

AMENDED

MAUAO STEERING GROUP MINUTES

Wednesday 15 August 2007 – 9.30am to 12.30pm
Te Awanui Room – Tauranga City Council

Attendees:

s 7(2)(f)(ii) [redacted]
s 7(2)(f)(ii) [redacted] Left 11am
s 7(2)(f)(ii) [redacted]
s 7(2)(f)(ii) [redacted] Arrival 9.50am
s 7(2)(f)(ii) [redacted]
s 7(2)(a) - Privacy [redacted] (DOC)
s 7(2)(a) - Privacy [redacted] (Beca) Arrival 11.30am

s 7(2)(f)(ii) [redacted]
s 7(2)(f)(ii) [redacted]
s 7(2)(f)(ii) [redacted]
s 7(2)(f)(ii) [redacted] Arrived 10.10am
s 7(2)(f)(ii) [redacted]
s 7(2)(f)(ii) [redacted]

Apologies:

s 7(2)(f)(ii) [redacted]
s 7(2)(a) - Privacy [redacted]

s 7(2)(a) - Privacy [redacted] (HPT)
s 7(2)(f)(ii) [redacted]

1. Karakia

s 7(2)(f)(ii) [redacted] opened the meeting with a karakia in Maori at 9.30am.

2. Apologies

s 7(2)(f)(ii) [redacted] asked that apologies be accepted / s 7(2)(f)(ii) [redacted] seconded.

3. Previous Minutes

No issues arose from previous minutes.

4. New Kitchen /Toilet Block Update by s 7(2)(f)(ii) [redacted] TCC

- The Vision for the Campground kitchen/toilet block being upgraded
 - refers to the plan shown in December by s 7(2)(f)(ii) [redacted] re the amenities to be provided
 - No major changes to the plan – all finalised for the kitchen/toilet block
 - Future discussions to be held re a Cultural Panel on the building
 - Delays to construction due to inclement weather (13 days behind schedule)
 - Hand over of the building is expected around mid-September
 - Some cabins are to be with facilities and others without
 - Feedback received has been mostly positive
- Powerpoint and photos were provided of the construction underway
- Information on the Cabins and Infrastructure upgrade and other works was tabled
 - Cabin design has gone back to the Architect (s 7(2)(a) - Privacy [redacted])
 - Cabins are to have portability – minimum number of piles – and to blend in with surroundings. Negative feedback regarding the Architect's colour scheme.

s 7(2)(f)(ii) [redacted] and s 7(2)(f)(ii) [redacted] queried the position of having an Architect from Christchurch versus a local architect.

s 7(2)(f)(ii) [redacted] advised that for the infrastructure work and other works to be done the involvement of a local architect would be considered.

-There is a comprehensive plan for the infrastructure to enable creating a Draft Master Plan (by end of September). This helps for Resource Consent and further input by Iwi.

§ 7(2)(f)(ii) queried budget implications for the project. There is a \$3m budget and hopefully with the better planning being undertaken there may be some cost savings.

§ 7(2)(f)(ii) asked whether § 7(2)(f)(iii) was the representative for Tecal and commented that Mauao (the Historical Reserve) and Hot Pools / Camping Grounds (the Recreation Reserve) are seen as one significant site to tangata whenua, therefore consultation with Iwi regarding any Resource Consent needs to take place prior to applications being lodged.

-Drainage problems in the campground will be put into the Master Plan as Resource Consent will be required.

- Other Works involve fencing and security system (ie swipe card) for the campground.
 - The fencing would be completed before summer
 - Fencing materials would be galvanised steel and painted.

§ 7(2)(f)(ii) commented that Ngaiterangi Iwi and Ngai Tukairangi Hapu representatives met with § 7(2)(f)(ii) and Christine Jones (Group Manager: City Directions) re the Mount Hot Pools. It was agreed at that meeting that 2 representatives (s 7(2)(a) - Privacy and § 7(2)(a) - Privacy) would be added to the Project Team emailing list.

Action § 7(2)(f)(ii) **to progress through** § 7(2)(f)(ii)

Other issues raised: That permanent structures would be moveable; Iwi representatives would be involved at Resource Consent stages and have input into the design of the Hot Pool facilities.

§ 7(2)(f)(ii) agreed that involvement by Hapu at the beginning of projects enables a smoother passage with clearer understanding of the projects. One mountain – separate areas but must have Tangata whenua involvement.

§ 7(2)(f)(ii) discussed the aesthetics of the cabins /buildings blending in with Mauao as a whole.

§ 7(2)(f)(ii) brought up the flooding on the ocean side Surf Club/boardwalk area. Suggested using some of the soil being held off site (from previous slips on Mauao) to build up this area to prevent flooding re-occurring.

§ 7(2)(f)(ii) and § 7(2)(f)(ii) said that EBOP had stopped any remedial work happening previously and that the new Master Plan would cover drainage in this area. Drainage will fix this area as there is a cap of topsoil over sand, but the site could be built up.

§ 7(2)(f)(ii) is keen to utilise the reserved Mauao soil along with engineers (such as Harrison & Grierson) to ensure a good quality job.

§ 7(2)(f)(ii) queried the “Vision” and whether any significant habitat issues had been considered, recycling, or environment effects (run off from drainage etc). Would like to see more of these possible impacts studied. § 7(2)(f)(ii) commented that the Interpretation Signage will take this on board.

§ 7(2)(f)(ii) queried the timeline for the Manager’s Office/facilities. These will be affected and nothing will be done between Labour Weekend and Easter, and starting after Easter 2008 with possibly a local architect redoing the design.

5. Park Ranger Update by § 7(2)(f)(ii)

- **Stone Steps Upgrade**
 - -Work being undertaken to replace the steps slightly away from the old steps, due to water erosion. People are using the 4WD track meantime. Ice Contractors also worked on the Waikorire Track.

- **Rock Fall**

-6 ton of rock fell on the 1st August from above the Oruahine Track down to the Base track, splitting into 3 after a heavy rain storm.

-A full report is to come from Avalon by the end of this week, they have already submitted a summary report and have suggested that the situation is safe for now.

-Discussions to be held with Avalon and TCC Managers re any removal of rock from the overhang existing after the fall

-There was support from Iwi and the Steering Group that if the remaining rock was deemed to be unsafe it would be removed.

-Some signage is present from previous rock falls.

-The possible need to dissuade rock climbing on Mauao due to dislodgment of other surrounding rock (to promote other facilities available such as Te Puna Quarry or All Terrain Park).

§ 7(2)(f)(iii) suggested that Mauao was not totally suitable for rock climbing/hang gliding/power ponting.

Action:

§ 7(2)(f)(iii) **to report to next meeting, or earlier if the remaining rock(s) to be removed)**

§ 7(2)(f)(iii) **to investigate the need for further signage.**

§ 7(2)(f)(iii) **to discuss with rock climbers the perceived advantages of rock climbing on Mauao.**

- **Pest Control**

-Presently doing night shoots for rabbits and may use Pendone

-Mauao is looking better for using Pest Aid and Aurora Enterprises for pest control

-No Ferrets or Stouts caught in the traps or tracking tunnels.

-Petrels area has been protected during breeding season with rat control.

-Rat control extended to boardwalk, fishing area etc.

-Only 1 possum shot

- **Rubbish Bins**

-All rubbish bins were removed from Mauao on 3rd July. No increase of rubbish or complaints have been reported. Will check over the summer months and if no further issues arise the concrete pads for the bins will be removed.

- **Mauao Pilgrimage**

-Pilgrimage group carrying a large cross up Mauao for World Youth Day event

- **Mauao Care Group**

-Care Groups meet twice every 5 weeks.

§ 7(2)(f)(iii) apologised to § 7(2)(f)(ii) that he did not receive notification in time for the last Care Group event.

- **Live to Play Month**

Live to Play started last October (2006) to encourage people to participate in activities in several parks throughout the City.

This year's events include a fun day at the Mount on Saturday 6th October. Meeting place is at Pilot Bay in the campground starting at 9.15am to 2.30pm.

Included in the programme are Historic Walks with § 7(2)(a) - Privacy; a Scavenger Hunt; Story Telling at 11.30am with § 7(2)(a) - Privacy; 'Have a go' in a waka; Sandcastle competition at 2.30pm on the Main Beach. Advertising would be in the "Weekend Sun" (mid September and mid October).

Actions: § 7(2)(f)(ii) **to monitor**

§ 7(2)(f)(iii) offered to bring Oscar the seal. § 7(2)(f)(ii) suggested coordination with Tourism BOP and with § 7(2)(a) - Privacy of Mount Main Street.

- **4X4 Slip Repair**

The tender document is out for the slip repairs. The Pilot Quay road stage will be completed by Christmas and the 4X4 track will be completed by the end of June.

Discussion was held regarding the 4X4 track being stopped about 100 to 150 metres before the summit to limit vehicle access. Difficulty of access for events such as Waitangi Day was also broached. § 7(2)(f)(ii) and the Archaeologist have been present at the summit sites, soil from the slips will be utilised once specifications for the work have progressed.

- **First Lamb**

First lamb appeared on Mauao yesterday. § 7(2)(f)(ii) is patrolling the new lambs due to public interest.

- **Base Track**

Ice Construction has done a stability report and a walk around to enable § 7(2)(f)(ii) to budget for next year. Suggestion raised of inputting about 80% of Oropi rock (to deal with some issues relating to local rock). Planning to construct a rock wall (at exposed pohutukawa tree roots) with plugs – collating and reusing the smaller rocks from the rock falls (HPT Archaeological Authority to be applied for).

Re-surfacing application for the use of shell would be applied for under HPT Archaeological Authority.

Perhaps a way around the new shell mixing with existing midden shell could be using a boardwalk over the existing middens and the new shell laid before and after this section.

Using the Rylite product would have similar costs to lay as the shell/boardwalk option.

§ 7(2)(f)(ii) preferred to make use of the resources at hand before using Rylite.

The re-surfacing project timeframe was probably July 2008. § 7(2)(f)(ii) suggested Rylite at the middens (20mtr sections) and shell everywhere else.

- **Visitor Numbers**

In June the Base Track numbers were 45,632 and the Summit tracks 9,383

In July the Base Track numbers were 52,448 and the Summit tracks 10,123.

The total Base Track numbers for the year were 868,031 and the Summit 158,764.

Other Comments

- § 7(2)(f)(ii) asked about the exposed middens which were discovered at the pipeline works. These will be left as is with 100m soil over the top and could be grassed. The soil used could be from the Mauao slips.

- § 7(2)(f)(ii) discussed the possibility of having some of the exceptionally large and rare midden shells displayed at a Visitor Centre as the middens were 200 to 400 years old.

6. Water Pipeline Update by § 7(2)(f)(ii)

§ 7(2)(f)(ii) introduced himself as the Project Manager for the replacement of the existing too small 250AC pipe from the reservoir to the Mount water network. Project is being done in 2 stages. The new trench has not been backfilled yet due to a broken pipe. Other issues also arose. A Rua and 2 middens have been unearthed. The archaeologist/§ 7(2)(f)(ii) are investigating. Completion of Stage 1 is due in 3 weeks time. Stage 2 is due to start around February – after construction of the slip remedial works.

Reservoir should be refilled in a couple of weeks' time.

Excess soil will be used on Mauao summit for other works.

§ 7(2)(f)(ii) broached the use of crushing Mauao rock from rock falls for the use on repairs, or on walking tracks.

Action: § 7(2)(f)(ii) *to investigate the logistics of using a mobile rock crusher for this purpose.*

May not be sufficient rock resources available for utilising. Smaller rocks will be used to build a wall near overhanging pohutukawas to protect root structures. Possibility of using an Oropi rock which has similar makeup as Mauao rock.

§ 7(2)(f)(ii) queried the aesthetics of the reservoir tank. There are 10 Puriri trees planted to block out the reservoir and this has enabled the tank to be better screened/camouflaged. The power pole will also be taken away as there is a power conduit being laid underground.

A break for Morning Tea at 10.50am to 11.15am

7. Handover of Mauao

§ 7(2)(f)(ii) and § 7(2)(f)(ii) offered information around the Agreement reached at the weekend (6pm on Saturday 11 August).

-Iwi have agreed after 6 years of deliberation to go ahead with the signing with the Minister of Maori Affairs. The Agreement means that Mauao is not totally owned by Maori, but the Crown.

A Steering Group /Forum will be set up with Iwi legal advisers involved to get Iwi ownership back sometime in the future. (The Trustees and Council would need to agree whether to use the Mauao Steering Group)

-The Legislative Agreement will be tabled at Parliament (possibly through by December but more likely to be January/February 2008). The Draft Agreement would probably become the Bill.

-TCC would still have an input regarding access, existing rights. The Agreement has been supported by the Crown and Iwi.

§ 7(2)(f)(ii) discussed the return of Mauao only relating to the Historic Reserve section (that this did not include the Hot Pools). § 7(2)(f)(ii) agreed. The Hot Pools / Camping Grounds area was subject to a claim and that the Mauao Historic Reserve was being dealt with outside the claims process.

§ 7(2)(f)(ii) reassured the Steering Group that everyone would be invited to the official handover – Waitangi Day was a possibility for this event.

8. Oruahine Track Update by Jake Crockford

§ 7(2)(f)(ii) agreed with § 7(2)(f)(ii), § 7(2)(f)(ii) and § 7(2)(f)(ii) regarding suitable signage for the Pa Site at the Summit.

Upgrading will be done on the whole track. Ice Construction will be completing the Stone Steps and then working on the Oruahine Track which requires reshaping work, creating a new water table and new drainage. Existing resources will be used but will require some new input of material such as Rylite. Work is starting in 2 weeks time and will go for 4 weeks. The exposed pohutukawa roots will be protected. Budget is \$85,000.

§ 7(2)(f)(ii) requested “before” and “after” photos of works to enable a better understanding for everyone.

Action: § 7(2)(f)(ii) *is to obtain photos of the pohutukawas and the middens to pass on to tangata whenua.*

§ 7(2)(f)(ii) *to take photos of works and bring a full update of projects and photos to next meeting.*

9. Hot Pools Update by s 7(2)(a) - Privacy

s 7(2)(a) - Privacy from Beca apologised on behalf of s 7(2)(f)(ii) and gave a handout with an Overview of the Hot Pools Upgrade Project.

- The geothermal bore water at the hot pools is now working efficiently after plant upgrades.
- Also meeting Resource Consent issues – have halved the take-up rate of water and is more effectively servicing hot water for showers.
- Reapplying for Resource Consent in 2 weeks regarding the hot pools (expiry in February 2008).
- Also require further consultation with Iwi re cultural report.
- Upgrade of the site has traffic issues. By next meeting should have narrowed down the solutions.
- Design of buildings – awaiting architect to get back with better design/colours
- Feedback from 2,000 people polled living near the pool/staying at the camp over the past year/or attending the Hot pools. 340 were positive. Some concern regarding the loss of up to 40 camp sites. Entry fee too high.
- s 7(2)(f)(ii) is doing the visual conception for the cabins.
- Two representatives from Iwi are to be on the Project Team.

Action: s 7(2)(a) - Privacy to check with s 7(2)(f)(ii) regarding the Architect's awareness of the Cultural Value of Mauao. (Not requiring just a Maori carving at the front door of the new complex).

s 7(2)(a) - Privacy is to bring a further update for this project to the next meeting.

10. Next Meeting Date

With Local Body elections coming up the next meeting would need to be re-scheduled.

Action: Meeting date to be checked with s 7(2)(f)(ii)

11. Closing Karakia

Action: s 7(2)(f)(ii) offered to open the next meeting with a Karakia.

s 7(2)(f)(ii) closed the meeting with a Karakia.