



REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE NAVIGATIONAL TRADITIONS WORKING PARTY held on Wednesday 12 May 2010 at 2pm in the Gisborne District Council Chambers, Gisborne.

PRESENT: Mayor Meng Foon, James Baty, David Butts, Maever Moeau, Barney Tupara, Mihi Aston, Nedine Thatcher-Swann, Terry McMillan, Yvette Kinsella, Joe Martin, Awhina White, Owen Lloyd, Andrew Gaddum (Alternate Matt Todd), Katie Kay, Peter Higgs and Dale West

APOLOGIES: Michael Spedding, Sherry Reynolds, Phil Wauchop, Ronald Nepe, Maringi Brown, Rees Morley and Matt Todd

Moved by: Barney Tupara that the apologies be accepted

Seconded by: James Baty.

KARAKIA: Owen Lloyd opened the meeting with a Karakia.

1. **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE NAVIGATIONAL TRADITIONS WORKING PARTY HELD 9 APRIL 2010**

Moved by: Mayor Meng Foon that the Minutes be confirmed

Seconded by: Maever Moeau.

2. **MATTERS ARISING**

Covered under Agenda items.

3. **CHAIR'S REPORT**

The chairman's summary report was included in the papers. Maever Moeau asked for the list of marae who have been sent letters to be forwarded to her. Joe Martin asked whether ECT had made any commitment beyond initial funding. Meng advised that ECT had agreed in principle to the project which they see as a transformational project and important to the district. Once tender documents are ready then an application for funding will be made.

Moved by: Mayor Meng Foon that the report be received

Seconded by: David Butts.

4. PRESENTATION PILOT HILL

James Bay provided a presentation on Wairoa's Rangihoua/Pilot Hill Reserve. James asked why Wairoa, as part of the TDP, was not included in the first part of funding, as they should have had at least one project included. James said the WDC has established a walkway which is 4.5kms long and 2.5m wide and extends from the town centre out to Pilot's Hill. Sponsors had funded the installation of 12 plaques along the walkway that tell the story of each particular site. Businesses as sponsors have chosen the story that wish to fund. Assistance with funding had also been received from NZ Land Transport. James said Pilot's Hill was once the hub for the community where they waited for ships to arrive. The purpose now is to rejuvenate that area with landscaping and picnic areas. Funding for this project is an issue as they have already drawn on private funding.

James said the council had worked closely with iwi who they spoke to as a group and they had provided a representative to work with the Council and Consultants. James highlighted the various points of the project such as the kumara pits which are still able to be seen and propagating the native "Hebe Tairāwhiti".

Barney Tupara asked about ownership of historical information and whether the Wairoa Council giving consideration to protocols in terms of use of information. James responded that stores are from Maori and they had built a relationship with Kaumatua and individual whanau. WDC had not claimed I.P. Barney said he saw opportunities for local hapu to be involved in the Navigational project.

James said the project has educational elements, health benefits (walking) and social benefits through connecting communities. He said the success of the walkway project is obvious by the number of people using it. James said that WDC was applying for Walking Access Funding to develop the accessway on Pilot Hill reserve.

Mayor Meng Foon reiterated the importance of the inclusiveness of Wairoa and the wider community. Nedine asked whether other heritage sites had been mapped out. James advised that the whaling history of Mahia has been referenced in the Mahia Grouped Reserves Reserve Management Plan. Maever Moeau said that there are a lot of stories on other side of the Wairoa River which are also rich in history.

Mayor Meng Foon thanked James for his presentation.

5. BRAINSTORMING VALUES

Mayor Meng Foon broke the meeting up into four groups to brainstorm the values of the project. These are attached at the end of the Minutes.

6. TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Terms of Reference has been prepared to provide guidance and direction for the three working groups. These sub groups will be responsible to the Steering/Working Group. It is important to ensure that the groups do not go outside the TDP mandate. Dale will work with each group to take minutes and arrange meeting times and venues.

Owen Lloyd said that if stories are within hapu boundaries then story telling should be relevant to hapu but if generic then would be responsibility of appropriate Rununga. The group agreed to try the project model but if it becomes too cumbersome then it will need to be revisited. Nedine said that particular skill sets are required to deliver the work.

It was suggested that the branding/marketing and communication group should not work concurrently with the first two groups. It was agreed that it was necessary to sell the overall concept to establish the vision and achieve branding consistency throughout the project – “Tairāwhiti Navigational brand”.

Mayor Meng Foon said the project is about voyaging of all our people to our district it is about navigation and is centred around “Te Toka Taiiau”. If we establish the values, integrity and authenticity then people will buy into the project.

Awhina said the brand is fundamental to the success of the project and in terms of how the infrastructure is going to look. The brand is important to the journey. Meng said the “values” will be given to the consultant selected to develop the brand.

Barney Tupara said that their representative will be Mihi Aston. The Navigational project is on their doorstep and he asked:

- Will there be shared responsibility as stories belong to Oneone and will need to be safe guarded?
- **Kaitiakitanga** is an integral part of history and would prefer consultation regarding use of name going forward.
- Rongowhakaata are not saying don't use but Oneone have a significant relationship with Toka.

Owen Lloyd said that iwi will need to be consulted on the use of “Taiiau” and “Taiou” (correct spelling of Rongowhakaata version of name is “Taiao”) as this is a sensitive issue. Mayor Meng Foon said that “Taiiau” had been used since 2006 and had been through a consultation process. Owen and Barney both said it will be about how stories are managed. Other stories have come to the surface and it will be about incorporating both stories with respect. It will not be about whose story is correct but about all stories being correct.

Maever advised that Tai Rawhiti Ventures Incorporated Society is the formal entity name for Maori Regional Tourism Organisation.

It was agreed for each member to review the draft Terms of Reference and the draft Communication Strategy and send any corrections to Nedine for adoption at the next meeting.

7. NZTE APPLICATION

The application is with NZTE and has gone through the due diligence process. There is likely to be a condition that Wairoa is included. Concerns were raised at the last TDP meeting that Wairoa had not been included in the first stage of funding. Funding from NZTE is to about achieving economic development for our region. Other funders such as TPK could be accessed for the iwi/haupu component of the project.

Barney Tupara asked about expenses that may be incurred by marae in working on this project. Other whanau may also face this issue. Mayor Meng Foon said that an application for support could be made to TPK for their consideration to support marae. Meng said the project does rely on goodwill and good spirit.

Awhina asked when would the three work streams begin. Meng advised that timelines/milestones are included in the application and will need to be met to achieve funding. Marae are already thinking about their stories other stories will include including the "Star of Canada" and the "Jody Millennium".

Joe Martin asked whether there would be a Project Manager appointed at a later date as he was unsure who would be driving the project on a day-to-day basis. Meng advised that GDC would be the Project Manager. Joe presented an outline of Cook's arrival. He said stories need to be historically accurate and should be vetted by the NZHPT and include their logo to verify the veracity of the the stories.

There will also be stories that have a "different perspective" but are valued as well. All stories from all perspectives that encompasses everyone's heritage. It was noted that Iwi stories belong to iwi.

Meng Foon invited Owen Lloyd to close the meeting.

Meeting closed at 4pm