



# Rangitikei District Council

## Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti Meeting

Minutes – Tuesday 13 October 2015 – 10:00 a.m.

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**Present:** Mr Pahia Turia (Chair)  
Ms Barbara Ball  
Mr Peter Richardson  
Mr Pai Maraku  
Mr Chris Shenton  
Mr Terry Steedman  
Mr Richard 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, Strategy & Community Planning Manager  
Ms Katrina Gray, Policy Analyst  
Mrs Priscilla Jeffrey, Governance Administrator

## **1 Karakia/Welcome**

Mr Peter Richardson performed the opening Karakia.

Mr Richard Steedman entered the meeting at 10.11am

At the commencement of the meeting the Chair paid tribute to Mr Piripi Rangi Haami, a well-known Wanganui activist who campaigned tirelessly for iwi rights during the 1990s and early 2000s. He was a motivator igniting the views of a whole settlement relating to Māori issues with the Crown. The Komiti's thoughts were with the family.

## **2 Public Forum**

Nil

## **3 Apologies/leave of absence**

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/IWI/027**                      **File Ref**

That apologies from Ms Katarina Hina and Ms Hari Benevides be received, and also the apology from Cr Soraya Peke-Mason.

Mr Curtis / Mr Shenton. Carried

## **4 Whakatau Nga Tuhinga Korero/Confirmation of Minutes**

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/IWI/028**                      **File Ref**

That, subject to the following amendments to the preamble, the minutes of the Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti meeting held on 11 August 2015 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting:

- Delete the names Mr Jim Cunningham, Mr Peter Steedman and Mr Jim Puki as being present.
- Correct the name "Katerina Hina" to "Katarina Hina" under members present.
- Delete the name Councillor Cath Ash as present.
- Insert the name Councillor Cath Ash as an apology.

Ms Ball / Mr Shenton. Carried

## 5 Chair's report

The Chair gave a verbal report. He thanked the Council for its on-going support with the recent floods and advised that the Taskforce Green assistance had been extended a further month to help with the ongoing clean up.

The Chair also commented on his recent trip to China, noting the potential opportunities for the region and the complexities of negotiation. Some countries had sister city relationship with China, however he was not sure how tangible that relationship would be in building business opportunities. He was also involved with the Chinese delegation to the Manawatu/Wanganui region, which did manage a visit to Te Hou Farms, although at the end of a long day.

The Chair invited His Worship the Mayor to comment on his trip to Melbourne to meet with Chinese delegation. He had flown back to New Zealand with three Chinese delegates who had been invited to tour the Manawatu/Wanganui region. He praised the work that Destination Manawatu had undertaken to ensure the success of the visit and the presence of skilled interpreters. He believed that the visit could result in increased business for the region.

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/IWI/029**                      **File Ref**

That the Chair's report to the Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti meeting on 12 October 2015 be received.

Mr Turia / Mr Shenton. Carried

## 6 Council decisions on recommendations from the Komiti

There were no decisions on recommendations from the Komiti.

## 7 Update from Council (August-September 2015)

An update of Council's decision at its August-September 2015 meetings was attached for the Komiti's information. Mr McNeil spoke to the report.

Mr Curtis thanked the Council for the effort made following the June 2015 flood event.

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/IWI/030**                      **File Ref**                      **3-CT-8-1**

That the report 'Update from Council (August-September 2015)' be received.

Mr Turia / His Worship the Mayor. Carried

## 8 Update on landlocked land

Mr Richard Steedman gave an update on the landlocked land. He advised that along with His Worship the Mayor and Councillor Peke-Mason they had a good meeting with Te Puni Kokiri and understand where they were placed on the issue. While the process was quite bureaucratic it was important to continue pursuing the issue to achieve the desired result. He would have preferred that the pilot location had been in the Rangitikei than in the Wairarapa

Mr Terry Steedman noted that about 30% of the land in Rangitikei had no road access. The Courts had taken different approaches to resolving this: some believed that if there was foot access then that was reasonable access; others believed if there was access to the land via boat that was sufficient. Developing the land needed reliable, ongoing access.

A meeting with Minister Flavell was anticipated soon.

## 9 Allocation of Māori Community Development Programme 2015/16

Ms Servante spoke to the report. Mr Turia noted that a proposal regarding Te Ketu Tuatea had yet to be framed. The Komiti was interested in considering options on how the programme could continue to be beneficial to Maori in the District without necessarily being targeted to a particular Iwi.

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That the report "Allocation of Māori community development programme 2015/16" be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Ms Ball. Carried

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That Te Roopu Ahi Kaa recommends to Council to provide \$14,000 to Te Maru o Ruahine Trust and requests that Council staff work with the Trust to develop a programme of work with measurable outputs relating to:

- Web based database
- Website development
- Registration commitment
- Cultural programmes

Mr Shenton / Mr Albert. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/IWI/033**                      **File Ref**                      **3-GF-10**

That a report is prepared for the December 2015 meeting of Te Roopu Ahi Kaa to review the Maori community development programme with a view to developing a district wide strategy for the funding in 2016/17 to 2017/18.

Mr Curtis / Ms Ball. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/IWI/034**                      **File Ref**                      **3-GF-10**

That Te Roopu Ahi Kaa requests that Council considers how it may support iwi/hapu/Maori engagement in the implementation of the regional growth study.

Mr R Steedman / Mr Turia. Carried

## **10 Heritage Strategy**

The foreword prepared by Mr Shenton was tabled. Some Komiti members were still consulting with their groups. Members believed it was important to preserve the history of the area, to identify pa sites and significance of place names. Bilingual signs were suggested.

The matter would be reconsidered at the December meeting.

## **11 Update on Path to Well-being initiative – October 2015**

Ms Servante spoke to the memorandum.

Members of the Komiti expressed concern in respect to the play on Maori names. Maori were encouraging people to pronounce Maori language properly therefore it was not appropriate to use '*Rapitikei*' or '*Be Happy – Taihape*' – with people were mispronouncing 'Taihape'.

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

Mr Curtis / His Worship the Mayor. Carried

## **12 Late items**

### **Citizenship Ceremonies**

The Chair invited members to consider Tangata Whenua participation in citizenship ceremonies. To date there had been little involvement and it would be an opportunity to

develop the relationship. It was suggested that a powhiri could be held at designated local marae in the area.

### **Local Sports Day in Taihape**

Mr Terry Steedman advised that Taihape would be holding a sports day on 24 October 2015 commencing 9.00am at Taihape Memorial Park. An invitation was extended to His Worship the Mayor and Komiti members to attend. Mr Steedman also enquired if the Council could provide funding for the event in 2016 as it was increasing in numbers and there were costs associated with venue hire.

## **13 Date of next meeting**

Tuesday, 8 December 2015, 10.00am

## **14 Closing Karakia**

Mr Richardson performed the closing karakia. Mr Pahia provided the blessing for lunch. Meeting closed at 1.06pm

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

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