

**WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**MAORI COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the Maori Committee to be held in the Council Chambers, Coronation Square, Wairoa on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2006 at 10.00am

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**PRESENT:** Mr R Paku, Interim Chairperson

**COUNCILLORS**

D S Caves, D Eaglesome

P Hohipa, H Hiko, C King, F McRoberts, M Ngatai, D Niania, R Paku, K Thompson, T Smith, T K Turipa, W T Wilson (From 11.12am)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** M Ropitini (Maori Liaison Officer)  
G Thompson (Secretary)

**APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from L Probert, His Worship the Mayor, B Greening and W Mitchell.

<b><u>Resolved:</u></b>	<i>That apologies received from L Probert, His Worship the Mayor, B Greening and W Mitchell be accepted.</i>	<b>Smith/Hiko</b>
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The Maori Liaison Officer gave an apology for the Chairman, T W Wilson. He asked R Paku if he could stand in as Interim Chairperson.

<b><u>Resolved:</u></b>	<i>That R Paku be nominated as Interim Chairperson be accepted.</i>	<b>King/Niania</b>
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**Public Forum – Ngai Tama Representatives (Opoutama)**

Ngaromoana Raureti gave a presentation from the above representatives and Ruawharo Marae.

She spoke about upholding tikanga, reo, land and places of significance for Marae and people. She also spoke at length regarding the Puketenui Stream, Rahui sign with regards to the mussels beds, issues of discharge and having direct relationship with Wairoa District Council.

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

Pedestrian Crossing M Ropitini

**Confirmation of Minutes**

**MAORI COMMITTEE MEETING HELD  
TUESDAY 4 OCTOBER 2005**

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Councillor D Caves commented his and Councillor Eaglesome names had been omitted from the part of being present in the minutes of Tuesday 4 October 2005.

The Maori Liaison Officer reported Councillors D Caves and D Eaglesome had not been nominated as Councillors to the Maori Committee until 11 October 2005.

Minutes of the Maori Committee meeting held Tuesday 4 October 2005 be confirmed as correct.

<b><u>Resolved:</u></b>	<i>That the minutes of the Maori Committee held Tuesday 4 October 2005 be accepted.</i>	<b>Smith/Turipa</b>
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## General Items

### **EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION IN DECISION MAKING PROCESSES WITHIN COUNCIL**

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The Maori Liaison Officer read out the above report.

He reported on the Government has devolved a number of its obligations to Local Authorities thereby shifting some responsibility on to Council and its operations and the Maori Committee needs to show a more proactive and effective part in these changes.

<b><u>Resolved:</u></b>	<i>That the report be received.</i>	<b><i>Niania/Hiko</i></b>
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### **WHENUA RAHUI REGISTER POLICY AND OFFICER** **F 07.08**

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The Maori Liaison Officer reported on Council's new credit policy being relevant in cases where profit is derived from land usage. However, it is noted that under the policy the Wairoa District Council has significant rate arrears for Maori freehold land and therefore, the Whenua Rahui Policy must take on a role of significance for Tangatawhenua.

<b><u>Resolved:</u></b>	<i>That the report be received.</i>	<b><i>Wilson/Paku</i></b>
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<b><u>Resolved:</u></b>	<i>That a Special Meeting be held to discuss the Gisborne District Council's Review of Criteria - Whenua Rahui Register.</i>	<b><i>Wilson/Paku</i></b>
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## General Business

**Pedestrian Crossings** – The Maori Liaison Officer spoke about the pedestrian crossing outside North Clyde School and the ITM building on Carroll Street will be removed and also the pedestrian crossing on Mahia Avenue from the Caltex Petrol Stop and Dr Underwood's surgery.

The pedestrian crossing on Mahia Avenue outside Mahia Avenue Dairy remains.

**Rahui Stream Bridge** – Mr T Wilson had concerns of the cost of repairing the Rahui Stream bridge. He also had concerns on cost to local people and any other minor bridges in the Wairoa district.

Mr Reay Paku announced his retirement from the Maori Committee and thanked the Maori Committee, Councillors and the Press.

**CLOSED:**           The meeting closed at 11.30am.

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Chair