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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, 13 June 2007, at 10.00am

Present

Rangitaane o Wairarapa

Alma Mihaere

Ngati Kahungunu ki Wairarapa

Thomas Paku, Charles Morunga, Peter Flynn

Ngati Raukawa

Rupene Waaka, Te Waari Carkeek, Richard Orzecki

Te Ati Awa ki Whakarongotai

Jack Rikihana

Ngati Toa Rangatira

Te Akapikirangi Arthur, Graeme Hastilow

*Wellington Tenth*s

Liz Mellish, Mark Te One

Greater Wellington Regional Council

Cr Ian Buchanan, Cr Chris Turver, Cr Glensor, Cr Baber, Cr McDavitt

Officers Present

Dr Jane Bradbury, Dr Wayne Hastie, Francis Ryan, Jason Kerehi, Tim Henwood

Also Present

Steven Finlay and Paul Desbrough (WCC), Judi Altinkaya (Dept of Labour), Anne Hartley

Procedural Items

1. Karakia and Mihimihi

Alma Mihaere offered the karakia.

2. Apologies

There were no apologies.

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 9 May 2007 be confirmed.

Matters for Consideration

4. Passenger Transport Committee: role and current activities

Oral Presentation

Cr Glensor spoke on the role and current activities of the Passenger Transport Committee, as well as outlining future activities. Ara Tahi raised concerns surrounding the provision of school buses. Members noted that the Council is not responsible for these services, (the Ministry of Education and the individual schools are) but enquired as to the extent that the Council is involved with those services run by Stagecoach and Metlink, as well the level of accountability and influence the Passenger Transport Committee has over such services.

Ara Tahi members also raised the issue of bus safety in the inner city. Cr Glensor explained that it was not as bad as has been reported – out of the 100 pedestrian/vehicle incidents, seven of those were buses.

5. Wellington Regional Settlement Strategy

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Officials from the Department of Labour informed Ara Tahi of the Wellington Regional Settlement Strategy and outlined the proposed steps it would be taking in regard to consultation with Iwi in the Wellington Region. Ara Tahi expressed reservations at joining the strategy, and decided to caucus at some time on the matter to bring issues to the table before making any decisions regarding their level of involvement in the strategy.

Ara Tahi members enquired into the balance between up-skilling and educating the local labour market against and the settling of new immigrants. Members emphasised the importance of putting skills in place that would remain, rather than calling in labour from overseas when it is needed.

Although Ara Tahi decided to convene at another time to discuss the strategy, they stressed the importance of ensuring that issues of cultural awareness are addressed, specifically that new immigrants are settled with an understanding of the culture they are entering into.

Resolved that Ara Tahi:

(Jack Rikihana/Thomas Paku)

- (1) *receives the report;*
- (2) *notes the content of the report;*

Ara Tahi resolved not to:

- (3) *advise the appropriate consultation method for this strategy at this time.*

6. Ngati Raukawa Environmental Management Unit

Oral Presentation

Ngati Raukawa representatives, Te Waari Carkeek and Richard Orzecki, presented Ara Tahi with background information on the newly established Environmental Resource Unit (ERU), as well as on the unit's current project "Recoveries 2006" – a plastic waste recoveries business based in Otaki.

7. Iwi Project Funding Process

Jason Kerehi gave a report to Ara Tahi on the process for applying for iwi project funding with effect 2008/09. This report outlined changes made to the process in the recent past, as well as the requirements for making a project proposal.

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Resolved that Ara Tahi:

(Jack Rikihana/ Mark Te One)

- (1) receives the report;*
- (2) notes the content of the report;*

8. Report – Policy Advisor Maori – May 2007

Jason Kerehi presented his report. The recent changes and amendments regarding aquaculture were raised, and it was decided that Ara Tahi should discuss these in relation to the Regional Policy Statement.

Council officers also presented Ara Tahi with information on the forthcoming triennial elections and how Greater Wellington might work with Ara Tahi to foster participation in the elections.

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Resolved that Ara Tahi:

(Jack Rikihana/ Graeme Hastilow)

- (1) receives the report;*
- (2) notes the content of the report;*
- (3) decides the topics for the July iwi technical workshop to be Aquaculture, the implications of the Foreshore and Seabed Act 2004 and the Wellington Regional Settlement Strategy;*
- (4) confirms the names of Peter Flynn, Alma Mihaere and Liz Mellish to attend the NIWA hui on 21-22 June*

9. General Business

Mark Te One spoke on Aquaculture changes and amendments and outlined issues of significance. It was stressed that the Regional Policy Statement would need some mention of aquaculture. It was decided that discussion on this would be undertaken at the technical workshop on 25 July. (see resolution for item 8)

Te Akapikirangi Arthur offered the closing karakia.

The date of the next meeting of Ara Tahi is 15 August 2007.

Jack Rihana
Chairperson

Date: