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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 14 July 2004, at 10.00am

Present

<i>Ngati Kahungunu o Wairarapa Taiwhenua Incorporated</i>	Charles Morunga, Thomas Paku
<i>Rangitaane o Wairarapa</i>	Alma Mihaere, Horipo Rimene
<i>Ngati Toa</i>	Te Akapikirangi Arthur, 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, Mark Te One
<i>Greater Wellington Regional Council</i>	Crs Margaret Shields and Ian Buchanan

Officers Present

John Allard, Jane Bradbury, Rawiri Faulkner, Jason Kerehi, Amy Norrish, Nicola Shorten and Gunther Wild

Also Present

Crs McDavitt, Long and Turver, and Adrienne Cooper Young (Wellington Regional Strategy Project Director)

Procedural Items

1. Welcome/Karakia

Te Akapikirangi Arthur offered the karakia.

2. Apologies

Resolved

(Jack Rikihana/Miria Pomare)

That the apologies from Ra Pomare and Pita Flynn for their absence, and Mark Te One and Liz Mellish for leaving the meeting at 11:30am, be confirmed.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

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Resolved

(Rupene Waaka/Margaret Shields)

That the minutes of the meeting of Ara Tahi held on 26 May 2004 be confirmed.

Matters for Consideration

4. Progress Report – Maori Policy Advisors

4.1 Staff Training

Jason Kerehi advised the meeting of his presentation on ‘Maori History of the Region’ to council staff at the Upper Hutt Depot. Margaret Shields and other members of Ara Tahi felt this presentation would benefit councillors, as well as staff. Officers agreed to look into whether a similar presentation could be made to councillors as part of the post-election induction process.

4.2 Capacity Funding

Rawiri Faulkner advised Ara Tahi that reports for the 2003/04 financial year were now due. He said that both he and Jason are available to assist iwi with preparing their reports. The first payments for the next financial year will be made when the reports have been accepted and the invoices received.

4.3 Update on Iwi Projects

Inventory of Maori Heritage Sites and Values - Wellington Tenth Trust

Liz Mellish said that the Wellington Tenth Trust inventory project is now at a point where the Trust can provide extremely useful information to councils.

They are now able to flag the location of Maori heritage sites by overlaying their site maps with modern street maps. There was, however, still some work to be done on ranking sites in terms of low, medium and high priority.

Liz Mellish added that the information accompanying each site is of a depth and accuracy that will stand up to the scrutiny of the Environment Court. This means councils will have a high degree of certainty when advising developers and builders, and when undertaking district planning processes.

The Trust will be presenting to the Wellington City Council on 19 July and plan to do the same presentation to Greater Wellington very soon.

Iwi Environmental Management Plan – Te Runanganui o Taranaki Whanui ki te Upoko o te Ika a Maui

Ihaia Puketapu said that the Wellington Tenth Trust was still reviewing the draft environmental management plan for Taranaki Whanui. He said that they were hoping to start consultation once the review was complete, which would be about 3 August.

4.4 Project Proposals

Rawiri Faulkner said that members must get their project proposals for 2004/05 to him and Jason Kerehi as soon as possible. He stressed that proposals needed to be robust, with clearly defined outcomes, objectives, timelines and resource requirements. Both he and Jason are happy to help members with putting their proposals together.

4.5 State of the Environment Report

Rawiri Faulkner advised members that feedback from each of the hui on the State of the Environment Report will be sent to the respective iwi before 30 July for confirmation. He said that each iwi will receive a generic report that contains points that are relevant to all iwi, and a report that is iwi specific.

He added that he would arrange a further hui so that iwi can provide feedback on other chapters of the State of the Environment Report.

4.6 Nga Mihi

Rawiri Faulkner advised Ara Tahi that Steph Weller had resigned from her role of secretary for the Resource Policy and Environment Co-ordination Department. He acknowledged the hard work she had done in relation to Ara Tahi and said that she would be greatly missed. Members of Ara Tahi said they would like to thank her for the work she had done by getting her a gift. Rawiri Faulkner said he would co-ordinate this.

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Resolved

(Te Akapikirangi Arthur/Miki Rikihana)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

5. External Organisations Speaking to Ara Tahi

Rawiri Faulkner asked Ara Tahi to define a process for external organisations wanting to present to, or consult with, Ara Tahi. Members of Ara Tahi felt that the *presentation of information to Ara Tahi* by external organisations should be treated differently to *consultation with Ara Tahi*. Members were happy for external organisations to make presentations to Ara Tahi but did not support external organisations consulting directly with Ara Tahi. They did not support external organisations consulting directly with them during Ara Tahi meeting time because:

- this was outside the scope of their Charter of Understanding with Greater Wellington
- it would take up time and shift the core focus of Ara Tahi
- it would place an unfair cost burden on Greater Wellington
- it would not encourage external organisations to set up their own consultation capacity.

