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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, 19 April 2006, at 10.00am

Present

<i>Rangitaane o Wairarapa</i>	Alma Mihaere, Horipo Rimene
<i>Ngati Raukawa</i>	Te Waari Carkeek
<i>Ngati Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Maori Executive Taiwhenua</i>	Tom Paku, Charles Morunga
<i>Taranaki Whanui</i>	Ihaia Puketapu
<i>Ngati Raukawa</i>	Rupene Waaka
<i>Ngati Toa</i>	Te Akapikirangi Arthur, Miria Pomare
<i>Te Ati Awa ki Whakarongotai</i>	Jack Rikihana
<i>Wellington Tenth's Trust</i>	Liz Mellish, Mark Te One
<i>Greater Wellington Regional Council</i>	Crs Ian Buchanan and Sally Baber

Officers Present

Marianne Archibald, Jane Bradbury, John Holmes, Jason Kerehi, Amy Norrish and Tami Woods

Also Present

Cr McDavitt, Graham Spargo (Project Manager for Wellington Regional Strategy)

Procedural Items

1. Karakia and Mihimihi

Te Akapikirangi Arthur offered the karakia.

2. Apologies

Resolved

(Liz Mellish/Horipo Rimene)

That the apologies from Danny Mullens and Councillor Chris Turver for absence, and Tom Paku and Charles Morunga for lateness, be confirmed.

It was noted that Councillor Sally Baber, Deputy Chair Environment Committee, attended in Councillor Chris Turver's absence.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

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Resolved

(Liz Mellish/Te Waari Carkeek)

That the minutes of the meeting of Ara Tahi held on 1 February 2006 be confirmed.

Resolved

(Rupene Waaka/Ihaia Puketapu)

The Heitia Raureti be nominated for accreditation as an iwi appointee for resource consents hearings.

Matters for Consideration

4. Wellington Regional Strategy

Graham Spargo, Project Manager of the Wellington Regional Strategy, presented this paper. He said that he would like to get feedback from Ara Tahi on a number of issues relating to the Wellington Regional Strategy and to discuss the forum's ongoing relationship with iwi. He advised Ara Tahi that a workshop was planned for 27 April 2006 for this purpose and distributed a draft agenda, which he said Ara Tahi could add to.

Iwi members noted that, while the Wellington Regional Strategy was important, the Strategy was very high level and they did not want to lose sight of more specific issues, such as water quality, which they identified as being extremely significant.

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Resolved

(Rupene Waka/Mark Te One)

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

5. Regional Policy Statement Review - Update

Tami Woods presented this report and asked iwi members for their comments on the draft Iwi and Management Chapter of the Discussion Document. It was clarified that many of the comments made by iwi at the last workshop were reflected in the other chapters of the Discussion Document, in particular the Chapter addressing climate change.

Tami advised Ara Tahi that the next workshop on the Regional Policy Statement would be held in July 2006. She said that the workshop would provide an opportunity for iwi members to identify and discuss resource management issues of significance.

Members expressed their concern about the water quality of the Waiwhetu Stream and urged the Council to do more to remedy the situation urgently.

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Resolved

(Rupene Waka/Tom Paku)

- (1) That the report be received.*
- (2) That the contents of the report be noted.*
- (3) That any comments that Ara Tahi had on the Iwi and Resource Management chapter of the Discussion Document be provided at this meeting.*

6. Uncertainties and Risks Strategy

Ihaia Puketapu said that the Council should have a strategy in place to deal with the uncertainties and risks that may affect the Council's work, such as climate change and peak oil. He requested, as he had done so previously, that the Council adopt the Wellington Regional Strategy draft uncertainties and risks strategy as Greater Wellington's uncertainties and risks strategy.

Ian Buchanan said that the Council would be unlikely to adopt this document separately from the Wellington Regional Strategy.

Resolved

(Ihaia Puketapu/Te Akapikirangi Arthur)

That the Council be asked to consider adopting the Wellington Regional Strategy uncertainties and risks strategy as soon as possible.

This resolution was passed unanimously.

7. Kaitiaki Hui

Jason Kerehi presented this report. Members discussed that the Kaitiaki Hui was important because it enabled them to meet other iwi resource management practitioners and hear how they worked with their respective councils. They also said that while the workshops were valuable, some of the quality of presentations could have been better and that they should have been interspersed with workshops/discussion time. It was agreed that Jason Kerehi would pass Ara Tahi's feedback on to the Ministry for the Environment. Jason Kerehi also said that he would ask the Ministry for the notes from the hui and provide them to Ara Tahi at the next meeting.

Te Akapikirangi Arthur said that he would not be able to sit on the Committee to organise the next hui, as he had been advised by his doctor that he could not travel long distances. It was agreed that Jason Kerehi would talk to the Ministry for the Environment about this and that if a representative was needed from Ara Tahi it would be decided at the next meeting of Ara Tahi.

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Resolved

(Tom Paku/Te Waari Carkeek)

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

8. Te Puni Kokiri Publication

Jason Kerehi presented this report. Members agreed that two of the key issues for iwi in relation to working with councils on resource management issues were:

- Building technical RMA capability with iwi authorities
- Succession planning for young Maori in RMA expertise.

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Resolved

(Tom Paku/Te Waari Carkeek)

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

9. Iwi Representation on the Environment Committee

Members supported the proposal for a member of Ara Tahi to be appointed, with full voting rights, to the Environment Committee.

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Resolved

(Tom Paku/Te Waari Carkeek)

- (1) *That the report be received.*
- (2) *That the contents be noted.*
- (3) *That Jack Rikihana be nominated as Ara Tahi's representative for appointment to the Environment Committee.*
- (4) *That Ara Tahi ask the Environment Committee to consider appointing Jack Rikihana to the Environment Committee.*

10. Progress Report – Policy Advisor - Maori

Jason Kerehi presented this report.

10.1 Hui-a-Ara Tahi presentation

It was confirmed that all iwi members would get the opportunity to see and provide feedback on the Hui-a-Ara Tahi presentation, before it was presented to the Council.

10.2 Iwi appointees

Tom Paku withdrew from the process to be accredited as an iwi appointee for resource consent hearings. He said that he had too many other commitments and apologised for the inconvenience.

A further nomination was made for accreditation as an iwi appointee for resource consent hearings. It was agreed that Ra Pomare should be nominated as he is highly capable and cares hugely about the environment.

10.3 Didymo DVD

Jason Kerehi advised members he had copies of the DVD on Didymo at the meeting if anyone wanted to watch it.

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(Liz Mellish/Horipo Rimene)

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

Resolved

(Tom Paku/Te Waari Carkeek)

- (3) *That Ra Pomare be nominated for accreditation as an iwi appointee for resource consents hearings.*

11. General Business

There was a reminder to all members that project funding reports were due in by June 2006. It was confirmed that council funding of iwi projects for the next financial year would be similar to current levels. Jack Rikihana asked officers for a balance sheet showing what had happened to the funds over the last year.

The meeting concluded at 12:25pm.

Alma Mihaere offered the closing karakia.

The date of the next meeting of Ara Tahi is 19 April 2006.

Jack Rikihana
Chairperson

Date: