

**WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**MAORI STANDING COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the Maori Standing Committee held in the Council Chambers, Wairoa District Council on Friday, 11 September 2015 at 12.30pm.

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

**COUNCILLORS**  
M Bird (Left at 2.41pm), H Flood

**IN ATTENDANCE:** C Little (His Worship the Mayor)  
K Tipuna (WDC's Communication Strategist)  
D Tipoki (WDC's Maori Relationships Manager)  
C McGimpsey (WDC's Governance Advisor & Policy Strategist)

**KARAKIA**

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting and D Tipoki opened with the karakia.

**SUSPENSION OF MODELSTANDING ORDERS:**

<p><b><u>Resolved:</u></b> <i>That the Māori Standing Committee suspend standing orders for the duration of the meeting</i></p>	<p><b><i>G Symes/K Hammond</i></b></p>
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**APOLOGY**

An apology was received from Fergus Power.

<p><b><u>Resolved:</u></b> <i>That the apology received from F Power be accepted.</i></p>	<p><b><i>P Kelly/H Nissen</i></b></p>
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**CALLS FOR CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Nil

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

- Waimaara Kaupapa – Quarrying of Limestone
- Maori Language Survey, Te Ahut o Te Reo
- Sending out agenda
- Whakamahia urupa
- Road naming

**PUBLIC FORUM**

**Sonya Smith & Ruth O'Rourke, Hawke's Bay District Health Board – Fluoride in Drinking Water**

Important public health and Maori issue. Presented to Council earlier this year 9<sup>th</sup> June, will be making submissions on this but not asking to make any decisions today. The DHB have engaged with other community groups as well on this issue.

A PowerPoint presentation was given on the key issues surrounding the argument to have fluoride in drinking water in Wairoa.

- Fluoride can prevent tooth decay
- Need constant and consistent level of fluoride to have the desired effect
- Not just for the benefit of children's teeth but adults as well
- Children in our district still have high levels of decay in comparison with other districts in Hawke's Bay
- Mobile surgical bus comes every 6 weeks to Wairoa, in last 12 months 57.3% of their work is dental

Believe a robust consultation process would be sufficient as opposed to an expensive referendum process.

Members of the committee asked questions.

- Members discussed it being part of a bigger picture around other health issues (e.g. diabetes), healthy eating, and lifestyle choices rather than in isolation.
- Hastings statistics show an improvement after the introduction of fluoride to drinking water
- Need to put efforts into reducing the disparity between Maori statistics and other ethnicities in Wairoa

Action for next meeting: The committee craft a recommendation to Council at their next meeting on this subject after the results of the amalgamation poll.

### **Esther & Shane, Hawke's Bay Regional Council – HB Viewer, Pataka Module**

Hawke's Bay Regional Council gave a demonstration on how to use their Pataka Map Module on their website, where the information comes from, and what each layer means in terms of HBRC. Pataka – a place to store knowledge (literal meaning = storehouse) for resource management purposes. Spatial representation of tangata whenua information, this aids in determining affected parties for resource consents. Will be taken on by HB LASS eventually and will manage this.

The committee asked what is in place to ensure this information is kept up to date

- Appointing a Maori Policy Advisor at the HBRC – will take this role on board
- Consulting with tai whenua
- Consulting with Council Maori Committees
- Consulting with Maori Liaison officers in Councils

District Plan being reviewed currently, role for the committee in informing the Council on the information on waahi tapu included in the plan.

## Confirmation of Minutes

### **MAORI STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 21 AUGUST 2015**

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The minutes of the Maori Standing Committee held on 21 August 2015 were presented.

G Hawkins asked for her apology to be noted.

Councillor Flood asked for the discussion and resolution about the marae photos for the Visual Identity Project to be included in the minutes. G Hawkins has some material on protecting Maori histories and information which may be of use to the Council on this issue.

Councillor Flood suggested that with the revision of the Maori Policy it may be opportune for MSC to ask Marae committees for updated information for the Council's long term planning.

<b><u>Resolved:</u></b>	<i>That the minutes of the Maori Standing Committee held on 21 August 2015 were confirmed as correct.</i>
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***H Nissen/P Whaanga***

## General Item

### **MAORI RELATIONSHIPS MANAGER'S REPORT**

**A 28.01**

The Maori Relationships Manager presented his report and gave a verbal update on a new Vodafone repeater at Raupunga which has greatly improved signal. He suggested that the committee send a letter to Vodafone acknowledging this work.

He alerted the committee to the Digital Enablement Plan he had sent out via email.

**Resolved:** *That the report be received*

*Little/Symes*

### **SENDING OUT OF AGENDA**

It was noted that some members only received them today in the post or had not arrived. Currently sent out via email and post – would prefer it to arrive the weekend before the meeting.

### **MAORI LANGUAGE SURVEY TE AHU O TE REO**

K Hammond updated the committee on a Maori Language Survey, Te Ahu o Te Reo that is currently being undertaken across 8 regions in the country, will email out some information. This is looking at what is the state of the language (i.e. thriving, striving or dying) in the 8 regions. It is following on from a survey done in the 1970s and K Hammond pressed to have Te Wairoa included.

The group are currently conducting stakeholder interviews that will provide rich data – both historic and vision. 80 individual surveys will be conducting from October till the end of the year these ideally need to be undertaken by a family with 3 generations where Maori is spoken (to varying degrees). Any suggestions on families would be appreciated by the group.

Councillor Bird asked how it will translate into action where people can speak and use Maori. K Hammond noted that the purpose was to get in-depth data about where Te Reo is spoken, how often it is spoken, and to what level it is spoken at a regional level. These results could then be used to inform language revitalisation projects/strategies in each region. There is also the possibility that reoccurring trends in regions may be able to inform a national approach to language revitalisation.

### **WAIMAARA KAUPAPA – QUARRYING OF LIMESTONE**

K Hammond passed on a request for a formal letter and acknowledgement to the hapu on the progress on this issue.

### **WHAKAMAHIA URUPA**

P Kelly – Contacted trustees at Pilot Hill regarding resource consent to build a shed bordering on the urupa, subsequently the trustee requested more information. The trustee passed on that he is upset due to the disrespect in this area (fly tipping etc) and noted it is difficult due to a lack of an accurate physical boundary. Council could look at identifying the boundary and physically define it for this urupa as part of the Pilot Hill development.

P Kelly will follow this issue up with Russell.

### **ROAD NAMING**

P Whaanga requested an update on this and when the Parakawhai Road (a spelling mistake) will be changed back to the proper name of Parakiwai Road. An official letter needs to be sent to the Council requesting the name to be changed by the takiwa, which includes the history of the issue and the appropriateness to have the name corrected. D Tipoki will follow this up and report back to P Whaanga.

**MAORI POLICY REVIEW**

To be arranged as soon as possible following the amalgamation poll result.

Waimako Marae next meeting – 16<sup>th</sup> October.

**CLOSED:**           The meeting closed with a karakia by K Tipuna at 3.10pm.

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