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9 May 2007  
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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, 9 May 2007, at 10.10am**

**Present**

<i>Rangitaane o Wairarapa</i>	Alma Mihaere
<i>Ngati Kahungunu ki Wairarapa</i>	Thomas Paku, Charles Morunga, Peter Flynn
<i>Ngati Raukawa</i>	Rupene Waaka, Te Waari Carkeek, Richard Orzecki
<i>Te Ati Awa ki Whakarongotai</i>	Jack Rikihana
<i>Ngati Toa Rangatira</i>	Te Akapikirangi Arthur, Graeme Hastilow
<i>Wellington Tenth</i> s	Liz Mellish
<i>Greater Wellington Regional Council</i>	Cr Ian Buchanan, Cr Chris Turver

**Officers Present**

Dr Jane Bradbury, Dr Bev James, Tami Woods, Ian Gunn. Jason Kerehi, Belinda Krimp, Murray McLea, John Gibson, Caroline Salmon, Brett Sangster, Tim Henwood

**Also Present**

Ritihia Hailwood (Wellington Tenth's Trust), Keith Hindle (Wellington Tenth's)

## Procedural Items

### 1. Karakia and Mihimihi

Alma Mihaere offered the karakia.

### 2. Apologies

*Resolved*

*(Thomas Paku /Alma Mihaere)*

*That the apologies from Mark Te One and Dave Benham for absence be confirmed.*

### 3. Confirmation of Minutes

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Peter Flynn drew attention to item 6 of the minutes (instream flow assessment in the Wellington Region) and raised his concern that there is a lack of early involvement and a lack of understanding among Greater Wellington officers in regard to what constitutes iwi consultation and when it should happen.

Thomas Paku sought clarification from Cr Ian Buchanan on items on page two of the minutes, namely Greater Wellington's decision not to put significant funds towards iwi management plans. Cr Buchanan informed Ara Tahi that it did not reflect the Council reducing its assistance, but rather it was looking for a new way to distribute funding as the old funding method had not been working. This was addressed in greater depth under item 7 of the meeting.

*Resolved*

*(Alma Mihaere, Thomas Paku)*

*That the minutes of the meeting of Ara Tahi held on 27 February 2007 be confirmed.*

## Matters for Consideration

### 4. Regional Policy Statement Review

Tami Woods gave an oral presentation on the Regional Policy Statement outlining the topics to be discussed at the workshop on 21 May. The presentation described the regionally significant issues and additional issues of particular iwi interest. The

presentation also informed Ara Tahi of the draft objectives and methods of the Regional Policy Statement review.

Liz Mellish congratulated Tami Woods for the level of consultation she and her project team have utilised so far in the decision making process.

Te Akapikirangi Arthur enquired as to what the “overarching principle of the Regional Policy Statement relevant to iwi” was. Cr Turver suggested that an outcome where the cultural landscape becomes part of the policy should be the goal. Te Akapikirangi Arthur agreed, but offered instead that the “longevity of the mauri” should overarch and that the Regional Policy Statement and the iwi management plans should be in harmony.

## **5. Wellington Tenth Trust GIS Presentation**

Ritihia Hailwood from the Wellington Tenth Trust gave a presentation on their Geographic Information System (GIS) database. The presentation included a demonstration on the GIS software’s ability to record information on sites of cultural and historical significance in the Wellington region.

Charles Morunga enquired into the capability of the software to present oral history of sites as well as the written. Ms Hailwood explained that the system is capable of this, but it is not in place. Ara Tahi members also questioned the accessibility of sites for the gathering of information, as well as the frequency of carrying out walkovers. Wellington Tenth do walkovers on new sites, but use current information from other sources for old ones. Accessibility does not generally provide a problem.

Liz Mellish outlined the agreement between Greater Wellington and the Tenth Trust regarding the software. The information is Tenth Trust property, not Greater Wellington’s, and it is therefore provided with restricted access to a few council officers.

## **6. Integrated Catchment Management System**

Ian Gunn spoke to the report on Integrated Catchment Management (ICM). The report outlined Greater Wellington’s steps in the past to implement ICM as well as giving an overview of concepts that ICM utilises.

