

OMAHA MARAE TRUST

Meeting Minutes

23/11/2019

Present: Claude Dennis , Ruben Williams , Annie Baines , Roi McCabe , Sam Williams , John Chand, Myra Aitken , Te Ao Rosieur , Marama Gossage , Christine Baines

Apologies Moira Brown , Jessie Chapman

1. Karakia / Mihi

- Inward:

Shared minutes from the previous hui. There was a response from the Kiri whanau from the previous minutes. Paula Morris has a few points. Wants to book the marae for December. Oliva Haddon and Paula Morris worked on the story of Rahui and Tenetahi.

Claude commented that she would like to see the Marae Committee contacted and seek comment on the initiative for hanging the art work based on Rahui te Kiri and Tenetahi inside the Marae.

Robyn Greenwood joins the meeting by phone

Paula Morris was wanting to book for her father's unveiling . Marama has given Paula Angelas contact details .

Marae bookings are for the committee to deal with .

Oliva Haddon sent a letter about the May minutes in regards to the Ngatiwai TB. The process is outlined in the election part of the NTB charter. Annie was rolled over by Ngatiwai not by us, pursuant to our Deed. If Annie's appointment was rolled over by us, we have had no correspondence for either or action. Claude is waiting for the election process to run it's course. As long as we know the process for our own appointments, we don't have to be concerned. It wasn't us that rolled her over it was Ngatiwai.

Annie explains that the roll over was because the OMT had been taken to the Maori Land Court by Mook and Vern . We could not participate in an election . That court case dragged on for over 2 years . That would have left us without a representative for almost a whole 3 year term . The Marae chair at that time sent a letter to NTB advising them of this . They decided to keep me there because it would not have been good for us to be without a rep – which was lucky because the MLC dragged on for over 2 years .

Annie is going to dicuss the election process. Roi commented on the process for selecting Trustee appointments. That the tikanga for this marae is that the trustees choose their Trustee . That has been

the process as long as we have been part of the NTB . Annie has submitted the new voting and election process.

Marama: Sharely haddon is confused about the mining process and was confused about when the Pakiri sand mining will cease and when the money for the activity will cease? The question for us is when will the mining cease? The council gets a \$1.80 royalty . **Action point:** Annie to find out and update the Trustees .

Annie : We don't want the dredgers there . NTB supports this stance . Its not all about the money . 50 cents is not worth it .

Also Sharley said containers not a good option for the mattresses .

Claude : Its really good to get feedback from the whanau . Good or bad .

4. Matters Arising

Marama : RMU – who are they ? Are they NMST ?

Te Ao : No comment

Annie : What are their thoughts on the dump ? Are they opposing things that we don't agree with eg the Dump ? Why are we not comfortable sending a letter of support against the dump ? We don't want it . I don't see why we are fearful of sending a letter of support

Claude : There is no reason why we as Trustees (personally) cant support it .

Rueben : There is some confusion around who is responsible for this type of thing .

Marama : Marae business or not – who wants our support ?

Sammy – Mikaere from te Uri o Hau who is heading it . They want our support .

Annie : We should be supporting our whanaunga . Why don't we know who this RMU is ?

Te Ao : RMU is the Ngatimanuhiri Settlement Trust environmental Unit . There is Pete the manager . Technical officer . 2 x cultural monitors . Admin .

Marama : For our Rohe ?

Need confirmation of who this is . What they do .

Myra : Eddie Watts has been appointed as our fisheries kaitiaki – responsible for issuing fishing permits .

Claudia wants to talk to the fisheries lady and Edward because he maybe an officer for another group – and I want to know is this allowed ?

Action Point : Claude to find out

Phone lines. We don't have a phone line but we can ask the committee to confirm what we need and how we are billed?

Some confusion around Matrix Security and Insite . What are we actually paying for ?

Action point: Security system. Annie to confirm what service we are getting for the money we pay.

John would prefer a signed copy of the minutes before sending out to the whanau . Also wants them in a timely fashion .

Robyn agrees and seconds this . Claude agrees – going forward it will be a signed copy going out to whanau .

Action point: Any minutes from the Trustees that go outward need to be signed and confirmed before they go out. Claude to ensure the last minutes are signed off if they going out.

5. Approval of previous minutes

Confirmed/carried by All

6. Financial update (see report attached)

Annie provided a financial update.. The costs and out goings provided. Annie has all of the paper print outs and online records.

Claude mentioned that any moneys coming in and out should be reflected in the minutes and be mindful that outgoing expenses should be reflected in the minutes also.

Annie : I still need to get internet access to the bank so we can then get our accounts properly audited . The logistics of doing that are a little bit hard because we have to all go to the Warkworth Bank to do this . Hard to get everyone at the same time . Will phone the bank and see if there is another way to make this happen .

JOINED BY CHRISTINE BAINES

7. General Business

Christine Baines. Provided an update on G block hui. She also requests a donation from the marae to help run the trust . Eg – advertising for meetings etc . Photocopying , postage .

John : We have not had any correspondence from the G Trust . You were going to do a report . What other avenues have you tried for funding other than the marae ?

Claude : G Trust nothing to do with the marae .

Annie : They do need money to run the trust . How long have we had the G Trust for ? 30 Years ? We are closely linked . Can we not give them like an annual koha ? Say \$1000?

Mona : This is a unique situation . The marae is getting royalties . This block is the doorway to this sand . Lets make sure we do this properly . Perhaps a clause in the charter ?

John : I want to take back to our whanau for a discussion .

Robyn : Sand comes from there . An annual koha sounds like a good idea .

Marama : We are receiving the sand Royalties . Think it's a good idea of an annual koha that they administer and look after . I think a formal request is the best way to go .

John : Maybe NMST can give you some money .

Christine : We asked . They said no .

Claude would like to communicate with G Block owners and Trustees. Reuben suggested that G block have it's own process or charter. Technically it does already. Claude says as long as we are on the same page. We do need to have a formal request for any funding coming and going. Just an improvement of communication. Claude says we shouldn't be telling them what they should be doing with their own Trust. Make a formal request and we can think about it .

Roi requests to address the hui . Talked of the impending Arson court case. Was suppose to be 04/11/19 . New date is being set .

Roi also gave an update on a hui held on Great Barrier by the interim Chair of the Ngati Rehua Ki Aotea Trust Board . Spoke of a complaint from Ngati Rehua in regards to proxy votes from the database of the Ngati Manuhiri Settlement Trust . They all appeared to be filled in and signed off all by the same person . Mook Hohneck is the holder of these proxy votes . All the same addresses . Approx 300 plus . The NR Trust has asked for 2 people from the marae to help them work through the process of cleaning this up . Roi offered to be one of these people – and has come to the marae to seek approval from the trust – and also to let the marae know that Rehua are looking for another person to help . Roi also shows

an example of the proxy vote .

Te Ao – This is my nieces form . This is a breach of confidentiality .

Claude : I dont agree . I don't want you to validate my whanau .

Te Ao – No from the Rosiers , Shermans , O briens , Hohnecks , Hunters , Rukuruku for Rois request .

Annie : So they are looking for someone to check / validate these proxies ?

Roi : They have asked for 2 appointments from the marae to help with this issue .

Annie : I have seen all these proxy votes . Some of them are for whanau who have passed away . Its uncool what has happened . Its illegal . Straight up fraud .Rehua are trying to clean this up .

Marama : So Ngati rehua are trying to sort it out ?

Claude : Will put out to the whanau .

Annie : Take it back to your whanau – that's all good – but what about the proxy votes ?? Our names , our whanau who have passed away names used ? That is the bad part .

Christine : Is there a way of finding out from NMST if our names were used ?

Te Ao : I am not answering any questions about NMST , my job . Send an email .

8. Other matters

Action point: Claude wants to acknowledge the work that Sam has done to enable internet connectivity Sam gave us a rundown about the new TV and internet connectivity on the Marae . **Sammy :** Jeremy from Spark will come out in the new year and show us how to use properly . This was free install and will be paid for – for the next 5 year. It is pretty awesome .

Annie and Sammy have done great work to be acknowledge by the Trustees in making that happen for the benefit of the Marae .

The new TV will have to be stored away for safety and security reasons. Marama made the comment that someone on the committee should be involved with the storage and security of the electronics.

Claude talked about Georgina from TPK who has funding to support the physical and cultural identification and protection of our marae as a cultural hub and centre to expand down the road and looking to extend and access to funding for those initiatives.

Action point: Claude suggested inviting Georgina to our second meeting next year to come and discuss it. We will need to provide 2 years of meeting minutes to provide before we can suggest things that we can look at to grow.

There are some other funding options out there, especially with councils. However, council funding comes with conditions. It's only an idea for us to think about. We have the option. Claude has tabled

The Charter

There was only one copy of the charter available. Proposed information sheet to be drafted by Reuben. We should have one hui by the Trustees for the Charter.

Roi was addressed for the manner in which that was brought to the table. John Chand said that Roi was not Invited by the Witaiawa Reps – and if this kind of behaviour continues he would like him removed .

John discussed the situation of meetings and cancellations that occurred earlier in the year.

Claude responded by commenting about the way things are run but it's been a busy year with several tangihanga as well.

Action point:11th of January, charter hui, combined BBQ with the Charter discussion. At Claude's place. Nominations for the Ngatiwai Trust Board representatives are due. Nominees need to be registered and nominations need to be in and signed off by our Trustees. The database process and management needs to be looked at.

Karakia Whakamutunga; Reuben Williams

Meeting closed: 13.06