



# Rangitikei District Council

## Ratana Community Board Inaugural Meeting

Minutes – Tuesday 12 November 2019 – 6:30 p.m.

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#### Present:

Mr Lequan Meihana  
Mr Charlie Mete  
Mr Jemal Nepia  
Mr Charlie Rourangi  
Cr Brian Carter  
Cr Jane Dunn

#### Also Present:

His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson  
Mr Peter Beggs, Chief Executive  
Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager  
27 members of the Ratana community

## 1 Whakamoemiti

Mr André Mason provided the opening Whakamoemiti.

## 2 Welcome and introduction from the Chief Executive

Council's Chief Executive, Peter Beggs, welcomed those present to the inaugural meeting, expressed appreciation that it was being held in the Manuao, and outlined the process to be followed.

## 3 Councillor appointment to the Rātana Community Board

The Board comprises four elected members and one Councillor appointed by Council. At its meeting on 31 October 2019, Council appointed Councillor Brian Carter for the first 18 months and Councillor Jane Dunn for the second 18 months of the 2019-22 triennium as Council's representative to the Rātana Community Board.

## 4 Apologies

His Worship the Mayor conveyed to the meeting apologies from Cr Nigel Belsham (Deputy Mayor) and Cr Cath Ash,

## 5 Declaration by Members

Members made their declaration in the following order

- Mr Lequan Meihana (Te Reo Maori)
- Mr Charlie Mete (Te Reo Maori)
- Mr Jemal Nepia (English)
- Mr Charlie Rourangi (English)
- Cr Brian Carter (English)
- Cr Jane Dunn (English)

Ko ahau, ko \_\_\_\_\_, e oati ana ka whai ahau i te pono me te tōkeke, i runga hoki i te mutunga kē mai nei o āku pūkenga, o āku whakatau hoki kia whakatutuki, kia mahi anō hoki i te mana whakahaere, te mana whakatau me ngā momo mahi kua ūhia ki runga i a ahau kia whiwhi painga mō te takiwā o Rangitikei hei mema o te Poari Hapori o Rātana, e ai hoki ki te Ture Kāwanatanga-ā-Taiao 2002, ki te Ture Kāwanatanga-ā-Taiao Whakapae me te Hui 1987, me ētahi Ture anō rānei.

I, ....., declare that I will faithfully and impartially, and according to the best of my skill and judgment, execute and perform, in the best interests of the Rangitikei District, the powers, authorities, and duties vested in or imposed upon me as a member of the Rātana Community Board by virtue of the Local Government Act 2002, the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, or any other Act.

All declarations were duly signed by the Chief Executive and Board Members.

The meeting applauded each member at the conclusion of their declaration and provided a waiata at the conclusion of the declarations

## 6 Election of Chair

The Chief Executive outlined the statutory requirements to Board members.

Clause 17(1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 states that a territorial local authority must elect one of its members to be its deputy chair in accordance with clause 25. This requirement relates to both the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Rātana Community Board.

Clause 25, which relates to voting systems for certain appointments (including the election or appointment of the deputy mayor, the election or appointment of the chairperson and deputy chairperson of a committee, and the election or appointment of a representative of the local authority), states that:

(2) ... a local authority or a committee (if the local authority has so directed) must determine by resolution that a person be elected or appointed by using one of the following systems of voting:—

(a) the voting system in subclause (3) ("system A");

(b) the voting system in subclause (4) ("system B").

(3) System A—

(a) requires that a person is elected or appointed if he or she receives the votes of a majority of the members of the local authority or committee present and voting; and

(b) has the following characteristics:—

(i) there is a first round of voting for all candidates; and

(ii) if no candidate is successful in that round there is a second round of voting from which the candidate with the fewest votes in the first round is excluded; and

(iii) if no candidate is successful in the second round there is a third, and if necessary subsequent, round of voting from which, each time, the candidate with the fewest votes in the previous round is excluded; and

(iv) in any round of voting, if 2 or more candidates tie for the lowest number of votes, the person excluded from the next round is resolved by lot.

(4) System B—

(a) requires that a person is elected or appointed if he or she receives more votes than any other candidate; and

(b) has the following characteristics:

(i) there is only 1 round of voting; and

- (ii) if 2 or more candidates tie for the most votes, the tie is resolved by lot.

The Board unanimously adopted System B for the election of the Chair and Deputy Chair.

The Chief Executive called for nominations from the Board for the position of Chair.

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That Charlie Mete be appointed Chair of the Rātana Community Board.

Mr Nepia / Mr Rourangi. Carried

## 7 Declaration by Chair

Mr Mete made his declaration

I, Charlie Mete, declare that I will faithfully and impartially, and according to the best of my skill and judgement, execute and perform, in the best interests of the Rangitikei District, the powers, authorities, and duties vested in or imposed upon me as Chair of the Rātana Community Board by virtue of the Local Government Act 2002, the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, or any other Act.

The Chief Executive vacated the chair.

Mr Mete expressed his thanks and appreciation of support.

## 8 Election of Deputy Chair

The Chair called for nominations

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That Jemal Nepia be appointed Deputy Chair of the Rātana Community Board.

Mr Meihana / Mr Rourangi. Carried

## 9 Legislation requiring general explanation at the first meeting

The Chief Executive drew the Board's attention to the statutory requirement that a general explanation of some relevant legislation is given at the first meeting following a triennial general election and invited questions – at the meeting or anytime afterwards.

Members agreed to take the report as read.

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That the report on "Legislation requiring general explanation at the first Rātana Community Board meeting for the 2019-22 triennium" be received and the information noted.

Mr Mete / Mr Nepia. Carried

## 10 Rātana community's representative for Te Roopu Ahi Kaa

Te Roopu Ahi Kaa is Council's standing Iwi advisory committee. The Chair sought nominations from the meeting for the Rātana community's representative on that committee. Mr Jack Smith nominated Soraya Peke-Mason, who accepted the nomination; Ms Audrey Williams seconded that nomination. There were no other nominations.

The Chair declared Soraya Peke-Mason to be the Rātana community's representative for Te Roopu Ahi Kaa.

## 11 First meeting

The Chair noted that the Board usually met on the Tuesday of each alternate month (February, April etc.), following the Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti meetings, starting at 6.30pm.

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That the first meeting of the Rātana Community Board be held 17 December 2019 commencing at 6.30 pm.

Mr Mete / Cr Carter. Carried

Mr Mete confirmed that information about future meetings would be at the shop as well as on social media. The Board was keen to have the community engage.

Mr Panapa thanked the meeting for the support given him during the recent elections, acknowledged the contribution from the Mayor to the Rātana community, his confidence in the newly appointed Chief Executive, and pleasure at the new Board. He thought the presence of Cr Carter and Cr Dunn was an important step to greater unity.

A waiata followed.

His Worship the Mayor responded, looking forward to the Rātana celebrations in January 2020.

Mr Nepia echoed Mr Panapa's sentiments and acknowledged the huge contribution which Ms Soraya Peke-Mason had made to the Rātana community.

## 12 Closing Whakamoemiti

Mr André Mason gave the closing Whakamoemiti.

7.30 pm.

Confirmed/Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: