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Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Meeting

**Tuesday 9 December 2014
10.00 am**

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Membership

Chair

Mr P Turia (Whangaehu),

Deputy Chair

Ms B Ball (Ngāti Whitikaupeka)

Mr M Gray (Ngāti Rangituhia), Mr P Richardson (Ngāti Parewahawaha),
Vacant (Te Runanga o Ngāti Hauiti), Mr H Albert (Ngā Ariki Turakina), Mr P
Maraku (Rātana Community), Mr C Shenton (Ngāti Kauae/Tauira), Mr T
Steedman (Ngāti Hinemanu/Ngāti Paki), Ms H Benevides (Ngāti Tamakopiri),
Mr R Steedman (Ngai te Ohuake), Ms K Hina (Ngā Wairiki Ki Uta.)

Councillor Cath Ash

His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson, (ex officio)

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Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti Meeting

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The quorum for Te Roopu Ahi Kaa is 6 plus an elected member

At its meeting of 28 October 2010 Council resolved that 'The quorum at any meeting of a standing committee or sub-committee of the Council (including Te Roopu Ahi Kaa, the Community Committees, the Reserve Management Committees and the Rural Water Supply Management Sub-committees) is that required for a meeting of the local authority in SO 2.4.3 and 3.4.3.'

1 Karakia/Welcome

2 Public forum

3 Apologies/Leave of absence

4 Whakatau Nga Tuhinga Korero/Confirmation of minutes

Recommendation

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.

5 Chair's report

A verbal report will be given at the meeting.

Recommendation

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

6 Update from Council (October/November 2014)

An update of Council's decision at its October and November meetings is attached for the Komiti's information.

File ref: 3-CT-8-1

Recommendation

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

7 Council decisions on recommendations from the Komiti

The following recommendations were confirmed by Council at its meeting on 30 October 2014:

14/IWI/042

That the Komiti requests that an annual budgetary provision of \$15,000 for the Māori Community Development Programme be included in the draft 2015-25 LTP.

14/IWI/045

That the Statement on Development of Maori Capacity to Contribute to Council Decision Making, including the amendments, be recommended to Council for adoption.

14/IWI/048*

That the 'Draft Policy on the Sale of Surplus Lands and Buildings' [as amended] be recommended to Council for inclusion as an Operational Policy in the Community and Leisure Assets Management Plan.

*The consultation period for the Sale of Surplus Lands and Buildings began on 5 November 2014 and will end on 2 February 2015.

8 Maori Community Development Programme

At its meeting on 14 October, the Komiti considered a proposal from Te Maru o Ruahine Trust for a community development programme. The Komiti requested further information from the Trust and requested that a presentation be made to the meeting on 9 December.

A further meeting has taken place between Council staff and the Trust who have indicated that they would welcome the opportunity to discuss further with the Komiti. It is expected that a presentation will be made to the Komiti at its meeting.

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

An update will be provided at the meeting.

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

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 3-CT-8-1

Recommendation

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

11 Late items

12 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 10 February 2015, 10.00 am

13 Karakia

Attachment 1

Rangitikei District Council

Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti Meeting

Minutes – Tuesday 14 October 2014 – 10:00 a.m.

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Present:

Mr Pahia Turia (Chair)
 Ms Barbara Ball
 Mr Hone Albert
 Mr Peter Richardson
 Mr Pai Maraku
 Mr Chris Shenton
 Mr Terry Steedman
 His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson
 Cr Cath Ash

In attendance:

Mr Ross McNeil, Chief Executive
 Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager
 Ms Denise Servante, Senior Policy Analyst
 Ms Samantha Whitcombe, Governance Administrator

1 Karakia/Welcome

P Richardson performed the opening karakia to the meeting.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. He acknowledged the presence of Terry Steedman at the meeting, in the place of Peter Steedman.

P Steedman has opted to pursue ventures outside of the Komiti and as such, could no longer fulfil his role within Te Roopu Ahi Kaa. In the interim, T Steedman would take his place on the Komiti.

2 Public forum

None

3 Apologies/Leave of absence

That the apologies for absence from H Benevides and R Steedman be received.

B Ball / P Richardson. Carried

4 Whakatau Nga Tuhinga Korero/Confirmation of minutes

Resolved minute number	14/IWI/038	File Ref
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That the Minutes of the Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti meeting held on 12 August 2014 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

P Richardson / His Worship the Mayor. Carried

5 Chair's report

The Chair gave the Komiti a verbal report on the recent launch of Te Hou Farms (formally Flock House Farms) in Bulls. The properties were purchased as a partnership between Te Runanga o Ngati Apa, Atihau-Whanganui Incorporation and Waitatapia Station Limited

Significant developments are underway on the properties and potential water sources for irrigation are being investigated.

Resolved minute number	14/IWI/039	File Ref
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That the Chair's report to the Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti meeting on 14 October 2014 be received.

P Turia / P Richardson. Carried

6 Update from Council (August/October 2014)

Mr McNeil gave a brief overview of the report and highlighted the main sections. He suggested that Komiti members alert the groups they represent of the Hawkes Bay Regional Council's Long Term Plan that is currently out for consultation.

His Worship the Mayor informed the meeting of recent negotiations over retaining use of buildings on the former Taihape College site for the local community. Ms Ball noted the key issue for Iwi was the land there.

The Chair congratulated the Mayor and the Chief Executive on the recently adopted 2013/14 Annual Report.

Resolved minute number	14/IWI/040	File Ref	3-CT-8-1
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That the report 'Update from Council (August/October 2014)' be received.

P Maraku / B Ball. Carried

7 Council decisions on recommendations from the Komiti

The Komiti acknowledged that there were no decisions from the Komiti presented to Council's meeting on 28 August 2014.

8 Application for Māori community development programme 2014/15

Ms Servante spoke to the report. The Komiti suggested that further work needed to be done on the application from Te Maru o Ruahine (specifically development of the budget and clarification of the role of each participant), and suggested that the group would benefit from presenting their application to the Komiti's meeting in December 2014.

Resolved minute number	14/IWI/041	File Ref	3-GF-10
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1 That the report "Application for Māori community development programme 2014/15" be received.

2 That the Komiti refers the application for Māori community development programme funding back to Te Maru o Ruahine Trust for further development, with a request to present the updated proposal for the Komiti's consideration at its December 2014 meeting.

P Turia / T Steedman. Carried

Resolved minute number **14/IWI/042** **File Ref** **3-GF-10**

That the Komiti requests that an annual budgetary provision of \$15,000 for the Māori Community Development Programme be included in the draft 2015-25 LTP.

B Ball / P Maraku. Carried

9 Review of Statement on Development of Maori Capacity to Contribute to Council Decision-Making - October 2014

Ms Servante spoke to the report.

The Komiti considered the comment in the draft Statement on Maori wards. While the Komiti would wish to see such representation as a right, it could only come about if the Council was supportive. There were intermediate steps, such as Council inviting Komiti members to the table. Fundamentally, what mattered was having a meaningful and mutually beneficial relationship with the Council.

Resolved minute number **14/IWI/043** **File Ref** **3-PY-1-4**

That the memorandum "Review of Statement on Development of Maori Capacity to Contribute to Council Decision-Making – October 2014" be received.

P Turia / C Shenton. Carried

Resolved minute number **14/IWI/044** **File Ref** **3-PY-1-4**

That the Komiti provides the following feedback on the revised draft statement presented in Appendix 1:

- including reference to the Iwi management plans under the Resource Management Act;
- noting ongoing discussion about direct Maori representation on Council;
- noting that a training discussion for the Komiti was a discussion for the future.

P Maraku / B Ball. Carried

Resolved minute number **14/IWI/045** **File Ref**

That the Statement on Development of Maori Capacity to Contribute to Council Decision Making , including the amendments, be recommended to Council for adoption.

B Ball / C Shenton. Carried

10 Update on landlocked land

His Worship the Mayor provided a verbal update on the issue of landlocked land in the Rangitikei District.

With the recent Central Government Elections, very little progress has been made with the issue. His Worship the Mayor had written to Chris Finlayson, requesting a meeting, prior to the elections and would pen another letter to him in the coming weeks confirming this meeting.

The Chief Executive had spoken with John Grant who – having reflected on the matter since his meeting with the Komiti – thought there were other courses of action available to the Government and he had made an invitation for Mr Grant to come to the Komiti's December meeting.

Ms Ball thanked the Mayor and the Chief Executive for persevering with this issue.

11 Draft Policy on the Sale of Surplus Lands and Buildings

Mr Hodder spoke briefly to the report, acknowledging the assistance from the Mayor, Cr Sheridan, Mr Huwylar and Mr Shenton. The Komiti was satisfied with the changes that had been made to the policy.

Resolved minute number	14/IWI/046	File Ref	1-PY-1-13
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That the memorandum 'Draft Policy on the Sale of Surplus Lands and Buildings' be received.

His Worship the Mayor / C Shenton. Carried

Resolved minute number	14/IWI/047	File Ref	1-PY-1-13
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That the Policy on the Sale of Surplus Lands and Buildings does use a weighting score to assess non-financial considerations.

P Turia / P Maraku. Carried

Resolved minute number	14/IWI/048	File Ref	1-PY-1-13
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That the 'Draft Policy on the Sale of Surplus Lands and Buildings' be recommended to Council for inclusion as an Operational Policy in the Community and Leisure Assets Management Plan.

P Maraku / B Ball. Carried

12 Late items

None

13 Items for a subsequent meeting

How to foster valued relationships

14 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 9 December 2014, 10.00 am

Venue to be confirmed – Ms Ball will contact Ngati Hauiti about hosting the meeting at their marae.

15 Karakia – 12.29 pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: _____

Attachment 2



MEMORANDUM

TO: Te Roopu Ahi Kaa

FROM: Samantha Whitcombe

DATE: 28 November 2014

SUBJECT: **Update from Council's Meetings in October and November**

FILE: 3-CT-8-1

1 Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report is to provide the Komiti with an update on issues that have been under consideration by Council over the past two months.

2 Town Centre Plans

- 2.1 Town Centre Plans in Marton, Taihape and Hunterville are well underway. Initial strategies for each town have been distributed in the community and feedback incorporated into a series of recommendations for further feedback before inclusion in the draft Long Term Plan.
- 2.2 In Taihape, the focus is for creating and enhancing the visitor experience that relies upon the iconic landscape of the Rangitikei River and its Papa Cliffs. The community consultation process also aims to establish a longer term vision for the civic and leisure facilities in the town.
- 2.3 In Marton, the focus is on creating a funky, boutique town with an emphasis on its rural heritage and the easy, affordable lifestyle. The key issue is a process to concentrate civic and community activity within the CBD to create a civic heart for the town.
- 2.4 An aligned process is underway in Hunterville with projects underway to create a pedestrian trail from the popular stopping/picnicking spots on the state highway into the amenities in the town.
- 2.5 The Komiti will be aware that the Town Centre Plan in Bulls was adopted by Council in June 2014. Council is proceeding through the design stage for a multi-purpose facility in the town centre. Currently it is still hoped to be able to secure a joint venture partner to enable Council to proceed at the site of the Criterion Hotel.

3 Regional Growth Study

- 3.1 The Government is funding a regional growth study in the Horizons region, overseen by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Enterprise and the Ministry for Primary Industries. It is expected to be complete before the middle of next year. The

development of an Agribusiness strategy and responding to other actions that may arise from the study is being funded by councils within the region. Horizons is contributing 50% of these costs. Council has agreed to contribute up to \$10,000 as Rangitikei's share.

4 Strategic Water Assessment Project

- 4.1 This Project is now complete. At its meeting on 27 November 2014, Council heard a presentation from the Catalyst Group on the outcomes and findings of the project.
- 4.2 A summary of the final report has been compiled and is available on council's website, along with copies of the case studies from the seven farms that participated in the project.

5 Policies/Bylaws out for Consultation

- 5.1 At its last meeting, the Komiti was informed of a raft of Policies and Bylaw's that were currently out for public consultation. The period for submissions on these policies/bylaws closed on Friday 7 November 2014.
- 5.2 At its meeting on 27 November 2014, Council held an oral hearing for submissions to these Policies/Bylaws. Three oral submissions were heard on the proposed Local Approved Products Policy. These oral submissions, along with the written submissions received, will be deliberated at Council's meeting on 11 December 2014.
- 5.3 No submitter indicated a desire to speak on the amended Dog Control and Owner Responsibility Policy, the Significance and Engagement Policy or the Control of Dogs Bylaw. These two policies and the bylaw were deliberated on, and adopted at Council's meeting on 27 November 2014.

6 District CCTV

- 6.1 Implementation of the rollout is continuing. The Bulls system is now up and running. The Marton cameras have been installed and are waiting for power to be connected as are the cameras in Taihape. It is hoped the Marton and Taihape systems will be completed by Christmas.

7 Rules Reduction Initiative

- 7.1 As foreshadowed before the General Election, the Government has committed to a Rules Reduction Initiative to allow people to submit examples of property regulations (e.g. those that get in the way of renovation or landscaping) and local rules that don't make sense. While the publicity for the Initiative is directed towards individuals, local councils may make submissions to the Task Force. All submissions are treated as anonymous.
- 7.2 Submissions will be considered by a Taskforce, which will make recommendations to the Government. Taskforce members will be announced in November and, following that, a timeframe for the Initiative.

8 Broadband Project - Update

8.1 The Council IT team have been investigating options for improving:

1. Council's own broadband connectivity; and,
2. the broadband connectivity across Marton, as Marton is not part of the Government's UltraFast Broadband (UFB) programme.

