

WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL

MAORI STANDING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Maori Standing Committee held at the Wairoa District Council, Queen Street, Wairoa on Friday, 13 November 2015 at 12.30pm.

PRESENT: G Symes (Chairperson)
E Foster (From 12.56), K Hammond, G Hawkins, P Kelly, S Jury, H Nissen (From 12.44), P Whaanga

COUNCILLOR
H Flood

IN ATTENDANCE: T Waaka Ngati Pahauwera Development Trust
K Green Ngati Pahauwera Development Trust
Mike Smith
F Power WDC's Chief Executive
R Newton
C McGimpsey WDC's Governance Advisor & Policy Strategist
G Waikawa Secretary
D Tipoki Maori Relationships Manager

KARAKIA

The meeting was opened with a karakia by D Tipoki

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor M Bird and His Worship the Mayor, C Little.

<u>Resolved:</u> <i>That the apologies received from Councillor M Bird and His Worship the Mayor, C Little be accepted.</i>	<i>K Hammond/G Symes</i>
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CALLS FOR CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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

Maori Standing Committee Draft Policy
Maori Standing Committee Proposed 2016 Meeting Schedule
Freedom Camping

PUBLIC FORUM

Toro Waaka distributed a letter Ngati Pahauwera Development Trust had written to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment opposing any oil exploration and exploitation and will do so until the Crown engages with Iwi on the issue of how it can provide for the recognition oil and gas property rights including the matter of compensation.

Ngati Pahauwera also states their position is the Crown cannot continue to breach the undertakings given in the Treaty of Waitangi to protect and respect Iwi property rights.

Mr Waaka thanked the Committee.

Mike Smith introduced himself and distributed a pamphlet regarding oil industry threats arriving off the East Coast which global warming, fish and marine mammals at risk from air gun explosions, oil spill threat and no jobs for the East Coast.

Mr Smith also spoke on what are the problems. The climate emergency is the most catastrophic threat facing our communities in the history of human civilisation and the root of the problem is burning fossil fuels like oil and petrol. And it's going to get worse, much worse. Invisible gases like carbon dioxide are released when oil and petrol are burnt.

Various questions were asked of Mr Smith who also advised consultation has not occurred and is considered an insult and Mr Smith also thanked the Committee for allowing him to talk to the Committee.

Mrs Rose Newton raised her concerns for differences of rate payments. The Maori Relationships Manager will look into this matter for Mrs Newton.

SUSPENSION OF MODEL STANDING ORDERS

<u>Resolved:</u> <i>That the Māori Standing Committee suspend standing orders for the duration of the meeting</i>	K Hammond/G Hawkins
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Confirmation of Minutes

MAORI STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 16 OCTOBER 2015

Minutes of the Maori Standing Committee meeting held 16 October 2015 were presented.

<u>Resolved:</u> <i>That the minutes of the Maori Standing Committee held on 16 October 2015 were confirmed as correct with minor alterations.</i>	S Jury/P Kelly
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DISCUSSION – *Sir Turi Carroll Centennial Celebrations 2015 - K Hammond asked that it be noted the Maori Standing Committee is not a sponsorship body and also reported the Sir Turi Carroll Centennial Celebrations 2015 was a very good event and well attended.*

Forestry slash & hui – *The Chief Executive explained Hawke's Bay Regional Council will be attending the Ordinary Council meeting on Tuesday, 24 November 2015 and has invited the Committee to the meeting.*

Working Draft – Te Wairoa District Marae Broadband Project – *Some Committee members advised some of their Marae were interested in the Te Wairoa District Marae Broadband Project and also had lengthy discussions on Marae insurances.*

General Item

MAORI RELATIONSHIPS MANAGER'S REPORT

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The Maori Relationships Manager presented his report and reported on Updates for Sir Turi Carroll celebrations, Maori Policy Review process and Forestry slash and debris hui.

MAORI STANDING COMMITTEE ACTION SHEET

The Maori Relationships Manager presented the Maori Standing Committee Action Sheet.

General Business

PROPOSED MEETING SCHEDULE 2016

The Maori Relationships Manager presented the Proposed Meeting Schedule 2016. The Committee discussed and scheduled their 2016 Marae meetings being:

Friday, 12 February 2016	Te Maara A Ngata Marae, Putere
Friday, 08 April 2016	Erepeti Marae, Ruakituri
Friday, 10 June 2015	Kaiuku Marae, Mahia
Friday, 12 August 2016	Kahungunu Marae, Nuhaka
Friday, 14 October 2015	Te Reinga Marae, Te Reinga
Friday, 09 December 2015	Te Rauhina Marae, Kihitu

FREEDOM CAMPING

The WDC's Governance Advisor & Policy Strategist advised the Committee she will email the website link to the Final Freedom Camping Bylaw.

DRAFT MAORI POLICY

The Maori Relationships Manager presented the Draft Maori Policy and advised the Committee to read the changes and report back to him.

REFERENDUMS ON THE NZ FLAG

Councillor Flood advised to be mindful to encourage people to participate in the referendum on the NZ flag and raising awareness to our young people.

Soon, you'll get to vote in two binding referendums on the future of the New Zealand flag. First, between 20 November and 11 December 2015, you'll be invited to vote in a referendum on the question

Then, in March 2016, there will be another referendum to choose between the most preferred option from the first referendum and the current flag. The flag that receives the most votes in the second referendum will be the official flag of New Zealand.

CLOSED: The meeting closed with a karakia by the Maori Relationships Manager.