Peter Flynn questioned the consultation process used by Greater Wellington on this issue, and raised concern that Ara Tahi was being included at the interest group level and not in partnership with the Council as had happened in the past. Cr Buchanan stressed that ICM, although floated as a concept in the past, was only just being introduced as a concept now, and that Ara Tahi is being included in the “high table” discussion on the issue.

Thomas Paku acknowledged this, but advised that Peter Flynn should be contacted directly in matters in relation to water in the region, and that Go Wairarapa be notified of this too.

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*Resolved that Ara Tahī:*

*(Jack Rikihana/Thomas Paku)*

- (1) Receives the report.*
- (2) Notes the content of the report.*

**7. Report – Hui a Ara Tahī 2007**

Those present at the hui outlined discussions that took place under the items in the report for the benefit of those who could not attend.

Thomas Paku raised the issue of funding, as there was some confusion surrounding the mechanism in place. Jason Kerehi informed Ara Tahī that there was \$80,000 available for proposals under the annual plan. As there are no outlined proposals in place, the \$80,000 remains in place for proposals that are put forward after the budget is finalised. Thomas Paku inquired how the figure of \$80,000 was arrived at. Ara Tahī was informed that the figure came about through history of uptake. It is in place so that projects could still be funded. However, GW wants to avoid the idea of an arbitrary lump sum, and therefore the intention is that project funds be planned and included in the annual plan.

Liz Mellish highlighted the need for a template from Council that includes criteria and limits on what funding is available for as well as dates for inclusion in the annual plan. It was decided that council officers would undertake this task.

In regard to the matters discussed under 4.4 of the report, representation on Council committees, Cr Buchanan advised Ara Tahī that they should make their views available to the Council in the run-up to the elections as the political review (including committee structures) is undertaken.

**Report 07.225**

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*Resolved that Ara Tahī:*

*(Jack Rikihana/ Alma Mihaere)*

- (1) receives the report;*
- (2) notes the content of the report;*
- (3) requests that GWRC encourage and support proposals from iwi, including Iwi Management Plans;*

- (4) *establish an Ara Tahi working group to develop a proposal to provide an Ara Tahi view on freshwater;*
- (5) *approve the working group comprising Liz Mellish, Richard Orzecki, Jack Rikihana and Peter Flynn, with the authority to co-opt outside members;*
- (6) *seek wider iwi representation on other Council Committees;*
- (7) *invite Council Committees to make presentations to Ara Tahi;*
- (8) *endorse the proposal that two iwi nominees should be appointed to each GWRC committee;*
- (9) *request that GWRC agree to appoint two iwi nominees to each GWRC committee;*
- (10) *approve the commencement of a literature review to gather information regarding iwi environmental indicators, Māori terminology and concepts; and*
- (11) *request that GWRC provide appropriate resourcing to the working group and literature review.*

## **8. Report – Policy Advisor Maori – May 2007**

Jason Kerehi presented his report. Rupene Waka requested that his disappointment be noted in regard to resolution 3 of the report.

### **Report 07.226**

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*Resolved that Ara Tahi:*

*(Rupene Waka/ Alma Mihaere)*

- (1) *receives the report;*
- (2) *notes the content of the report;*
- (3) *approves the future chairmanship of Ara Tahi aligning to the local government triennium, with the chair to be selected at the first meeting following each local government election;*
- (4) *approve the selection of the Chair being based on a simple election process among Ara Tahi members;*
- (5) *approves the incumbent Chair continuing in office until the conclusion of the first meeting following the 2007 local government elections;*
- (6) *approve that Ara Tahi nominate and confirm any representation to Council committees at the first meeting following each local government election.*

## 9. General Business

Rupene Waka motioned that Ara Tahi

- (1) *fund two members of Ara Tahi to attend the NIWA hui on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of June.*

This motion was supported by Ara Tahi members.

The formal part of the meeting concluded at 12.30pm. This was followed by the powhiri for Francis Ryan and Kiri Parata.

Te Akapikirangi Arthur offered the closing karakia.

The date of the next meeting of Ara Tahi is 13 June 2007.

**Jack Rikihana**

Chairperson

Date: