

**WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**MAORI COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the Maori Committee held in the Council Chambers, Coronation Square, Wairoa on Tuesday 4 April 2006 at 10.00am.

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**PRESENT:** Mr T W Wilson (Chairman)

P Hohipa, H Hiko, C King (From 10.05am), H Kapene, K Thompson, T Smith, T K Turipa.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** R Paku  
G Thompson (Secretary)

**APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from His Worship the Mayor, Councillors D S Caves & D Eaglesome, D Niania and F McRoberts.

<b><u>Resolved:</u></b>	<i>That apologies received from His Worship the Mayor, Councillors D S Caves &amp; D Eaglesome, D Niania and F McRoberts be accepted.</i>	<b>Hohipa/King</b>
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**Presentation – R Paku**

The Chairman expressed his gratitude and thanks to Mr R Paku for his services to Wairoa District Council Maori Committee.

Members of the Wairoa District Council Maori Committee also expressed their gratitude and thanks to Mr Paku.

The Chairman presented a taonga to Mr Paku for his services.

**PUBLIC FORUM – Meridian Energy**

Mr James Barnes explained he is contracted by Meridian Energy to do a social impact and potential effects on the Mohaka River for hydro development.

Mr Barnes explained the social impact report will cover the study of the flow of the river, fish species, rocks and preliminary cultural issues.

Mr Barnes explained Mr Toro Waaka will be doing the report for cultural significance on the Mohaka River.

The Maori Liaison Officer explained to Mr Barnes on how the Wairoa District Council Maori Committee works and its functions.

The Committee asked various questions.

The Chairman thanked Mr Barnes for his presentation.

**Confirmation of Minutes**

**MAORI COMMITTEE MEETING HELD  
TUESDAY 31 JANUARY 2006**

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Minutes of the Maori Committee held on Tuesday 31 January 2006 be confirmed as correct.

<b><u>Resolved:</u></b>	<i>That the minutes of the Maori Committee held on Tuesday 31 January 2006 be accepted.</i>	<b>Smith/Hiko</b>
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## General Items

### FREEHOLD MAORI LAND & COUNCIL'S CREDIT POLICY

The Maori Liaison Officer presented the above report. He reported on policy development essentially about developing different ways to successfully address the many issues that are important to, and which seriously affect our community.

The Maori Liaison Officer explained asset and heritage ownership of Maori owned land and also explained owners and occupiers are not informing Council of status of land.

<b><u>Resolved:</u></b>	<i>That:</i>
	1. <i>The report be received.</i>
	2. <i>A Workshop to discuss Maori owned freehold land be held on Thursday 20 May 2006</i>
	<b><i>Smith/Hiko</i></b>

### LETTER – HURUMUA MARAE

The Maori Liaison Officer explained a letter had been received from Hurumua Marae regarding Mr Reay Paku's resignation from the Wairoa District Council's Maori Committee.

Another letter was also received from Hurumua Marae nominating Mr Henare Kapene to the Wairoa District Council Maori Committee to replace Mr Reay Paku.

<b><u>Resolved:</u></b>	<i>That H Kapene's nomination to the Wairoa District Council Maori Committee be accepted.</i>
	<b><i>Thompson/King</i></b>

**CLOSED:** The meeting closed at 12.30pm.

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Chair