

**These minutes are subject to confirmation at the next meeting of the Community Board to be held on 4 November 2015**  
**HUTT CITY COUNCIL**

**WAINUIOMATA COMMUNITY BOARD**

Minutes of a meeting held in the Wainuiomata Chambers, Wainuiomata. Library,  
 Queen Street, Wainuiomata on  
**Tuesday 22 September 2015 commencing at 7.00pm**

**PRESENT:** Cr C Barry (from 7.08pm) Mr J Briggs (Deputy Chair)  
 Mr K Dickson Ms H Robb  
 Mr R Sinnott (Chair) Ms R Workman

**APOLOGIES:** Cr Willard, Mr Stallworth

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs A Doornebosch, Committee Advisor  
 Ms A Andrews, Kaitakawaenga Kaupapa Maori  
 Ms A Reilly, Wainuiomata Community Hub Manager (part meeting)

**PUBLIC BUSINESS**

**1. APOLOGIES**

**RESOLVED**

**Minute No. WCB 15401(1)**

*"That the apologies received from Cr Willard and Mr Stallworth, and the apology for lateness from Cr Barry be accepted and leave of absence be granted."*

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Comments are recorded under the item to which they relate.

**3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**

There were no conflict of interest declarations.

#### 4. NAMING OF THE BRIDGE ON WAINUIOMATA HILL (15/1319)

Report No. WCB2015/4/247 by the Chair

Speaking under public comment, **Ms Cathryn Eady** queried the bridge naming process. She noted that the shortlisted names had been published on various social media, and considered the Board should consult firstly with any named individuals prior to any publication of these details in the future.

Cr Barry arrived at 7.08pm.

Speaking under public comment, **Mr Kura Moeahu representing Waiwhetu Marae, and the Taranaki Whānui ki te Upoko Naming Group**, advised that these groups supported the name Pukeatua Bridge. He noted the history of Pukeatua and the founding of the land in Wellington. The Chair ordered Mr Moeahu's korero be recorded as part of the meeting.

#### **THE MEANING OF PUKEATUA**

The history of Pukeatua follows the story of how Maui fished up the North Island and that period prior to the creation of the Wellington harbour.

This brief story commences with our prestigious ancestor, Maui-tikitiki-a-Taranga, embodied in our meeting house Arohanui ki te tangata. Maui was responsible for fishing up the North Island of New Zealand (Te Ika a Maui). When Maui hauled up his great catch, the fish gritted its teeth in great pain and thus remained jaws locked.

Aeons passed and the fish remained in this state until the gods mandated the people born of the land, Te Kahui Maunga (the mountain clan) to assemble at the summit at Te Upoko-o-te-ika (the head of the fish - Wellington) where the gods provided them with the appropriate incantation.

Then a lake, the sacred rituals were invoked by the mountain clan to prise open the mouth of the fish so that it could eat and breathe once again.

It was from this location, Pukeatua (the summit of the gods) the mountain clan summoned on the sacred custodians of the deep, Whataitai and Ngake. Both of whom endeavoured to free themselves from their land locked waterways.

Until the latter, Ngake succeeded and rammed his way through the narrow land mass that separated the inland fresh water lake, Te Wai Maanga and the ocean, Hinemoana, domain of Tangaroa. The task was thus achieved. The story of Ngake and Whataitai has been captured and retold many time.

The name Pukeatua acknowledges the very place and act where the mountain clan gathered, received and invoked the appropriate incantation of prise open the mouth of the great fish of Maui.

Kōhanga Reo both in Wainuiomata and Lower Hutt acknowledge Pukeatua in their educational curriculum.

In response to questions from members, Mr Moeahu noted he supported the name Pukeatua Bridge, rather than Pukeatua Summit Bridge, as the meaning of puke is summit.

Speaking under public comment, **Ms Linda Olsen** noted her Kaumatua had spoken and reinforced her previous submission of the name Pukeatua for the bridge. She acknowledged Mr Harry Martin and all that he had contributed to Wainuiomata.

Speaking under public comment, **Ms TeAwa Puketapu** considered the bridge belonged to the people of Wainuiomata, and that she supported the name Pukeatua. She acknowledged the many people who had contributed to the Wainuiomata community including Mr Harry Martin. She considered that the name Pukeatua would provide future generations an opportunity to be educated about their history and who they were.

Speaking under public comment, **Mr Mike Grigg** noted he was asking the Board to be bicultural, embrace the diversity of Wainuiomata and name the bridge Pukeatua. He requested the Board engage with the community to ensure its understanding of the meaning to this name.

Speaking under public comment, **Ms Robyn Morete** advised she was a Wainuiomata resident and wanted to acknowledge all the shortlisted names. She noted that she supported the name Pukeatua for the bridge, and considered this name would honour the people of Wainuiomata, build on the strengths and assets within the community for the future, and would stand the test of time.

In response to questions from members, Ms Morete noted that her original submission was for the name Pukeatua Summit Bridge, and she now supported the name Pukeatua Bridge.

Speaking under public comment, **Mr Tuari Dawson** noted he came to Wainuiomata 17 years ago with his family. He considered that residents would see the bridge every day, and the name would be significant as it would remind them of its meaning. He hoped the Board would make a decision that was tangible.

The Chair advised that the Board undertook a consultation process at the request of community. He noted the shortlisted names were publicised to encourage community engagement, and the Board acknowledged Ms Eady's points for future consultation.

Members agreed that the preferred name was Pukeatua Bridge and thanked members of the community for being involved in the submission process.

**RESOLVED:**

**Minute No. WCB 15402(1)**

*"That the Board agrees on the name for the bridge at the top of Wainuiomata hill, to be 'Pukeatua Bridge'."*

**RESOLVED:**

**Minute No. WCB 15403(1)**

*"That the Board asks officers to include the korero spoken by Mr Kura Moeahu in Council press releases and be recorded as part of the meeting."*

**5. QUESTIONS**

There were no questions.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.57 pm.

Mr R Sinnott  
CHAIR

**CONFIRMED as a true and correct record**  
**Dated this 4th day of November 2015**