Minutes of a meeting of Ngā Manu Tāiko Manawatū District Council held on Tuesday 14 February 2017, commencing at 6.01pm in the Manawatū District Council Chambers, 135 Manchester Street, Feilding.

PRESENT: Councillor Alison Short (Chairperson)
Kipa Arapere Poupatate Marae
Rosemary Tait Kauwhata Marae
Robyn Devonshire Te Au
Kathryn Knowles Te Iwa Marae
Amiria Arapere Parewahawaha Marae
Manurere Devonshire Taumata O Te Rā Marae
Wiremu Te Awe Awe Te Rangimarie Marae
Her Worship the Mayor Te Rangimarie Marae
Cr Stuart Campbell

APOLOGIES: Maria Maraku-Harrison Kotuku Marae

IN ATTENDANCE: Trieste Te Awe Awe Te Rangimarie Marae
Richard Templer Chief Executive
Brent Limmer General Manager – Community and Strategy
Cynthia Ward Senior Policy Planner
Janine Hawthorn Community Development Adviser
Allie Dunn Governance Team Leader

NMT 17/016 OPENING KARAKIA

Kipa Arapere provided a karakia timatanga to open the meeting.

NMT 17/017 APOLOGIES

Condolences were noted for Maria Maraku-Harrison on her recent bereavement.

RESOLVED

That the apologies received from Maria Maraku-Harrison be accepted.

Moved by: Amiria Arapere

Seconded by: Manurere Devonshire

CARRIED

NMT 17/018 DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest to declare.

NMT 17/019 NOTIFICATION OF LATE ITEMS:

There were no late items notified for consideration.
NMT 17/020 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of Ngā Manu Tāiko Manawatū District Council meeting held on 13 December 2016 be adopted as a true and correct record.

Moved by: Mayor Helen Worboys
Seconded by: Councillor Stuart Campbell
CARRIED

NMT 17/021 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

NMT 17/022 PRESENTATION – HOUSING IN THE RURAL ZONE

Cynthia Ward, Senior Policy Planner, presented on housing in the rural zone. She recapped on the discussion she had with Nga Manu Taiko Manawatu District Council in April 2016, and further work undertaken with Te Kaunihera Working Group on scenarios and engaging people in the process. She spoke about the “Maori Housing Strategy: Better Housing, Better Lives” document released on 1 July 2014 by the then Minister of Housing (Dr Nick Smith) and Associate Minister of Housing (Tariana Turia) which sets out six directions to improve Maori Housing between 2014-25. A link to download the strategy document would be circulated to members. She spoke about scoping some of those opportunities so when Council moved in a more formalised way through the proposed rural plan change there would have been enough time for members to have considered how to engage in that process.

It was noted that the timeframe for considering this matter may be more generous. The new Council has signalled their intention to re-schedule planning work on proposed plan change 53 to 12 -18 months in future.

The members asked that this matter be brought to Te Kaunihera Working Group for further discussion.

Following questions, the Senior Policy Planner was thanked and withdrew at 7.12pm.

NMT 17/023 DISCUSSION POINTS

REFORMING TE KAUNIHERA WORKING GROUP

The committee discussed reforming Te Kaunihera Working Group with a suggestion that the meetings be marae-based, and hosted around the different marae. It was agreed that the Working Group meetings be scheduled as in the previous triennium, being held on the second Tuesday of the alternate month to Nga Manu Taiko Manawatu District Council. The start time for the Working Group meetings would be confirmed at a later date.
RESOLVED

That Te Kaunihera Working Group be reformed, with meetings to be hosted at the different marae.

Moved by: Manurere Devonshire
Seconded by: Kipa Arapere
CARRIED

RESOLVED

That the meetings of Te Kaunihera Working Group be held on the second Tuesday of the alternate months to Nga Manu Taiko Manawatu District Council, with the start time for the meetings to be confirmed.

Moved by: Amiria Arapere
Seconded by: Kipa Arapere
CARRIED

ROLE OF NGA MANU TĀIKO MANAWATU DISTRICT COUNCIL

It was asked that a copy of the Terms of Reference for Nga Manu Taiko be circulated to the committee.

MARAE BASED TIKANGA AND REO DEVELOPMENT FOR MDC OFFICERS

Manurere Devonshire tabled ideas for Marae based development of tikanga and reo development wananga, seeking suggestions from the Council on what they would like to gain from these wananga.

The Chief Executive spoke about his aim for staff to be more comfortable with engaging with Maori, going on to Marae, and understanding meeting protocol to enhance Council’s engagement with Maori and our Treaty partnership.

It was agreed to discuss the matter further at Te Kaunihera Working Group.

MAORI SIGNAGE FOR THE MAKINO AQUATIC CENTRE

It was agreed that a discussion on Maori signage for the Makino Aquatic Centre would take place at Te Kaunihera Working Group.

RAUKAWA WHĀNAU ORA BUILDING IN SOUTH STREET

Kipa Arapere advised that he was a member of Te Runanga o Raukawa Steering Group, and updated the committee on an approach they have made to Manawatu District Council for a Council-subsidised iwi space in Feilding. He advised that Te Runanga o Raukawa had a commercial lease with the Council for a building at 139 South Street, and this building was currently used by Te Runanga o Raukawa, Raukawa Whanau Ora Ltd and Nga Kaitiaki o Ngati Kauwhata. A number of other local community groups also used this building. It was noted that a paper would be brought to Council for consideration.
REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER – CORPORATE AND REGULATORY DATED 18 JANUARY 2017 ADVISING ON PROVISIONS WITHIN THE LOCAL ELECTORAL ACT 2001 RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MAORI WARD(S) AND ASKING NGA MANU TAIKO MANAWATU DISTRICT COUNCIL MEMBERS TO GIVE CONSIDERATION TO HOW THEY WOULD LIKE TO PROCEED WITH A REVIEW ON WHETHER OR NOT THERE SHOULD BE A MAORI WARD IN THE MANAWATU DISTRICT FOR ELECTORAL PURPOSES.

RESOLVED


2. That the matter be taken to Te Kaunihera Working Group for further discussion.

Moved by: Manurere Devonshire
Seconded by: Rosemary Tait

CARRIED

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Rosemary Tait brought up questions about responsibility for repairs to a broken bore at their marae that services the meeting house water supply system, and also who to contact to have an open drain behind the meeting house covered. The Chief Executive advised that if the bore or drain were on Council Reserve, then an approach to the Council’s Infrastructure team could be made, however if they were on private land it would be the responsibility of the land owner.

Manurere Devonshire spoke about whanau member Jerald Twomey, whom they were pleased to support at a powhiri when he started work at Horizons Regional Council recently. She also spoke about some of their hapu who were researching 10,000 word narratives to support their Treaty claims.

The Chief Executive advised that on 23 February the Mayor and Councillors along with some Council officers and Te Roopu Waiata, would be visiting Ngati Kauwhata following an invitation extended through Mana Whakahaere by Sir Mason Durie and Denis Emery.

The Chief Executive advised that the Community Honours Awards ceremony would be held on Wednesday 15 February, acknowledging the five recipients of the 2016 awards. He noted that Te Roopu Waiata would be performing.

CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no items of late business for consideration.

CLOSING KARAKIA

Kipa Arapere provided a karakia whakamutunga to conclude the proceedings.
NMT 17/028  MEETING CLOSURE

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 8.01pm.

Approved and adopted as a true and correct record.

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