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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, 30 November 2005, at 10.00am

Present

<i>Rangitaane o Wairarapa</i>	Alma Mihaere, Horipo Rimene
<i>Ngati Raukawa</i>	Te Waari Carkeek
<i>Taranaki Whanui</i>	Ihaia Puketapu
<i>Ngati Toa</i>	Te Akapikirangi Arthur
<i>Te Ati Awa ki Whakarongotai</i>	Jack Rikihana
<i>Greater Wellington Regional Council</i>	Crs Ian Buchanan and Chris Turver

Officers Present

Graham Cameron, Nigel Corry, Wayne Hastie, Murray Kennedy, Jason Kerehi and Amy Norrish

Also Present

Cr Glensor

Procedural Items

1. Karakia and Mihimihi

Alma Mihaere offered the karakia.

2. Apologies

Resolved

(Horipo Rimene/Alma Mihaere)

That the apologies from Miria Pomare, Daniel Mullen, Charles Morunga, Teri Puketapu, Rupene Waaka and Tom Paku be confirmed.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

Ian Buchanan advised Ara Tahi that the Council had accepted Ara Tahi's recommendation to make no decision on Maori constituencies for the 2007 elections.

Everyone was provided with a handout from Tom Paku and Charles Morunga which outlined their comments on the agenda for the meeting of Ara Tahi on 30 November 2005, as they were unable to attend the meeting.

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Resolved

(Alma Mihaere/Ihaia Puketapu)

That the minutes of the meeting of Ara Tahi held on 7 September 2005 be confirmed.

Matters for Consideration

4. Outcomes of the 2005 Consents Review

Nigel Corry spoke to his report. He said that one of the key changes resulting from the recent consents review related to iwi commissioners/appointees. He said that iwi commissioners would now be called iwi appointees and that they would be paid \$60 per hour, which is the same rate as councillors for sitting on resource consent hearing panels. He added that there was an expectation that any new iwi appointee would obtain the formal accreditation. It was acknowledged that Miria Pomare had passed her accreditation with distinction. Jack Rikihana asked officers to find out why he wasn't notified about the accreditation process last year.

Nigel assured Ara Tahi that it was the Council's desire to have an iwi appointee on as many hearings as possible. He said that more iwi appointees were required, as currently there were not enough iwi appointees available for use on hearings panels. To this end, he asked Ara Tahi to bring their nominations for additional iwi appointees to the next meeting of Ara Tahi.

Nigel also advised Ara Tahi that there would be an opportunity to discuss iwi appointees and the accreditation process at a workshop before the next meeting of Ara Tahi. He said the workshop was likely to be held sometime in late January 2006.

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Resolved

(Jack Rikihana/Alma Mihaere)

- (1) That the report be received.*
- (2) That the contents of the report be noted.*
- (3) That iwi appointees are discussed at the iwi workshop in late January 2006 and that nominations for additional iwi appointees are brought to the next meeting of Ara Tahi and considered at that meeting.*

5. Puketiro Wind Farm Update (Oral Report)

Murray Kennedy spoke about the feedback the Council had received on a possible wind energy development at Puketiro. He said that the huge majority of submitters supported a wind farm development and that the key concern for iwi was that a cultural study needed to be undertaken. Many other issues that arose could not be dealt with until there were more details about the wind farm, i.e. at the resource consent stage of the process, and this could only happen once the Council had decided whether or not it would proceed with the proposal and a developer had been selected. Murray said that the Council were due to make a decision on whether or not to proceed with the proposal at their meeting on 15 December 2005. He added that, should the Council decide to go ahead with the wind farm proposal, more consultation would be undertaken with iwi once a developer was selected and a cultural study would be undertaken.

6. Peak Oil – An Urgent Issue for New Zealand

Ihaia Puketapu spoke briefly to his report. Tim Jones (Sustainable Energy Forum) and Derek J Wilson both made presentations to Ara Tahi on the issue of peak oil and the implications this could have for New Zealand and local government. Tim Jones stressed the need for local government to plan how they would manage such a crisis.

Report 05.662

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Resolved

(Chris Turver/Alma Mihaere)

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

- (3) *That Ara Tahi recommend to the Council that Greater Wellington adopt the Wellington Regional Strategy Uncertainty and Risk Strategy, specifically acknowledging the five mega-trends or uncertainties that may call into question conventional economic assumptions.*

7. Hui-a-Ara Tahi Report

Graham Cameron spoke to this report, which summarised the key discussions that took place at the Hui-a-Ara Tahi on 31 October and 1 November 2005 and outlined Ara Tahi's two year strategic plan. Ara Tahi members discussed how valuable the hui had been and how it enabled them to come together as one people and produce a joint vision for Ara Tahi. Ian Buchanan said that he welcomed the proposed report and presentation to Council.

Report 05.661

File: X/16/07/01

Resolved

(Jack Rikihana/Ihaia Puketapu)

- (1) *That the report be received.*
- (2) *That the contents of the report be noted.*
- (3) *That the Vision of Ara Tahi under 4.2 of this report be agreed.*
- (4) *That the Strategic Priorities for Ara Tahi under 4.3 of this report be agreed.*
- (5) *That the Hui-a-Ara Tahi report and Ara Tahi powerpoint presentation be presented to the Greater Wellington Regional Council by 30 June 2006.*

8. Progress Report from Policy Advisors - Maori

Jason Kerehi presented this report which advised the proposed meeting dates for 2006 for Ara Tahi and the Regional Land Transport Committee. He noted that there would also be a workshop on iwi appointees and Resource Management Act 1991 amendments in late January, before the first meeting of Ara Tahi in 2006.

Jason also advised Ara Tahi that Ngati Toa Rangatira had completed their iwi project. He added that there would be an opening ceremony in February 2006.

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Resolved

(Jack Rikihana/Horipo Rimene)

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

9. Regional Land Transport Committee (Oral Report)

Jack Rikihana said that he was unable to attend the last Regional Land Transport Committee meeting and that Tom Paku would not be able to provide members with a summary of what happened at that meeting as he was not present at the Ara Tahi meeting.

Jack did, however, say that he thought oral submitters should have been told earlier about the time and date of their oral presentations for the Western Corridor hearings, which had started on Monday, 28 November 2005.

10. Report back from Runanga Chairs' Hui (Oral Report)

Jack Rikihana briefly discussed the hui of 18 rŭnanga that was recently held in Kaikoura. He said the hui was very valuable and said they had discussed that they now had adequate resources and capacity within their combined rŭnanga to carry out the work required on Te Tiriti o Waitangi claims etc. This meant they no longer needed to rely on policy analyst agencies to the degree they had in the past.

Jack advised that the next hui would take place in February 2006 and that one of the key speakers, Margaret Mutu from the University of Auckland, would be discussing Te Tiriti o Waitangi claims. He promised that he would report back to Ara Tahi about that hui also.

11. General Business

11.1 Local Government New Zealand Conference

Te Akapikirangi Arthur spoke about the Local Government New Zealand hui that he had attended. He commented that the hui was a positive and valuable experience. He said this was mainly because he realised that Greater Wellington and Ara Tahi had accomplished a lot with their relationship and that Maori could continue to build their influence on decision-making at the local government level, which would in turn have an influence on Maori's relationship with central government.

11.2 Farewell to Graham Cameron, Policy Advisor -Maori

Ara Tahi acknowledged that it was their last meeting before Graham Cameron left Greater Wellington. On behalf of Ara Tahi, Jason Kerehi presented Graham with a nikau palm that had been extracted from the Okautete Reserve at Homewood in the Wairarapa and was donated by Ryshell Griggs (Ngai Tumapuhia a Rangi hapu). Te Akapikirangi Arthur said a blessing and Jack Rikihana, Alma Mihaere and Ihaia Puketapu all spoke of the great work Graham had done while he was at the Council and his imminent journey back to his whānau in Tauranga.

The meeting concluded at 12:10pm. Jack Rikihana offered the closing karakia.

The date of the next meeting of Ara Tahi is 1 February 2006.

Jack Rikihana
Chairperson

Date: