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OPEN MINUTES

HDC - MĀORI JOINT COMMITTEE

Meeting Date: **Wednesday, 28 February 2018**

**Minutes of a Meeting of the HDC - Māori Joint Committee held on
28 February 2018 at 1.00pm**

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HASTINGS DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE HDC - MĀORI JOINT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, GROUND FLOOR, CIVIC ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, LYNDON ROAD EAST, HASTINGS ON WEDNESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY 2018 AT 1.15PM

PRESENT:

Chair: Mr Robin Hape
Mayor Hazlehurst
Councillors O'Keefe, Travers, Barber and Lyons
Ms Tracee Te Huia, Mrs Evelyn Ratima, Mr S Walker and
Mr Ngaio Tiuka

Kaumatua: Jerry Hapuku

ALSO PRESENT:

Chief Executive (Mr Ross McLeod)
Principal Advisor: Relationships, Responsiveness and
Heritage – (Dr James Graham)
Advisor: Relationships, Responsiveness and Heritage (Ms
R Smith)
Environmental Policy Manager (Mr R Wallis)
Senior Environmental Planner Policy (Special Projects)
(Mrs A Sanders)
Committee Secretary (Mrs C Hunt)

Kaumatua Jerry Hapuku gave the opening Karakia.

1. APOLOGIES

Councillor Travers/Councillor Lyons

That apologies for absence from Councillor Poulain, and Mr Te Rangihau Gilbert be accepted.

CARRIED

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Mr Hape/Councillor Lyons

That the minutes of the HDC - Māori Joint Committee Meeting held Wednesday 6 December 2017 be confirmed as a true and correct record and be adopted.

CARRIED

4. **WĀHI TAPU/WĀHI TAONGA PROJECT UPDATE**

(Document 17/692)

The Senior Environmental Planner Policy (Special Projects), Mrs Sanders updated the Committee on the wāhi taonga review project.

Workshops had been held with hapu and agency stakeholder groups, facilitated by Karl Wixon. An additional workshop would be required to obtain the viewpoints of private property owners and developers before a project plan could be developed.

It was agreed that the Māori Joint Committee should assist in the project by giving assistance on engagement with hapu. This issue would be discussed further with hapu to provide a better understanding on what registering taonga would mean in regard to its protection under the District Plan.

The meeting agreed that the HDC : Māori Joint Committee should be involved in the discussions and the Chair lead the engagement as to date the process in regard to some submitters on this issue had been a disaster. This would be an opportunity to ensure that the right contacts are made and explain what processes could happen and put various sites into the district plan.

Wāhi tapu/wāhu taonga project be included as a topic for the HDC : Māori Joint Committee Workshop on 29 March 2018.

Councillor Barber/Mayor Hazlehurst

- A) That the report of the Senior Environmental Planner Policy (Special Projects) titled “Wāhi Tapu/Wāhi Taonga Project Update” dated 28/02/2018 be received for information purposes.**
- B) That the HDC: Māori Joint Committee recommends further hapu engagement process be undertaken in the Stage 2 Wāhi Tapu/Wāhi Taonga Project.**
- C) That the HDC : Māori Joint Committee assist and give direction to the nature of the hapu engagement process to be undertaken.**

CARRIED

5. **TE MANA WHAKAHONO O ROHE/IWI PARTICIPATION AGREEMENTS UPDATE**

(Document 17/49)

The Senior Environmental Planner Policy (Special Projects), Mrs Sanders advised that the Resource Legislation Amendment Act enacted on 18 April 2017, included new provisions around the way Māori were involved in the management of natural resources through iwi participation agreements known as Te Mana Whakahono a Rohe. Te Mana Whakahono a Rohe provided a mechanism for Councils to meet their existing obligations to consult with local iwi on resource management matters.

Mrs Sanders also advised that the Ministry for the Environment were working

with an Iwi Advisors Group in regard to compiling a guidance document. When this document was available it was suggested that a Workshop could be held with iwi authorities to discuss what opportunities maybe available through Te Mana Whakahono a Rohe in respect to understanding, resources and timing in the future. Officers would continue to monitor the Ministry for the Environment (MFE) progress and release of the guidance document.

The Te Mana Whakahono a Rohe be included in the work programme and how it fits in and whether the Terms of Reference the Committee currently operate under are still valid.

Councillor O'Keefe/Ms Te Huia

A) That the report of the Senior Environmental Planner Policy (Special Projects) titled "Te Mana Whakahono o Rohe/Iwi Participation Agreements Update" dated 28/02/2018 be received for information purposes.

CARRIED

6. TE MATA TRACK (Document 18/110)

The Environmental Policy Manager, Mr Wallis spoke to the report and advised that the resource consent that granted approval for the track on the east face of Te Mata Peak had raised questions as to whether the current Proposed District Plan framework adequately achieved the outcomes sought in respect of the Outstanding Natural Features and Landscapes identified in the District, particularly in respect of ONFL 1 – Te Mata Peak.

It was noted that the decision making lies on the future of the track with land owner, Craggy Range. When the track was developed it was legal as the landowner had lawful consent. Concerns regarding the resource consent have been acknowledged and the landowner, Craggy Range have undertaken publicly to take remediation action.

Points highlighted at the meeting included:

- Before the Resource Consent was granted the Committee had not been consulted for advice.
- Became aware of issue when it was in the media.
- Issues surrounding the proposed Hastings District Plan and whether it adequately protected the Outstanding Landscape qualities of Te Mata Peak to be discussed at a joint workshop with Council on 22 March 2018.
- At that workshop discuss any changes or variations to the District Plan.
- Also discuss the consultation process around any changes.
- Clarification of wording on windfarm decision at Te Waka in paragraph 3.27 of the agenda report should read:

"The Environment Court has acknowledged that providing due consideration is given to effects on the environment, a windfarm may not be an appropriate land use on the Mangaharuru Range in an area now recognised as ONFL6".

The Group Manager: Planning and Regulatory, Mr O'Shaughnessy confirmed that when an application from Craggy Range for a resource consent for remediation work was received it would be assessed and all affected parties would be involved.

Mayor Hazlehurst/Councillor Travers

- A) That the report of the Environmental Policy Manager titled "Te Mata Track" dated 28/02/2018 be received.**
- B) That the HDC: Māori Joint Committee are invited to a joint workshop with Council on 22 March 2018 to discuss all options prior to the drafting of changes to the Proposed District Plan provisions.**

CARRIED

Councillor O'Keefe left the meeting at 2.30pm.

7. PROPOSED WORKSHOP

(Document 18/130)

The workshop to be held on 29 March 2018 would be an opportunity to discuss and have an update on where the following projects are at:

- The Workplan - Redevelop for the Committee and how it feeds into Council's work programme.
- HDC : Māori Joint Committee Terms of Reference and if still appropriate or review.
- Te Mana Whakahona a Rohe structure process in place.
- 2nd generation Māori responsiveness framework and expand on areas of focus.
- Wāhi tapu/wāhi taonga project.
- Marae Development Fund.
- Papakainga Update.
- Work that is being developed into Council's decision making.
- New activities, priorities and advice on initiatives.
- Relationship development and engagement to uplift with hapu and other partners.
- Model and engagement triggers on work programme so in a position before something happens rather than after.
- Targeted development of staff capability the values and cultural environmental concerns to community.
- Risk assessment areas where the Committee can assist.

Māori representatives were encouraged to attend the Workshop.

Councillor Lyons/Ms Te Huia

A) That the report of the Democratic Support Manager titled “Proposed Workshop” dated 28 May 2018 be received.

CARRIED

8. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS ITEMS

There were no additional business items.

9. EXTRAORDINARY BUSINESS ITEMS

There were no extraordinary business items.

Karakia: Kaumatua Jerry Hapuku

The meeting closed at 3.00 pm

Confirmed:

Chairman:

Date: