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Minutes of a meeting of Ngā Manu Tāiko Manawatū District Council held on Tuesday 10 December 2019, commencing at 6.03pm in the Manawatū District Council Chambers, 135 Manchester Street, Feilding.

KUA TAE MAI / PRESENT:

Councillor Alison Short	(Chairperson)
Her Worship the Mayor	
Councillor Stuart Campbell	
Councillor Hilary Humphrey	
Councillor Phil Marsh	
Amiria Arapere	Parewahawaha Marae
Kipa Arapere	Poupatate Marae
Makareta Casey	Kauwhata Marae
Manurere Devonshire	Taumata o te Rā Marae
Ted Devonshire	Te Au
Kathryn Knowles	Te Iwa Marae
Oriana Paewai	Aorangi Marae
Wiremu Te Awe Awe	Te Rangimārie Marae
Trieste Te Awe Awe	Te Rangimārie Marae

NGĀ WHAKAPAHA / APOLOGIES: Piri-Hira Tukupua Paranui Marae

IN ATTENDANCE:

Richard Templer	Chief Executive
Brent Limmer	General Manager – Community and Strategy
Janine Hawthorn	Community Development Adviser
Brittney Evans	Corporate Projects Adviser
Rārite Mātaki	Principal Adviser - Māori
Carl Johnstone	Parks and Property Team Leader
Tracy Sharples	Parks and Property Administration Officer
Allie Dunn	Governance Team Leader

The Chief Executive took the Chair for the start of the meeting.

NMT 19/001 OPENING KARAKIA

Kipa Arapere provided a karakia tīmatanga to open the meeting. The karakia also acknowledged those that had recently passed away and the people affected by those losses.

NMT 19/002 APOLOGIES

**RESOLVED**

**That the apologies received from Piri-Hira Tukupua and Councillor Phil Marsh for early departure be accepted.**

**Moved by: Wiremu Te Awe Awe**

**Seconded by: Kipa Arapere**

**CARRIED**

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#### NMT 19/003 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON

Report of the General Manager – Community and Strategy dated 22 November 2019 seeking the election of a Chairperson for Ngā Manu Tāiko Manawatū District Council.

The Chief Executive Richard Templer called for nominations for appointment as Chairperson of Ngā Manu Tāiko Manawatū District Council.

Councillor Alison Short was nominated.

#### RESOLVED

1. **That Ngā Manu Tāiko Manawatū District Council use System B of Clause 25 of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 for the election of its Chairperson.**
2. **That Ngā Manu Tāiko Manawatū District Council appoints Councillor Alison Short as its Chairperson.**

**Moved by: Kipa Arapere**

**Seconded by: Oriana Paewai**

#### CARRIED

*Councillor Alison Short took the Chair.*

#### NMT 19/004 ITEMS OF INTEREST

The Chairperson invited meeting attendees to share any items of interest, events or happenings for them over the past two months.

The Chairperson spoke about the sad passing of staff member Wally Waitoa recently and acknowledged the love and support that had been wrapped around his family and fellow staff members. She also acknowledged the tragic events around Whakaari White Island, with thoughts and prayers for those affected and their families.

Te Rangimārie Marae - Wiremu Te Awe Awe spoke about recent visits to their marae by Department of Internal Affairs staff from Wellington who came and stayed on their marae, and the Cornerstone Christian School that came to visit after that. He noted the completion of their new barbecue area which had been funded by the Airport Trust which was put to good use for those visits.

Her Worship the Mayor spoke about the Cactus Youth Programme run as a partnership between the New Zealand Police and Manawatū District Council. She noted the two successful courses run in the past year, with 64 students graduating from those courses. She advised they had received applications from over 60 students for Cactus courses in 2020. The challenge for the organisers was managing and resourcing these courses. Once the new Trust was registered with charitable status they would have a mechanism for funding, however resourcing in the way of manpower was also needed to help run the courses. She noted they had a number of students from Hato Paora College putting their names forward for the programme in

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2020 and asked whether there was a way through iwi support for volunteers for assisting with the programme.

Parewahawaha Marae - Amiria Arapere talked about their concerns with the gravel extraction in the Parewanui area. There were also concerns about iwi consultation over a new building in that area. They were having discussions about an appropriate name for the township of Bulls from an iwi perspective.

Councillor Hilary Humphrey spoke about the Local Government New Zealand National Council that she is appointed to and the strategy day they held in Wellington recently. She shared with others attending that meeting our Community Development Strategy and how Te Whare Tapa Wha sits at the heart of that strategy. She congratulated Oriana Paewai on being appointed as Deputy Chairperson of MidCentral District Health Board.

