

1. Minutes: Te Karearea Strategic Partnership Forum Thursday 24 May 2017

Minutes of meeting of the Te Karearea Strategic Partnership Forum held at Te Renga Paraoa Marae on Thursday 24 May 2017 at 1.00 pm

Mihi Whakatau

Welcoming of parties by Te Huinga.

Part One – Community Hui

1. Winstone's Quarry development – impact on burial caves

Taipari Munro - Ruarangi Block Trust - Ruarangi Maori Reserve (Beneficiaries are the nine tribes/hapu Torongare)

Concerns:

- Winstones have submitted a resource consent to place overburden material removed from quarry on Peagram block, Peagram is likely to have koiwi present, and forms an access to Ruarangi burial caves above.
- Concerns are cultural and environmental. All limestone country. Cavers are accessing the cave systems through adjacent valleys and Tauroa Street, towards Raumanga Block. Research shows pristine cave system, more so than other areas. Concern is developers in that area will disturb caves.
- Are there other places the overburden can go that have more benefit e.g. to raise the level of coastal areas at threat from sea surges and rises?

Neighbours:

Both the *residents* present at the meeting have caves on their property. Were told originally that the caves were glow-worm caves, then told they were burial caves. Support preservation.

Mira Norris:

- Ruarangi is a significant urupa. Ruarangi 40 acres just recently changed to a mining zone. Where do hapu get to say that it is a urupa.
- The Mokoparu Urupa – is on Maunu block. Not to get confused. One is at Ruarangi and other one is down road, at Maunu.

Rob Forlong on behalf of Council:

- Proposal has come from Winstone Quarry.
- Maori must turn up and make it important in front of Commissioners. With indulgence of Commissioners, Council can be witnesses on your behalf for those that have not put forward their submissions.

Mr Forlong will find out where the process is at, and if helpful, will ring Winstones and ask them to meet with the Trust.

Cr Greg Innes responded:

- Discussion in Council not taken lightly re Winstone application. Winstone wanted plan change to include that area. Part of decision Council made was not to include this area without a cultural impact assessment.

An invitation extended to all to come and have a look at the land to see what is what.

2. Raumanga Heights Subdivision

Taipari Munro & Neighbours Francis Spencer, Andrew Norman:

Raumanga Heights subdivision:

- Hearings on the Raumanga Block subdivision will be beginning in July. Will respond to application then. Taipari wanted Council and Councillors to be aware of the tribal and geological factors relating to the location.
- Neighbouring land was a reserve. Want to make it into a park. There are caves which can't be accessed. Don't know system underground.
- Would like an update as to where the application is at.

3. Maori voice in RMA

Deborah Harding – Co Chair:

- Maori voice is not there. Submissions were made at Council where developers had some consultations initially with Maori, no follow up.
- Process to get submission in is not an easy one. Does a process need to be looked at?

4. Help to identify and protect significant sites

Hona Edwards:

- Few years ago Hapu were given opportunity of fiscal help to identify significant sites, only couple of hapu been able to get this.
- Hapu need to help Council so everyone is going in the same direction.

5. Entrance to Otangarei

Taipari Munro:

- Entrance to Te Hononga Street off Punarere Road needs better signage and lighting – easy to miss.

6. Three lanes outside Marae

Mira Norris:

Four years ago Council decided to put 3 lanes outside Marae. Traffic Impact Report was requested but received no reply from Council.

7. Rates review/rates arrears

Emma Gibbs, Sharon Kaipo and Hona Edwards:

- Need Council's help in understanding rates, and ensuring rates are fair for Maori land. People have started to discuss this in the past but not resolved.
- Historically, when Maori couldn't pay bills they lost their land. Demise of Whenua. RMA, Coastal land change. All these changes – we don't understand the legality of these changes. If we don't understand, where do we end up?
- Need assurance.

Alan Adcock on behalf of Council:

- Will be doing workshops in the future. Still to come. Change won't happen until 2018. It is on the table for discussion. Rates are charged when land is used - apportioned by occupancy.

8. Why Powhiri at school instead of Marae

Janelle Beazley

- Questioned why powhiri for The Barbarians team will be held at the school instead of the Te Renga Paraora Marae. Has communication fallen down?

9. Road condition

Violet Sade - Ngunguru Ford Road

- Would like to see better maintenance of the road – more grading, and sealing beyond “Council Maintenance Ends Here” sign. Road is heavily used by logging trucks. More money needs to be spend outside of the City.

