

REPORT TO:	MAORI STANDING COMMITTEE	
DATE:	10 JUNE 2016	
SUBJECT:	<u>CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MĀORI COMMITTEE HELD 13 May 2016</u>	FILE REF:
AUTHOR:	D TIPOKI - MAORI RELATIONSHIPS MANAGER	ATTACHMENTS: The Whaanga Report
RELATED COMMUNITY OUTCOME: Supportive, caring and valued communities. Strong district leadership and a sense of belonging. A community that values and promotes its culture and heritage.	RELATED COUNCIL ACTIVITY: Māori Relationships	

WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL

MĀORI STANDING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Māori Standing Committee held at Erepeti Marae, Erepeti on Friday, 13 May 2016 at 1.26pm.

Present:

G Symes (Rākaipaaka), K Hammond (Wairoa Hōpūpū), P Kelly (Wairoa Matangirau), H Nissen (Ruakituri), P Whaanga (Māhia Mai Tawhiti), Sam Jury (Wairoa Whānui)
Councillor H Flood

D Tipoki (WDC's Māori Relationships Manager)
James Baty (WDC's Corporate Services Manager)

Rachel Kerr (Te Reinga Marae)
Ann Revington (Wairoa Star)

KARAKIA

Opening karakia was given by Kiwa Hammond

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from His Worship the Mayor, C Little, F Power (WDC's CEO), Councillor Bird, Gay Hawkins, E Foster, C McGimpsey, N Lambert

<u>Resolved:</u>	<i>That the apologies received from His Worship the Mayor, C Little, F Power (WDC's CEO), Councillor Bird, E Foster, G Hawkins, C McGimpsey and N Lambert be accepted.</i> Hammond/Nissen
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CALLS FOR CONFLICT OF INTEREST

CALL FOR ITEMS OF URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS NOT INCLUDED IN THE AGENDA AND NOTICES

Waihi Dam update
Forestry Slash Report
Rimuroa/Mangapoike Trust Whenua Rāhui

P Kelly
P Whaanga
Rachel Kerr

SUSPENSION OF MODEL STANDING ORDERS

<u>Resolved:</u>	<i>That the Māori Standing Committee suspend standing orders for the duration of the meeting</i>	Nissen/Kelly
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LATE ITEM - MĀORI WARDS POLL OF ELECTORS

<u>Resolved:</u>	<i>That in accordance with Section 46A (7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act the item MĀORI WARDS POLL OF ELECTORS be considered given the item had not come to hand at the time of Agenda compilation and consideration of this matter is required now in order to respond within the timeframe allowed.</i>	Nissen/Whaanga
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The Electoral Officer presented his report.

The Māori Standing Committee sought clarification on:

- Why the matter of Māori wards was being raised
- What the wards structure could possibly look like
- Potential cost savings
- Purpose of the legislation relating to Māori wards

<u>Resolved:</u>	<i>Having fully considered all the relevant information provided, and conducting a healthy and robust discussion, the Māori Standing Committee recommends that Council should hold a poll of electors (option B) to determine whether the district should be divided into one or more Māori wards and that this poll be conducted as part of the elections of members of Wairoa District Council to be held on 8 October 2016 and binding on the following two triennial elections (2019 and 2022) of the Wairoa District Council.</i>	Kelly/Hammond AGAINST: Councillor Flood
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Councillor Flood requested that her reason for a dissenting vote be recorded. She articulated that Council had been publicly elected to make decisions on behalf of the community. In this regard, she was of the view that the Council should resolve one way or the other that the district be/not be divided into one or more Māori wards (section 19Z) and that the statutory processes in this regard ensue.

General Items

Waihi Dam update – Paul Kelly presented an update on the Waihi Dam situation verbally. He advised that he was waiting on a document from Catherine Delahunty and Kate Gudsell and would then submit a written report to MSC along with recommendations for a resolution to Council. He advised that this would happen within the week.

Forestry Slash – Peter Whaanga submitted and read from his report on the slash problem at Māhia. A copy is attached; Peter was encouraged to submit his report to Council and also to the public via the Wairoa Star, as a member of the community. Peter asked on the progress of holding another public meeting on this issue and to the status of the concerned parties, in particular Kiwi Rail. The MRM advised that Kiwi Rail, to date are refusing to confirm or deny their interest in the issue. The MSC were reminded that they were held in high regard by the public in the way that they facilitated the two initial meetings on this issue.

Recommended: That Mr Peter Whaanga's report be presented to Council as further information and findings regarding the slash at Māhia." **Kelly/Whaanga**

PUBLIC FORUM

Rachel Kerr spoke about being newly elected on to Te Reinga Trustees sub-committee and getting to know the procedures; the new committee was having difficulty obtaining information from the old trustees. She indicated that they were going to apply for Whenua Rahui on a number of blocks and asked for guidance from the MSC. The MRM informed her of the process once they made the application.

Confirmation of Minutes

<u>Resolved:</u>	<i>That the minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Māori Standing Committee held on Friday, 8 April 2016 be accepted as the true and correct record of the proceedings.</i>	Flood/Kelly
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General Items

MĀORI RELATIONSHIPS MANAGER'S REPORT

The Māori Relationships Manager presented his report and gave a verbal update regarding a request by Mere Tamanui at Te Reinga for the MSC to assist in contributing towards upkeep of the marae before the Ngutu Kaka arrive this weekend (an estimate of \$2000). She had also asked if any dialogue might happen between MSC, His Worship the Mayor and QRS in regard to some earthworks that she needed.

Discussion. The Committee agreed that the funding or recommend to funding did not come under their Terms of Reference and was not their role.

The Committee also discussed the MSC's and MRM's role as support for the Mayor at public events such as Ngutu Kaka, and signalled the sentiment that the Mayor has their full support – should he decide to attend this or any other Māori function.

<u>Resolved:</u>	<i>That the report be received.</i>	Kelly/Nissen
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Te Ohanga O Takitimu - Kiwa Hammond updated the Committee on Te Ohanga o Takitimu - he had just attended Te Hono summit which reported on a group of rangatahi who were to attend Stanford University and take in the Business College. Kiwa will keep updating.

CLOSED: The meeting closed with a karakia by K Hammond at 3.28pm.