



Rangitikei District Council

Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti Meeting

Minutes – Tuesday 19 April 2016 – 10:10 a.m.

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Present: Mr Pahia Turia (Chair)
Ms Barbara Ball
Ms Hari Benevides
Mr Thomas Curtis
Mr Peter Richardson
Mr Chris Shenton
Mr Richard Steedman
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 Samantha Whitcombe, Governance Administrator

1 Karakia/Welcome

Mr R Steedman opened the meeting and the Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The Chair informed the Komiti that Mark Gray's son, Bobby, would be taking his place on Te Roopu Ahi Kaa but it was unclear if he knew about this meeting.

2 Public forum

Nil

3 Apologies

That the apologies for absence from His Worship the Mayor, Mr Terry Steedman, and Ms Katarina Hina be received.

Ms Benevides / Mr Shenton. Carried

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 February 2016 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Mr Turia / Ms Ball. Carried

5 Chair's report

The Chair gave a verbal report to the Komiti, focusing on the Regional Growth Study.

While the published Regional Growth Study noted specific issues concerning Maori (including land-locked land and manuka honey), the project Lead Team was concerned that this essentially limited the contribution by Maori to growth to improving the productivity of Maori-owned land. As a result, a separate report on the regional Maori economy has been commissioned and funded by Te Puni Kokiri: Dr Jason Mika (GHA Consultants) is undertaking the research and will write a report outlining the potential growth opportunities for Maori.

The Chair informed the Komiti that the parameters of study were not restricted to those identified within the original study, but could take a much broader approach. Although this piece of work would not be completed in time for the launch of the action plan associated with the original Regional Growth Study, the Minister has agreed to insert some placeholders within the action plan for the opportunities that may arise from this additional study.

The Chair advised the Komiti that the opportunities that arise from this additional piece of work may not be implemented regionally immediately; however they will be able to be applied on a regional scale in the future.

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That the Chair's report to the Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti meeting on 19 April 2016 be received.

Mr P Turia / Mr T Curtis. Carried

6 Council decisions on recommendations from the Komiti

The Komiti noted that there were no recommendations from the Komiti to Council's meeting of 29 February 2016.

Mr McNeil took this opportunity to update the Komiti on two issues that have been raised in earlier meetings; mitigating the risk of flooding in Whangaehu and Kauangaroa and progress with the recommendations from the Strategic Water Assessment.

He informed the Komiti that there is no easy or quick answer to the flooding issues in these communities, but Council is committed to finding a solution. In-depth conversations will be had with the local residents before anything is decided. An application has been made to the Civil Defence & Emergency Management Resilience Fund.

Applications have been made to the Ministry for Primary Industries to remove the Hunterville Town water supply from the Hunterville Rural Water Scheme and on the establishment of a new rural water scheme around the Northern Marton/Tutaenui area.

7 'What's new, what's changed...?' –Consultation Document for the 2016/17 Annual Plan

Mr McNeil narrated a presentation on 'What's new, what's changed...?', the consultation document to Council's 2016/17 Annual Plan.

Mr P Turia 10.44am / 10.45am

Ms H Benevides 11.16am / 11.19am

8 Other simultaneous consultations:

Mr McNeil spoke briefly to the other documents out for public consultation at the same time as 'What's new, what's changed...?'

9 Update from Council (December 2015-January 2016)

Ms Servante spoke briefly to the update on the Town Centre Plans and the 7-Day Makeovers in the District. Mr McNeil then spoke briefly to the rest of the report.

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That the report 'Update from Council's meetings in February and March 2016' be received.

Mr P Turia / Mr R Steedman. Carried

10 Update on landlocked land

Mr McNeil commented briefly on progress with landlocked land within the District. There is still a long way to go with the production of legislation around Maori landlocked land. Te Puni Kokiri has announced a pilot programme around resolving the issue of Maori landlocked land, however there is a feeling that this won't further progress the issue at large.

11 Potential Youth Awards Scheme 2016

Ms Servante spoke briefly to the report.

The Komiti was asked to put forward the names of potential representatives to the Youth Awards Panel, via email to Ms Servante by the end of the first week of May 2016.

File ref: 3-CT-8-1

Recommendation

- 1 That the report 'Potential Youth Awards Scheme 2016' be received.
- 2 That Te Roopu Ahi Kaa approves the Rangitikei Youth Week Awards 2016 as outlined in the report "Potential Youth Awards Scheme 2016"
- 3 That Te Roopu Ahi Kaa appoints _____ as its representative to the Awards Panel.

12 Citizenship ceremony – Komiti involvement

The Komiti briefly discussed the report provided for information. It was suggested that local marae could host some of the citizenship ceremonies over the year, although there may be some capacity issues at some marae.

The Komiti requested that this item be added to a future meeting so it can be discussed further.

13 Induction process for new Council following 2016 elections

The Komiti briefly discussed the item. They are happy to host a session with the incoming Council on tangata whenua in the Rangitikei District at the start of the new triennium.

The Komiti also suggested that ward Councillors should be encouraged to meet with the local iwi/hapu/tangata whenua in their ward.

The Komiti requested that this item be added to the next agenda so it can be further discussed.

Cr Ash 11.50am / 11.53am

14 Update on proposed changes to Local Government (Rating) 2002 Act

The Komiti noted there have been no further developments with this proposal.

15 Update on the Path to Well-being Initiative

Ms Servante spoke briefly to the memorandum.

The Path to Well-Being Conference 2016 will be held on Friday 27 May 2016.

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That the memorandum 'Update on the Path to Well-Being initiative and other community development programmes – March/April 2016' be received.

Mr R Steedman / Ms B Ball. Carried

16 Evaluating Horizons' One Plan implementation – part one: water quality

The Komiti discussed the letter and expressed their disappointment with the recent publicity about Horizons' view of the Ministry for the Environment's consultation document 'Next steps for fresh water'.

The Komiti expressed concern that the accepted standard for fresh water could be reduced to being wadeable rather than swimmable (swimmable meaning you can immerse your head). The Komiti saw their role as kaitiaki (guardians): this generation had to take action when it comes to protecting and improving our environment so that future generations do not pay.

The consensus was that tangata whenua do not accept that we should accept not contemplate a standard or process which is not committed to returning waterways to a pristine standard. Economic development does (and should not) come at the expense of the environment – after all tourism depends on a high standard of protection over the country's natural resources.

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That the letter 'Evaluating Horizons' One Plan implementation — part one: water quality' be received.

Mr P Turia / Mr C Shenton. Carried

17 Late items

Strategic Planning Session

Tuesday 26 April 2016, 10am – 2pm

18 Next meeting

Tuesday 14 June 2016, 10.00 am

19 Meeting closed/Karakia – 12.35 pm

Mr R Steedman performed closing Karakia

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: _____