

Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated
Notes of Board Review Hui
9 September 2009 6.00pm
Te Whanganui A Orotu
Petane Marae

Attendance List:

Waru Allen
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Annie Aranui
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Christine Teariki
Rawinia Lewis
Ngahiwi Tomoana

Mihimihi/Karakia: Heitia Hiha

Response/Mihimihi: Ngahiwi Tomoana

Overview and clarification of the hui: Christine Teariki

Overall general comments about the Board Review from the floor:

- Misunderstanding of the kaupapa of this hui. It was made clear to the whanau that this is a Ngati Kahungunu Iwi Board Review hui.
- Clarification was made about Taiwhenua and Taurahere representatives on the NKII Board. This review is regarding the actions of the NKII Board, not the taiwhenua actions in the rohe.
- Huge mismanagement of the Napier Taiwhenua – huge debts and no answers coming back to the hapu. How can we move the taiwhenua forward when we don't know what's happened?
- Need to have accountability in the Taiwhenua and better governance. We seriously need to look at Governance. If we have experienced mis-management three times in a row, than we need to look at things carefully.
- *Christine clarified that each Taiwhenua has their own constitution and are independent. NKII could have a one constitution buy-in, it depends on what the people want.*
- If people draw a relationship between taiwhenua and NKII then it paints a bad picture of the NKII Board. As with any review process, changes may need to be made to deal with the issues. For us as hapu members, we don't want our representative body to be a bad reflection on us.
- This was a good point about how the accountability of representation is not working.
- How do marae / hapu decisions get made? Is there a clear poutama in or out? Does your representative from marae bring decisions to the Taiwhenua?

- How do you make the Taiwhenua representative accountable because it's a bad reflection on us?
- There are three stages of accountability – marae/taiwhenua/iwi. It's a question on how the people vote.
- It's widely known that a lot of our younger people don't go back to their marae. What representation do they have if they don't go back to the marae regarding the voting process? How is their vote counted? How are people outside the marae structure able to participate. *(Christine clarified that there was a postal vote for taiwhenua elections)*
- A lot of our members don't go back to their marae but they still want to have a voice and be represented.
- There's confusion about constitutions. It's a mess. Suddenly it's been tidied up. It's a very important, living, breathing document. The NKII Board should all be sacked.
- We expect taiwhenua to run like a corporate office but they are volunteers and don't get paid. The office staff get paid, but the board do not get paid. They give up of their time for nothing and yet we expect people to attend meetings and not be paid when it might go for hours and do the corporate thing. The hui might go on for hours.
- We've had members from our marae who go for a while then they get tired. We end up twisting someones arm to pick up the mahi, then after a few more meetings they get tired and leave.
- It's a constitutional thing. You can't fall over if it's in the constitution.
- Felt sorry for the last chairperson because he has to work as well as be expected to chair the taiwhenua.
- If the mahi is voluntary, why is there so much debt?
- We all put our hands up to do a job. You have governance and management. If they don't come together then its chaos.
- It starts here. The korero starts here. We can't start here tonight. We have enough brains to move forward.
- We need to work it out for ourselves and call a hui to debate this whole thing. Let's work together as seven hapu. We need to think about where we want to go in the future.
- NKII are here because they have a process. We haven't got a process and we haven't had it right for a long time. We don't want to go back again.
- We need to call on a Kaumatua to call a hui to have an opportunity to move forward be it governance or management.
- Let's not work against each other but together to get the results we want. We are seven hapu within this area.
- Where is Ahuriri going? What are we doing?
- We look across the river and say, they're great! What's happening to us? We need to sort it out.
- *Christine said that a similar situation occurred in Wairarapa and they grew out of that. They formed a Kotahitanga of Marae representation and established a skills based selection to be on their Board.*
- To move forward in a positive direction, we need to learn from our mistakes to be able to move forward. We need to see how those mistakes were made.
- We have been in a mismanagement state three times and we don't want to go there a fourth time. BUT, we don't know what the mistakes were. Wouldn't the first step be to see how we got ourselves in this situation in the first place.
- Our representation needs to work. If we want NKII Board to work, than we need to put up good representatives.
- We thought the iwi was the umbrella of Taiwhenua and would have kept an eye on it, but this is not the case.

- The thing that broke that was the Runanga Iwi Act bought in in September and Winston Peters threw it out in January. The Runanga Iwi Act was Crown driven.
- There are Taiwhenua politics because the representative currently on the iwi board is not representing us.
- Tautoko the whakaaro about having a hui. It's been two years since the Taiwhenua has been in this state of clean up.
- We lack leadership, but everyone is looking to others to call a hui.
- Young people don't come to marae so we need to look at other ways of doing things. Rangatahi make up 75% of our population. We need to look to a more inclusive way. I think the hapu is the way.
- Whanganui A Orotu recommended that we look to the parent body - NKII to call a hui a hapu and facilitate. We need to get young people with energy to take us to the next phase. We shouldn't just leave them there...we should be supporting.
- There may need to be an alignment between board and taiwhenua, so when its time for accountability we can do something about it.
- The young people are coming back. This place (Petane) was covered with young people last week and the other time we had a wananga.
- Perhaps there needs to be more effort from our marae level to bring our Rangatahi back.
- The problem is we only have one hui and nothing happens and there's no follow-up. We need to communicate with others and follow up any actions.
- When we had our hui, the first thing I did is I got a bowl and put it on the table to help us run our hui.
- If things have gone upside down three times, how come the Taiwhenua voted the same person in? The people need to take some responsibility.
- Peter made a written submission on behalf of their three hapu –
 - Representation and mandate
 - Current hapu/treaty assets
 - Treaty claims
 - Voting
 - Recommendations that Chairperson of NKII call a hui for Te Whanganui A Orotu hapu to discuss the pros and cons of reforming the Taiwhenua infrastructure
 - That the Chairperson of NKII facilitate a hui between Ahuriri District Health Trust and nga hapu o Te Whanganui A Orotu to determine a way forward for the use of assets from the Wai693 claim settlements. (We need to help our people who are sick, move forward in a positive direction)
- Even though this is about our taiwhenua, it doesn't hurt for the NKII board to know our intentions.
- Will going back to hapu instead of marae require a constitutional change?
- The initial process includes hapu/marae.
- The population of Te Whanganui A Orotu is over 8000 but only 1/3 are Ngati Kahungunu and 2/3 are from elsewhere. If that lobby gets together, they can out vote us as far as contracts with government agencies is concerned.
- Ngahiwi said in the past- the early days, anyone could vote. The Taiwhenua were elected at large. Who ever attended the hui voted. You didn't have to belong to hapu, marae or iwi. Pakehas voted in those early days. The mana of the hapu and the mana of the marae were separate. But when we had the first review the marae and hapu said, no we must take control because people from outside our iwi were running our taiwhenua, therefore running our hapu telling them what we think. So it reverted to marae/hapu and if you didn't whakapapa to a marae/hapu you couldn't vote. Non Kahungunu whanau were not happy with that decision. It was agreed that the mana of hapu would be primary in representation. Another thing that took

place at that time was the ability to register nga matawaka. Nga matawaka could not vote, however they could participate in local service positions in the community.

- We are here again to review the way things are going. Have you got any ideas as to how we can do it better.
- I put the fall down of Te Runanganui o Ngati Kahungunu in 1993 to a mix up of governance and management. If you get management sitting on the board or governance working.... You lead to mix blurring collapse.
- We've got to come up with a system where we recognize our rangatira of our marae .
- Rangatira (Governance) the mana of the people. Toa (Management) is the mahi. We're getting it mixed up. We have Rangatira trying to do Toa things and Toa trying to do Rangatira things. We shouldn't expect our Kaumatua to do Toa things.
- That's how all of our wakas have tipped over. We don't know the difference. We aren't in survival mode. We are past that now. We are in the front foot mode.
- Saying that, the iwi should be the governance board. People are walking around lost like a headless chicken. I always imagined that the iwi board was the governance board.
- Here we have some of the pakeke who were here way back in 1992. We started in 1988, and in those few years I wrote down all of the people who decided that the Ahuriri and the Whanganui A Orotu claim should go together....because the claim affected all of us. Everyone in had the same thing happen to them.
- How do we make people accountable that make mistakes?
- We as pakeke know that damage has been done, we want to call a hui.
- We are all accountable because we let it happen. It's done. We are in the bailing out stage now. Is there a report?
- Not interested in blaming, just need to move forward and look at restructuring.
- Marae hui informing about the Taiwhenua at the moment is just about the financial side not the governance.
- Ngahiwi assumed quasi-governance role for Te Whanganui A Orotu while forensic investigation is being done. Barry was appointed to look at the books.
- It was that complicated, its taken time to prepare things.
- The report is almost there. It coincides with every Taiwhenua board member needing to put themselves up for elections.
- We all know that the Taiwhenua has been in a state of suspension.
- At the moment things are mixed in with the claims process.
- We need to differentiate between mana Ahuriri and the Taiwhenua.
- The intentions of the hui at TWAO Marae is in regard to the finance update.
- We know that the Taiwhenua went into debt but we want to know the guts of the hui.
- Did the Board tautoko/sanction the Mana Ahuriri switch from health to land claims?
- It's no wonder we are confused. We have too many committees for such a small group to cover. You need to make submissions for all of these things. Its no wonder we act like we act because we are trying to react to all of these issues at marae level.
- When people stand up on behalf of their hapu, have they been mandated? When people stand up on behalf of a hapu, they need the mandate.
- The problem with that is that there are so many marae committees, and we get the mandate from one committee and not the other, therefore there is confusion. We air our differences out there. Its real, its live and its not going to go away until we deal with it ourselves.
- These issues take place at our marae. There's a concern.
- Food for thought – I came here in 1938 and spent my life here in Kahungunu. My Tipuna came from Parihaka – what they did way back was passive resistance. I have six children who are Ngati Kahungunu. I go back to the South where we lived with Rangitane. Te Rauparaha was a warrior.

Rangitane got quite a lot of putea. They have come back by advertising and communicating to their people through the airways. They have created a new resurgence into their tribe. They're talking to their people.

