



Rangitikei District Council

Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti Meeting

Minutes – Tuesday 9 December 2014 – 10:00 a.m.

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Present: Pahia Turia (Chair)
Barbara Ball
Mark Gray
Peter Richardson
Hone Albert
Chris Shenton
Richard Steedman
Terry Steedman
Cr Cath Ash
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

Also present: Cr Soraya Peke-Mason

In attendance: Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager
Denise Servante, Strategy and Community Planning Manager
Samantha Whitcombe, Governance Administrator
Representatives from Ngāti Hauiti

1 Karakia/Welcome

Mr Richardson performed the opening Karakia for the meeting.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Ngāti Hauiti for hosting today's meeting. He suggested that the Komiti continue to alternate the venue of its meetings between Council Chambers in Marton and the various Marae in the District.

2 Public forum

3 Apologies/Leave of absence

That the apologies for absence from K Hina and P Maraku be received.

Mr Turia / Ms Ball. Carried

The Komiti noted that Hare Benevides was on three months leave and that Ngāti Hauiti was giving consideration to its replacement member for Jim Cunningham.

4 Whakatau Nga Tuhinga Korero/Confirmation of minutes

Resolved minute number **14/IWI/049** **File Ref**

That the Minutes of the Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti meeting held on 14 October 2014 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Ash / His Worship the Mayor. Carried

5 Chair's report

The Chair gave a verbal report to the Komiti, focusing on the Regional Growth Study. Ngati Apa had been invited to a meeting with key stakeholders in the study; it was good to see that Iwi had a presence at the meeting table.

Resolved minute number **14/IWI/050** **File Ref**

That the Chair's report to the Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti meeting on 9 December 2014 be received.

Mr R Steedman / Mr Shenton. Carried

6 Update from Council (October/November 2014)

Mr Hodder spoke briefly to the memorandum, giving an overview of the upcoming consultation process for the Long Term Plan and informing the Komiti of when they would have an opportunity to comment on the Plan.

The option of having a Māori seat on either Council or one of its standing Committees was being explored. However, the Chair noted that the critical issue was securing a valued partnership between the District's Iwi and the Council.

Discussion was held around the Taihape Town Centre Plan and whether or not there had been good 'buy-in' from the community. The issue of consultation with Iwi on the Town Centre Plan was also raised, with it being suggested that Iwi should be involved in the process right from the start not simply brought in at a specific stage to comment on proposed plan.

Clarification was sought over Council's view of funding for iconic events. The most recent consideration had been during the 2012/22 Long Term Plan.

Discussion was also held around the completion of the Rangitikei Strategic Water Assessment Project and what the next steps were.

Resolved minute number **14/IWI/051** **File Ref** **3-CT-8-1**

That the report 'Update from Council (October/November 2014)' be received.

Mr Turia / Mr R Steedman. Carried

7 Council decisions on recommendations from the Komiti

The Komiti noted the recommendations confirmed by Council at its meeting on 30 October 2014.

9 Update on landlocked land (and issues discussed with John Grant regarding the review of Te Ture Whenua Maori Act)

His Worship the Mayor informed the Komiti that there was no progress on the landlocked land issue at this stage. A meeting has been requested with the Honourable Chris Finlayson in the New Year. An update will be provided to the Komiti after this meeting.

10 Update on the Path to Well-Being initiative – December 2014

Ms Servante spoke briefly to the memorandum, giving a brief overview of what the Path to Well-Being initiative is and what work has been completed.

Mr Shenton gave a brief update from the latest meeting of the Treasured Natural Environment Group.

Resolved minute number **14/IWI/052** **File Ref** **3-CT-8-1**

That the memorandum 'Update on the Path to Well-Being initiative December 2014' be received.

Mr Shenton / Mr R Steedman. Carried

8 Maori Community Development Programme

Robert Martin, Neville Lomax and Kelly Thompson gave a presentation on Te Maru o Ruahine Trust, providing the Komiti with an overview of the Trust, its goals and aspirations, and its association with the Ngāti Hauti Iwi.

The Komiti agreed that Council staff would meet with the Trust to provide more detail on the projects for the Memorandum of Understanding, and would report back to the February 2015 meeting of the Komiti.

Resolved minute number **14/IWI/053** **File Ref**

That the Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti approves funding of up to \$15,000 to support a programme of community development through Te Maru o Ruahine Trust, subject to agreement between the Trust and the Council's Chief Executive.

Mr Turia / Mr Albert. Carried

11 Late items

None

12 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 10 February 2015, 10.00 am (in the Marton Council Chamber)

13 Karakia – 12.52 pm

Mr Turia performed the closing Karakia and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: _____