



Ahipara Komiti Takutaimoana

15 February 2017, Wainui Marae.

Start: 6.30pm

Present: Patau Tepania, Rongo Bentson, Rose Peri-Graham, Tui Quaqua Te Paa, Ra Heke, Laura Shaft.

Karakia/Mihi: Patau.

Apologies: Dan Graham, Aorangi Logan.

Moved by Patau / Rongo / Passed

Minutes from previous meeting (15/12) presented.

Moved by: Tui / Rose / Passed.

Matters Arising:

1. Piri Paua Collaboration Project. Tui has not yet been in contact with Kaitaia College to find out who has taken over from Aaron McCloy.
2. Pyura Research proposed by Javier Atalah from Cawthron Institute in Nelson
 - Research is based on transplanting green mussels in small plots (25 x 25 cm) within existing Pyura beds on the low intertidal rocky platform and about 40 plots. Each plot will be marked with a cattle tag bolted to the rocks using a drill. Some of the plots will be cleared of Pyura and other fauna using a spatula or similar. The idea is to test the impacts of Pyura on displacing green-mussels. The project would run for 1.5 years after which all tags and bolts will be removed.
 - The Komiti will support the project and have no objections provided all reports comes back to the Komiti.
3. Ahipara Coastal Patrol Committee.
 - Laura reported that she had just attended a meeting and there had been discussion on banning motorbikes on the beach between Kaka Street and Paripari, safety for people was the concern. Laura explained that all road rules and regulations applies to vehicles on the beach however that does not make the beach a road. They were also talking about having an Information Day, probably around Easter and suggested that could be something AKT may want to participate in, making it a joint venture.
 - Patau said he had attended the first community hui and then the second, expecting that the second was to inform the community on the first chosen committee members, the name they had decided on for the group and the progress to become an Incorporated Society. Instead they had a total re vote of committee members and although Patau was chosen unanimously by the community that were present he felt that the original committee had been done an injustice as they were not acknowledged or included. Patau had hence informed the meeting that if the original committee members could not be included on the new committee which he felt was crucial for the

success and support for the committee, he could not accept the position. The chairman said that he only wanted 8 members and that was final. Since then they have changed the name from Nga Kaitiaki Mo Te Taiao O Ahipara to Ahipara Coastal Patrol. This is why the haukainga are against closing the area Nikki Nathan mentioned to the Beach Board at their hui.

4. Mapere Block.

- Decision to have the Planning meeting/ workshop on the 9th of March at Te Oranga so we can use projector.
- Once the plan is done a presentation for will be held at Korou Kore Marae where it will have to be approved.
- Include the northern part behind Bidz Takeaway shop in the plan.
- Laura suggested we base it on the original plan but not go into so much detail.
- Patau added that Ahipara Primary School want to grow gardens and be part of the riparian planting. They also want to fence the garden area to contain the kids. School trying to find some funding. Everyone agreed that it was a great initiative.
- Rongo emphasised that the focus is on the environmental aspect of the Mapere; the dunes and the riparian planting and then work up along the Wairoa River. What gets done between the dunes and the riparian will be up to the owners/trustee's.

5. Kekeno/ Seals.

- Rongo reported that he had a meeting with Jamie Werner from DOC and had been informed that an Ahipara resident was being prosecuted by DOC after his dog killed a seal.
- He in turn informed Jamie that In the past AKT had been involved with erecting signs and distribute information around Ahipara about Kekeno and would be happy to do so in the future with support from DOC, the objective of AKT was education rather than prosecutions.
- Jamie was interested in attending the AKT meetings and would have been here at this meeting but had to attend an urgent family matter.

6. Rohe Moana / Kaimoana Regulation

- This is high on the task list for the year and the Hui-A-Hapu is still to be organised but the Komiti would like to meet with Haami first and then set the date for the Hui.

7. Waimimiha.

- Patau suggested we erect Pouwhenua by Waimimiha and everyone thought that was a good suggestion. To be followed up.

8. Re-erecting Pouwhenua.

- Discussion on what to do with the Pouwhenua that had come down on the beach, by the Tuturiwhatu pukunui / Dotterel sanctuary. Decision that we put them back up but they must go much deeper than they did before.

General:

MPI.

- Ra talked about what had been happening in his mahi and Permits being written by people who don't live in area is a big issue in a lot of places.

Ka mutu 8 pm.

Karakia: Ra