Simon Weston on behalf of Council:

- All infrastructure queries please write or ring in.

The Mayor concluded the community session and assured everyone that Council will follow through all the queries raised today.

Part two - Te Karearea Strategic Partnership Forum Hui

Present:

Her Worship the Mayor Sheryl Mai (Co-Chairperson) and Deborah Harding (Co- Chairperson),

Allan Halliday, Huhana Lyndon, Taipari Munro; Hona Edwards; Mike Kake; Takiri Puriri; Jared Pitman; Sharon Kaipō; Merepeka Henley; Benjamin Pitman; Deloraine Armstrong; Crs Vince Cocurullo; Sharon Morgan; Sue Glen; Tricia Cutforth; Anna Murphy and Greg Innes

Apologies

Cr Christie, Kaile Nahi-Tahia; Pereri Mahanga; Te Warihi Heteraka; Rowena Tana

Moved: Cr Murphy

Seconded: Hona Edwards

“That the apologies be accepted.”

CARRIED

In Attendance:

Rob Forlong, Jill McPherson, Alison Geddes; Sandra Boardman, Alan Adcock, Simon Weston, Solomon Tipene; Huhana Lyndon; Janelle Beazley; Francis Spencer; Andrew Norman

1. Introduction of Whangarei District Council Strategic Leadership Team

The Chief Executive introduced the new General managers, who then spoke about their roles. They were thanked for “putting faces to names”.

2. Minutes of meeting held 19 April 2017

Moved: Jared Pitman

Seconded: Taipari Munro

“That the Minutes of the Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Forum meeting held 19 April 2017 be confirmed as a true and correct record subject to the following amendments:

- Item 4 - Addition of Ngati Hine FM;
- Item 5 – change heading “Settlements” to “Redress”;
- Item 5 – Fourth paragraph, “Settlements” change to “Hearings”;
- Item 6 – refer “Agreed Actions for this meeting” fourth bullet point, after “LGRA” added “June/July”;
- Item 6 – refer “General Business”, fifth paragraph inserted regarding Hapu acknowledgement of Mrs May and her family.”

CARRIED

Matters Arising

An update was requested on the Environmental Hub. Agreed to proceed if this is agreed as a priority.

LTP Community Engagement needs to be planned and done.

Popokotea (whitehead) release was an occasion for the community. Over 100 people attended.

3. Hapu mandating update

Nothing to report.

4. Setting Shared Priorities report

Comment:

- Are Marae community buildings and should be treated by Council as such – not just Civil Defence Marae?
Need to ensure that local people have coping resources for Maraes when used by Civil Defence.
- Request for Marae to receive agendas and minutes of Te Karearea.
- Once priorities are agreed, it was agreed that they be put into a work programme and regularly reported to Te Karearea.

Moved: Cr Innes

Seconded: Cr Cutforth

“That the Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Forum;

- a) receives the Council resolution stating Council priorities;
- b) agrees to consider the priorities of Te Huinga and Council together to agree shared priorities at the June meeting of this Forum.”

CARRIED

4. Treaty of Waitangi Settlements – progress from Hapu

No news on Treaty redress.

General Business

Talking with NZTA regarding Akerama. Partial work will be completed in July on the wetlands. Janelle Beazley stated that the Powhiri for the Barbarians should have been at the Marae rather than the School.

Deborah Harding explained that there was no cultural marking within the Toll Stadium. When requested Northland Rugby Union has assisted with a pou at Toll Stadium. It may or may not go ahead, depends on ground conditions. If goes ahead, will get a panui for a blessing.

Council is attempting to align LTP early engagement meetings (and other topics as they arise) with Marae Committee meetings for talking with Maori.

Agreed Actions for this meeting

1. **Winstones' Quarry development – impact on Burial Caves**
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2. **Raumanga Heights Subdivision**
Would like an update as to where the application for the Raumanga subdivision is at.
3. **Entrance to Otangarei**
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4. **Rates review/rates arrears**
Alan Adcock advised there will be workshops in the future.

Refer Minutes of Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Forum meeting held 4 July 2017 be confirmed as a true and correct record subject to the following amendments:"

- Allan Halliday be removed from the apologies and recorded as present at the meeting;
- Huhana Lyndon be recorded as present at the meeting;
- Part One – Item 1 (Neighbours) change "Farmer/Land Owners" to "residents;"
- Part One – Item 1 Spelling correction to "Mokoparu Urupa,"