

MINUTES

Ngati Pukenga ki Pakikaikutu

Date | time 10/7/2016 10:30 AM | *Meeting called by* June Pitman

In Attendance

Leanne Brownie, Rimi Pitman, Olive Harris, Mike Harris, Pirihira (Priscilla) Kelly, Joseph Sexton, Vicky Ruka, Jon Ruka, Caroline Downs, Victor Pitman, Darrin Te Ahu, Tania Pepi, Tanya Munro-Parata, Karen Lee, Mike & Diane Lee, Muriel Sexton, Donna Tukariri, Areta Gray, Claire Parata, Yvonne Donaldson, Waimarie Bruce, Jonathon Ruka, Shane Ruka, June Pitman, Hori Parata, Mr Bennett, Pat Ruka

Whakawhanaungatanga – Mihi Whakatau

Session lead by Hori Parata and Pat Ruka. Introductions from various kaumatua.

Pat Ruka described how since the last hui he had found some information that he wanted to share with the whanau. Access to the urupa had been closed because dope was being grown up there. Also, TPK had funding available for Pakikaikutu to come home, to support these types of hui.

Te Timatanga

Hori Parata opened with a karakia, welcoming everyone and thanking them for coming.

Hori introduced June, who was elected to the Post Government Settlement Entity, Te Taawhaarau, representing Ngati Pukenga ki Pakikaikutu at the elections last year, 2015. Hori is now the Alternate Trustee.

Hori has been a Trustee representing Ngati Pukenga ki Pakikaikutu since the Treaty Settlement negotiations and was part of the subcommittee. He envisages that he will continue to contribute and participate at a Trustee level until, June Pitman is ready and Hori will become more of a kaumatua role.

June gave a welcome of thanks to all who had attended. She described how she had been brought up on the whenua, Pakikaikutu 1B2 by her maternal grandmother. She acknowledged Hori's leadership and the contributions of the whanau.

June also introduced Areta Gray, Chief Executive Officer of Te Taawhaarau, who had travelled from Tauranga to support this hui a kainga.

Formalities

June described the purpose of this meeting, following on from the hui last month (12 June) and previous hui, was to determine the form of an entity to represent our kainga, Pakikaikutu.

Apologies were received from whanau who had attended those meetings, but who were not able to attend today: Puti Dey, Rangi Oliver, and Gladys Ririnui, all from Tauranga.

Matters arising from the last hui, or previous hui: Minutes from the last hui were circulated. June spoke to the general outcome of the hui, a desire to create a single representative entity. She spoke of a hui 06/09/15 that she hadn't attended, but where details had been provided: Initial discussion of a kainga entity, with Kevin McCaffery a governance expert in attendance, where three types of entity were discussed: Charitable Trust; Incorporated Society; or Company. The formation of a Charitable Trust had been determined as the type of entity best suited.

Leanne Brownie – Tautoko the representation of the September 15 meeting notes; information re Charitable Trusts including purpose.

Charitable Trust slide

June presented a slide which described the benefits of a Charitable Trust and then examples of activities undertaken by Te Taawhaarau (also a Charitable Trust.)

Pat Ruka – How broad must beneficiaries be, open to the public?

No, can be limited to those who whakapapa to Ngati Pukenga ki Pakikaikutu.

Waimarie Bruce also spoke to this later having arrived after Pat Ruka's discussion.

Purpose is changeable, the four categories are not mutually exclusive.

Victor Pitman – Confirm Trustees are appointed and make distribution decisions.

Mr Bennett - Tamapahore kaumatua – *Is this one Trust covering multiple outcomes or multiple Trusts covering multiple outcomes?*

This is a single Trust covering multiple outcomes.

Pat Ruka – is funding available from Te Taawhaarau to support this initiative?

Yes, there is funding as Ngati Pukenga settlement funds are available for Ngati Pukenga Ki Pakikaikutu, and all other kainga.

Te Taawhaarau uses a rotation model, where Trustees and Alternate Trustees are elected and rotate out in alternate elections, ensuring a succession of experience overlapping newly recruited Trustees.

Waimarie Bruce – Tautoko the rotation model, similar to the Tainui Poutoko.

Areta Gray – One of the goals of Te Taawhaarau is that all unemployed Ngati Pukenga have the opportunity to become self-employed, through the Business-In-A-Box initiative that Te Taawhaarau is pursuing. The aim is to ensure whanau no longer have to move away from home for work; resulting in a loss of identity and support for the kainga.

Muriel – There is an existing marae on the whenua already. Will there be a new marae as well?

Areta Gray – There is putea available for a new marae. \$300K has been provided to Manaia for their Wharenui, Te Taawhaarau expect that all kainga will be provided with similar support.

Pat Ruka – Please clarify the Te Taawhaarau name.

Result of the discussion is that the macrons may have been omitted; Taawhaarau is a word that Pat Ruka is familiar with, with macrons over the first two 'a'.

Hori – Waka makers use a taawhaarau to store and care for their waka, this word was chosen and recommended by Awanui Black to represent a body to protect the four kainga of Ngati Pukenga.

Pat Ruka – Tautoko, Te Taawhaarau would reflect that concept. Up here a Taawhaarau is a whare dug four feet into the ground with a structure over it, to protect whatever was inside.

Victor Pitman – is the Te Taawhaarau deed is an example of something we need to model?

Areta – Yes, the Te Taawhaarau deed is broad enough to enable flexibility and sustainability without limitations and requirements to change the deed.

Slide – Appointing a Board of Trustees

June spoke to the slide about appointing a Board of Trustees.

Mr Bennett Tamapahore kaumatua – Is an odd number of Trustees required?

Areta Gray – An odd number is traditional because it allows a majority vote, however consensus is now the norm, where whanau actually agree with the matter being considered.

Yvonne – Young people don't want to come home now, is it essential that young people are on the Board?

Slide – Appointing a Board of Trustees

Pat Ruka – is there a role for kaumatua on the Board?

Hori Parata – Taumata kaumatua are required but shouldn't be included in the Trustee election.

Leanne Brownie – Does the Te Taawhaarau have a framework that has a kaumatua role?

Areta Gray – No but another entity that she has worked with has successfully utilised a kaumatua role.

Leanne Brownie – is the purpose of the Trust to access funding?

Hori Parata – Lore versus Law: law is subject to change, kaumatua are keepers of cultural and spiritual values.

Pirihira – 2C1 has a marae on the whenua, their Papa took the tapu off the whenua. Women don't speak on the taumata; women can have a role as kaumatua kuia though, so she will tautoko Hori's whakaaro.

Muriel – Getting back on track, is there a legal age for a Trustee?

Yes, 18 years old.

Muriel – the young don't have the skill but they can learn.

Victor – Accept the pakeha establishment and framework, however we can utilise the Advisory Trustee available for kaumatua.

June – Young people are essential to succession planning; a mixture of age and experience, with the value and importance of the kaumatua role respected throughout.

Pat – How many Trustees?

Hori – How many blocks?

There are more than nine blocks.

June – referring to the "considerations" slide, reiterated the skills and experience we should be looking for.

Pat – we've had Accountants and Lawyers who have ripped us off so we shouldn't be in a hurry to appoint those sort of professionals, we should be looking for whanau with the right wairua, ngawari.

Yvonne – Is the length of term, 3 years on the slide, flexible or set?

The 3 years was for consideration only, and can be decided at the next hui.

Pat – Put a motion to decide whether to set up a Charitable Trust.

Yvonne – is an AGM required?

Areta – No, an AGM is not required.

Hori – the owners of 9 blocks are not all here but a move forward is essential. We need a small group to launch, then hold an AGM to decide officially. A charitable trust will be able to seek funding, tautoko Pat.

Waimarie Bruce – Can the charitable trust be lined up under Te Ture Whenua Act. A charitable trust with land, registered under the Maori Land Court. A charitable arm of the land holding, covering all lands. She went on to describe a situation with the Owhetu Charitable Trust, and the Owhetu Charitable Reserve Trust.

Victor Pitman – Was it a charitable trust?

Waimarie Bruce – It was registered under the Charities Commission and the IRD and meant that the land could be sold whereas if the trust had been set up under Te Ture Whenua Act, and could have stopped that possibility.

Joseph Sexton – Is it possible to put a no sale option in the deed?

Areta – Charitable trusts only make decisions over assets it owns. This charitable trust will not be an owner of land, it will not be able to make decisions regarding land.

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Waimarie Bruce – Continuing discussion about Owhetu. Ongoing concern re settlement and use of funds. Acknowledged protections discussed by Areta.

Muriel – Take this discussion back to whanau to vote. Information coming from the floor is not all good, systems need to be in place before a vote.

Areta – Trustees are key. Whanau vote Trustees in. The focus must be on the right wairua. The crucial decision is the vote. If you don't vote, then you deserve what you get.

Pat – Korua tahi, nga kuia o Pakikaikutu. It is our responsibility to take action and move ahead. Kaumatua and Kuia are to take hold of our rangatahi and build wairua tuturu Maori. Selection of the Taumata Kaumatua is essential.

Pirihira – the whare she stays in is Tamatera. The battleground, which was a Ngapuhi stronghold. Her elder sister is Kaumatua Kuia for their whenua. There is whakapapa on each wall in the house. Three houses were built; the first had to be burnt because of the battleground, where Ngati Pukenga came to get their wahine back, but by then she had five tamariki.

Pat – Tamatera, the name came from the time when Moeroa came to retaliate against Nga Puhi. Taki, Nga Puhi, sent a wero and Paretaura with seven waka (te toko whitu of Paretaura.) When warriors were sent out guns were not allowed. Moeroa sent a warrior over the side of the waka, the warrior swam with a taiaha to fight. He fought and won. Ko Tamatera ko koutou toku whare, when the word whare was used for hapu and whanau.

Donna Tukariri – Tautoko Hori's recommendation that a small working group is set up today, with a Trustees elected at an AGM, to enable whanau from other rohe (e.g. Tauranga) to consider and decide for themselves who they want.

John Ruka – Their whanau is setting up a whanau trust. Their deed assigns rights and responsibilities. The Pakikaikutu Trustees would require the support of the kaumatua roopu and whanau.

Tamapahore – Encourage action. It took Tauranga (Ngati Kahu) 10 years and in hindsight it didn't need to take that long to build their papakainga. Funding won't be available forever. A charitable trust is the best option for this group. Kaumatua are really important but must not be included in the Trust Deed. Young people will always listen to kaumatua. 60 is the new young.

Darrin Te Ahu – He's just turned 50. He's really happy to be here and hear the discussion. His great grandmother was Ngati Pukenga. He is fluent in te reo.

Hori – Suggest we break for informal discussion and kai.

Discussion continued after lunch

Hori – Recommend we move forward with the motion on the floor (about elections) with an AGM in November.

Waimarie – Tautoko.

Motion – To set up a charitable trust to represent Ngati Pukenga ki Pakikaikutu

Motion put forward by Victor Pitman, seconded by (Pat Ruka or Hori Parata – my notes didn't include these names.)

Motion put to a vote, with a show of hands: all in favour; no abstentions; no against.

Moving forward

Tamahore – is this the equivalent of a steering committee?

Areta – Yes, Trustees are needed, similar to Te Taawhaarau where a body of establishment Trustees were elected.

Moving forward

Victor Pitman (seconded by Pirihiira) – Nominated John Ruka. John declined the invitation and suggested that instead the nomination be for his whanaunga (cousin) Shane Ruka. Whanau accepted the nomination.

Victor Pitman (seconded by Pat Ruka) – Nominated Darrin Te Ahu. Nomination accepted.

Rimi Pitman (seconded by Victor Pitman) – Nominated Leanne Brownie. Nomination accepted.

Waimarie Bruce (seconded by Victor Pitman) – Nominated Tania Pepi. Nomination accepted.

Pat Ruka (seconded by Mike Lee) – Nominated Karen Lee. Nomination accepted.

Hori Parata (seconded by Waimarie Bruce) – Nominated Tanya Munro-Parata. Nomination accepted.

Victor Pitman – nominations closed. Vote to proceed.

Motion put to a vote, with a show of hands: all in favour; no abstentions; no against.

June confirmed that these are the final “Establishment Trustees.”

Areta Gray – Trustees will be elected at the AGM. They may stand for election. The election process will be the same as that which Te Taawhaarau followed.

Mike Lee – As a robust election process, will information be provided ahead of time to allow whanau to determine who they wish to vote for on the day of the AGM.

Areta Gray – Yes.

Victor Pitman – Appropriate for Establishment Trustees to write a biography about themselves.

Joseph Sexton – How long to register a charitable trust and then hold another hui?

Areta Gray – Established Trustees need to define the Trust Deed. Another hui will be required to confirm the Trust Deed. Registration is a time consuming process. Te Taawhaarau took three months to process.

Waimarie Bruce – Will the Establishment Trustees meet to set a timetable and communication process?

Areta – Yes, another hui or AGM will be required to confirm details.

Waimarie Bruce – is there a budget to work with?

Areta – as with many of our Maori organisations, they will have to work with aroha and the smell of an oily rag.

Diane Lee – when will the next hui be held?

June – the Establishment Trustees will have to settle and come together.

Tanya Munro-Parata – Realistic that the AGM will be not before the end of this calendar year, that the AGM will more likely be in the new year. Also, reporting back to the whanau will probably be at whanau discretion.

June – a mihi to those who helped today, thanks to everyone for coming. Kuia, kaumatua, all bring strength.

Hori – Kaumatua, Kuia is anyone who is older than 60 years. They bring knowledge of reo, whakapapa, and history. Those who can't speak Maori also contribute. Anyone who is of that age, we will look to you. He is happy with the outcome of this hui. Ka nui te mihi ki a tatou. Whanaungatanga is such a powerful thing.

Koha

Thanks to those who gave the following cash koha, total \$20:

Ruka whanau (John and father Pat) \$20

Note: Whanau please note that the koha received at the hui in June and in July has been given to Leanne Brownie to assist with costs involved with Pakikaikutu Kainga Establishment Trustees. Leanne is keeping a record of this putea.