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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, 2 February 2005, at 10.00am

Present

<i>Ngati Kahungunu o Wairarapa Incorporated</i>	<i>Taiwhenua</i>	Charles Morunga, Thomas Paku, Pita Flynn
<i>Rangitaane o Wairarapa</i>		Alma Mihaere, Horipo Rimene
<i>Ngati Toa</i>		Te Akapikirangi Arthur
<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, Tuki Takiwa
<i>Wellington Tenth's Trust</i>		Liz Mellish
<i>Greater Wellington Regional Council</i>		Crs Ian Buchanan and Chris Turver

Officers Present

Jane Bradbury, Tony Brennand, Graham Cameron, Wayne Hastie, Barry Harris, Jason Kerehi and Amy Norrish

Also Present

Crs Baber, McDavitt and Shields

Procedural Items

1. Powhiri

A powhiri was held to welcome Graham Campbell, the new Policy Advisor-Maori.

2. Welcome/Karakia

Alma Mihaere offered the karakia.

3. Congratulations

Tom Paku congratulated Te Akapikirangi Arthur on receiving a Queen's Service Medal.

4. Change to Order of Agenda Items

Tom Paku moved the agenda item to elect the chairperson of Ara Tahi to the end of the meeting.

5. Apologies

Resolved

(Liz Mellish/Ian Buchanan)

That the apologies from Jack Rikihana for lateness and Miria Pomare, Ra Pomare, Mark Te One and Teri Puketapu for absence, be confirmed.

6. Confirmation of Minutes

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Resolved

(Rupene Waaka/Liz Mellish)

That the minutes of the meeting of Ara Tahi held on 24 November 2004 be confirmed.

Matters for Consideration

7. Progress Report – Maori Policy Advisors

7.1 Confirmation of Meeting Dates

Jason Kerehi advised members of the meeting dates for Ara Tahi and the Wellington Regional Strategy Forum. One or two members said they had clashes with these dates and would not be able to attend some of the meetings.

7.2 Technical Workshops

Jason Kerehi advised the members of Ara Tahi that he would provide the dates for Ara Tahi's technical workshops once he knew how many workshops would be required. He indicated that the workshops were likely to fall on a Wednesday.

Ara Tahi said that it was a priority to hold a workshop on the Western Corridor Plan, in particular to discuss the best way for the plan's project team to consult the region's iwi. Members were also interested in workshops on the Wellington Tenth's Trust GIS work and possible iwi contributions to Greater Wellington's new website.

7.3 Iwi Projects

7.3.1 Wellington Tenth's Trust – Inventory of Maori Heritage Sites and Values

Liz Mellish advised that the Wellington Tenth's Trust were now working with Greater Wellington to agree a set of protocols for using the GIS information for consent processes.

Chris Turver asked whether other iwi would be carrying out similar work to the Wellington Tenth's Trust. Many members of Ara Tahi said they were very interested, but there were resourcing issues around the software and hardware, and difficulties around getting the detailed information they required from their elders.

7.3.2 Ngati Toa Rangitira

Jason Kerehi advised the meeting that Miria Pomare and Ra Pomare had put together a proposal for the environmental restoration of the waahi tapu behind Hongoeka Marae. He said the project will take about one year to complete.

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(Jack Rikihana/Alma Mihaere)

That the report be received and the contents noted.

8. Presentation by Tony Brennand, Greater Wellington and Maunsell Team

Tony Brennand introduced Peter Ward (Transit), Steven Knowles (Maunsell) and Robert Schofield (Boffa Miskell), who are part of the project team that is putting together the Western Corridor transportation study. Steven Knowles gave a presentation on the progress of the Western Corridor transportation study (presentation attached). He said the team would like to get feedback from the region's iwi on the proposed packages which will be available from April/May 2005 and asked Ara Tahi what would be the best way to engage with them. Ara Tahi decided they would like to hold a workshop very soon to discuss the most appropriate process for consultation with iwi on the proposed packages.

Ara Tahi members requested that, where oral reports are made, every effort is made by officers to include copies of presentations etc in the agenda of Ara Tahi. This would enable the group to respond more effectively and constructively to the information and any requests.

9. Election of Chairperson of Ara Tahi

Tom Paku said it was time for him to step down as the chairperson of Ara Tahi. He said he had thoroughly enjoyed his position as chairperson and felt that the relationship between Ara Tahi and the Council had moved ahead in leaps and bounds. He also expressed his deepest gratitude to the members of the Ara Tahi committee.

Ian Buchanan thanked Tom on behalf of the Council for his contribution over the last couple of years.

Tom then called for nominations for chairperson. Jack Rikihana was nominated by Alma Mihaere and Ihaia Puketapu, and was unanimously elected as the chairperson of Ara Tahi. Tom congratulated Jack on his new role and Jack thanked everyone at the meeting for their confidence in him.

10. General Business

There were no items of general business.

The meeting concluded at 12:20pm

Alma Mihaere offered the closing karakia.

The date of the next meeting of Ara Tahi is 6 April 2005.

Thomas Paku
Chairperson

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