Aorangi Marae - Oriana Paewai spoke in support of the korero from Amiria Arapere about their concerns with gravel extraction in the Parewanui area. She noted they had been active in protesting the matter around the resource consent and expressed concern about the deep unhappiness the activity was causing. She also noted the upcoming hearings on the Kauwhata Treaty claim which were to be held at Manfeild. She noted she would be resigning as the committee's appointee to the Feilding Health Centre as this would be a direct conflict of interest with her new role as Deputy Chairperson of the MidCentral District Health Board. She also acknowledged those that had passed away recently.

*Councillor Stuart Campbell joined the meeting at 6.24pm.*

Councillor Phil Marsh shared an experience he had last week at his workplace when they decided to have a hangi. When digging the hole, they hit an electrical cable. Luckily no one was hurt but it showed the importance of knowing where the buried cables were before digging.

Poupatate Marae – Kipa Arapere noted he looked forward to the Cactus programme next year and the Hato Paora College students that would be attending. He shared the positive feedback received from the students that attended the course last year, but noted it was important to ensure the correct pronunciation of the students' names is used. He noted that Poupatate Marae were now digitally connected to wifi. With regards to the gravel extraction in the Parewanui area, he noted that the people around the valley oppose this activity. He also noted in the Parewahawaha area an urupa that was tapped into while they were extracting gravel 19 metres into the land of significance. It is hoped nothing was disturbed, and was concerned of the potential for this to happen down at the crossroads across the river. He advised of the incorrect spelling on a sign in their area that will need correcting. He noted that they met last week with Horizons and expressed their dissatisfaction with what is happening with gravel extraction.

Taumata o Te Ra Marae - Manurere Devonshire shared that sadly they had a lot of Tangi over the past six weeks and they were shocked and saddened to hear of Wally Waitoa's sudden passing. She noted the rose gardens and lawns at Taumata o Te Ra looked fabulous. She spoke about the Diploma in Te Reo Māori being taught by Te Wananga o Raukawa at their marae next year where they were aiming to have between 20-30 students. She spoke about the kaumatua programme that Ted

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Devonshire and herself had been attending in Otaki for the past year. With regard to connectivity, Jerald Twomey of their marae was progressing that for them. On Sunday they would be holding a kawē mate for whānau that had lost people during the year to come to the marae and bring their deceased back, through photos, and place these in their kaumatua room.

Chief Executive Richard Templer spoke about the announcement from the Minister for the Environment, David Parker, that the government would be contributing \$10.8 million towards the cost of the Ohakea Rural Water Scheme that would provide safe drinking water to the properties affected by the PFAS contamination. This funding would cover 75% of the cost of the scheme, with the remaining 25% to be funded by Manawātū District Council. He noted that they were still to finalise a monitoring programme to monitor the water in the area, as this would need to be monitored for the long term. They were also to finalise how they would handle the requirement for the Hazardous Activities and Industries List. He noted that they were seeking funding from the Ministry for the Environment to undertake a cultural impact assessment.

*Councillor Phil Marsh left the meeting at 6.45pm.*

#### NMT 19/005 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

#### NMT 19/006 NOTIFICATION OF LATE ITEMS

There were two items of late business notified for consideration by the committee. The first was a presentation by Lisa Chase of Reureu Kotahitanga Ltd regarding the Reureu Water Project, and the second was a presentation to update members on the Council's proposed cemeteries management strategy and seek feedback prior to the draft strategy being publicly notified. The meeting was asked to add these two items to the agenda as delaying the items to the February meeting would affect timing of the matters being considered.

#### RESOLVED

**That the following items notified after the publication of the agenda be taken as items of late business for discussion at this meeting:**

- 1. Presentation from Lisa Chase of Reureu Kotahitanga Ltd on the Reureu Water Project**
- 2. Introduction to the Cemeteries Management Strategy**

**Moved by: Kipa Arapere**

**Seconded by: Wiremu Te Awe Awe**

#### CARRIED

#### NMT 19/007 PRESENTATION – REUREU WATER PROJECT

Lisa Chase of Reureu Kotahitanga Ltd spoke about the Reureu water project, thanking members for the opportunity to attend and speak to them. She spoke about her

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connections and whakapapa to the Reureu Valley. The purpose of her presentation to this meeting was to inform and update marae representatives of Manawatū District Council on a proposed water system for Reureu whenua. This whenua encompassed 1160 hectares of Māori land title on the eastern side of the Rangitikei River. The project aim was for all blocks to have access to safe and clean water for whanau, where and whenua. She spoke about meetings held to date with all three marae in the area, with a view to include Taumata o Te Ra Marae. She spoke about the people and agencies that had been engaged with over the project to date, including the Minister of Māori Development and Local Government. She circulated a copy of her briefing paper which detailed the background and aims of the project.

Their next steps were to complete a feasibility study to investigate water options, to seek funding for the work, to work with community to undertake a full engagement process, to work with various Crown agencies and Councils to undertake the work and work with whanau that whakapapa to the valley to undertake the work.

