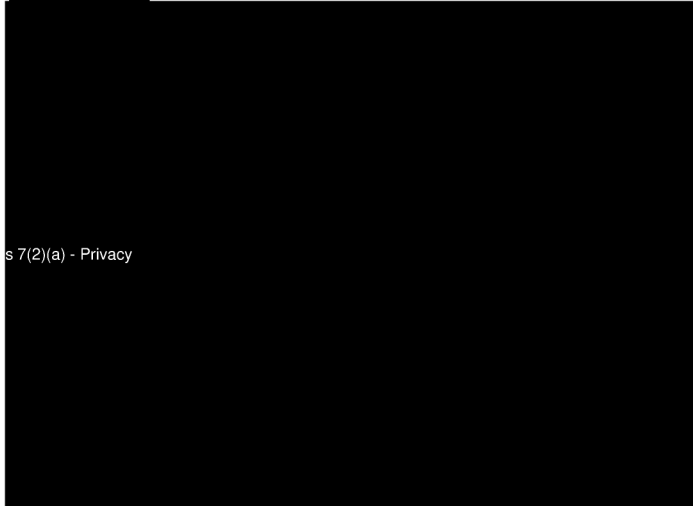


MAUAO STEERING GROUP

MINUTES

Wednesday 18 October 2006
Te Awanui Room – Tauranga City Council

Attendees:



Visitor: s 7(2)(a) - Privacy (Boffa Miskell)

1. Opened with a karakia by s 7(2)(a) - Privacy at 9.30am

2. Introductions

3. Apologies:

s 7(2)(f)(ii)

s 7(2)(a) - Privacy

4. Presentation by s 7(2)(a) - Privacy, Boffa Miskell

On behalf of HPT, s 7(2)(a) - Privacy presented a proposal asking for support for registration of Mauao as wahi tapu (or wahi tapu area) which would be a significant way of prioritising cultural interests of Mauao including east of Mauao, Pilot Bay, beach rocks surrounding Mauao.

Questions raised:

- Regarding boundaries – tapu on area?
Rocks and reef are part of the registration, but not the shellfish.
- Established that this issue would need managing at the beginning of public consultation to ensure the public received the right message.
- Should not affect the consents which cover maintenance issues at present.
- Line could be drawn behind the campground, identifying the distinct areas of the reserve to be registered. Careful handling re public perception/opinion.
- Registration as wahi tapu would be prioritising cultural values above other values, ie works, activities etc. At the moment archaeological values are the only aspect registered.
- Special sites – such as the Pilot Bay boat ramp – significant because of early waka arrivals/departures – also consistent with activity today, so registering

- that cultural value aligns with historical and current activities. (Would not like to see something not relevant such as a helicopter pad for example.)
- History of Mauao not really known and understood. More emphasis required to educate – source queried.
 - Protection mechanism – The registration provides a method of “putting up a flag” for what is important, but not a blanket protection. Should help in long term future.
 - Non historical sites would also be included due to cultural significance (such as the karaka groves as an example)
 - All activities occurring now on Mauao should continue if compatible. Availability to high number of visitors walking around and up Mauao due to the reality of Mauao being iconic to the Bay.
 - Registration offers an enduring recognition of RMA and HPT. Registration affects Administration of Reserves – after change of ownership of Mauao. Should make stronger the cultural recognition.
 - New signage for telling the stories – such as the early waka landings and the boat ramp. Signage would have to line up with HPT and RMA guidelines.
 - Updating of HPT signage could occur at same time.
 - All potential works through s 7(2)(f)(ii)
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 - Registration would help to see issues before the activity progresses – ie to be proactive rather than reactionary. Also helpful if any radical changes in Council’s thinking for the City in say 100 years time.
 - Registration would be enduring. (Already four Grade Two registrations through Historic Places Trust.
 - Definition of wahi tapu – Place sacred to Maori in the traditional, spiritual, and methodical sense of Maori.
 - Timeframes for the processing of registration of the draft would be fairly quick as a lot of research has already been completed, along with meetings with the Kaumatua Forum. (Reports by HPT, s 7(2)(f)(ii) etc have all contributed). The formal process – with no complications – could be done in four to six months. Therefore the earliest the draft would be ready would be March next year. Then the formal proposal say May/June.
 - Political topic – therefore important to consider public perception/prejudice, Keep all elected members informed at a forum. Keep the Change of Ownership separate or parallel.
 - Combat reaction (refer to Paeroa)
 - s 7(2)(a) - Privacy has been engaged by Maori Heritage Council not HPT. HPT to also support in handling media/consultations.
 - Liaison with Representatives from iwi to keep everyone informed. Informal discussions with other Elected Members.
 - Querying whether 50metres below high/low water (no affect on people’s rights to go fishing)

s 7(2)(f)(ii) thanked s 7(2)(a) - Priv for his presentation and two handouts (***Handouts attached to these minutes***)

(Break for Morning Tea)

5. Outstanding from Previous Minutes (dated 21/6/2006)

Firefighting Line at Mauao – s 7(2)(a) - Privacy

- The hydrant was run for 10 minutes and it worked well. Looking at putting in another small unit for the pump. Have ordered a unit which has a variable speed drive at \$9,000 which should be installed soon. At present one experienced person has to be available to get all three valves working, otherwise no water, drip pump and fire fighters in line of the fire. A test will be

run with the s 7(2)(f)(ii) and the media will be handled accordingly to give a positive outcome.

Waikorire Track – s 7(2)(f)(ii)

- Photo shoot had been undertaken with s 7(2)(f)(ii) at the commencement of the Waikorire track upgrade, and another photo shoot opportunity will be arranged for next Wednesday at the completed works of the Waikorire Track s 7(2)(f)(ii)

s 7(2)(f)(ii)

- s 7(2)(f)(ii) has been appointed as s 7(2)(f)(ii) replacement.

Resource Consent Update – s 7(2)(f)(ii)

Update on Status of Resource Consent and Application for Mauao Water Main –

- The Resource Consent application proposed two mitigation measures at the last meeting:
 - “The presence on site of suitable experienced and skilled iwi monitors, sanctioned by the Mauao steering group, to monitor soil being removed during earthworks”.
 - The planting of karaka to develop Nga Urukarakā – karaka groves adjacent to the 4WD track.

Action: Karaka trees to be planted in next planting period March 2007 once work has been completed on the Mauao Water Main.

Base track shell – s 7(2)(f)(ii)

s 7(2)(f)(ii) (HPT) was to explore options regarding the protection of middens and shell alternatives and to report back to the Steering Group.

s 7(2)(f)(ii) (HPT) apologised that this had not happened. HPT was still of the opinion that shell was not a good alternative for the base track as there is safe and cheaper options available. Understands the need to deal with the issue.

Letter from s 7(2)(f)(ii) Wellington official for HPT to Council stating that shell had been vetoed on the ground of blurring boundaries of middens and reasons that the practice of using shell should not continue.

s 7(2)(a) - Privacy from Frame Group was appointed to write a report on this issue, and this report has been received.

Tangata whenua are still agreeable to using shell so long as it comes from Tauranga Harbour.

s 7(2)(a) - Privacy (Wellington HPT) to visit Tauranga 1st November and would be available for meetings on Thursday 2nd November. Putahi Stockman suggested to have the meeting on site then discussion around the table. This would enable Mauao Steering Group Members to point out issues.

Action: s 7(2)(f)(ii) to set up meeting with s 7(2)(f)(ii) on 2/11/06 at 9.30am. To convene at Pilot Bay end of Mauao.

No geotechnical report on the prevention of erosion on the seaward side of the base track has been done to determine where the track needs immediate attention (as per minutes 21/6/2006).

Action: s 7(2)(f)(ii) to progress with obtaining a geotechnical report.

Concerns regarding the base track:

- Use of lime to bind some materials could wash into the soil and have a nasty ecological result.
- Instinctive loathing to have foreign materials on the track – such as tar seal.

- If the track needs to be changed for gradients – already changed lots over the years from narrow track to wide track due to the increased traffic.
- Lots of reports – all done well but no solution.
- Midden protection – above and below track, water and slips.
- Walk side by side approach – with all factors
- All professionals have recommended against shell.
- HPT will endeavour to have someone attend all Mauao Steering Group Meetings.
- Nordic walkers compounding the surface of the base track.
- No new safety issues on the base track.

6. Park Ranger Update – s 7(2)(f)(ii)

- Pest control – 4 night shoots have been successful and poisoning of rabbits.
- Concentration on mustelids over 6 weeks, but caught none (concern for Greyfaced Petrels)
- Rodents are under control.
- Plant pest control removing bone seed on Waikarere track.
- Plant pest control on paddocks.
- 250 sheep plus lambs have now been docked and shearing is underway.

Slip Repair on Pilot Bay – s 7(2)(f)(ii)

- Steering Group agreed that no submission would be forwarded to EBOP in respect to the lodged application from Tauranga City Council's Transportation Group.

Removal of Stiles for Swing Gates on Base Track– s 7(2)(f)(ii)

- Proposal to remove the stiles around the base track to enable pedestrians with pram/buggy easier access.
- Mountain bikers cause a problem on occasions but not known to have motor bike issues.
- Previous arrangement has been for a key to be available for this access by pram/buggy.

Action: Steering Group in agreement for the replacement of stiles with swing gates on the Base Track. s 7(2)(f)(ii) will instigate the change when this issue comes up for renewal.

7. Update from s 7(2)(f)(ii)

Waikorire Track

- The track now complies with NZ Standard
- s 7(2)(f)(ii) is impressed with the track upgrade and with the Contractor and will be using this Contractor on other upgrades.
- Photo shoot opportunity for Mauao Steering Group members (next Wednesday)

Lighthouse Ducting in Fire Fighting Line

- Port Authority is going ahead with the retrospective consent re the cable to the Lighthouse.

Base Track

- Full admiration for the facility available and s 7(2)(f)(ii) enjoys walking around the base track with his family – especially last night with the added bonus of dolphins in sight.

Interpretation Panels

- Suggestion of a vending machine to dispense a map and history for visitors (especially tourists)

- Offer track options and information/history.
- There is a budget for interpretative signage (\$20,000)
- 3 signs that could be improved – Toilet block at Pilot Bay, by the Pilot Quay, Ranger's Hut/Exit to Campground.
- A new updated style of sign could be situated by the steps end of the boardwalk from the base track and at the entrance of the base track on Pilot Bay.
- Use professionals (such as s 7(2)(f)(ii)) to give a comprehensive review of the signage and to incorporate all facets in new signage.

Action: s 7(2)(f)(ii) *to send a sample of signage from Auckland)*

- Signage at Mauao jetty is a HPT sign and is coming up for renewal.

Action: s 7(2)(f)(ii) *to work with s 7(2)(f)(ii) with replacement sign at Mauao jetty. To present proposed sign at the December meeting.*

- Promotion of educational information and stories via a kiosk was proposed. Especially stories of the boat ramp/waka arrivals and departures.
- Provide up to date information to "Lonely Planet" guide to ensure Mauao inclusion and accurate information.
- Suggestion of the use of the revamped hot pools for the kiosk.

Action: s 7(2)(f)(ii) *to invite s 7(2)(f)(ii) to the December meeting to discuss the Hot Pools /Toilet Block replacement issues.*

8. Other Business

Fire Hydrant – Pikowai Ohia

- s 7(2)(f)(ii) of the Water Team spoke to the Mauao Steering Group at the last meeting regarding the Status of Resource Consent and Application for the Mauao Water Main. What is the progress?

Action: s 7(2)(f)(ii) *is to include comments from s 7(2)(f)(ii) with the Mauao Steering Group Minutes*

Pile of Soil from Slip off Mauao

- s 7(2)(a) - Privacy spoke on behalf of Kihī Ngatai's concern regarding the removal of the 250cu metres of soil to enable the landscaping to progress.
- The site for the soil on Mauao is not ready therefore it is proposed to move the soil to another site in the next couple of days.

Action: s 7(2)(f)(ii) *replied that he is responsible for the landscaping project and that as the slip is still being repaired the soil needs to be relocated. s 7(2)(f)(ii) is to arrange with s 7(2)(a) - Privacy to relocate the soil – with the possibility of using a piece of land related to the Airport. (With planting at Easter time)*

7. Confirmation of next meeting – s 7(2)(f)(ii)

- Next meeting confirmed with the group for **Wednesday 20 December at 9.30am in Te Awanui Harbour Room at Tauranga City Council.**

11. s 7(2)(a) - Privacy closed with a karakia at 12.30 pm.