25 August 2004 be confirmed.

Matters for Consideration

4. Progress Report – Maori Policy Advisors

4.1 Te Waka Awhina

Rawiri Faulkner advised the meeting that Te Waka Awhina, the annual hui for Maori staff working in local government, would be held at Owae Marae in Waitara from 25 to 28 November.

4.2 Wellington Regional Strategy

Rawiri Faulkner reminded the meeting that there are two remaining meetings for Ara Tahi representatives for 2004: a forum meeting on 15 December and a regional assembly on 21 December.

4.3 Inventory of Maori Heritage sites and values

Liz Mellish said she was very pleased that the inventory of heritage sites was now at the point where CDs containing details of approximately 400 sites had been produced.

Liz asked that a technical workshop be added to the agenda for the New Year so that the scientists involved in the inventory could present the CD and answer any questions.

4.4 Te Runanganui o Taranaki Whanui ki te Upoko o te Ika Maui

Ihaia Puketapu advised the meeting that Taranaki Whanui had prepared a draft Environmental Management Plan. The Plan was being reviewed by internal and

external reviewers. Morgan Williams, the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment, had been engaged as the external reviewer.

4.5 Project proposals for 2004/05

Rawiri Faulkner said that Greater Wellington had received two project proposals for the 2004/05 year. The Council is working through the proposals with the respective iwi.

4.6 Technical workshop

Jason Kerehi thanked iwi representatives for their participation in the technical workshop held on 20 October 2004. Jason advised that the planned launch date for the website is 1 February 2005.

Queenie Rikihana-Hyland asked whether feedback provided by a Canadian visitor regarding the need for the site to be accessible to those viewing it from other countries had been addressed. Jason said that it was intended that links to external websites such as www.maaori.com would be included so that people could visit sites that dealt more comprehensively with Maori culture. Such detailed background information would not be included on the Greater Wellington website itself.

4.7 Councillor induction powhiri

Rawiri Faulkner thanked the Ara Tahī representatives, Kaumatua and Kuia who took time to attend the powhiri for the new Councillors 28 October 2004. Cr Chris Turver also expressed his personal thanks to those Ara Tahī representatives that attended the powhiri.

4.8 Policy Advisor - Maori

Jack Rikihana noted that it was Rawiri Faulkner's last meeting before leaving Greater Wellington to take up a position at the Foundation for Research, Science & Technology. Jack thanked Rawiri for his contribution to Ara Tahī and wished him well for the future.

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Resolved

(Rupene Waaka/Queenie Rikihana-Hyland)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

6. Nomination of Ara Tahī representative to the Regional Land Transport Committee

Report 04.608

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Resolved

(Jack Rikihana/Queenie Rikihana-Hyland)

That Tom Paku be appointed as the representative of Ara Tahī on the Regional Land Transport Committee.

Resolved

(Liz Mellish/Ihaia Puketapu)

That Jack Rikihana be appointed as Tom Paku's deputy on the Regional Land Transport Committee.

7. Draft Resource Information: Heritage

Trecia Smith, Annabel Riley and Tony Walzl - the Historian commissioned to write the heritage information included in the Regional Parks and Forests: Draft Resource Information document - spoke to this report. Copies of Mr Walzl's work were made available for comment.

Trecia said that Mr Walzl would be available on 8 December 2004, in an open forum, to discuss the draft resource information and invited Ara Tahī representatives to attend. Members were also invited to submit comments, including by email to Trecia. Another draft would then be produced for further comment.

Annabel Riley outlined current interpretation and commemorations at Battle Hill and the process for incorporating new heritage information at Battle Hill Farm Forest Park.

Rupene Waaka said it was important to remember that the events at Battle Hill in 1846 were still a source of hurt and anguish, and that this needed to be recognised. Rupene also questioned the appropriateness of "Battle Hill" as a place name and said that this should be changed.

Miria Pomare said that she had read the draft and thought it was really valuable. For example, the heritage information gave a real sense of what was happening for Ngati Toa and the Crown at the time of the battle and placed the events in a broader historical context for the first time.

Queenie Rikihana-Hyland said it was important to acknowledge the historians among the Ara Tahī representatives and suggested Rupene Waaka and Miria Pomare had a lot to contribute.

Report 04.625

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Resolved

(Rupene Waaka/Miria Pomare)

(1) That the report be received.

(2) That the report's contents be noted.

8. Maori Participation in Managing Risks Associated with Hazardous Substances and New Organisms

Isaac Bishara from the Environmental Risk Management Authority of New Zealand (ERMA) briefed the meeting on the respective roles of:

1. Nga Kaihautu Tikanga Taiao - the Maori advisory group established by the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act (HSNO) to provide advice on policy, process and on applications received by ERMA; and
2. Kaupapa Kura Taiao the Maori Unit within ERMA. Kaupapa Kura Taiao is responsible for ensuring that the Maori Sections of HSNO are implemented appropriately, and manages a range of programmes for improving Maori involvement.

Additional information regarding HSNO, Nga Kaihutu Tikanga Taiao and Kaupapa Kura Taiao was distributed at the meeting. Isaac said he and the other members of the team at HSNO looked forward to developing relationships with Ara Tahi and iwi.

9. Package to Improve the Resource Management Act 1991

Phil Guernsey, Manager, Resource Management, Ministry for the Environment outlined a package of reforms intended to improve the Resource Management Act (RMA). The proposed reforms are the result of the review of the RMA announced by the Associate Minister for the Environment on 12 May 2004.

A summary of the proposed reforms was distributed at the meeting. Mr Guernsey advised that the package of reforms would be put out for consultation in December 2004 with a closing date for submissions in February 2005.

Iwi at the meeting expressed dissatisfaction with the reforms and the proposed consultation process. It was suggested that the reforms would not “improve” the RMA for Maori at all.

13. General

Te Akapikirangi Arthur said he wished to speak to what he would have said had he been able to attend the powhiri for new councillors. He thanked Cr Margaret Shields for her input into expanding Ngati Toa Rangatira’s possibilities.

Te Akapikirangi also thanked those councillors who were part of Ara Tahi during the past year but were unable to attend the meeting. He then congratulated Cr Ian Buchanan on his appointment as Chairperson of the Council and said he looked forward to strengthening the relationship between Ngati Toa and the Council.

Tom Paku congratulated Cr Ian Buchanan on his appointment as Council Chairperson and wished him well for the triennium. Tom then:

- wished Rawiri Faulkner well for the future and thanked him for his contribution to Ara Tahi during his time with Greater Wellington
- thanked Amy Norrish for her excellent work during the year and said that her quiet professionalism was appreciated and evident in the quality of the minutes kept for meetings of Ara Tahi
- thanked Dr Hastie for his assistance

- thanked Rawiri Faulkner and Jason Kerehi for their work as policy advisors
- expressed his personal gratitude to all of the members of Ara Tahi.

Tom said it had been an exciting year for Ara Tahi, one in which the members of the committee had all gained knowledge and advanced the interest of iwi. He concluded by saying it had been a privilege to chair the meetings held during the year and wished everyone the best for the festive season ahead.

The meeting concluded at 12:40pm.

Te Akapikirangi Arthur offered the closing karakia.

The date of the next meeting of Ara Tahi is 2 February 2005.

Thomas Paku
Chairperson

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