She asked for support from Council in the form of human resource capacity and also financial support to progress the report. She asked members to share this project with their marae and sought their support.

#### NMT 19/008 PRESENTATION – INTRODUCTION TO THE CEMETERIES MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

Rārite Mātaki, Principal Adviser – Māori, opened the item with a karakia to acknowledge those that had passed before.

Brittney Evans and Rārite Mātaki gave a presentation, introducing the project and seeking feedback from members. The project sought to develop a cemeteries management strategy that would define strategic goals, objective and operational considerations for the management of cemeteries within the Manawatū District for the next 20-50 years. The strategy would include all eight Council-owned cemeteries, but would not include privately administered cemeteries and local urupa, noting funding was provided separately through the Community Development Plan for these.

She spoke about the approach they were taking, and the people they had talked with to date.

She noted that Council would be discussing the draft strategy in early February, with the draft strategy to be adopted for consultation on 20 February. The consultation period would run from 2 March until 27 March 2020.

In discussion members asked that the Council's policy for private cemeteries and urupa be reviewed as they felt that it was too limiting. They noted they would discuss the issue of the draft Cemeteries Management Strategy with Te Kaunihera Working Party before providing feedback.

The Council sought feedback on the following questions:

- How well have Manawatū District Cemeteries cared for you and your people, do you feel comfortable enough to apply Tikanga in these spaces?

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- With the evolution of Tikanga, what should our Cemeteries cater for in the future?

It was asked that information be circulated to members in early February to allow them to discuss with whanau and come back to Council, with Rārite Mātaki to come individually to members and an opportunity to discuss this matter at Te Kaunihera Working Party in March 2020.

The discussion closed with a karakia.

#### NMT 19/009 REPORT BACK FROM TE KAUNIHHERA WORKING GROUP

No meeting held during November.

#### NMT 19/010 PRINCIPAL ADVISER MĀORI - PROGRESS REPORT

Rārite Mātaki spoke about the events over last few weeks that had shown the blossoming of the gems of culture that had been planted at the Council, and acknowledged the role of Ngā Manu Tāiko for the seeds they had planted.

#### NMT 19/011 DISCUSSION POINTS

Councillor Humphrey brought forward a matter for thought, consideration and feedback from Ngā Manu Tāiko. With recent establishment of committees for the new Council triennium, she has the privilege of being the Chairperson of the Community Development Committee. With the gift of Te Whare Tapa Wha being imbedded in the Community Development Strategy, she wanted to think about how we could nurture that to allow it to flourish. She asked what did Māori involvement look like in that partnership, with the new Community Development Strategy coming to light in the journey ahead. One of the options to consider could be appointing Māori representation to the Community Development Committee if that was appropriate. As we journey forward would like to ask for advice and guidance at next meeting of Ngā Manu Tāiko on what would be the most appropriate way to partner and journey together in the community development space. It was agreed that a copy of the Community Development Committee's Terms of Reference would be circulated to members. If the committee wished, the Council could be asked to amend the Terms of Reference to include Māori representation on the committee.

#### NMT 19/012 APPOINTMENT OF MĀORI REPRESENTATIVE ON CREATIVE COMMUNITIES ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

Report of the General Manager – Community and Strategy dated 21 November 2019 regarding the appointment of a Māori representative to sit on the Manawatū District Creative Communities Assessment Committee. Community Development Adviser Janine Hawthorn outlined the background to the committee and how it operated and noted that the current representative is required to stand down having served the maximum six year term. She asked that members come back to the February meeting with a proposed nomination for the representative to be considered at that time.

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**NMT 19/013 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR 2020**

Report of the General Manager – Community and Strategy dated 22 November 2019 present the schedule of Ngā Manu Tāiko Manawatū District Council meetings arranged for 2020 for discussion.

Members were asked whether they wished to change the date of the meeting scheduled for 14 April 2020, noting that this was the day after Easter Monday. It was proposed that the meeting be held a week later on 21 April 2020.

**RESOLVED**

**That Ngā Manu Tāiko Manawatū District Council notes its meetings scheduled for 2020 on the second Tuesday of every second month as follows:**

- **Tuesday 11 February 2020, 6.00pm**
- **Tuesday 21 April 2020, 6.00pm**
- **Tuesday 9 June 2020, 6.00pm**
- **Tuesday 11 August 2020, 6.00pm**
- **Tuesday 13 October 2020, 6.00pm**
- **Tuesday 8 December 2020, 6.00pm**

**Moved by: Oriana Paewai**

**Seconded by: Makareta Casey**

**CARRIED**

**NMT 19/014 CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS**

The late items were considered earlier in the meeting.

**NMT 19/015 CLOSING KARAKIA**

Kipa Arapere provided a karakia whakamutunga to conclude the proceedings.

**NMT 19/016 MEETING CLOSURE**

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 8.00pm