



# Rangitikei District Council

## Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti Meeting

Minutes – Tuesday 11 August 2015 – 10:00 a.m.

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**Present:** Mr Pahia Turia (Chair)  
Ms Barbara Ball  
Mr Hone Albert  
Ms Hari Benevides  
Mr Jim Cunningham  
Mr Thomas Curtis  
Ms Katerina Hina  
Mr Jim Puki  
Mr Chris Shenton  
Mr Peter Steedman  
Mr Richard Steedman  
Cr Cath Ash  
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

**Also present** Councillor Soraya Peke-Mason

**In attendance:** Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager  
Ms Denise Servante, Senior Policy Analyst  
Mrs Janette O’Leary, Governance Administrator

**Tabled items** Item 9 Te Karere a Hauiti (Volume 15.1, June 2015)  
Item 11 Extract from Regional Growth Study: Enabler – Productivity of Maori land

## 1 Karakia/Welcome

Mr Turia performed the opening Karakia

## 2 Public forum

Nil.

## 3 Apologies/leave of absence

### Resolved minute number

That apologies from Mr Richardson, Councillor McNeil and His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson (for lateness) be received.

## 4 Whakatau Nga Tuhinga Korero/Confirmation of Minutes

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That the Minutes of the Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti meeting held on 9 June 2015 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Ms Ball / Mr Benevides. Carried

## 5 Chair's report

The Chair gave a verbal report at the meeting.

Since the flooding of 20/21 June 2015, communities affected by floods have been in contact with the Council. The Mayor has been the face of the Council and has been liaising with communities to see what Council can do for them. A big mihi to the Mayor and Council for the work that has been done and the response so far. The Council and iwi and hapu have been busy in the aftermath of this natural disaster. This is the fourth time communities have been flooded and Council's response this time has been the best so far. There is a \$4 million roading bill that Council may have to fund for the road reinstatement.

The flood protection wall worked well for the Whangaehu Marae and now Kauangaroa Marae and papakainga is looking at flood protection measures.

Other Komiti members also commented on the response from Council, noting in particular the speed with which a bailey bridge was installed over the damaged Te Hou Hou Bridge.

The Chair noted he had attended the launch of the Regional Growth Study. This gave an opportunity for Central Government to be involved in promoting growth in the region. Iwi and Hapu can come together to get an idea of what their economic asset base is.

The Chair is going to China as an Iwi partnership representative with Wanganui District Council Mayor and Chief Executive at the start of September to look at potential sister city economic benefits/ drivers for both communities. This should be seen as an opportunity (as long as Iwi remain in control) to engage with an international market.

He attended Iwi Chair Forum last week, met with Minister Nick Smith and the Deputy Prime Minister. Iwi have told the Government they want full disclosure of the TPPA deal before Iwi will support it.

Discussion by Komiti members emphasised the view that it was important to see benefits for both Iwi and Chinese. There were instances in Australia where Chinese ownership of land had not resulted *in* economic benefits to local communities.

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That the Chair's report to the Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti meeting on 11 August 2015 be received.

Mr Steedman / Mr Curtis. Carried

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

There were no recommendations from the Komiti presented to Council's meeting on 25 June 2015.

## **7 Update from Council (June/July 2015)**

An update of Council's decisions at its June and July 2015 meetings was attached for the Komiti's information. Mr Hodder spoke to the report. Copies of the adopted 2015/25 Long Term Plan were available in the Chamber of all Komiti members to take, if they wished.

Ms Ball noted that the Taihape Community Board had not communicated with Iwi regarding the town centre plan process. From previous discussion at the Komiti, she had assumed that this would happen. Mr Hodder undertook to address this. .

After the flood there was a shortfall for roading funding as the Funding Assistance Rate (FAR) for emergency work was lower than previous years. This could have a large impact on the district. Mt Curl Road needed design work done on it; Onepuhi Road should be opening soon. A District-wide assessment of the damage (and cost to rectify) is being done for the New Zealand Transport Agency.

His Worship the Mayor entered the meeting at 10.50am

Post-flood public meetings had been held in Koitiata, Marton, Hunterville and Pohonui.

Clarification was sought on the Taihape Youth Club's operation. The Komiti asked to be kept informed of developments

Further information was provided to the Komiti on the interim report issued by the Local Government and Environment Committee on the Buildings (Earthquake-prone buildings) Amendment Bill. Rangitikei has been placed in the high risk category (like Wellington and Christchurch) and, as a consequence, the risk assessment and remediation needs to be done more quickly. Council has put in a submission to the Committee suggesting this be qualified: even though Marton is high risk like Wellington, the scale of loss of life after an earthquake there would be much different to one in the capital.

Most of parks and town maintenance work was being done by Council staff rather than by contractors. However, private contractors doing urban berm mowing, CBD cleaning and sexton duties.

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/IWI/019**                      **File Ref**                      **3-CT-8-1**

That the report 'Update from Council (June/July2015)' be received.

Mr Steedman / Mr Curtis. Carried.

## **8 Draft Heritage Strategy**

Ms Gray spoke to the report.

Mr Shenton had volunteered to write the foreword/perspective at the start of this document, an example from Waikato had been tabled at the Komiti meeting.

Discussion by the Komiti focussed on the difficulty of determining which stories and sites should be shared with others. There was a consensus that the strategy (and these issues) needed further discussion by members with their runanga and hapu.

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/IWI/020**                      **File Ref**                      **3-GF-10**

That the draft heritage strategy be received and further developed for consideration at a subsequent meeting of the Komiti.

Mr Steedman / Mr Benevides. Carried

## **9 Maori Community Development Programme – update**

Ms Servante spoke to the report. Mr Curtis noted the latest Ngati Hauiti newsletter (tabled)

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/IWI/021**                      **File Ref**                      **3-GF-10**

That the report 'Maori Community Development Programme – update' be received.

Ms Ball / Mr Steedman. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/IWI/022**                      **File Ref**                      **3-GF-10**

That Expressions of Interest be invited from iwi, hapu and Maori organisations for a Māori community development project to be initiated in 2015/16, to be received by 25 September 2015.

Ms Ball / Mr Steedman Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/IWI/023**                      **File Ref**                      **3-GF-10**

That Te Roopu Ahi Kaa considers Expressions of Interest to the Māori Community Development Fund at its meeting on 13 October 2015 with a view to allocating the \$15,000 budgeted to Māori community development to one or more eligible projects.

Ms Ball / Mr Steedman Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/IWI/024**                      **File Ref**                      **3-GF-10**

That Te Roopu Ahi Kaa congratulates Te Maru o Ruahine Trust on the achievements demonstrated in the interim report attached as appendix 2.

Ms Ball / Mr Steedman Carried

## **10 Update on Landlocked Land (and issues discussed with John Grant Regarding the Review of Te Ture Whenua Maori Act)**

His Worship the Mayor spoke to the tabled report adding that there was potential for landlocked land in the forthcoming Chinese talks.

There was some discussion around reasonable access and interpretation in the Act as to what this means to the Regional Growth Study

## **11 Regional Growth Strategy**

Ms Servante gave a power point presentation on the Regional Growth Strategy. A section of the Strategy 'Enabler: Productivity of Maori land' was distributed to Komiti members

Main points in discussion were:

- environmental protection and sustainability were incorporated into (if not viewed as a driver for) this growth strategy, can be a driver with this strategy.
- uncertainty of central government commitment and funding

- need for Komiti members to discuss with their hapu/whanau and feed that back into a Komiti hui;

His Worship the Mayor clarified that ultimately commercial interests would drive the programme. However, the study could be used as leverage to get funding for programmes from Te Puni Kokiri or the Office of Treaty Settlements.

The Chair suggested that the Komiti itself might wish to apply to the Māori Community Development as a way of ensuring some capacity to engage with the process. Such an application would need to be considered alongside others.

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/IWI/025**                      **File Ref**

That Te Roopu Ahi Kaa applies to the Māori Community Development Fund to enable engagement with the implementation of the Regional Growth Study.

Mr Turia / Ms Ball. Carried.

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

Ms Servante outlined recent work.

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/IWI/026**                      **File Ref**                      **3-CT-8-1**

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

Mr Turia / Ms Ball. Carried

## **13 Late items**

Nil.

## **14 Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 13 October 2015, 10.00 am

## **15 Karakia**

Mr Curtis performed the closing karakia. Meeting closed at 1.05pm

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

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