

Mauao Steering Group Minutes

Wednesday 21 June 2006
Te Awanui Room – Tauranga City Council

Attendees:

s 7(2)(a) - Privacy

s 7(2)(f)(ii)

(Department Of Conservation)

s 7(2)(a) - Privacy

(Historic Places Trust)

s 7(2)(f)(ii)

s 7(2)(a) - Privacy

s 7(2)(f)(ii)

1. Opened with a karakia by s 7(2)(a) - Privacy at 9.40am

2. Apologies:

s 7(2)(a) - Privacy

3. Firefighting Line at Mauao – s 7(2)(f)(ii)

- Fulton Hogan and City Care are replacing the 2 faulty valves and pressure relief bypass being welded into the system, expected to be finished by end of the week.
- s 7(2)(f)(ii) **will advise the steering group when the informal test of fireline (commissioning) will take place.**

4. Waikorire Track – s 7(2)(f)(ii)

- Job has been costed, approved by s 7(2)(f)(ii) and the project is all set up and ready to go. It will start mid to late July before the water reservoir track works commence.
- Ryolite is the material on the upper section of the track as per the Conservation and Mauao Management Plans.
- s 7(2)(f)(ii) suggested Steering Group before and after shots to show achievements of steering group on Mauao. s 7(2)(f)(ii) **will arrange time for photo opportunity.**

5. Park Ranger Update – s 7(2)(f)(ii)

- s 7(2)(f)(ii) has resigned. s 7(2)(f)(ii) contract has been renewed another 3 months.
- The Mauao Park Ranger position will be readvertised. It was suggested and agreed for s 7(2) to be on the interview panel as an Iwi Representative when interviews take place.

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

Re: Extra duct in trench:

- 3 options: (a) continue illegally, (b) a variation to consent legally establishing duct in current format, (c) Put new resource consent application in.
- s 7(2)(a) - Privacy advised of power cable not being very deeply set and asked who is responsible for the cable if there is any damage to it. s 7(2)(f)(ii) advised it is TCC's responsibility.
- s 7(2)(a) - Privacy asked if it could be made safe, and s 7(2)(f)(ii) advised resurfacing of the track had added another layer on top. s 7(2)(f)(ii) expressed concern for public safety and prevention of any incidents required immediate upgrade. s 7(2)(f)(ii) also thought it would not be too much of an issue to receive approval of the variation of consent according to Arcus' report. He also said TCC and/or the Port Authority should get this underway soon. s 7(2)(a) - Privacy agreed.
- s 7(2)(f)(ii) read Section 7 3.3(b) of Arcus' report (distributed with the last agenda). s 7(2)(f)(ii) TCC will discuss this with the Port Authority and send the feedback with the minutes to the Steering Group members to distribute to hapu.

Additional Item to Agenda – s 7(2)(f)(ii)

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

s 7(2)(f)(ii)

- The Resource Consent application has been lodged with TCC who have appointed Beca to process it. The application has been processed, and it is back with Council Planners.
- s 7(2)(a) - Privacy has been appointed as the Commissioner to manage the resource consent process on behalf of TCC.
- The resource consent is being processed on a limited notification basis. Notifications should be sent out in about a week's time.
- An authority application has been made to the NZHPT to destroy/ damage/ modify a registered archaeological site. This application was made about a month ago, and they suggest allowing three months for a decision.
- The Resource Consent application proposed the following two mitigation measures that will require discussion and a decision from the Mauao Steering Group:-
 - "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. **This is to be agreed with the Mauao Steering Group at the next meeting, 16 August 2006.**
- s 7(2)(f)(ii) asked whether the fireline and water reservoir main were working in tandem. s 7(2)(f)(ii) confirmed they were.
- s 7(2)(f)(ii) will update this matter at the next meeting.

7. Operational Update – s 7(2)(f)(ii)

- Replacement plants have been successfully planted on the north-west bluff and the 3 major slip sites.
- Rabbit pest management is under control.
- New track counters are now installed with solar panels – expect average numbers from markers next month. 40,000 people walked the base track last month alone. Between July 05 and June 06, 640,000 people have been counted walking the base track.
- New pest control plan for petrel colony as only few chicks are surviving. This is likely to be a pest animal problem. s 7(2)(f)(ii) advised by December we should see the results of the new steps taken affecting the number of surviving petrels.
- The Lighthouse track has been regavelled well.
- The rams brought onto Mauao have 'done their business' and will now be sold.

(Break for Morning Tea)

8. Base track shell – § 7(2)(f)(ii)

- HPT authority is needed for shell on base track. When approached to be the nominated Archaeologist, § 7(2)(a) - Privacy wanted a professional to look at the base track and advise of the possible materials to use to cover the track. § 7(2)(a) - Privacy from Frame Group was appointed to write a report on this.

Comments on Report:

- § 7(2)(f)(ii) complimented the report as comprehensive; looking at both surface and drainage etc. § 7(2)(f)(ii) thinks cost is irrelevant when this is one of the most popular things to do in Tauranga/Mt Maunganui. He notes that safety here is a current problem – there have been 15 accidents in the last 3 months. § 7(2)(f)(ii) would prefer no additional lime in the surface mix. He suggested a possible mix of shell and material from the May 05 slips on Mauao being used on the base track.
- Shell is currently available (dredged from the harbour) and § 7(2)(f)(ii) likes the appearance of shell. However, archaeologists are concerned that shell from the base track would mix/ contaminate shell in the pipi middens and vice versa, making it difficult to accurately date the shell.
- § 7(2)(a) - Privacy inquired about the dredging programme. § 7(2)(f)(ii) advised § 7(2)(f)(ii) has put 300m3 of shell on hold with Swaps.

§ 7(2)(f)(ii) *Sought Feedback on use of shell on base track from Steering Group attendees:*

- § 7(2)(a) - Privacy saw shell as the best option according to Item 4.3 of the report.
- § 7(2)(f)(ii) noted parts of the track are consistently eroded due to runoff from Mauao. He wants the best option with this in mind.
- § 7(2)(f)(ii) agreed with shell as the best option with preservation and protection of Mauao taken into consideration.
- § 7(2)(f)(ii) had noted the effective use of box culverts around Central New Zealand walking tracks, where drainage was working well. See Item 6.2.
- § 7(2)(f)(ii) suggested channelling the whole way around the base track and improving discharge, and that this is done at the same time as the laying of the aggregate.
- § 7(2)(f)(ii) put forward the idea of getting a geotechnical engineer to test the stability of the base track. It was also suggested moving rock that is near the base track, closer to the side of the base track to prevent unnecessary erosion from the sea on the low parts of the track.
- § 7(2)(a) - Privacy (HPT) advised HPT prefers not to use shell on the base track.
- § 7(2)(f)(ii) expressed DOC also does not encourage the import of shell, and perhaps could use SOP's of DOC's. He agrees with stabilising the base track against erosion before any development is made on the track.
- § 7(2)(f)(ii) suggested an ash soil, but § 7(2)(f)(ii) advised DOC mostly uses another material mixed with local soil and bear in mind good drainage.
- § 7(2)(f)(ii) advised shell is constantly dredged from the inner harbour to keep it clear for ships. He prefers the use of shell (and has received similar feedback from public) in maintaining the coastal representation, as long as this is well drained so it doesn't get washed away.
- § 7(2)(a) - Privacy prefers the separation of middens and shell on the track so the middens are not compromised.
- § 7(2)(f)(ii) suggested the use of geotextile placed over the middens so the shells don't fall onto the track.
- § 7(2)(a) - Privacy stated Mauao belongs to the sea and vice versa, so doesn't have a problem with shell used on the track, as this rectifies the track to the materials around it. He expressed dislike towards foreign material on Mauao.
- § 7(2)(f)(ii) referred to Ken Phillips' report and the "contamination of existing middens" mentioned. He acknowledged the archaeologists need to identify the shell

without contamination. Aesthetically, culturally and in the best interests of public safety s 7(2)(a) saw shell as the best option. The Management Plan also allows this and he sees the concern HPT has with contamination, as a barrier. He noted that ryolite is very slippery and dangerous, and that shell has better traction.

- s 7(2)(f)(ii) inquired of the cost of replacing the shell every 2 years. s 7(2)(f)(ii) noted a risk of replacement if the shell is not available at the time. He suggested perhaps stockpiling for later use. s 7(2)(f)(ii) advised the following costs of laying of shell on the base track:
 - \$30K delivery of shell
 - \$11K application of shell over base track
 - Plus cost of mixing whenua/sand with shell
 - = \$50-\$60K total
 - (Aggregate is laid at a similar price)
- s 7(2)(f)(ii) saw this as not excessive cost.
- s 7(2)(a) noted that sea movement and water runoff from Mauao effects the movement of the shell on the base track more than the foot traffic, and that good application could see the shell last for longer than 2 years.
- s 7(2)(f)(ii) inquired about drainage around the track after the slips. s 7(2)(f)(ii) advised that culverts were well placed but water tables weren't everywhere. He didn't think covering the middens was a good idea as it is a shame to hide them, and that it wouldn't stop 'natural occurrences' – They are an aesthetic part of Mauao. s 7(2)(a) - Privacy agreed and thinks now and again the midden will slip anyway. He thinks the focus should be on the base track, making it safe for the public, and keeping it as is, as much as possible.
- s 7(2)(f)(ii) complimented HPT for successful dealings in the past with shell middens and slips.
- s 7(2)(a) - Privacy said when dealing with nature, there are going to be unpredictables anyway.
- s 7(2)(f)(ii) confirmed that the geotextile covering over the shell middens was not supported by Tangata Whenua.
- s 7(2)(f)(ii) said that as shell middens are no longer made, that we should be protecting our current ones, and asked if there were any aesthetically kind options for ones close to the track. s 7(2)(a) - Privacy **will explore these options and report back to the Steering Group.**

s 7(2)(f)(ii) *confirmed matters agreed with the group:*

- There is a need to improve drainage
- Cost is not a driver
- The group does not want geotextile over the pipi middens, but sees a need for a practical and aesthetically pleasing option to prevent contamination of shells between the middens and the base track.
- Rocks around the track need to be placed higher to protect the sides of the track from unnecessary erosion from the sea.
- s 7(2)(f)(ii) asked about possible options for prevention of erosion on the seaward side of the track. s 7(2)(a) - Privacy suggested determining where the track needs immediate attention. s 7(2)(f)(ii) emphasised the need to do this work during winter before the summer traffic on the track. s 7(2)(f)(ii) **will organise a geotechnical report on the track to determine these areas needing immediate attention and bring it back to the group.**
- s 7(2)(f)(ii) raised the issue of finding a solution that will still be practical in 50 years time when Tauranga's population is predicted to have doubled. s 7(2)(a) - Privacy asked if there was a Strategic Plan for the Base Track. s 7(2)(f)(ii) advised that there is the Mauao Management Plan which must be reviewed in 2-3 years time, and that the Management Plan could be a good way to raise bigger issues holistically – time/cost etc. s 7(2)(f)(ii) saw a need to "deal with

it now” as people are getting hurt on the base track. § 7(2)(a) - P agreed and said he finds it hard to see a 50 year solution.

§ 7(2)(f)(ii) sought feedback from the group on their preferred pavement options for the Base Track:

- § 7(2)(f)(ii) shell composite, done as required.
- § 7(2)(a) - Privacy (HPT): No shell, as the HPT does not support the laying of shell on the base track. However, *personally* and from the view of Maori heritage, § 7(2)(f)(ii) supports the laying of shell, and agrees it should be done now for public safety.
- § 7(2)(f)(ii) shell composite, done now.
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- § 7(2)(a) - Privacy shell composite, done now. § 7(2)(a) also asked about the possibility of using whenua from the May 2005 slips. This is possible.
- § 7(2)(f)(ii) will support the direction that the Steering Group adopts: shell composite mixed with whenua, done now.
- § 7(2)(f)(ii) shell composite, done now.
- § 7(2)(f)(ii) shell composite, done now. He referred to Item 4.3 of the report which addresses safety. The report stated that the amount of lime that is naturally on the shells, binds with the sand/whenua, making the top layer quite stable and safe to walk on.
- § 7(2)(f)(ii) raised the issue of local whenua being good in the shell composite mix, however thought that this could further complicate investigations of the HPT, as pipi midden shell that is already in the whenua gets transported onto the base track. § 7(2)(f)(ii) will site with HPT to find a simple process for this.
- § 7(2)(f)(ii) asked if crushed aggregate was suitable with HPT (like on the top of the Waikorire Track). § 7(2)(f)(ii) answered yes – that they like different materials so they can differentiate.

9. Other Business – § 7(2)(f)(ii)

- Next week § 7(2)(f)(ii) will meet with the Kaumatua Forum to seek feedback about § 7(2)(a) - Privacy storybook plaques on Mauao and different interpretations of Maori stories.
- Mauao ownership process still continues.

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

- Next meeting confirmed with the group for **Wednesday 16 August in Te Awanui Harbour Room at Tauranga City Council.**

§ 7(2)(a) - Privacy closed with a karakia at 11.55am.

27 June 2006

s 7(2)(f)(ii)

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Dear Sir/Madam

Response to Your Submission to the Draft Tauranga City 2006 – 16 Ten Year Plan
Submission ID: 2006*TYP*606

Thank you for your submission to the Draft 2006 – 16 Ten Year Plan. Over 1100 submissions were received on a wide variety of topics. Council discussed the topics and gave their direction on the various issues during 30 May – 7 June. The amended Ten Year Plan was adopted by Council at its meeting on 22 June 2006.

Please find attached the topics you raised in your submission and Council's response as a result of the decisions made.

A hard copy of the 2006 – 16 Ten Year Plan is available on request.

The Mayor and Councillors wish to pass on their appreciation of your interest and participation in the Ten Year Plan.

Yours faithfully



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Topic & Summary:

1 - Support current funding and timing of Mauao capital works.

Response:

Your role in managing Mauao and support for the funding is acknowledged and the timing of capital works has been confirmed as per the draft 10 year plan.

Topic & Summary:

2 - Recommend Heritage rules in District Plan be amended

Response:

Heritage rules in the District Plan are programmed for review as part of the Environmental Policy District Plan change research work programme, tentatively after 2009/10 year.
