



# Rangitikei District Council

## Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti Meeting

Minutes – Tuesday 10 February 2015 – 10:10 a.m.

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**Present:** Mr Pahia Turia (Chair)  
Ms Barbara Ball  
Mr Hone Albert  
Mr Mark Gray  
Mr Peter Richardson  
Mr Pai Maraku  
Mr Richard Steedman  
Mr Terry Steedman  
Cr Cath Ash

**Also present:** Cr Soraya Peke-Mason

**In attendance:** Mr Ross McNeil, Chief Executive  
Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager  
Ms Denise Servante, Strategy and Community Planning Manager  
Ms Samantha Whitcombe, Governance Administrator

## 1 Karakia/Welcome

Mr R Steedman and Mr Richardson both performed an opening karakia for the meeting.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## 2 Public Forum

None

## 3 Apologies/Leave of absence

That the apologies for absence from His Worship the Mayor, Chris Shenton and Hari Benevides be received.

BB / TS. Carried

## 4 Whakatau Nga Tuhinga Korero/Confirmation of minutes

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/IWI/001**                      **File Ref**

That the Minutes of the Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti meeting held on 9 December 2014 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Mr R Steedman / Cr C Ash. Carried

## 5 Chair's report

The Chair gave a brief report, thanking Council for the opportunity to speak at the Path to Well-Being Conference in December 2014. He also informed the Komiti that he had been offered the chance to speak to at the local Rotary meeting on the history and future of Ngati Apa, and that it had been well received.

The Chair also invited Cr Peke-Mason to give the Komiti an overview of the 2015 Rātana Celebrations.

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/IWI/002**                      **File Ref**

That the Chair's report to the Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti meeting on 10 February 2015 be received.

Mr R Steedman / Mr T Steedman. Carried

## **6 Council decisions on recommendations from the Komiti**

The Komiti noted that there were no recommendations from the Komiti presented to Council's meeting on 29 January 2015.

## **7 Update from Council (December 2014/January 2015)**

Mr McNeil spoke briefly to each of the items in the update. Discussion was held around the following points:

- Leachate from the Bonny Glen landfill.
- The impact of the forestry industry on roading, and who specifically a bylaw would target (the land owner, the forestry owner or the trucking companies).
- The application for an extension from Meridian Energy for Project Central Wind and the need to keep those groups that were consulted on during the original resource consent process informed.

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/IWI/003**                      **File Ref**                      **3-CT-8-1**

That the report 'Update from Council (December 2014/January 2015)' be received.

Mr R Steedman / Cr C Ash. Carried

## **8 Mayors' Rangatahi Leadership Programme 2015**

Mr McNeil spoke briefly to the item. The Chair suggested that, due to the limited timeframe available this year, the Mayor be left to make a call on a potential candidate for 2015. In future years Komiti members could put forward nominations for candidates for the programme.

## **9 Fostering collaboration between Iwi and Council**

Mr Hodder spoke to the report, providing some additional background information and providing a brief overview of the report.

Discussion was held around the following points:

- 175 years after the Treaty was signed is it time for iwi to have a seat at the Council table – and that that person be the Komiti chair?
- Does being a Treaty partner mean more than one Iwi seat at the Council table
- While the technical detail considered at Council's standing committees is interesting, would it be likely that Iwi have the resources to take up a seat on these.
- The negative aspects to having an Elected Representative from a Māori Ward:
  - That person could not represent and speak for every Iwi/Hapu within the District
  - To stand for election to a Māori Ward that person would not necessarily have to be from that Ward or have any connection to that Ward.

- Maori have the capacity to put themselves forward and get elected to Council.
- Is the relationship of Treaty partner that between Iwi and the Crown (i.e. not with or through the Council)?
- Other potential partnerships that could be established.
  - Councillors invited to Komiti meetings or separate meetings between the Komiti and Council.
  - Individual relationships between specific Iwi/Hapu and Council.

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/IWI/004**                      **File Ref**                      3-OR-3-4

That the report 'Fostering collaboration between Iwi and Council' be received.

Mr T Steedman / Ms B Ball. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/IWI/005**                      **File Ref**                      3-OR-3-4

That Council be invited to join the Komiti's next hui (on 14 April 2015) with the objective of sharing long-term perspectives and mechanisms to secure greater collaboration between Iwi and Council in the Rangitikei.

Mr M Gray / Ms B Ball. Carried

## **10 Maori Community Development Programme**

The Komiti noted the progress with the Maori Community Development Programme for the 2014/15 year.

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

Mr McNeil informed the Komiti that His Worship the Mayor and Mr R Steedman were to meet with Minister Finlayson on Wednesday 11 February 2015, and would provide an overview of the meeting to the Komiti's meeting in April 2015.

## **12 Update on the Path to Well-Being Initiative – February 2015**

Ms Servante spoke briefly to the memorandum, providing a brief overview of the success of the Path to Well-Being Conference held in December 2014.

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/IWI/006**                      **File Ref**                      3-CT-8-1

That the memorandum 'Update on the Path to Well-Being Initiative - February 2015' be received.

Ms B Ball / Cr C Ash. Carried

### **13 Waitangi 175**

The Komiti noted the information provided about Waitangi 175. There was discussion on Council's commitment to fund events associated with Waitangi Day and Matariki – this had occurred under the pilot Maori community development programme Otaihape Māori Komiti (now Mokai Pātea Services). The Chief Executive suggested that this be a topic for the next meeting.

### **14 Late items**

None

### **15 Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 14 April 2015, 10.00 am

Venue TBC – Mr R Steedman to confirm

### **16 Karakia – 12.26 pm**

The Chair closed the meeting and Mr R Steedman performed the closing karakia.

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

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_