



Rangitikei District Council

Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti Meeting

Minutes – Tuesday 9 February 2016 – 10:10 a.m.

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Present:

- Mr Pahia Turia (Chair)
- Ms Barbara Ball
- Ms Hari Benevides
- Mr Katarina Hina
- Mr Peter Richardson
- Mr Pai Maraku

In attendance:

- Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager
- Ms Denise Servante, Strategy & Community Planning Manager
- Ms Katrina Gray, Policy Analyst/Planner
- Ms Samantha Whitcombe, Governance Administrator

1 Karakia/Welcome

Mr Peter Richardson performed the opening Karakia for the meeting, before the Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Public forum

None

3 Apologies

That the apologies for absence from His Worship the Mayor, Cr Ash, Mr R Steedman, Mr C Shenton, Mr T Steedman, and Mr M Gray, and the apology for lateness from Mr T Curtis be received.

Ms B Ball/Ms K Hina. Carried

4 Chair's report

The Chair provided a verbal report to the Komiti, touching on the following subjects:

- The review of the Te Turi Whenua Maori Act and the recent hui held in Whanganui.
- Update on the Regional Growth Study.
- Opposition to the TPPA (Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement).
- The success of the Ratana Celebrations held in January.

Mr Curtis arrived 10.17 am

Resolved minute number **16/IWI/001** **File Ref**

That the Chair's report to the Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti meeting on 9 February 2016 be received.

Mr P Turia/ Mr P Richardson. Carried

5 Confirmation of minutes

Ms Hina requested an amendment to page 10 of the Minutes of the previous meeting, replacing 'Whangaehu' with 'Kauangaroa' in the last sentence of the third paragraph.

Resolved minute number **16/IWI/002** **File Ref**

That the Minutes of the Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti meeting held on 8 December 2015, as amended, be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Ms H Benevides/ Ms K Hina. Carried

6 Council decisions on recommendations from the Komiti

The Komiti acknowledged that there were no decisions on recommendations presented to Council's December 2015 or January 2016 meetings.

7 Update from Council (December 2015 - January 2016)

Mr Hodder spoke briefly to the report, highlighting the long-term mitigation for flood-prone areas in the District and funding for youth services in the Rangitikei items. Ms Hina noted recent discussions with the Mayor and the Chief Executive, advising that they would be visiting the marae the coming weekend.

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That the report 'Update from Council's meetings in December 2015 and January 2016' be received.

Mr P Turia/Ms K Hina. Carried

8 Update on landlocked land

Mr Hodder provided a brief update to the Komiti on Council's progress with finding a solution to the issue of Maori landlocked land within the District. His Worship the Mayor is awaiting a meeting with Minister Flavell to further his discussions with Central Government on this issue.

10 Update on Path to Wellbeing Initiative – February 2016

Ms Servante spoke to the memorandum, highlighting the continued funding of the youth services in the Rangitikei until the end of February 2016 and providing additional background information on the Healthy Families initiative.

The Chair noted that regional initiatives for social services had been evident for a while, and that they had all encountered the difficulty of relating to the large number of small communities within the region.

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That the memorandum 'Update on the Path to Well-Being initiative – February 2016' be received.

Ms B Ball/Mr T Curtis. Carried

9 Proposed District Plan Changes

Ms Gray spoke briefly to the memorandum, providing the Komiti with background information on why Council is initiating a Plan Change and highlighting the specific parts of the District Plan that are part of the change.

The Chair commended the Council in trying to remove unnecessary barriers.

Resolved minute number **16/IWI/005** **File Ref** **2-PL-2**

That the memorandum 'Proposed District Plan Changes' be received.

Ms B Ball/Mr T Curtis. Carried

11 Central register of Commitments

The Komiti noted the establishment of a Central Register of Commitments and the benefit that local Iwi could see from this register.

12 Māori Legal, Business and Governance Forum

Resolved minute number **16/IWI/006** **File Ref**

That Mr Thomas Curtis attends the 2016 Maori Legal, Business and Governance Forum on behalf of the Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti, and provide a report back to the Komiti on the forum to a future meeting.

Mr P Turia/Ms H Benevides. Carried

13 Addressing the Komiti's strategic needs (as prelude to consideration of options for Maori community development programme in 2016/17 and 2017/18 and facilitating Maori engagement in economic development)

Ms Servante spoke to the tabled discussion document providing some background to the Komiti on how the document came about and where the information it contains came from.

Members present favoured a hui potentially including all Komiti members and the respective runanga.

Ms Servante and Mr Turia undertook to provide the Komiti members with a series of dates for a meeting with representatives of the various Iwi/Hapu groups and Maori organisations within the District.

Resolved minute number **16/IWI/007** **File Ref**

That the tabled discussion document Addressing the Komiti's strategic needs (as prelude to

consideration of options for Maori community development programme in 2016/17 and 2017/18 and facilitating Maori engagement in economic development) be received.

Ms K Hina / Mr P Richardson. Carried

14 Consultation - draft Heritage Strategy

Ms Gray spoke briefly to the item. Mr Maraku noted his strong support for this initiative. Understanding tribal history was an important part of strengthening relationships.

15 Consultation – draft Treasury Policies

The Komiti noted that the consultation material is available on Council’s website.

16 Late items

Citizenship Ceremony – The Mayor had asked whether the Komiti would like to be involved in the ceremony. The Komiti was keen, asked to be informed of future dates and for the matter to be added to the next meeting agenda to allow a discussion about the nature of that involvement.

Induction process for the new Council following the October 2013 elections – The Mayor was interested to know the Komiti’s views on its preferred involvement. The Komiti asked for this to be added to a future agenda to formalise a process for induction – both for Council and new Komiti members.

The recently announced proposed changes to the Rating Act (regarding Maori land) would be a matter for the next meeting.

Rangitikei Heritage – the recent visit to Taihape’s former abattoir, freezing works and Winiata marae was considered a useful precedent for similar visits elsewhere in the District.

Update on ultrafast Broadband in the Rangitikei – action plan in progress.

17 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 19 April 2015, 10.00 am

18 Karakia – 12.06pm

Mr Richardson performed the closing Karakia for the meeting.

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: _____