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Minutes of the Ara Tahi meeting held in the Wellington Regional Council Chamber, the Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington, on Wednesday, 13 July 2005, at 10.00am

Present

Ngati Kahungunu

Charles Morunga, Thomas Paku

Rangitaane o Wairarapa

Alma Mihaere, Horipo Rimene

Ngati Toa

Miria Pomare, Te Akapikirangi
Arthur

Ngati Raukawa

Te Waari Carkeek, Rupene Waaka

Taranaki Whanui

Ihaia Puketapu

Te Ati Awa ki Whakarongotai

Jack Rikihana, Daniel Mullen

Greater Wellington Regional Council

Crs Ian Buchanan and Chris Turver

Officers Present

Graham Cameron, Wayne Hastie, Jason Kerehi and Amy Norrish

Also Present

Murray Kennedy, Jock Mackintosh (Wellington Regional Strategy), Cr Terry McDavitt

Procedural Items

1. Karakia and Mihimihi

Alma Mihaere offered the karakia.

2. Apologies

Resolved

(Alma Mihaere/Ian Buchanan)

That the apologies from Liz Mellish and Mark Te One be confirmed.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

Rupene Waaka requested that further consideration be given to Greater Wellington's Tikanga Maori policies when representatives from the Wellington Tenth Trust are present at the meeting.

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Resolved

(Rupene Waaka/Horipo Rimene)

That the minutes of the meeting of Ara Tahi held on 6 April 2005 be confirmed.

Matters for Consideration

4. Puketiro Wind Farm Iwi Consultation

Murray Kennedy briefly outlined the process for consultation on whether or not Council land should be made available for wind farm development, in particular the Puketiro site. He said that he would come to Ara Tahi again to ask for their views on the proposals and would consult with the individual iwi affected by the proposals. He said that letters had already been sent to the affected iwi.

5. Draft Wellington Regional Strategy Communications and Consultation Plan

Jock Mackintosh outlined the draft communications strategy and consultation plan for the Wellington Regional Strategy. He said that communication and consultation with Maori would be specifically sought through Maori media and the quantitative research that will ask for the views of around 1000 people.

Members of Ara Tahi advised Jock that there were many examples of Maori business that could be included either on the road trip for the launch or in the Wellington Regional

Strategy/growth framework document. They also asked that the strategy and any communications on the strategy focus on the *region*, not just *Wellington city*.

6. Regional Land Transport Committee Update

Tom Paku thanked Jack Rikihana for standing in for him on the recent Regional Land Transport meetings. They both thanked Chris Turver, Ian Buchanan and Graham Cameron for the time they had spent explaining the Regional Land Transport Strategy etc to them.

Terry McDavitt explained the consultation and decision-making process for the Regional Land Transport Strategy. He advised Ara Tahi that there were three stages to the project and the Council were only at the first stage i.e. identifying the proposals. He said that there was still further assessment to be undertaken in relation to affordability, need, practicality and consentability, and there would be more specific consultation with iwi as the Council moves through the other stages of the project.

There was concern among some iwi that they had not been properly consulted. Miria Pomare said that Ngati Toa had received little help from consultants to assist them in coming to a view on the proposals. Ian Buchanan assured members they would be consulted again as the project progressed.

7. LGNZ Conference

Resolved

(Ihaia Puketapu/Alma Mihaere)

That Te Akapikirangi Arthur represents Ara Tahi at the Local Government New Zealand conference on 25-27 July 2005.

8. Hui-a-Iwi Agenda and Venues

Resolved

(Ian Buchanan/Miria Pomare)

- 1) That Ara Tahi accept the agenda for the hui-a-Ara Tahi.*
- 2) That the hui-a-Ara Tahi be held at the Stella Maris in Seatoun.*
- 3) That Tom Paku, Jack Rikihana, Graham Cameron and Wayne Hastie work together to prepare for the hui-a-Ara Tahi.*
- 4) That a date for the hui-a-Ara Tahi be selected by those listed under 3) above.*

9. Progress Report – Policy Advisors - Maori

Graham Cameron presented this report and updated members on the progress of the current iwi projects. It was agreed that the working group for the hui-a-Ara Tahi would choose a topic for the Ara Tahi workshop on 6 July 2005.

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Resolved

(Jack Rikihana/Alma Mihaere)

- (1) That the report be received.*
- (2) That the contents of the report be noted.*

Resolved

(Tom Paku/Ihaia Puketapu)

- (3) That Jack Rikihana would replace Miria Pomare on the Wellington Regional Strategy forum.*

10. Wellington Regional Strategy Iwi-a-Rohe Report

Ara Tahi noted the recommendation advising the Council to decline recommendation 11(a)-(c) and accept recommendation 12 of the Wellington Regional Strategy Iwi-a-Rohe report.

Members also discussed the importance of further research on the economic base, economic activity, assets and expected future assets of Maori at a regional, local and iwi level. Members agreed that the Wellington Regional Strategy would be an appropriate vehicle for commissioning such research and it was suggested that Phillip Lewin be approached. It was also agreed that this matter should be added to the agenda for the hui-a-Ara Tahi.

11. General Business

It was suggested that the attendance of Ara Tahi members at Council's standing committee meetings be considered at the upcoming hui-a-Ara Tahi.

It was also clarified that only members of Ara Tahi would be attending the hui-a-Ara Tahi.

Ihaia Puketapu distributed a paper from the Sustainable Energy Forum on peak oil. He asked that the matter be considered at the next meeting of Ara Tahi.

Rupene Waaka apologised to Ara Tahi for being drawn into debating Raukawa issues with the Chair of Ara Tahi.

The meeting concluded at 12:25pm. Te Akapikirangi Arthur offered the closing karakia.

The date of the next meeting of Ara Tahi is 7 September 2005.

Jack Rikihana
Chairperson
Date: