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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, 6 April 2005, at 10.10am

Present

Ngati Kahungunu

Charles Morunga, Thomas Paku

Rangitaane o Wairarapa

Alma Mihaere, Horipo Rimene

Ngati Toa

Ra Pomare

Ngati Raukawa

Queenie Rikihana Hyland, Rupene Waaka

Taranaki Whanui

Ihaia Puketapu

Te Ati Awa ki Whakarongotai

Jack Rikihana, Daniel Mullen

Greater Wellington Regional Council

Crs Ian Buchanan and Chris Turver

Officers Present

Graham Cameron, Chris Ham, Wayne Hastie, Stephen Karaitiana, Jason Kerehi and Amy Norrish

Also Present

Graham Spargo (Wellington Regional Strategy)

Procedural Items

1. Karakia and Mihimihi

Ihaia Puketapu offered the karakia.

2. Apologies

Resolved

(Chris Turver/Charles Morunga)

That the apologies from Ian Buchanan for lateness, and Te Akapikirangi Arthur, Miria Pomare, Liz Mellish and Mark Te One for absence, be confirmed.

3. Miki Rikihana and Bill Katene

Jack Rikihana noted the passing of Miki Rikihana and Bill Katene. He recognised their input into Ara Tahi and said they would be sorely missed. He also thanked the Council for their support at the tangi of Miki and Bill. Queenie echoed the sentiments of Jack, thanking the Council for their presence at Miki's tangi.

4. Confirmation of Minutes

Members requested some amendments be made to the minutes of the Ara Tahi meeting held on 2 February 2005. It was requested that:

- Item one on page 2 should read Graham *Cameron*, not Graham *Campbell*.
- Item 9 on page 4 should include the comments made by Rupene Waaka at the meeting 2 February. Rupene said that it was his understanding that it had been agreed previously that the chairperson of Ara Tahi would rotate between iwi and the next iwi was to be Ngati Raukawa. Rupene made it clear at this meeting that he was not seeking the position for himself, but for Ngati Raukawa.

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Resolved

(Tom Paku/Queenie Rikihana-Hyland)

That the minutes of the meeting of Ara Tahi held on 2 February 2005, as amended above, be confirmed.

Matters for Consideration

5. Ara Tahi Forum

5.1 Representatives' Update

Ihaia Puketapu briefly outlined what had been discussed at the recent Wellington Regional Strategy forum. He said it was encouraging that the forum was looking at using GPI to measure how the region was meeting the targets/objectives of the Wellington Regional Strategy. He said it was a much broader and comprehensive measuring tool. Ara Tahi noted that the paper by Ernst Zollner from Wellington City Council on GPI was excellent.

Ihaia also mentioned that he would like to see more discussion on the impact of depleting oil stocks and increasing oil prices at the forum. (He talked further on this issue under the general business section of the meeting.)

Ara Tahi members asked what would be happening in terms of the forum's consultation with Ara Tahi on the Wellington Regional Strategy after June 2005. This was later clarified by Graham Spargo (Wellington Regional Strategy Project Manager) and Ian Buchanan (see 5.2). Everyone at the meeting agreed that strong, long-term relationships between Ara Tahi and other forum members were key to the success of the strategy.

5.2 Revising the WRS Project Overview – Graham Spargo

Graham Spargo, Project Manager of the Wellington Regional Strategy, outlined the project plan for the Wellington Regional Strategy and said that the draft growth framework would be produced by June 2005.

Graham Spargo and Ian Buchanan clarified Ara Tahi's role in relation to the Wellington Regional Strategy after June 2005. Ara Tahi representatives would continue to sit on the Wellington Regional Strategy forum until the project had been completed. Consultation with individual iwi will also be undertaken, especially where work is relevant to a specific rohe. Graham Spargo said he would like guidance from Ara Tahi on the best process to make consultation with iwi on such matters meaningful.

Ara Tahi members stressed the importance of hui-a-iwi in order to discuss the overall iwi position on the key issues of Greater Wellington. Ian Buchanan indicated that the Council would be happy to support hui-a-iwi. It was agreed that Jack Rikihana would talk to Wayne Hastie about the possible dates and funding for these hui. Jack will then bring the proposals back to Ara Tahi for their sign-off.

5.3 Draft of Report on Iwi-a-Rohe Sustainable Economic Development and the Wellington Regional Growth Strategy – Graham Cameron

Graham Cameron outlined the key points made in Bev James's draft report. He said that the key findings summary would be completed by 27 April 2005.

Members noted that the report was very helpful. They also made some comments regarding the accuracy of some of the statistics used in the report and the use of Maori terminology, such as iwi and Maori versus rünanga and hapu. Graham said that Bev would be talking to each iwi about the draft report and they should discuss their comments with her.

