

**Report 06.284**

14 June 2006

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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, 14 June 2006, at 10.00am**

**Present**

*Rangitaane o Wairarapa*

Alma Mihaere, Horipo Rimene

*Ngati Kahungunu ki Wairarapa Maori Executive Taiwhenua*

Tom Paku, Charles Morunga, Pita Flynn

*Taranaki Whanui*

Ihaia Puketapu

*Ngati Raukawa*

Rupene Waaka, Te Waari Carkeek, Richard Orzeki

*Ngati Toa*

Te Akapikirangi Arthur, Willis Katene

*Te Ati Awa ki Whakarongotai*

Jack Rikihana

*Greater Wellington Regional Council*

Crs Ian Buchanan and Chris Turver

**Officers Present**

Marianne Archibald, Jane Bradbury, Nigel Corry, Jason Kerehi, Murray McLea, Amy Norrish and Mike Pryce

**Also Present**

Cr McDavitt, Graham Spargo (Project Manager for Wellington Regional Strategy), Carmel Rowlands (Ministry for Environment)

## Procedural Items

### 1. Karakia and Mihimihi

Te Akapikirangi Arthur offered the karakia.

### 2. Apologies

*Resolved*

*(Horipo Rimene/Te Akapikirangi Arthur)*

*That the apologies from Miria Pomare, Terri Puketapu, Liz Mellish and Mark Te One for absence, and Tom Paku and Te Waari Carkeek for lateness, be confirmed.*

### 3. Confirmation of Minutes

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*Resolved*

*(Te Akapikirangi Arthur/Rupene Waaka)*

*That the minutes of the meeting of Ara Tahi held on 19 April 2006 be confirmed.*

## Matters for Consideration

### 4. Wellington Regional Strategy – Update June 2006

Graham Spargo, Project Manager of the Wellington Regional Strategy, presented this paper. He said that Ara Tahi should receive the WRS working document in July, before public consultation commenced.

Graham Spargo added that he would be happy to hear from Ara Tahi about any other views members might have on how iwi should be represented in the draft WRS document. In general members felt that Ara Tahi was the appropriate vehicle for communication with iwi. Ara Tahi also discussed that they would like to consider including a logo that reflects Ara Tahi (and its relationship with Greater Wellington) on the WRS document. It was agreed that Ara Tahi would work with council officers in the Communications Department to develop such a logo.

Members flagged that they would like to revisit having a representative from each iwi on the WRS Forum or whatever structure takes its place once for the next phase.

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*Resolved*

*(Jack Rikihana/Ian Buchanan)*

*(1) That the report be received.*

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

## **5. Port and Harbour Safety Review – Oral Report**

Mike Pryce outlined the conclusions of the Port and Harbour Safety Risk Assessment, which was carried out by Marico Marine. He said that the Council was now working towards producing a safe management system for the Port and looking at how they can address the key risks areas e.g. upgrading equipment at Beacon Hill signal station. Mike also clarified that this work was over and above any Health and Safety requirements.

It was noted that Maritime New Zealand had congratulated Greater Wellington on how well they had done on the risk assessment.

## **6. Greater Wellington's Representation Review**

Amy Norrish spoke to this report. She outlined the Council's proposed representation arrangements and the reasons the Council chose that option. She also advised Ara Tahi that submissions on the proposed arrangements closed on 4 August 2006.

Many members agreed with the need for two representatives in the Wairarapa. They noted, in particular, the amount of Council business that was relevant to that area e.g. pest control and flood protection. Members also noted the additional councillor in the Porirua/Kapiti area and indicated that they would like to see a Maori representative elected in that area.

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*Resolved*

*(Jack Rikihana/Ian Buchanan)*

(1) *That the report be received.*

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

## **7. Sustainable Programme of Action for Water – Oral Report**

Carmel Rowlands (Ministry for the Environment) made a presentation to Ara Tahi on the Government's plans for the Sustainable Programme of Action for Water. She noted the following key points:

- An advisory group, which includes individuals with a variety of expertise, was to be formed by 30 June 2006.
- A progress report on the programme was to be provided to Cabinet by 30 October 2006.

- Report backs on draft national instruments and tools were due in February/March 2007, after which there would be consultation.
- The Government was not keen on legislative changes. The aim was to make current allocation processes better, which is more pressing in some regions than others.

Members expressed their concern with industry-led initiatives and the proposed ministerial advisory group. There was particular concern that the group would be carrying out work already undertaken by other agencies and that the group wouldn't include people who really cared about the future. Members also stated that they would like more interaction more with the Ministry on this matter.

Richard Orzeki asked for further information on the Fonterra Clean Streams Accord, which Carmel offered to provide.

## **8. Update on Some Transport Issues**

Ian Buchanan provided an update on the key transport issues facing the Council.

- Western Corridor – The preference for Transmission Gully has been confirmed in the RLTS.
- The Council is developing and seeking funding for upgrade of commuter rail services.
- Trolley buses – The Council now has a deal, but there are some issues around the implementation of the deal.
- Long-term Rail Contract – The contract is due to go to Council for approval at the end of June 2006.
- New rolling stock will take two and a half years to be built.

He said that he would continue to keep Ara Tahi briefed on the big transport issues and added that the matters for consideration at the next RLTC meeting would relate to Wellington City's roading issues.

## **9. Progress Report – Policy Advisor - Maori**

Jason Kerehi presented this report.

Technical workshops

Jason noted that the next technical iwi workshop, which was planned for 12 July, will now be held in early August 2006.

Wellington Regional Strategy workshop

He also said that he would be in touch with Ara Tahi about the Māori name for the Wellington Regional Strategy.

### Kaitiaki Hui

Jason said that he had advised the Ministry for Environment that Te Akapikirangi Arthur was unable to sit on the National Committee. He noted that the Ministry said the Committee had not yet been set up and said that Ara Tahi may again have the opportunity to be a member of the Committee. Jason also said that he had asked for a copy of the report being prepared for Nanaia Mahuta MP once it is completed.

It was suggested that Ara Tahi's comments on the hui be forwarded to the Ministry.

### Hui a Ara Tahi presentation

Jack Rikihana advised Ara Tahi that the draft presentation would be emailed to members soon. He asked members to add their contact details and provide any comments they had on the report to him.

### Iwi Representation on the Environment Committee

It was noted that the Council had agreed to an iwi representative being a member of the Environment Committee and that the representative in this instance was Jack Rikihana.

### Policy Advisor – Maori Position

It was noted that the other position for Policy Advisor - Maori would be advertised in the region's newspapers this weekend.

### Report 06.246

**File: X/16/07/01**

*Resolved*

*(Rupene Waaka/Te Akapikirangi Arthur)*

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

## 11. General Business

It was noted that a balance sheet showing what had happened to the funds over the last year would be provided at the next meeting of Ara Tahi.

Ara Tahi members enquired as to whether the Council used the traditional Maori environmental indicators produced by the Ministry for Environment and what weighting they were given. It was agreed that Council officers would investigate the indicators and see what scope there was to use them as in the Council's Long-term Council Community Plan and/or Regional Policy Statement. Officers said they would report back to Ara Tahi on the outcome.

It was agreed that it would be good to hold a meeting of Ara Tahi in the Wairarapa.

Some members expressed their concern with the lack of young Maori studying the Resource Management Act and asked if the Council provided or would provide scholarships for students undertaking such study.

The meeting concluded at 12:40pm.

Alma Mihaere offered the closing karakia.

The date of the next meeting of Ara Tahi is 9 August 2006.

**Jack Rikihana**  
Chairperson

Date: