



MINUTES

**Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao Meeting
Wednesday, 7 April 2021**

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**MINUTES OF TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL
NGĀ POUTIRIAO Ō MAUAO MEETING
HELD AT THE TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL, KAIMAI ROOM, 91 WILLOW STREET,
TAURANGA
ON WEDNESDAY, 7 APRIL 2021 AT 9.30AM**

PRESENT:

s 7(2)(a) - Privacy

s 7(2)(f)(ii)

s 7(2)(f)(ii)

s 7(2)(a) - Privacy

IN ATTENDANCE:

Amended by Ngā
Poutiriao ō Mauao
resolution NG2/21/1
dated 2 June 2021

s 7(2)(f)(ii)

1 OPENING KARAKIA

s 7(2)(a) - Privacy

opened the meeting with a Karakia.

2 APOLOGIES

APOLOGY**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION NG1/21/2**

Moved:

s 7(2)(a) - Privacy

Seconded:

s 7(2)(f)(ii)

That the apology for absence received from s 7(2)(a) - Privacy be accepted.

CARRIED

3 PUBLIC FORUM

Nil

4 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

4.1 Chairperson's Verbal Report

Chair

s 7(2)(a) - Privacy

Key points

- The Western Bay Wildlife Trust (WBWT) meeting was well attended and good discussions were had about saving/protecting wildlife in and around Mauao.

- WBWT had sought endorsement from Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao (NPoM) Board through a support letter for its application to the Department of Conservation to fund three full time paid positions via the Jobs in Nature Grant.
- Tauranga Arts Festival, in conjunction with [REDACTED] (founding member of the Trinity Roots band), had sought endorsement from NPoM Board for an audio recording of Mauao to capture how the maunga would sound in a creative musical composition.
- A draft of the composition was being worked on and NPoM Board had been requested to find a suitable name for it in anticipation of its launch during the Tauranga Arts Festival.
- All rock climbing activity had ceased on Mauao and anchor bolts had been removed.

In response to questions

- A soundbite for the musical composition would be provided to NPoM Board.
- The three paid positions for WBWT would be for the study, research, monitoring, protection and promotion of native birds/penguin pest control and management of invasive flora and fauna on Mauao; the objectives of WBWT aligned with the strategic objectives of Mauao.

Discussion:

- Usage of Mauao in advertisements and commercial promotions for financial gains by organisations that did not reciprocate by contributing or assisting towards the upkeep and protection of the maunga was of concern and required addressing.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION NG1/21/3

Moved: [REDACTED]

Seconded: [REDACTED]

That Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao receives the Chairperson's verbal report.

CARRIED**5 ACCEPTANCE OF LATE ITEMS**

Nil

6 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS TO BE TRANSFERRED INTO THE OPEN

Nil

7 CHANGE TO ORDER OF BUSINESS

Nil

8 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**8.1 Minutes of the Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao meeting held on 2 December 2020****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION NG1/21/4**

Moved: [REDACTED]

Seconded: [REDACTED]

That the minutes of the Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao meeting held on 2 December 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

9 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

10 BUSINESS

10.1 Mauao Trust Verbal Update

Representative [REDACTED] (Mauao Trust)

Key points

- The Mauao Trust had not yet convened for 2021.
- [REDACTED] had stood down temporarily due to a personal matter.

In response to questions

- Each iwi had their own internal elections process to nominate an appointment to the Mauao Trust and subsequently to the NPoM Board.
- Nominees from the Mauao Trust should provide a comprehensive spread of representation when it came to Mauao.
- The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was reviewed in 2018 and contained processes for Tauranga City Council appointees; another review for MoU was due in 2024.
- The Chairperson's term was subject to triennial elections and the incumbent could be voted to retain the role if that was the decision of the NPoM Board and Mauao Trust.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION NG1/21/5

Moved:

[REDACTED]

Seconded:

[REDACTED]

That Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao receives the Mauao Trust verbal update

.CARRIED

10.2 Long Term Plan Verbal Update

Staff

[REDACTED]

Key points

- The dates for Long Term Plan (LTP) engagement had moved slightly due to the governance changes in Tauranga City Council.
- 7 May 2021 to 7 June 2021 was the public consultation period for the LTP.
- Staff would send the web link of the submission form to the Mauao Trust once the submission portal was live on the website.

At 10.00am, [REDACTED] entered the meeting.

In response to questions

- The feasibility plan for the Cultural Centre was in the Mauao Implementation Plan.
- Potential location for the Cultural Centre could be around the holiday park; however, a number of feasibility plans and concepts had been done with different locations proposed.
- It would be prudent for a Cultural Centre to link up with existing infrastructure and assets such as walkways, public toilets, pools etc.
- The kaitiaki pilot trial on Mauao was well received in terms of fostering conversation and education about the maunga.
- Submissions should be made holistically, based on factors a submitter liked or disliked or about things they considered were working or not, so that balanced decisions could be made by commissioners and staff.

Discussion:

- Mauao Implementation Plan was strongly supported because it was low impact on budget yet high impact in value for the community and region, and therefore needed to be prioritised.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION NG1/21/6

Moved:

§ 7(2)(f)(ii)

Seconded:

§ 7(2)(a) - Privacy

That Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao receives the Long Term Plan verbal update

.CARRIED**10.3 Ngā Poutiriao o Mauao Membership**

Staff

§ 7(2)(f)(ii)

Key points

- The report was taken as read.
- Governance requirements had to be updated after the appointment of the commissioners which subsequently drew attention to an issue with quorum requirements, as well as the need to elect a deputy chairperson to the NPoM Board.
- The quorum requirement proposed in the report would ensure that NPoM Board meetings could continue if there were absences by one or both commissioners.
- Variation of the Memorandum of Understanding would take a long time and be complex, and therefore was not a recommended option.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION NG1/21/7

Moved:

§ 7(2)(f)(ii)

Seconded:

§ 7(2)(a) - Privacy

That Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao:

- (a) Receives the report “Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao Membership”.
- (b) Recommends to the Council that Commissioner § 7(2)(f)(ii) be appointed to the position of Deputy Chair of Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao.
- (c) Recommends that Tauranga City Council (TCC) adopt Option D and appoint the following staff members as the representatives of TCC to fill the two remaining Council positions on Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao, subject to limitations. The limitations are related to the staff being appointed as members only to fulfil the quorum requirements in the unlikely event that one or both of the commissioners are unavailable for a scheduled meeting of Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao. The staff are named in the order of preference:
 - (i) § 7(2)(f)(ii) (first TCC representative if only one Commissioner absent).
 - (ii) § 7(2)(f)(ii) (second TCC representative if both Commissioners absent).

For clarification, where the Commissioners are available, the nominated staff members will not act as members.

CARRIED

10.4 Decision-Making Process Regarding Activities on Mauao

Staff

§ 7(2)(f)(ii)

Key points

- An update was provided on the activities on Mauao and the decision-making processes for activities.
- Under the current decision-making process, all requests for activities came to the Chairperson which was not tenable.
- A process needed to be established whereby certain activities could be delegated to staff and an escalation process explored, dependant on the nature of the activity.
- The Mauao Trust had a new 10-year Strategic Plan which was being finalised for adoption and emphasised heavily the essence and the care of Mauao.
- A report would be provided on a range of options after directives were received from the NPoM Board; directives were as follows:
 1. Guidelines and a delegation manual for activities
 2. Roster of activities (approved/unapproved/ad hoc)
 3. Streamlining approval processes with external stakeholders
 4. Control measures for activities
 5. Review of allowed activities and events
 6. Rest periods for the maunga
 7. Fast-tracking Mauao Implementation Plan (including Cultural Centre discussions)
 8. Application prioritisation process for beneficial events/activities
 9. Curbing those commercial/promotional activities using Mauao for monetary gains but not funding or assisting in the protection and preservation of the maunga.

Discussion points raised

- When Mauao was rested during COVID-19 lockdowns, it was really beneficial for the maunga and its environment; native flora and fauna had flourished.
- Processes for approval with Heritage NZ and Department of Conservation could be time consuming; activities which were of benefit to Mauao did not always occur because timeframes could not be met due to the protracted approval process.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION NG1/21/8

Moved:

§ 7(2)(a) - Privacy

Seconded:

§ 7(2)(f)(ii)

That Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao requests the Mauao Operations Group review the decision-making process under the Mauao Historic Reserve Management Plan and identify a range of options for discussion.

CARRIED

10.5 Mauao Implementation Plan: Project Updates

Staff

§ 7(2)(f)(ii)

Key points

- Updates were provided on the Archaeological plan, Korowai – Restoration and Planting plan and the Placemaking and Interpretation project

In response to questions

- The Placemaking and Interpretation project was anticipated to be completed by end of financial year and would be provided to the NPoM Board in the June 2021 meeting.

- The Archaeological plan informed the Korowai – Restoration and Planting plan because it would map out where planting could and could not be done.
- Any archaeological discovery would activate iwi monitors and iwi would be invited to be a part of any investigations.
- Cultural and educational components needed to be outlined in the investigations and for archaeological outcomes.
- Archaeological work that had already commenced or had been undertaken would be reported back to the NPoM Board.
- Heritage NZ will assist in providing a summary document for the investigations and archaeological work.
- s 7(2)(a) - Privacy (InSitu Heritage) and Ken Philips (archaeologist and heritage consultant) would seek socio-cultural advice from iwi as well as build relationships; Chairperson s 7(2)(a) - Privacy would assist in making connections.
- The decision-making process for closing Mauao required careful articulation, including taking into consideration who decided on closures, what factors needed to be considered for closures, how would the closure be policed, and what constituted a 'resting' period.
- The resting period should have some flexibility to allow for remedial and critical work to continue as stipulated under the Management Plan.
- Mauao was a living entity and all that lived on it required a rest from human activity.
- An option for a resting period could be Matariki; celebration events could be held at the base of Mauao with the maunga being the main backdrop and a survey could be done with attendees to gauge perceptions regarding resting periods.
- Another resting period option for one to two weeks was during spring which was a regenerative period for the natural environment.
- With proper messaging and education of the community of the need for a rest period, there could be the potential to explore 'rest and repair' days of no more than one or two days.
- A dedicated communication and engagement staff was required for NPoM Board.
- It was imperative to understand that Mauao was a semi-public space which was open to the public by good-will and therefore it would not be prudent to allow minority disapproval of the rest period to taint or overturn decisions that were for the benefit of the maunga and its environment.

Discussion points raised

- The archaeological digs and investigations needed to be video-recorded for posterity and as a record of any historical finds.
- A process needed to be established between NPoM Board, iwi and the Mauao Trust to ensure all final wording and text pertaining to Mauao were vetted for endorsement and therefore had consensus.
- The Mauao Map & Guide brochure required amendment because it showed the Stairs track which was closed and being removed.
- The brochure required further updating by adding 'No drones', 'No horses', 'No commercial activities', 'No alcohol' and 'No filming'.
- Te Tihi o Mauao was a more appropriate name for the summit rather than Te Pae o Ranginui.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION NG1/21/9

Moved:

Seconded:

s 7(2)(a) - Privacy

That Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao:

- (a) Receives the update on Mauao Implementation Plan projects.
- (b) Provides comments on the Draft Mauao Historic Reserve Archaeological Research Strategy.
- (c) Makes suggestions on a resting period for Mauao.

- (d) Explores options of resting the Maunga on an annual basis.
- (e) Requests staff to provide an Options and Analysis report on the resting period.

CARRIED

Staff Actions

- Staff to confirm who holds the intellectual property rights for the brochures and other similar promotional materials for Mauao.

Staff Actions

- Staff to provide a summary report on what has been achieved so far from the Implementation Plan and what were the outstanding matters or deliverables.

10.6 Operational Report

A copy of the tabled report for this item can be provided upon request.

Staff

s 6 - Maintenance of law

Key points

- COVID-19 lockdowns had a positive effect on the maunga due to a lack of human activities.
- Consecutive night shoots for rabbit control were working successfully and new tracking monitoring network(s) for pest control were being installed.
- The six monthly rock stability monitoring by Avalon contractors was nearly finalised, pending a final walk-through which was paused due to adverse weather.
- The People, Plants, Schools program (PiPS) had requested endorsement from NPoM Board to take photos for their upcoming seed collection day on Mauao.
- Rock climbing bolts and attachments were being removed and work was ongoing.
- The Motu Kauri track had been completely renewed from the summit down to the bush line and new 'No Dog' signs were being installed.
- MoU being drafted with s 7(2)(a) - Privacy for ongoing research projects on Mauao using volunteers; intellectual property would remain with Mauao Trust and NPoM Board.
- s 7(2)(f)(ii) was updating the Mauao Fire Response Plan and requested support for his recommendation on using saltwater as an initial attack measure, particularly when reticulated water supply was deemed inadequate.
- Update was provided on the concept for the restoration of Waipatukakahu and removal of four exotic oaks which are currently there.
- The trees were quite large and would be cut in sections which would be carved and returned to be installed on the maunga.
- Heritage NZ supported planting to take place; however, the waharoa and weaving platform would require an additional consent.

In response to questions

- Waipatukakahu would be completed in the financial year and had gone to tender.
- Oak removal and initial replanting had funding but the additional components of the project such as the carvings or weaving platform would require additional funding.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION NG1/21/10

Moved:

Seconded:

s 7(2)(a) - Privacy

That the Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao:

- (a) Receives the November 2020 – March 2021 Operational Report.

- (b) Considers supporting the recommended initial fire response and clarifies the restrictions on saltwater use.
- (c) Considers granting PiPS permission for taking photos/videos of the upcoming seed collection day.
- (d) Considers endorsing the Waipatukakahu restoration concept, in particular the planting layout.

CARRIED

Attachments

- 1 Avalon Report - Tabled item

11 DISCUSSION OF LATE ITEMS

- An update on Matatriki celebrations event was provided. If there was heavy rain during the event, then guided tours would not occur and the marquee would provide story telling sessions.
- During Matariki, a stone of socio-cultural significance would be displayed by member [§ 7(2)(a) - Privacy] in anticipation of creating a touchstone on the maunga; this should be included on the agenda for discussion at the next Mauao Trust meeting.
- In 2020, Government had provided a \$1.75 million dollar fund for the National Voyaging Waka Strategy which was currently being drafted. It was anticipated that for the launch of the Strategy, a waka would travel around New Zealand picking up other waka in the journey, and they would all arrive in Tauranga potentially between 17-27 May 2021. Invites for the function would be sent in May by member [§ 7(2)(a) - Privacy]

Staff Action

- Staff in conjunction with [§ 7(2)(a) - Privacy] to explore synergies between Marine Precinct Review and the National Waka Strategy.

12 CLOSING KARAKIA

[§ 7(2)(a) - Privacy] closed the meeting with a Karakia.

The meeting closed at 12.00pm

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed as a true and correct record at the Ngā Poutiriao ō Mauao meeting held on 2 June 2021.

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CHAIRPERSON