6. Introduction of Daniel Mullen

Jack Rikihana introduced Daniel Mullen as Te Ati Awa ki Whakarongotai's new representative on Ara Tahi. Daniel told the members of Ara Tahi about his professional background and said that he would do his best to provide the level of input that Miki Rikihana had.

7. Progress Report – Policy Advisors – Maori

7.1 Key issues for iwi

Graham Cameron said that a new section had been added to the report from Policy Advisors – Maori. This section discussed the key Greater Wellington issues requiring iwi involvement. He said that currently there were two key issues – the Western Corridor review and the Regional Land Transport Strategy, and the Wellington Regional Strategy.

Tom Paku apologised for not attending the recent Western Corridor plan meeting and said he would catch up with Graham to find out how consultation on the plan was progressing.

7.2 Workshops for 2005

Graham Cameron proposed the dates for three technical workshops for Ara Tahi. Ara Tahi confirmed they could attend the workshop on consents to be held on 6 July and the workshop on electoral matters on 17 August. Many members said they could not make the workshop on 4 May so Wayne Hastie said he would come back to Ara Tahi with some alternative dates.

7.3 Iwi projects

7.3.1 *Wellington Tenths Trust*

Graham Cameron advised the meeting that the Wellington Tenths Trust were currently working with Greater Wellington, Wellington City Council, Hutt City Council and Upper Hutt City Council to develop protocols to regulate and guide the appropriate use of the GIS data that has been received.

7.3.2 *Ngati Toa Rangatira*

Graham Cameron said that good progress had been made on the track to the urupā, behind Hongoeka Marae.

7.3 State of the Environment Report

Graham Cameron advised Ara Tahi members that iwi would be contacted over the next month and asked to provide input into Greater Wellington's draft State of the Environment report.

7.4 Te Pi Ka Rere

Graham Cameron said that the Maori planners and iwi liaison conference both he and Jason had attended in March was a useful networking opportunity that allowed consideration of preferred practice in relation to iwi and local bodies around the country.

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Resolved

(Rupene Waaka/Tom Paku)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

8. **Regional Land Transport Committee Update**

Tom Paku, Ara Tahi's representative on the Regional Land Transport Committee (RLTC), said he would talk to iwi soon about how the RLTC will be consulting iwi on the Regional Land Transport Strategy (RLTS).

Tom also expressed how difficult he was finding understanding the complex relationship between the RLTS and RLTC, and suggested that another member of Ara Tahi attend the committee meetings to ensure good decision-making and representation on behalf of Ara Tahi. Ara Tahi reconfirmed their confidence in him to represent them on the committee. Chris Turver said that he and other councillors would make an effort in future to clarify anything Tom was unsure about.

Graham Cameron outlined the RLTS processes, which were provided in item 7 of the order paper for this meeting.

9. LTCCP Amendments – Rolling Stock Update

Chris Ham, Greater Wellington's new Transport Infrastructure Manager, presented his report. He said he had received a number of tenders for rolling stock since the report had been written and officers were currently assessing these. He advised Ara Tahi members that the Council would be placing its order for the trains in July this year.

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(Jack Rikihana/Tom Paku)

That the report be received and its contents noted.

10. Tikanga Maori and Greater Wellington

Graham Cameron briefly outlined the three main types of policies the Council would be implementing at Greater Wellington. He said that powhiri or poroporoaki conducted in relation to Greater Wellington would follow the protocol of the tangata whenua. This is the process that is carried out through most of New Zealand.

Rupene Waaka raised two points on this issue that he asked the Council to consider:

- Powhiri or poroporoaki should be carried out in line with the tikanga of the chair
- Point 6.5 should be undertaken in consultation with the chair of Ara Tahi.

In making these comments it was noted that the Wellington Tenth Trust was absent from the meeting.

Memorandum

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Resolved

(Jack Rikihana/Alma Mihaere)

(1) That the memorandum be received and its contents noted

(2) That Greater Wellington consider the changes recommended by Ara Tahi members

11. Draft Coastal Plan Changes

Stephen Karaitiana advised Ara Tahi about the Council's requirement to consider coastal occupation charges. He said that the Council had decided not to implement such charges and that it would be consulting on this decision in the near future. He provided everyone at the meeting with a copy of the *Draft changes to the Regional Coastal Plan for the Wellington Region* and said that the Council would be sending out formal information on it soon.

Jack Rikihana said members would look at the draft document and get back to Stephen with their questions.

12. General Business

Ihaia Puketapu provided a paper to those at the meeting on the impact of depleting oil resources and increasing oil prices. He said it was an issue he was very concerned about and had the potential to revert from the world trade system to shipping and require people to grow their own food.

The meeting concluded at 12:45pm

Alma Mihaere offered the closing karakia.

The date of the next meeting of Ara Tahi is 11 May 2005.

Jack Rikihana
Chairperson

Date: