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Minutes of the Ara Tahi meeting held in the Wellington Regional Council Chamber, the Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington, on Wednesday, 7 September 2005, at 10.00am

Present

<i>Ngati Kahungunu</i>	Charles Morunga, Thomas Paku, Pita Flynn
<i>Rangitaane o Wairarapa</i>	Alma Mihaere, Horipo Rimene
<i>Ngati Raukawa</i>	Te Waari Carkeek, Rupene Waaka
<i>Taranaki Whanui</i>	Ihaia Puketapu
<i>Te Ati Awa ki Whakarongotai</i>	Jack Rikihana
<i>Wellington Tenth's Trust</i>	Sam Jackson, Mark Te One
<i>Greater Wellington Regional Council</i>	Crs Ian Buchanan and Chris Turver

Officers Present

Marianne Archibald, Graham Cameron, Wayne Hastie, Jason Kerehi and Amy Norrish

Also Present

David Benham, Cr Glensor, Cr McDavitt and Cr Shields

Procedural Items

1. Karakia and Mihimihi

Alma Mihaere offered the karakia.

2. Introduction of New Chief Executive

Ian Buchanan introduced David Benham, the new chief executive of Greater Wellington Regional Council. He noted that David was an internal applicant who had been at Greater Wellington since 1989, during which time he had held the positions of Chief Financial Officer and Divisional Manager Utility Services.

3. Apologies

Resolved

(Rupene Waaka/Tom Paku)

That the apologies from Te Akapikirangi Arthur, Miria Pomare, Daniel Mullens, Liz Mellish and Teri Puketapu for absence, and Charles Morunga for lateness, be confirmed.

4. Confirmation of Minutes

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Resolved

(Alma Mihaere/Ihaia Puketapu)

That the minutes of the meeting of Ara Tahi held on 13 July 2005 be confirmed.

Jack Rikihana confirmed the hui-a-Ara Tahi would be held on 31 October and 1 November 2005.

Matters for Consideration

5. Maori constituency

Graham Cameron went through this paper and asked Ara Tahi for their opinion on whether or not the Council should establish Māori constituencies.

Moved

(Rupene Waaka/Ihaia Puketapu)

That the Committee:

- (1) support the creation of Maori constituencies

- (2) recommend that Council decide to conduct a poll about Maori constituencies
- (3) note the content of the report

Once it was clarified that a poll was not a legislative requirement the initial recommendation was amended as follows by withdrawing the second recommendation.

Moved amended (Rupene Waaka/Ihaia Puketapu)

- (1) support the creation of Maori constituencies
- (2) note the content of the report

At this time the Chairperson of Ara Tahi requested that officers and councillors leave the meeting so that iwi members could discuss the matter of Maori constituencies in private. The meeting reconvened after 20 minutes and Ara Tahi passed the recommendation that Council make no decision on establishing Maori constituencies.

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Resolved

(Rupene Waaka/Tom Paku)

- (1) *That it be recommended that no decision is made by Council for the 2007 elections.*
- (2) *That the contents of the report be noted.*

6. Draft Indigenous Forests Action Plan

Wayne O'Donnell, convenor of the Land Ecosystem Group, presented this report and asked Ara Tahi for their feedback on the proposed plan of consultation with individual iwi. Ara Tahi agreed with this approach and Wayne said he would get their contact details from Graham Cameron. Wayne also said that they hoped to have the plan approved by Council by the end of the year.

Report 05.455

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Resolved

(Mark Te One/Chris Turver)

- (1) *That the report be received.*
- (2) *That the contents of the report be noted.*

7. RLTS Review – Strategic Options

Joe Hewitt discussed the strategic options consultation document that forms part of the Regional Land Transport Strategy (RLTS) review and encouraged Ara Tahi and individual iwi to make submissions on the options document. Joe also mentioned that there was a draft travel demand management strategy which was being sent to iwi.

Jack Rikihana briefly discussed last week’s Regional Land Transport Committee meeting and Terry McDavitt explained the different steps required before the RLTS could be finalised (see below).

Western Corridor submission process – decision on which is the best option – RLTS prioritisation process – Transit approval process – resource consent process

8. Findings from the Heritage and Landscape Work for the State of the Environment Report

John Holmes presented this report. He said that the recent consultation on the document was limited to the territorial authorities and landscape industry workers, but that iwi would be consulted on the Regional Policy Statement which the State of the Environment Report feeds into.

Tom Paku mentioned that many iwi organisations would be open to being approached about helping to establish a regional incentive fund. John Holmes said he would pass this message on to the Historic Places Trust.

Report 05.458

File: ENV/20/02/08

Resolved

(Rupene Waaka/Alma Mihaere)

(1) That the report be received.

(2) That the contents of the report be noted.

9. Findings from the Iwi Environment Management Systems Work for the State of Environment Report

Graham Cameron presented his report on the main points emerging from the Technical Report on Iwi Environment Management Systems. Graham said he assessed the degree to which the four objectives contained in the Iwi Environment Management Systems chapter were met by interviewing iwi and a survey of consents information.

Report 05.460

File: ENV/20/02/02

Resolved

(Tom Paku/Ian Buchanan)

(1) That the report be received.

(2) *That the contents of the report be noted*

10. Local Government New Zealand Conference

It was decided that this item would be postponed due to the absence of Te Akapikirangi Arthur.

11. Consultation on Growth Framework

Marianne Archibald advised Ara Tahi that she would like their feedback on the Growth Framework by the end of September. She said she would be in touch with iwi soon to arrange a time to get their comments and would provide a copy of the Growth Framework document to those who had not yet received it. Marianne apologised for the short timeframe and assured Ara Tahi that they would get another chance to provide feedback when the Wellington Regional Strategy was produced.

12. Progress Report – Policy Advisors - Maori

Graham Cameron presented this report. He checked that everyone could attend the Hui-a-Ara Tahi on 30 October and 1 November 2005. He also said that the funding contract payments only related to the months July – December because they were waiting for the outcome of the iwi relationship review. Graham noted that Ngati Toa Rangitira had almost completed their iwi project.

Report 05.461

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Resolved

(Ihaia Puketapu/Pita Flynn)

(1) *That the report be received.*

(2) *That the contents of the report be noted.*

13. Hui-a-Ara Tahi

Jack Rikihana noted some extra items from the meeting that could be discussed at the upcoming Hui-a-Ara Tahi on 30 October and 1 November 2005, including:

- Iwi environment management systems
- Wellington Regional Strategy
- Representation
- Protection of heritage

14. General Business

Ihaia Puketapu distributed a paper from the Sustainable Energy Forum on peak oil. He asked that the matter be discussed at the next meeting of Ara Tahi. Ian Buchanan suggested that Ihaia write a report on the subject so that everyone could consider the matter.

The meeting concluded at 12:45pm. Alma Mihaere offered the closing karakia.

The date of the next meeting of Ara Tahi is 30 November 2005.

Jack Rikihana

Chairperson

Date: