



Revised Minutes
Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitihī Trust
Hui-a-Iwi
1.00pm Sunday 28 February 2016
Rangitihī Marae, Matata

Present: Leith Comer (Chairman), Donna Semmens (Trustee), Tiipene Marr (Trustee), Ken Raureti (Trustee) Cathy Dewes (Trustee), Dougal Stewart, Alana Hunter, Darcy Stoneham, Raureti Enoka, Chris Clarke, Mere Butler, Mikaere Perenara, Ken Dinsdale, Audrey Rota, Wikitoria Falwasser, Brenda Haimona, Robbie Dawson, Nereta Pereiha, Clara Marks-Falwasser, Robin Cheung, Mate Hataraka, Christine Paul, Charles Wilson, Raponi Te Rangikatukua, Brendan Coffin, Tommy Herbert, Taichi Playle, Rob Butler, Jennifer Rowe, Martin Peni, Vanessa Allen, Shelley Perenara, Api Perenara, Kelson Coffin, Lynn Todd, Jim Rota, Luana Green, Rachel Park, Rihi Vercoe, B Mason, Mike Perenara, Peri Perenara, Margaret Burton, Tunis Perenara, Jasmine Rondon, Kelly Rondon, Rinaha Pirika, Sherina Rondon, Delwyn Rondon, Thelma Rondon, Kura Raureti, Neil Raureti

Apologies: Harina Warbrick, Merepeka Raukawa-Tait, Veronica Karora, John Marks, Peri Marks, Maxine Marks

Karakia timatanga: Tiipene at 1.15pm

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the hui and spoke on the agenda items. He asked if there were any other items of business.

Other items of Business:

- Representatives for Te Whanga-a-Toi Police Iwi Liaison Committee
- Te Papa Takaro games update
- Health Services for Matata
- Ministry of Education Funding
- Wi-fi for Matata

Tangata Kaitiaki for Ngāti Rangitihī.

Jimmy Rota has been with mai i nga kuri a whare ki tihirau for many years. He is currently the Tangata Kaitiaki for Tuwharetoa and Rangitihī but wants to stand down due to health issues. Jimmy would like to nominate Chris Clarke to take his place as Rangitihī and Tuwharetoa representative. 2nd: Nereta Pereiha. Chris Clarke accepted the nomination. All in favour. Chris thanked Jimmy for his time as Tangata Kaitiaki.

Representatives for Te Whanga-a-Toi Police Iwi Liaison Committee

Audrey and Wikitoria have decided to stand down as the Rangitihī/Umutahi iwi representatives on Te Whanga-a-Toi, once they have been replaced. They are calling for anyone who is interested in taking their place on the committee to please leave their name and phone number with Te Mana.

The next hui will be in April or May. Also, the Police are hoping to recruit more Maori. If interested, go to your local Police station to get information.

Te Papa Takaro Games

Kura Raureti attended the first Te Papa Takaro hui. There are some changes to the games this year. It will not be Iwi sports, but marae sports. We will be limited to one team per code. There will also be trials for a Te Arawa Ancestral Games Team, which will then go on to the Aotearoa Indigenous Games. Te Papa Takaro Games will be held on 18, 19 and 20 March, hosted by Ngati Rangiwewehi.

Health Services for Matata

Mere Butler is the Ngati Rangitahi representative on the Maori Health Runanga, which consists of 18 Iwi. Health funding can only go to health service providers. Ngati Awa Social and Health Services and Te Puna Ora o Mataatua are the local service providers. The biggest challenge for Ngati Rangitahi, not being a health provider, is that we can't get any funding. Peri Perenara asked if there was a health plan for Ngati Rangitahi when going into our negotiations. The Chairman said that we do have health issues in our grievances. Peri asked that we look into the Aboriginal Health Plan. Mere replied that Iwi have health plans but Ngati Rangitahi do not, and we need one. Ken Dinsdale asked that we include in our grievances that we were denied access to kaimoana.

MOE Funding

The Contract with MOE is still being negotiated. The contract is for \$145,000, for the term of one year. We are looking at kohanga ki te kainga, kura ako i te reo, school holiday programmes and learning through technology, all in total immersion. The Minister of Education is extremely driven to achieving a public service goal that 85% of all school leavers have NCEA Level 2 or higher by 2017, and that 98% of pre-schoolers enrolled in Early Childhood Education Centres by 2107. Cathy wants the literacy and numeracy targets to be achieved in te reo Maori. She said once we receive confirmation from the Ministry of Education that we can do it our way, the Kaunihera Whanau will need to meet, either in person or via skype, to discuss the plan which will include Ngati Rangitahi tamariki throughout Aotearoa. The Ministry of Education have asked that the plan be delivered to them in April. Wikitoria asked if the funding could be used to make our Kohanga safe.

Wi-fi for Matata

Alana explained that Nga Pumanawa e Waru and Te Mana o Ngati Rangitahi are joining together to look at getting high fibre wi-fi to Matata residents. The schools in Matata currently have fibre and we are looking at sending a signal up to a high point above Matata. The initial cost per household will be \$169 for a dish and router. Peri Perenara asked about ongoing costs. Alana replied that it will be free to school children, who will be given a tablet with the connection enabled. The cost to households has not been worked out yet.

Treaty Update

At the time of the last hui-a-iwi, our Terms of Negotiation had not officially been accepted. It has since been accepted. The Chairman met with the Minister of Treaty Settlements prior to Christmas and a Crown Negotiator, Katherine Gordon, has been appointed. Andre Paterson and David Potter put a submission in to the Waitangi Tribunal questioning the Crowns decision to accept our mandate

The research team has been strengthened. We now have additional researchers in Bruce Stirling, a Historian and Donna Semmens is perusing the archives for Ngati Rangitahi information. Anthony

Olsen and Bruce Stirling should have written the first two chapters of the Ngati Rangitahi story next week.

Dougal Stewart spoke on the Archive Register. The information collected has been placed into six registers; Correspondence, Crown Purchase Deeds, Maps, Cultural Sites, Publications and Maori Land Court Extracts. We would like to make it accessible to our iwi in the future. In the meantime, if anyone is interested in viewing the files, you are welcome to come to the Te Mana office.

Donna has looked through the registers and they contain a lot of information which should clear up any myths we have heard over time by other iwi. If anyone has any information regarding Ngati Rangitahi, particularly around Te Awa o Te Atua, please let the office know.

Robin Cheung spoke on a book written by Walter Gibbons, Mill Hill Priests, which is in the Whakatane Museum. Robin may know someone with a copy and will bring it to the office to copy if she is able to get it.

Roger Drummond and Ian Dickson, Technical Advisor are part of the technical team who will be supporting the negotiators.

Jimmy Rota left at 2pm

Crown Negotiator, Katherine Gordon visited on Tuesday to meet with Ngati Rangitahi. Donna and Harina took Katherine around Ngati Rangitahi significant sites near Matata. Donna found Katherine to be genuine. Tiipene took Katherine up to the Maunga and along the Awa in a helicopter. He liked that OTS didn't send a young inexperienced negotiator. Ken Raureti believes it is the skills and research information that we take to the table that is important, not what we think of the negotiator. The hui on Tuesday was the right and appropriate start to the process. Margaret Burton was at the hui on Tuesday and liked the fact that Katherine had worked with the indigenous people of Canada. Robin believed there was a lack of transparency and inclusion and unless there are systems and process, there is no future. Michael Perenara asked why the oversight committee were not invited to the hui with Katherine. At last month's meeting with OTS, the Chairman met Katherine, who asked to come and visit with the Trustees at Rangitahi Marae to familiarise herself with our area. Two weeks ago, Katherine confirmed dates she was able to visit. A panui was placed on the website and the Kahui Kaumatua Validating Committee was invited. The Chairman apologised that the invitation wasn't extended out to everyone. The Oversight Committee will be important in terms of the process, going forward. Kura raised a point that the people were unaware of the process to choose the negotiators.

The Chairman explained the process of choosing the negotiators. The Trustees looked at people inside and outside of the Trust who could best represent Ngati Rangitahi. It could have gone to an election process but those people may have different kaupapa or may not be able to work together. With regard to the endorsement of negotiators, the Chairman explained why he, Kenneth, Tiipene and Harina were chosen. All four people chosen have a proven record of being committed to Ngati Rangitahi matters. Kenneth, Tiipene and Harina have had proven experience in the mana whenua CNI process, in which Ngati Rangitahi were very successful. A lot of our issues with the Crown will be around Conservation Lands and Kenneth is the current Chairman of the DOC Board and understands thoroughly the matters around conservation issues. Tiipene has been a Regional Councillor for a

number of years. The Regional Council looks after water and land resource matters, which will play an important role in supporting our claim. Harina has excellent commercial expertise and having a wahine in the team is important. The Chairman understands the Crown's position in terms of the negotiation process, their policies, restrictions, and relationship between officials and Ministers. He believed the Board selected the best team as negotiators and would like them to be endorsed at the hui. If not, the Board will go back to the table and reconsider their options.

Kura would have liked the recruitment to be more open and asked what expertise was needed.

Peri Perenara questioned whether it is an advantage or disadvantage that the Chairman knows the Crown's processes. Peri agreed with Kura that the Iwi should have been involved in the selection of negotiators.

The negotiating team needs a kaumatua for guidance and the Chairman has spoken to Tame. The oversight group may also want to work closely with the negotiating team. Donna has been playing a significant supporting role. Without the support of the iwi, reaching Agreement in Principal will not happen.

Michael Perenara asked that the next hui-a-iwi be 10am for the people living away from the hau kainga.

Tim Morrison endorsed the four negotiators that have been selected but feels that there is an issue with continuity. He asked that the Trust consider inviting people within the whanau to take the journey with them. Thelma asked if that was an opinion or a motion. There was no reply to the question.

Cathy Dewes suggested that the Trust consider what has been heard, including the Oversight Committee, youth, kaumatua and negotiating skills. Cathy asked if there was a possibility of including other negotiators.

Delwyn Rondon asked if the Trust has given anyone else a chance to put their hand up.

Peri asked if court action was an option. The Chairman explained that very few claimants look at that option. If something happens within the negotiations that we totally disagree on, we will look at that option. He also pointed out that there will be no money to be made by being a negotiator. There will be a very small retainer.

Mikaere Perenara asked what the Trustees are going back to consider. He asked that if anyone here thinks they are a better negotiator than the four selected, stand up now and say so. Mikaere would like a wider kaumatua influence in the negotiation process to three or four.

Robin said there are many very talented Ngati Rangitahi people, including the Chairman but she does not trust Te Mana.

The Chairman noticed the people who always attend the hui and knows there are hugely talented people out there but he has yet to meet them. Kura noted that there are other people not here today who have attended hui and that one of the negotiators selected by the Board is not at this hui.

Rihi Vercoe asked that the Trust bring a presentation to the next hui to explain the negotiation process.

Vanessa Allen appreciated the fact that the Trust is going to reconsider the process.

Tiipene summarised some of the issues raised at the hui; that the attendees believed there was a lack of transparency, wish to see website updates around negotiations and that they want the trust to look at succession - youth representatives.

The Chairman concluded that Te Mana has the responsibility to get this right. From the feedback received today, Te Mana will seek expressions of interests from iwi members who would like to be considered to be part of the negotiation process either as negotiators or observers. The Board will then come back in a few weeks' time with a strengthened view about how the negotiation process can work.

Karakia whakamutunga: 3.06pm