

Rangitikei District Council

Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti Meeting

Minutes – Tuesday 14 June 2016 – 10:00 a.m.



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Present:

Mr P Turia (Whangaehu)
Mr P Richardson (Ngāti Parewahawaha),
Mr T Curtis (Te Runanga o Ngāti Hauiti),
Mr T Steedman (Ngāti Hinemanu/Ngāti Paki),
Mr R Steedman (Ngai te Ohuake),
Ms K Hina (Ngā Wairiki Ki Uta.),
Ms T Hiroa (Ngāti Whitikaupeka)
Councillor Cath Ash
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson, (ex officio)

In attendance:

Mr Ross McNeil
Mr Michael Hodder
Ms Denise Servante

1 Karakia/Welcome

Mr Richardson gave the opening karakia.

Mr Turia welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Public forum

Nil

3 Apologies

That the apologies for absence from Ms H Benevides, Mr H Albert and Mr C Shenton be received.

Mr P Richardson / Mr R Steedman. Carried

The Komiti noted that confirmation of the appointment of the representative from Ngati Rangituhia was still outstanding. The Chair undertook to follow-up on this.

4 Whakatau Nga Tuhinga Korero/Confirmation of minutes

Resolved minute number **16/TRAKK/012** **File Ref**

That the Minutes of the Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti meeting held on 19 April 2016 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Mr T Curtis / Mr P Turia. Carried

5 Chair's report

Regional Growth Study

The Chair has been appointed to governance group, but Tangata whenua presence within the growth study is minimal. Te Puni Kokiri have commissioned a report on the regional Māori economy by Jason Mika, from GHA in Rotorua. It is hoped that Mr Mika will engage with Komiti members (members were encouraged to meet with him). On 12 August 2016 the Minister will release the action plan for the Regional Growth Study, with placeholders to enable incorporation of the outcomes of the Māori growth study (the governance group are pushing for this as a standalone ninth opportunity to add to the existing eight, with three enablers). The Ministry for Primary Industries have contracted Mr Bill MacDonald as an enabler to look at the feasibility of the opportunities identified. Mr MacDonald is available to Komiti members with ideas for opportunities.

His Worship the Mayor informed the Komiti that he currently sits on two project groups from the Regional Growth Study, including Manuka Honey, which is a massive opportunity within the District.

Ms K Hina said her interpretation of the Maori Regional Growth Study aligns well with the missing Māori economy. She informed the Komiti of the new programmes that UCOL are bringing in (e.g. bee farming, which will be a zero-fee programme for Māori/Pasifika students aged 14-40; they need to look at extending it to 40+). She also spoke about the impact on tourism within the District, which could be expensive but the aspiration is for business not level 3 training to fill jobs. UCOL are also looking to take training out to the rural areas, rather than expecting people to travel into Whanganui/Palmerston North for training.

The Chair informed the Komiti that Mr Malcolm Inglis is looking at training opportunities at a tertiary level. Ms K Hina informed the Komiti that UCOL are aware of Mr Inglis's work. There will be reports from UCOL on the alternative delivery of training to enable people to attend which Mr Inglis may not be aware of.

The Chair suggested that there may be tension between looking for low hanging fruits and securing long term change (e.g. the aged-care opportunity is going to be rolled out in Levin to get early wins but may not filter out to a regional level for some time).

Resolved minute number **16/TRAKK/013** **File Ref**

That the Chair's report to the Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti meeting on 14 June 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 26 May 2016.

7 Addressing the Komiti's strategic needs – outcome of hui on 26 April 2016

Ms Servante outlined the report.

The Komiti discussed the following points in depth:

- Governance structure of Council and Māori representation.
- Is the current structure working? How could it be improved?
- Capacity of Iwi/Hapu groups to have representation on the Komiti.
- Komiti's engagement with Council and involvement in the Annual Plan and Long Term Plan processes.
- Engagement by Ward Councillors with their local Iwi/Hapu groups.

The discussion document will be updated to reflect the Komiti's discussion. The Komiti agreed to hold a workshop session at the start of their next meeting (9 August 2016) to further discuss the issues identified above.

8 Update from Council (April-May 2016)

Mr McNeil spoke briefly to the report, informing the Komiti of the success with funding to look at a feasibility study of reconfiguring water supply assets in the middle of the District and that there was an opportunity for representation from the Komiti on the governance group. The paperwork from the Ministry for Primary Industries is still in progress.

He also informed the Komiti that he has been informally advised that the application to the Community Resilience Fund has also been approved, with a focus on the Whangaehu and Kauangaroa communities.

He spoke briefly to the item on Town Centre Plans. The outcome from the Annual Plan 2016/17 process is to pursue the purchase of a building in Marton the CBD. Council needs to signal to Central Government partners that we need their commitment and resources to continue the Town Centre Plan renewal programmes.

An application has been made to the Department of Internal Affairs for a community development scheme around youth services.

His Worship the Mayor briefly ran through the outcomes of deliberations to the Annual Plan key issues, gave an overview of the Samoan Independence Day celebration (with 600 Samoans present, it was very successful) and a brief overview of the ANZAC Day commemorations he attended in France, noting that more Māori warriors were killed at the Somme than any other New Zealanders anywhere, anytime.

Resolved minute number **16/TRAKK/014** **File Ref** **3-CT-8-1**

That the report 'Update from Council's meetings in April and May 2016' be received.

Mr P Turia / Ms K Hina. Carried

9 Update on landlocked land and Te Ture Whenua Māori Bill – proposed changes to Local Government (Rating) 2002 Act

His Worship the Mayor outlined the importance and implications of opening up landlocked blocks of land for rating as a preference, rather than accepting that they are landlocked and remitting rates in perpetuity. The change proposed in the tabled revision of Council's draft submission reflects this.

Mr R Steedman informed the Komiti that the pilot programme is being put in place in three areas (Wairarapa, Nga Puhi (50km from Kaitohi) and Mokai Patea area). TPK knows that the Komiti have been pushing for this issue to be addressed, including via the Mayor, and the Komiti are hopeful that it will be successful and the work will be undertaken.

His Worship the Mayor informed the Komiti that he recently had the opportunity to remind the Defence Force at Waiouru of their role as a blocking agent in enabling access to landlocked land.

The Komiti expressed a desire to have a representative from the Komiti accompany the Mayor to speak to Council's submission.

It was recognised that some communication takes place in pre-caucusing meetings in Mokai Patea so all .

Resolved minute number **16/TRAKK/015** **File Ref** **3-OR-3-5**

That the memorandum 'Te Ture Whenua Māori Bill' be received.

Mr T Curtis / Ms T Hiroa. Carried

Resolved minute number **16/TRAKK/016** **File Ref** **3-OR-3-5**

That the Komiti be invited to submit comments to Council by 17 June 2016, at which point the submission from the Council to the Parliamentary Māori Affairs Committee on the Te Ture Whenua Māori Bill will be finalised and referred to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Chief Executive for signature and dispatch

Mr P Turia / Ms T Hiroa. Carried

10 Citizenship ceremony – Komiti involvement

His Worship the Mayor spoke briefly to the item. He feels as though Council doesn't do its citizenship ceremonies very well. There is a limit of 15 people per ceremony, currently mainly made up of Samoans and they are happening every six weeks. The process is initiated through the Department of Internal Affairs, and then Council is informed of the need to hold a ceremony.

It was recognised that there is a role for Tangata Whenua in welcoming these new citizens, and suggested that although it would be ideal to hold some of the ceremonies on local Marae, the issue of capacity to engage still remains.

The Komiti expressed an eagerness to be involved in future ceremonies.

Staff undertook to circulate a calendar of the coming ceremonies to Komiti members. The next ceremony is scheduled for 5 July 2016, and then 16 August 2016.

11 Induction process for new Council following 2016 elections

The Komiti noted that several members present had not had an induction process. The formal induction process has traditionally focussed on inducting new Councillors and has been very ad hoc. The induction process will start around the end October/beginning November 2016.

Staff will prepare information on a formal induction process for the Komiti for the next meeting.

12 Update on Path to Well-being Initiative

Resolved minute number **16/TRAKK/017** **File Ref**

That the report 'Update on the Path to Well-being initiative and other community development programmes May/June 2016' be received.

Mr T Steedman / Mr R Steedman. Carried

13 Late items

13.1 Nominations to the Māori Land Rates Remission Sub-Committee

There is a current policy in place that has been consulted upon and is operational.

There needs to be a Council representative on the Sub-Committee. There needs to be three representatives from the Komiti on the Sub-Committee to enable conflicts of interest (which need to be declared before the meeting) to be handled. Mr T Curtis suggested that Māori interests can be far reaching and wide ranging, and so long as they are declared that's fine. It was suggested that there needs to be a pool of people who can be selected from based on their interests in the business to hand.

An email had been received from Mr H Albert, suggesting the nominations go back out to Hapu groupings. The Chair suggested that these should come to the full Komiti for consideration.

It was suggested that this process illustrates, again, that decision making can be quite ad hoc without the opportunity to consult back.

Resolved minute number **16/TRAKK/018** **File Ref**

That the Komiti appoints Mr Pahia Turia, Mr Terry Steedman, Ms Katarina Hina, Mr Thomas Curtis (+ one other), to join Chris Shenton as the pool of representatives to the Sub-Committee, and that the terms of reference for the Sub-committee be amended to reflect this.

Mr P Richardson / Ms T Hiroa. Carried

13.2 Report re Māori Legal, Business and Governance Forum

Mr T Curtis was sponsored by the Komiti to attend the forum. He reported back to the Komiti that there were excellent speakers at the forum. He suggested that sending two delegates to future forums would be good because there were often two streams of discussion and Mr Curtis was conflicted about which streams to attend. He thanked the Komiti for sponsoring his attendance.

The Chair expressed concerned about the high costs to attend these events.

13.3 Powhiri on 11 July for tribunal hearings

The Komiti expressed hope that Council representation can be secured for this Powhiri.

14 Next meeting

Tuesday 9 August 2016, 10.00 am for discussion on strategic plan, 11.00 am for meeting.

Council strategic planning staff to attend.

15 Meeting closed/Karakia – 12.45 pm

Confirmed/Chair:

Date:
