Minutes of a meeting of Ngā Manu Tāiko Manawatū District Council held on Tuesday 8 August 2017, commencing at 6.02pm in the Manawatū District Council Chambers, 135 Manchester Street, Feilding.

PRESENT: Councillor Alison Short (Chairperson) 
Oriana Paewai 
Amiria Arapere 
Kipa Arapere 
Jerald Twomey 
Robyn Devonshire 
María Maraku-Harrison 
Aroha Paranihi 
Her Worship the Mayor 
Councillor Stuart Campbell

APOLOGIES: Kathryn Knowles 
Manurere Devonshire 
Atiria Read 
Rosemary Tait 
Wiremu Te Awe Awe 
Trieste Te Awe Awe

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor Hilary Humphrey 
Richard Templer 
Brent Limmer 
Cynthia Ward 
Lisa Thomas 
Janine Hawthorn 
Allie Dunn 

NMT 17/064 OPENING KARAKIA

Kipa Arapere provided a karakia timatanga to open the meeting.

NMT 17/065 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

That the apologies received from Kathryn Knowles, Manurere Devonshire, Atiria Read, Rosemary Tait, Wiremu Te Awe Awe and Trieste Te Awe Awe be accepted.

Moved by: Oriana Paewai
Seconded by: Her Worship the Mayor

CARRIED

NMT 17/066 DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest to declare.
NMT 17/067 NOTIFICATION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no late items notified for consideration.

NMT 17/068 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of Ngā Manu Tāiko Manawatū District Council meeting held on 13 June 2017 be adopted as a true and correct record.

Moved by: Kipa Arapere

Seconded by: Her Worship the Mayor

CARRIED

NMT 17/069 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

NMT 17/070 PRESENTATION - PARA KORE INITIATIVE

Jacqui Forbes, National Manager of Para Kore Marae Inc, spoke about a workshop they held with Te Hiihi Marae in 2016 and their discussions about how the Para Kore initiative could be made available in this region.

She advised that Para Kore Marae made an application to the Government’s Waste Minimisation Fund for funding for 80% of the programme cost, with the remaining 20% to come from partners such as the Manawatu District Council. Their submission to Manawatu District Council for funding was successful, and should their application to the Waste Minimisation Fund also be successful then they will be able to recruit and train a person to provide the programme to Marae in this area.

She gave a presentation that in the first part provided a reminder that we are all part of the natural world and in the second part explained how the Para Kore programme works. She also played a video clip from the Poihakena Marae where the Para Kore Marae Champion explained how the system worked on their Marae.

She advised that if their application to the Waste Minimisation Fund was successful, the next step would be to prepare a project plan, leading to a Deed being signed. It is expected this would take to the end of December 2017, and they would then be able to advertise for a Coordinator to work in this area, with the position being filled by end of March 2018. She circulated information on the programme for members to take back to their Marae. She asked that committee members’ email addresses be shared with her so that she could keep members up to date with progress.

NMT 17/071 PRESENTATION - MARAE DEVELOPMENT – WHAT DO YOU NEED?

Rarite Mataki, of Te Puni Kokiri, spoke about his role at Te Puni Kokiri which was to talk about Māori resilience, especially in terms of civil defence and taking a lead role in those areas. He sought interest from members to work with them on opportunities for resourcing of marae, for example with civil defence preparedness equipment. He...
spoke about being able to offer rangitahi development in civil defence preparedness and strengthening those capabilities, and potential resourcing that could be provided for example if a marae was to become a welfare centre in a civil defence emergency.

He was wanting to engage with marae at this early stage and was happy to visit each marae separately. He asked that any marae wishing to be involved contact him at Te Puni Kokiri.

Brent Limmer, General Manager Community and Strategy, gave an explanation of the system for managing civil defence in this area and the statutory responsibilities that Council had. He offered to extend invitations to marae to attend the Council’s welfare group meetings in the future.

NMT 17/072 PRESENTATION - LONG TERM PLAN 2018

Lisa Thomas, MDC Policy Adviser, gave a presentation on the Long Term Plan for 2018 to 2028 project. She advised that the Maori Capacity to Contribute to Decision making Policy would be brought to the next meeting of Nga Manu Taiko Manawatu District Council for review in October 2017. She sought indication from members of any other items of interest to Nga Manu Taiko Manawatu District Council that they would like included in the Long Term Plan.

NMT 17/073 PRESENTATION - REVIEW OF THE GAMBLING VENUES POLICY

_Her Worship the Mayor left the meeting at 7.25pm and returned at 7.27pm._

Lisa Thomas, MDC Policy Adviser, gave a presentation on the review of the Gambling Venues Policy. She advised that all mandated iwi within the Manawatu District would be sent information on the statement of proposal and draft policy, along with information on how to make submissions. Copies would also be emailed to members of Nga Manu Taiko Manawatu District Council.

NMT 17/074 REPORT BACK FROM TE KAUNIHERA WORKING GROUP

It was noted that no meeting of Te Kaunihera Working Group was held during July 2017.

NMT 17/075 DISCUSSION POINT REVIEW OF REPRESENTATION / MAORI WARDS

It was noted that Te Kaunihera Working Group would meet to discuss and would give feedback prior to the next meeting of Nga Manu Taiko scheduled for 10 October 2017. It was asked that members contact Allie Dunn, MDC Governance Team Leader, if there was any further information they would like to be sent on this matter.

The meeting adjourned at 7.53pm and reconvened at 8.03pm

NMT 17/076 DISCUSSION POINT MANAWATU GORGE CLOSURE AND SPEED LIMIT REVIEWS

Dr Richard Templer, MDC Chief Executive, gave a presentation on the closure of the Manawatu Gorge. He then updated members on speed limit reviews currently being undertaken in Himatangi Beach, Kawakawa Road and Awahuri-Feilding Road. He advised that consultation would be undertaken on the proposed changes, with the expected implementation of new speed limits by December 2017.
NMT 17/077 DISCUSSION POINT PRINCIPAL ADVISER – MAORI

Brent Limmer, General Manager Community and Strategy, gave an update on the new position of Principal Adviser – Maori. He advised that they had completed the job profile and were looking to advertise this position shortly. They would put together a panel for the interviews and sought a nominee from Nga Manu Taiko Manawatu District Council to be part of that committee. It was agreed that committee members would discuss this request and advise of a nominee. It was noted that the panel member would be involved in setting interview questions and agreeing the interview process. The panel needed to be set within the next two to three weeks. Suggestions for where the position could be advertised were sought, and it was agreed that the profile and advertisement would be forwarded to committee members.

NMT 17/078 ITEMS OF INTEREST

Changes to the Resource Management Act – Richard Templer, Chief Executive, noted that at the previous committee meeting the Senior Policy Planner Cynthia Ward had talked about changes made to the Resource Management Act that had put in provisions for Councils to develop new relationships with iwi. As part of taking the next steps, the Council would like to convene a meeting with iwi to talk through that process and what could be involved. An initial thought was that this could be done through Nga Manu Taiko but also inviting some other iwi in Manawatu to this meeting to formally commence the discussion process.

Urupa Funding - Maria Maraku-Harrison advised she was trying to organise a hui so that they could apply for Urupa funding. Members would meet with Maria to discuss.

NMT 17/079 CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no items of late business for consideration.

NMT 17/080 CLOSING KARAKIA

Kipa Arapere provided a karakia whakamutunga to conclude the proceedings.

NMT 17/081 MEETING CLOSURE

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 8.42pm.

Approved and adopted as a true and correct record.