8.2 Through a National Library UFB connectivity project administered by Chorus, the Marton Library is able to be connected to UFB fibre at a substantially reduced cost of \$8,500 (compared with an unsubsidised cost of around \$50,000). As there is an existing UFB fibre connection between the Library and Council offices, our wider activity and operations will benefit from this arrangement. This improved connectivity will enable staff to rationalise our current arrangements, with the expected efficiencies meaning our monthly overall costs remain about the same for a substantially increased benefit.

8.3 Prior the elections the Government announced that a further group of towns would be added to the national UFB project. Marton was one of the towns named. Now that the new Government is in place and Ministers appointed, staff will follow up on this announcement to establish what the details are for this additional UFB rollout plan.

9 By-elections

9.1 No valid nominations were received by the closing date for the vacancy in the Taihape Community Board. At its meeting on 5 November 2014, the Board resolved to determine by resolution that the vacancy would be filled by Board appointment. Subsequently, Yvonne Sicely was identified as the appointee. Following the requirements of the Local Electoral Act 2001, public notice was given of this decision and her appointment will be confirmed at the Board's next meeting, on 3 December 2014.

9.2 The verbal resignation by a member of the Ratana Community Board noted in earlier reports has yet to be confirmed in writing.

10 Recommendation

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

Samantha Whitcombe
Governance Administrator

Attachment 3



MEMORANDUM

TO: Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti

FROM: Samantha Whitcombe

DATE: 28 November 2014

SUBJECT: **Update on the Path to Well-Being initiative – December 2014**

FILE: 1-CO-4

1 Background

- 1.1 The aim of this memorandum is to provide the Komiti with an update on the actions and progress of the Path to Well-Being Initiative.

2 Projects

2.1 Rangitikei Heritage – World War One Commemorative DVD

The group has worked on a project to digitise the World War One memorabilia at each of the museums and historical societies in the District. This has now been completed and was launched at Majestic Theatre in Taihape, on Sunday 30 November 2014. Copies of the DVD are available from the historical societies and the Council information Centres.

2.2 Marton Community Charter

A collaboration between Ngati Apa, Council and the Rangitikei College Board of Trustees to establish a new model for the delivery of health and social welfare services in the southern Rangitikei has been developed.

2.3 Treasured Natural Environment Theme Group – Rangitikei River Accord

The group is currently in conversation with key stakeholders for this project. Further updates will be provided to the Komiti as and when appropriate.

2.4 Positive Ageing Strategy

The Safe and Caring Community Theme Group has been implementing the Positive Ageing Strategy that was put in place following last year's conference. Particularly falls prevention programmes have been delivered in Marton and Bulls which includes the provision of information about other services available to older people. The information has also been linked to gentle exercise classes that have been underway in Taihape for some time.

2.5 Marton Youth Club and Taihape Youth Hutt

After-school and school holiday programmes have continued to operate in Marton, from Centennial Park and a part-time provision has been started up in Taihape following the closure of the original Youth Hutt.

Funding for these initiatives remains fragile and is a priority for Council staff at the present time.

2.6 Path to Well-being Conference 2014

The annual conference this year will take place on 12 December 2014 at Bulls Town Hall. The theme is economic development and community regeneration. The conference is free and all are welcome. The programme is provided below.

Path to Well-being Conference Programme		
8.30	Registration	
9.00	Whakatau	
9.10	Welcome	The Mayor
9.15	Introductory comments	Michelle A'Court
9.30	Keynote 1	Pahia Turia
10.15	Keynote 2	Shamubeel Eaquad
11.00	Morning Tea	
11.15	Workshop 1	Choice of 2: one facilitated by Pahia and one by Shamubeel
12.15	Lunch	
1.15	Welcome back	Ian McKelvie MP
1.20	Introductory Comments	Michelle A'Court
1.30	Keynote 3	Annette Kendall – Small town revivals
1.40	Presentation	David Engwicht – Town Centre Plans in Rangitikei
2.20	Workshop 2	Choice of 2: one facilitated by David and one by Annette PLUS Youth workshop: facilitated by Jayme Anderson
3.20	Afternoon Tea	
3.30	Panel discussion	Chaired by Ian McKelvie MP
		Pahia Turia, David Engwicht, Shamubeel Eaquad, Mayor Andy Watson, Annette Kendall, Richard Coxon, Robert Gunn
4.15	Closing comments	Michelle A'Court
4.30	Karakia and close	

3 Recommendation

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

Samantha Whitcombe
Governance Administrator