Minutes of a meeting of Ngā Manu Tāiko Manawatū District Council held on Tuesday 13 June 2017, commencing at 6.02pm in the Manawatū District Council Chambers, 135 Manchester Street, Feilding.

PRESENT:
- Councillor Alison Short (Chairperson)
- Oriana Paewai, Aorangi Marae
- Rosemary Tait, Kauwhata Marae
- Kathryn Knowles, Te Iwa Marae
- Amiria Arapere, Parewahawaha Marae
- Kipa Arapere, Poupatate Marae
- Atiria Reid, Te Hiiri Marae
- Manurere Devonshire, Taumata o te Ra Marae
- Robyn Devonshire, Te Au
- Her Worship the Mayor
- Councillor Stuart Campbell

APOLOGIES:
- Maria Maraku-Harrison, Kotuku Marae
- Piri-Hira Tukapua, Paranui Marae

IN ATTENDANCE:
- Councillor Hilary Humphrey
- Richard Templer, Chief Executive
- Brent Limmer, General Manager – Community and Strategy
- Hamish Waugh, General Manager – Infrastructure
- Cynthia Ward, Senior Policy Planner
- Jim Mestyanek, Senior Project Engineer
- Tracey Hunt, Strategy Manager
- Allie Dunn, Governance Team Leader

NMT 17/045 OPENING KARAKIA

Kipa Arapere provided a karakia timatanga to open the meeting.

NMT 17/046 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

That the apologies received from Maria Maraku-Harrison and Piri-Hira Tukapua, be accepted.

Moved by: Manurere Devonshire
Seconded by: Kathryn Knowles

CARRIED

NMT 17/047 DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest to declare.

NMT 17/048 NOTIFICATION OF LATE ITEMS:

There were no late items notified for consideration.
NMT 17/049 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of Ngā Manu Tāiko Manawatū District Council meeting held on 11 April 2017 be adopted as a true and correct record.

Moved by: Atiria Reid
Seconded by: Councillor Stuart Campbell

CARRIED

NMT 17/050 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

NMT 17/051 PRESENTATION - MIDCENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD’S HEALTH AND WELLBEING PLANS

Kelly Isles and Chrissy Karena, from the MidCentral District Health Board, talked about their focus over last 18 months which had been updating their vision and strategy to take look at taking a more collaborative approach for achieving “Quality, Healthy Lives, Well Community.” They acknowledged the work already done within the Manawatu community and advised that they intend to build on and complement that work. They talked about their health and wellbeing plans, which will have actionable steps, and will be addressed over a one to five year period. The intended impact will be flexible, responsive and adaptive health care, and improved health and wellbeing of all people in the community. Their next steps, after analysing feedback from the online survey, will be to create a Manawatu Health and Wellbeing Plan. Over the next four weeks they will be undertaking further engagement, and asked Nga Manu Taiko members to consider how they would like to provide feedback, and also asked for members to provide names of any other organisations they could consult with. Following further analysis they would like to have an outcome around September to October 2017 timeframe. Committee members suggested they link in with the Social Wellbeing Forum, and also look at the research undertaken by McGuinness Institute on Tackling Poverty Workshops.

NMT 17/052 PRESENTATION - MAORI HOME OWNERSHIP WORKSHOP

Ricky Pene, First Property Consultancy Ltd spoke about his role in Maori home ownership initiative. He gave an overview of the current housing landscape, Maori Housing, Papakainga, Housing New Zealand and proposed solutions. He asked Nga Manu Taiko members to inform their members about the Maori Home Ownership Workshops that will be held in this region to develop knowledge and understanding. He outlined how the workshops are run, the presenters that participate, and the information that is shared at these workshops. He advised that he would circulate information on the workshop dates and extend invitations for the introductory workshop.
NMT 17/053 PRESENTATION – PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 16: TANGATA WHENUA AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Michael Duindam and Todd Taiepa from Palmerston North City Council, accompanied by Cynthia Ward Senior Policy Planner from Manawatu District Council, spoke about Palmerston North City Council’s proposed plan change 16: Tangata Whenua and Resource Management, and the opportunity for Nga Manu Taiko members to make submissions to the proposed plan change.

Michael Duindam summarised the proposed changes as:

- Simplified and streamlined
- Resource Management Issues clearly identified
- New Objectives and Policies
- A range of new non-regulatory methods
- Maori aspirations grounded in the District Plan

He advised that although submissions close on Thursday 15 June 2017, there was opportunity for late submissions to be made. He encouraged members to read the document which was available on their website, and it was asked that members let Cynthia Ward know within the next seven days whether they intended to make a submission.

Robyn Devonshire and Oriana Paewai left the meeting at 7.53pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7.53pm and reconvened 7.59pm

NMT 17/054 PRESENTATION - RESOURCE LEGISLATION AMENDMENTS 2017 - OVERVIEW; CHANGES TO MAORI PARTICIPATION IN THE RMA

Cynthia Ward, Senior Policy Planner, spoke to the members about the Resource Legislation Amendment Act 2017. This Act has amended the Resource Management Act and given a better process alignment with related environmental legislation, being the Conservation Act, the Reserves Act and the Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf (Environmental Effects) Act. She then spoke about the changes made by the amendment Act that affects Maori participation in the resource management process, detailing the reform objectives and the enhanced consultation provisions that will come into effect. She tabled a fact sheet from the Ministry for the Environment that provided details about the changes and noted the changes were designed around getting more efficiency in planning processes.

Oriana Paewai returned to the meeting at 8.15pm.

It was noted that Cynthia Ward would bring back further information on the implementation of these changes to Nga Manu Taiko’s 10 October 2017 meeting, and that members would discuss the information provided at their next Te Kaunihera Working Group meeting.

NMT 17/055 REPORT BACK FROM TE KAUNIHERA WORKING GROUP

It was noted that no meeting of Te Kaunihera Working Group was held during May 2017.
NMT 17/056 MANGAWEKA BRIDGE UPDATE

Report of the General Manager – Infrastructure dated 26 May 2017 informing the Committee of considerations for replacing the Mangaweka Bridge over the Rangitikei River. Jim Mestyanek, Senior Project Engineer, gave a presentation updating members on progress with the Mangaweka Bridge project, and iwi engagement on this project. He spoke about the draft report on what the indicative business case was reporting toward, and advised they would now be moving forward to a detailed business case. He outlined the next steps for approval to proceed to formal business case. He asked members to share this information with their respective marae and bring to him any responses they wish to give.

Oriana Paewai proposed that Jim Mestyanek contact Larry Parr, of Ngati Raukawa, and inform him that he had shared with Nga Manu Taiko his report regarding the Mangaweka bridge, and in particular the progress on consultation with iwi.

RESOLVED

That Nga Manu Taiko Manawatu District Council receive the report.

Moved by: Oriana Paewai
Seconded by: Manurere Devonshire

CARRIED

NMT 17/057 DISCUSSION POINT - REVIEW OF REPRESENTATION - MAORI WARDS

As requested by the committee at its previous meeting, a copy of the report on Maori Wards and Representation Review from the February 2017 Nga Manu Taiko meeting, along with information about Councils in New Zealand that had either Maori Wards or Maori Constituencies was circulated. It was asked that members provide feedback to the August 2017 meeting of Nga Manu Taiko on whether they would like Council to consider implementing Maori Wards for electoral purposes with effect from the 2019 Council election.

NMT 17/058 DISCUSSION POINT - MDC CULTURAL ADVISER

The Chief Executive spoke about the increased requirement for Council to engage with iwi and hapu, and Council’s wish to strengthen and deepen our relationships with Maori. He advised that to help Council engage effectively, they proposed to appoint someone to a cultural adviser role within Council who would be able to guide the Council through the process, provide advice on how to do it the right way, and the best way to reach these agreements and strengthen and deepen the relationships. Council intended to advertise very soon for this position.

He spoke about the proposed position description for this role, and sought feedback from members on the purpose of the role, and whether the title of “Principal Maori Adviser” or “Principal Adviser – Maori” would be more appropriate. He also sought advice from members about the need for the person appointed to that role to have a high level of fluency in Te Reo Maori.
Members advised their preference would be for the person in this role to be fluent in Te Reo Maori and to have a key understanding of Tikanga Maori and the Resource Management Act. It was also important for the person to have a good understanding of the Manawatu District and the kawa for the different marae of this area. The members also felt it important that they be able to be involved in the employment process, for example as part of an interview panel.

Members asked that the minutes record their appreciation and support for the establishment of the role of a Principal Adviser - Maori.

NMT 17/059 DISCUSSION POINT - KOWHAI PARK BIRD AVIARIES UPDATE

The Chief Executive updated the committee on the outcome of the Council’s Annual Plan decisions relating to the aviaries at Kowhai Park. He advised that Council would be rehoming the native birds to a variety of places and closing the native bird aviary, however the exotic bird aviary would be upgraded and retained.

NMT 17/060 ITEMS OF INTEREST

Next meeting of Te Kaunihera Working Group – to be held Tuesday 11 July 2017, 4.30pm, at Te Kohanga Reo o Hapaitia in Feilding.

NMT 17/061 CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no items of late business for consideration.

NMT 17/062 CLOSING KARAKIA

Kipa Arapere provided a karakia whakamutunga to conclude the proceedings.

NMT 17/063 MEETING CLOSURE

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 9.34pm.

Approved and adopted as a true and correct record.