Members did, however, indicate that they were happy for officers to provide external organisations with contact information for each iwi and support and advice on how they can build their consultation capacity.

Members were happy for people to make presentations to Ara Tahi, but said that they would like some restrictions placed on external organisations, such as limits on the length of the presentation and the assurance that any presentation and/or handouts will be provided with the order paper. It was suggested that the chairperson of Ara Tahi and the Council chairperson decide together if and when an external organisation could present to Ara Tahi. Their decision would be made on case-by-case basis and depend on the relevance of the presentation and the length of the agenda for the upcoming meeting.

Report 04.341

File: E/06/21/01

Resolved

(Liz Mellish/Mark Te One)

- (1) *That the report be received and its contents noted.*
- (2) *That officers prepare a report suggesting a process for external organisations wanting to present to, or consult with, Ara Tahi that is based on members' comments at this meeting and that the report be submitted to the next meeting of Ara Tahi.*

6. Ara Tahi Involvement in the Development of the Wellington Regional Strategy

John Allard briefly outlined the Wellington Regional Strategy project and suggested a process for iwi involvement in the project. He proposed that Ara Tahi:

- appoint a member to represent its members on the Joint Committee for the Wellington Regional Strategy and
- act as an advisory group to the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee.

It was explained that, as an advisory committee, Ara Tahi would receive and comment on all important documents. Their recommendations would be conveyed to the Joint Committee through their representative.

The Joint Committee is a standing committee that comprises two members from each of the councils in the Wellington region. Because it was set up under the Local Government Act 2002, Ara Tahi's representative would be able to voice opinions and make recommendations for the committee to consider, but is not able to vote on decisions.

After much discussion Ara Tahi decided that the process for iwi involvement in the strategy was a complex matter and that a workshop would provide them with the time they needed to consider their options. While many iwi members felt that the process proposed by officers provided a great opportunity, they found it difficult to tackle the possibility of having only one person representing the diversity of views within Ara Tahi.

Report 04.384

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Resolved

(Jack Rikihana/Mark Te One)

- (1) *That the report be received and the contents noted.*
- (2) *That Ara Tahi hold a workshop to consider the options for how they might participate in the development of the Wellington Regional Strategy.*

7. GWRC Transport Division / Maori Consultation

Gunther Wild presented his report which proposed a process for consultation between Greater Wellington's Transport Division and Maori of the Region. He said the process took account of the feedback he had received from Ara Tahi at the technical workshop on 16 June. Members of Ara Tahi agreed with the process set out in the report.

That the consultation procedures set out in the report adopted.

8. Feedback from Iwi Hui on Local Government Act Provisions for Maori

Iwi representatives recently held two hui on the Local Government Act provisions for Maori. Queenie Rikihana Hyland briefly discussed the first hui and expressed how great it was for Ara Tahi members to write their own policy.

Rawiri Faulkner noted that, at the second hui, Ara Tahi members discussed a process for how Greater Wellington and Ara Tahi members should respond to Maori who are interested in talking to the Council about issues. The process included:

- Encouraging Maori to approach their iwi in the first instance and
- Council officers advising iwi when other Maori decided they wanted to communicate directly with Greater Wellington themselves.

Rawiri Faulkner confirmed that officers would formalise the feedback from both hui in a report to the next meeting of Ara Tahi.

9. Presentation by Debra Packman, Department for Prime Minister and Cabinet – Foreshore and Seabed

Debra Packman made a presentation on the draft package of initiatives the Department has put together to assist and cement good relationships between local government decision-makers and Maori.

Debra said that the government is committed to improving current processes and is aware they will need to provide funding to support their initiatives. She was unsure of the detail and of the exact funding requirements at this stage, but said that a paper will be going to Cabinet in the next two months. She advised members of Ara Tahi that she would talk to them if any issues of relevance, such as the need for putea, arose when the paper was being prepared.

10. General

10.1 Greater Wellington's Submission on the Foreshore and Seabed Bill

Ian Buchanan advised Ara Tahi that Greater Wellington had already sent their submission on the Foreshore and Seabed Bill. Some iwi representatives indicated that they too had made a submission on the Bill.

Ara Tahi supports the Council in making their own submission on the Foreshore and Seabed Bill.

10.2 Workshop on the Wellington Regional Strategy

Ara Tahi members tentatively booked the workshop to discuss iwi involvement in the Wellington Regional Strategy for 4 August 2004. Everyone thought it would be appropriate for Ian Buchanan, Margaret Shields, John Allard and Adrienne Cooper Young to participate in the workshop. Members of Ara Tahi were interested in knowing more about the scope of the project and discussing a process for how they might be involved in its development.

The meeting concluded at 12.30pm.

Alma Mihaere offered the closing karakia.

The date of the next meeting is 25 August 2004.

Thomas Paku
Chairperson

Date: