



Hui-a-Iwi

11.20am Saturday 10 April 2021
Rangitihi Marae, Matata

Minutes

Present: Leith Comer, Donna Semmens, Melanie Cheung, Cathy Dewes, Merepeka Raukawa-Tait, Darcy Stoneham, Alana Hunter, Rita Costar, Jeananne Ward, Mere Butler, Toma Mason, Graham Pryor, Raheera Fox, Mark Sykes, Martin Hunia, Delwyn Rondon, Tallyman Perenara, Bernie Marr, Te Kapunga Dewes, Annette Marr, Audrey Rota, Monica Te Aonui, Freda Semmens, Maria Moengaroa/Ihaia, Nola Moengaroa/Ihaia, Wikitoria Falwasser, Fay Patrick, Anne Mason, Mihi Moloney, Rakai Raukawa, Elizabeth Minarapa, Tiipene Marr, Janet Mason, Ruth Christeson, Clara Marks-Falwasser, Ngahoia Perenara, Maakere Marr, Maria Minarapa, Harina Rupapera, Carly Waitemata, Nancy Kawau, Tracey Raureti, Bryan Semmens, Kristine Savage, Kereama Wright, Norma White, Deborah White, Sidney Stoneham, Carol Kimberley, Tanira Raureti, Ken Dinsdale Pedlar, Pani Tai, Tipene, Nina, Vanessa Allen, Jacqueline Haimona-Sayers, Kimi Tangitu, Hemi Wereta

1. Apologies

Tia Warbrick, Taichi Playle, Cheryl Wilson, Orini Marr, Regan Wyatt, Chris Clarke, Phyllis Timu, Mac Pryor, Bert Moengaroa, Tame Minarapa, Albie Schuster, Ken Raureti, Waru Herbert.

2. Trustee Elections – Cathy Dewes

All 7 trustee positions will be up for election in 2021.

Key dates: Nominations open 19 August; nominations close 10 September; voting opens 13 October; voting closes 15 November; final result 19 November. The trustee elections are managed by ElectionZ.

Mere Butler said that we are moving into another era and now we need people with specific skills to manage portfolios. She asked if prospective trustees could present at a hui prior to voting and asked that the responsibilities and skills of trustees be made very clear.

Delwyn Rondon asked about the time commitment for trustees. Leith Comer responded that trustees should be fully committed to the Trust, not just attend hui once a month.

Strategic Hui – Donna Semmens

- **Social** – Donna Semmens

Donna spoke on the Trustee Training aspect that came out of the social discussion group. Her whanau decided to undergo training but there were not enough numbers so Donna posted on social media and ended up with 92 registrations of interest.

- **Environmental** - Delwyn Rondon

The Awa entity is currently going through the legislative process. Once the Treaty Settlement is enacted, the entity will be created.

- **Cultural** – Kristine Savage

It was decided that educating ahi kaa was first priority, starting with reo classes. Technology can be used to push classes out to Ngāti Rangitihi outside of the rohe. There will also be karanga classes coming up.

- **Economic** – Graham Pryor.

This group talked about some of the savings schemes that other prominent iwi have done for their iwi such as matching kiwisaver. Some of the other topics discussed were rangatahi aspirations, Matata real estate, housing, employment, education and te reo.

Q: Will the next hui be building on the last hui or adding to it?

A: It will be focusing on a 5-year strategy hui, which will come out of the four pou.

Q: Would the Trust consider working with the Marae Trust on one strategic plan as they were working on a similar plan.

A: The Trust is willing to come together with the Marae Trust to work on one plan.

Covid-19 Vaccinations – Melanie Cheung

Melanie spoke on the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine studies, its effectiveness and safety. There are 4 vaccination tiers with kaumātua and people with high-risk health issues being in tier 3. The rollout for tier 3 should be around July this year. Te Puna Ora o Mataatua is looking at administering vaccinations in local towns, including Matata. Because the vaccinations are administered 3 weeks apart, coordination will be required.

Q: are the vaccinations compulsory?

A: No, it is personal choice.

Q: Is Te Puna Ora o Mataatua already administering vaccines and will they contact us when it is our turn?

A: Yes, they are currently administering tier 2a and started tier 2b and you will be contacted.

Q: Has there been any research on the effects of the vaccines long-term?

A: The vaccine rollout has been rushed due to people dying worldwide. People might like to do their own research, there is a lot of information online.

Lunch break 12pm

1.00PM Covid-19 Vaccinations continued – Melanie Cheung

Melanie said under 16's cannot be vaccinated because there have been no clinical trials carried out on children.

Carol Kimberley said that she was advised that DHB Mid-Central hoped to roll vaccinations out to kaumātua within the next 2 weeks.

Q: What happens if you don't get your second vaccination at the three-week mark?

A: There have been no trials on the effectiveness of the Pfizer vaccine if taken outside the three-week window.

Q: Can Te Mana provide vaccination updates to iwi members, including risks and side-effects that have come out of having it?

A: As we move towards tier 3 and 4, communications should be coming from MOH, DHB's and other health organisations. Leith said we could supplement the comms coming from the health organisations.

Q: Was there any research done around people with comorbidity?

A: Yes, research was undertaken in Israel and the results were very good.

3. Structural Changes at Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihi Trust – Leith Comer

The Trust's appointment panel has chosen a preferred candidate and are now awaiting the rest of the Board of Trustees to confirm.

There will be a restructure in the office based on the four pou that came out of the strategic hui.

4. Possible Activities at Tarawera – Merepeka Raukawa-Tait

Merepeka informed attendees that she was in Dunedin at a Whānau Ora symposium. One of the topics discussed was growing whānau by growing small businesses.

An iwi owned and operated Tarawera/Okataina, 3-day, 2-night guided walk concept was discussed between Ngāti Rangitihi, Tūhourangi and the Okataina Trust.

Walking over the maunga is the preferred option, pending discussions with Ruawāhia 2B, but another option to walk around the maunga was also discussed.

There will be a water taxi available for those who did not wish to walk to Tapahoro.

Q: Would it be risky to start a new tourist venture at this stage?

A: Any new venture could be risky but we would like to see New Zealanders take up this opportunity to walk our whenua and learn about our rich history.

Q: Are the 50 people per day based on the NZ scale and will that number grow when overseas visitors start coming back?

A: Whatever the visitor numbers will be set at, we would ensure there is minimal impact on the whenua, that is why, in discussions, we came up with the number 50.

Q: What is the likelihood of people using the track that were not part of the touring groups?

A: Staff would be on all the tracks every day, to police anyone who were not supposed to be there.

Kristine Savage said she had to stop four or five motorbikes using the tracks every day that she was there last week, at a Ruawāhia 2B rangatahi camp. Security was a big issue for them.

Q: What about the disposal of waste?

A: the whole concept is being looked at, including waste issues but there is still a long way to go.

Q: Is this happening in conjunction with Ruawāhia 2B?

A: We would like Ruawāhia 2B to be part of it yes. The walk cannot go over Ruawāhia 2B land without their authorisation. We would like their Trustees to consider this option in the TPK funded land utilisation exercise Deloitte is currently carrying out for them.

Tanira Raureti was concerned that this hui was held without Taichi present. Leith responded that the Trust did not know Taichi was unavailable until two days ago.

Tiipene Marr said there was a major problem on the maunga, the wildling pines and other flora, and pests. There are big costs in trying to contain this problem and creating a business would generate income to help with pest control.

Delwyn Rondon, Director on Waimangu, said It would be of benefit for Ngāti Rangitahi to have another product offering.

Tallyman Perenara said it was a very good concept, people in New Zealand, including pākeha, are wanting to learn the reo. There is ample opportunity here, once due diligence has all been done.

5. Whakaruruhau - Te Arawa Voice

There are people who are interested in the concept of having a Te Arawa voice. Leith explained the two options that have evolved from discussions.

Q: What is the difference between both options?

A: The forum option is not hapū-based option, it is iwi-based. The other option is that the parliament would elect the taumata of all the 119 hapū.

Q: was the second option the one that Ta Toby Curtis was taking around Te Arawa?

A: Yes.

Q: What would our contribution to costs be?

A: It cost Tainui \$2-3 million to form theirs, which was along the lines of option two.

Graham Pryor said it was very difficult throughout the CNI process to group entities of different levels together and preferred a structured organisation.

The first option was preferred by attendees.

Hui whakamutunga: 2.18pm