- Is Matahiwi part of Ahuriri or Heretaunga? (*Ngahiwi mentioned that the hapu chose to be part of Heretaunga*)
- Can non-registered hapu members vote? (*Ngahiwi said no*)
- Don't believe it's right, a piece of paper shouldn't determine our whakapapa and where we belong to and that's what I believe those registration forms have done.
- When are we as Maori going to do that?
- For those that don't vote, can there be another process for them to participate and vote outside of the current voting process? Can we still be inclusive without needing to register? "Please consider what I'm saying because that's our birthright"
- We only get one vote but can whakapapa to more than one hapu? (*Ngahiwi said that in Ngai Tahu you can vote across more than one runaka*).
- One of the points of the review is that we don't have all of the answers, that's why we have this review.
- All of us have to make a choice to whakapapa to one marae and one taiwhenua for voting. We can change later on.
- What has been the feedback from the other hui that have taken place?
- *Christine said: "In Wairoa they were concerned about the waka issue and the Kahungunu Cultural Centre that began...where is it at?. In Heretaunga they said it's harder to get onto the iwi Board than it is to get onto the City Council. In Wairarapa they have concerns about their River and their claim through to the environment court and they needed help to do that. In Tamaki Nui A Rua their issues were around Rangatahi. Wairarapa are concerned that they have the biggest coastline and their stocks are low – People from top of South Island taking paua from Wairarapa rohe and putting it into their quota.*
- Regarding Fisheries, when is the resource going to come back to the marae?
- Good thing about Kahungunu – iwi had to set up an asset holding company to deal with the asset. Every other iwi has taken over the land and treaty claims. Kahungunu has allowed hapu to take over the other claims except for the other generic claims like Flora and Fauna, Petroleum.
- When the Runanganui went into receivership the six taiwhenua split the fishing monies at that time. Some tried to develop an economic base that didn't work. We made grants of \$250k to each Taiwhenua to build an economic base for a three year period and after that three year period it would be distributed back to taiwhenua. Four out of six were not successful. Some distributed to marae, but didn't set up an economic base and in some cases failed to pay IRD which caused its demise. It might have been good for the marae, but not good for the Taiwhenua who didn't set up an economic base.
- Taiwhenua had different ways of operating. There was never a set template. The mana of each taiwhenua would develop its own plans under its own mita (model).
- Communicate, Keep a Register, Political Advocacy – a license to say what we want, when we want...Create cultural excellence through our reo, Economic development.
- We try not to run any government contracts. Ngahiwi sees ourselves as a philosophic team of support for the marae/hapu. Not as a mana or power, but collectivizing, cohesive, governing, strategic body.
- The survey has four sections, and asks how to participate in iwi board activities, but I don't know what you have done?
- What have you done so far? I don't know much about what you have done? I go to hui run by taiwhenua which is a waste of my time in regards to the current deed that they have.

- There's a lot of mamae and concern about our marae. Or representatives may not be conversing with who they need to be. Funding is needed for our marae. Needs a cleanup on the roof (Ngati Hinemanu)
- Wero: What is the right process to get funding to fix our roof, our wharepaku? Our Manuhiri are in and out. We have OSH on our backs. They're not there yet, but they will be soon.
- What have you done for our marae? I'd like to see what you do for the marae.
- Our Maori Battalion needs to be put into the newsletter every year.
- In terms of marae, Heretaunga Taiwhenua makes an annual grant of \$5k to Omahu and then it is split in half for the Maori Committee and the Trustees.
- We need more than \$2.5k just to fix our roof.
- There's funding that comes through the Hastings District Council. Christine Ennis has funding for community halls/marae and its always under subscribed. Its specified marae funding. Speak to Marama Laurenson or Des Ratima.
Can the iwi facilitate that process to access that funding? *Christine said, no, it is between marae and council. It's a normal routine. It's nothing new.*
- This is something that can be taken to the Board to consider how they support marae through funding. Maybe if marae got together to come up with a solution.
- We fought for this because the halls are in town. We are paying rates to pay for halls and cemeteries and yet we're paying for their cemeteries. We told Council that some of these rates should be brought back here.
- It would be good if all our marae could get together.
- Ngahiwi – another issue is that we will never have enough money to fix 90 marae. We will always need to consider resources. We have an Asset. We need to increase the Asset every year. That's why we agreed for all claims to go to marae, so the marae could get the resources direct for their marae. There are areas of implication, but we're not one of them. Our area of putea dissemination is through sponsorship, scholarships and iwi newsletters. We spend our money on going forward rather than maintenance. We'd go belly up if we had to deal to all the marae.
- In terms of Kahungunu and the number of marae, is there any register of any assets. Could NKII broker a deal for collective marae for insurances and auditors etc. If maraes got together we could have one person to broker on our behalf and reduce our bills. 90 marae paying \$4000 each.
- We need to get our waka right. Stick to the Kaupapa. We haven't heard any answers.
- We are concerned for our people and for our future. That's why we are here to whakatika things. Make it right.
- One of the things in the information pack is the election process.
- Heitia has offered Petane Marae for a meeting for Ahuriri hapu to discuss issues raised earlier.

Christine thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and wished the best for the restructuring as it is an opportunity.

Any other information please get back to us by the end of next week.

Meeting Closed by Waru Allen .