

WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL

MAORI STANDING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Maori Standing Committee held in the Council Chambers, Wairoa District Council on Friday, 21 August 2015 at 12.31pm.

PRESENT: G Symes (Chairperson)
E Foster, K Hammond, P Kelly, H Nissen, P Whaanga

COUNCILLORS

M Bird, H Flood

IN ATTENDANCE: C Little (His Worship the Mayor)
F Power (WDC's Chief Executive Officer)
K Tipuna (WDC's Communication Strategist)
D Tipoki (WDC's Maori Relationships Manager)
C McGimpsey (WDC's Governance Advisor & Policy Strategist)
Duane Culshaw (Te Wairoa He Hapori Haumarū)
Angela Smith (Te Wairoa He Hapori Haumarū)
D Doole (WDC's Rates Administration Officer)
R McCracken (WDC's GIS Co-ordinator)
G Waikawa (WDC's Maori Standing Committee Secretary)

KARAKIA

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting and was opened with a karakia by Kitea Tipuna.

SUSPENSION OF MODELSTANDING ORDERS:

<u>Resolved:</u> <i>THAT the Māori Standing Committee suspend Model Standing Orders for Meetings of Local Authorities and Community Boards</i>	G Symes/P Kelly
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APOLOGY

An apology was received from N Lambert.

<u>Resolved:</u> <i>That an apology was received from N Lambert be accepted.</i>	H Nissen/Cr Flood
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CALLS FOR CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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

PUBLIC FORUM

Shane Fleming & Catherine Moreau-Hammond – Rocket Lab

The company is looking to develop a second launch site at Onenui Station, on the southern tip of the Mahia peninsula, on land owned by the Tawapata South Maori Incorporation.

Rocket Lab, which designs small satellite launch systems, has begun consulting with local residents and is preparing to submit a resource consent application.

Shane Fleming of Rocket Lab said they were looking forward to working with the local community and gauging interest in a potential launch site on Mahia peninsula.

Rocket Lab's mission is to remove commercial barriers to space making space accessible by providing frequent and affordable launch opportunities.

Tawapata South Maori Incorporation spokesperson, George Mackey is excited Rocket Lab is considering Onenui Station as an additional site.

Various questions were asked of Mr Fleming and Ms Moreau-Hammond.

Duane Culshaw (Te Wairoa He Hapori Haumarū – Safer Communities) & Angela Smith (Te Wairoa He Hapori Haumarū- Safer Communities)

Mr Culshaw thanked the Maori Standing Committee and presented a presentation.

The presentation showed what is a safe community – place is attracting to live, work & visit (environment without fear, risk or harm or injury), what makes Wairoa unique, Maori and youth – underlying kaupapa.

The Committee asked various questions.

Wairoa District Council's Rates Administration Officer – David Doole

Mr Doole gave a handout to the Committee for Wairoa District Council's Policy for Remission and Postponement of Rates on Maori Freehold Land.

The Policy covered Maori freehold land rates remission – objectives, Criteria – Rates remission on Maori freehold land, Maori freehold land – Whenua Rahui Register – Objectives, Whenua Rahui Register – Criteria, Notification of Decision – Maori freehold land – Whenua Rahui register, Appeal process – Maori freehold land – Whenua Rahui register, Unused Maori freehold land – economic development, Identification off unused Maori freehold land – economic development and Unused Maori freehold land – economic development – application process.

Also attached to the Policy is Liability for Rates – Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 and Facts about Maori land.

The Committee discussed at length Maori freehold land.

Russell McCracken – GIS Co-ordinator

The Wairoa District Council's GIS Co-ordinator presented WDC GIS mapping around Waikaremoana. Mr McCracken showed a block of land around Waikaremoana and how the block of land needs to be re-surveyed.

Confirmation of Minutes

**MAORI STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
10 JULY 2015**

The minutes of the Maori Standing Committee held on 10 July 2015 were presented.

Resolved:	<i>That the minutes of the Maori Standing Committee held on 10 July 2015 were confirmed as correct.</i>	P Whaanga/P Kelly
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K Hammond asked to note his apology and the change to be made.

General Item

MAORI RELATIONSHIPS MANAGER'S REPORT

A 28.01

The Maori Relationships Manager presented his report and reported on amalgamation, Forestry slash and debris hui at Ruawharo Marae and Manager at the Gaiety Theatre.

Minutes of a Special Maori Standing Committee meeting held at Ruawharo Marae on Friday, 10 August 2015 were distributed to the Committee. The Maori Relationship Manager advised the Committee to peruse the minutes and that the Special minutes will be confirmed at the next Maori Standing Committee meeting.

The Committee discussed at length the frustration of the people at Mahia.

Lengthy discussions were had for further engagement with Gisborne District Council to develop a cooperative approach and appropriate controls in relation to the development of plantation forestry operations.

Recommended: That the Māori Standing Committee request Wairoa District Council's staff continue to engage with Gisborne District Council to develop a cooperative approach and appropriate controls in relation to the development of plantation forestry operations.
H Nissen/P Whaanga

WAITANGI DAY FUND

A 15.05

The Communication Strategist updated the Committee and he will submit an application to the Commemorating Waitangi Day Fund.

CLOSED: The meeting closed with a karakia by K Tipuna at 2.41pm.