

Rangitikei District Council

Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti Meeting Minutes – Tuesday 9 August 2016 – 11:10 a.m.

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Present:	Mr Pahia Turia (Chair) Ms Barbara Ball Mr Hone Albert Mr Thomas Curtis Ms Tracey Hiroa Mr Peter Richardson Mr Chris Shenton Mr Terry Steedman Cr Cath Ash His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson
Also in attendance:	Cr Soraya Peke-Mason
In attendance:	Mr Ross McNeil, Chief Executive Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager Ms Katrina Gray, Policy Analyst/Planner Ms Janette O'Leary, Administrator

1 Karakia/Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Public forum

Nil

3 Apologies

That the apologies for absence from Ms H Benevides, Mr P Maraku and Mr R Steedman be received.

Mr T Curtis / Mr P Turia. Carried

4 Whakatau Nga Tuhinga Korero/Confirmation of minutes

Resolved minute number16/IWI/019File Ref

That the Minutes of the Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti meeting held on 14 June 2016 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Mr T Steedman / Mr T Curtis. Carried

5 Chair's report

A verbal report was given at the meeting.

The Regional Action Plan launch is occurring on 12 August in Whanganui. Ministers Guy, Flavell and Joyce will be there and several announcements will be made at the meeting. Ministry for Primary Industries minister Guy will visit the Glasgow property.

The Chair expressed a desire to hold a 1 hour hui before all Komiti meetings in future.

Resolved minute number 16/IWI/020 File Ref

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

Mr P Turia / Mr C Shenton. 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 28 July 2016.

7 Feedback from Komiti's workshop

The following points from the Komiti's workshop were further discussed:

- Strong focus between TRAKK/Council and Council/Iwi/Hapu/Whanau.
- Opportunities for input from Tangata Whenua during the induction process.
- Aspirational position statements.
- Strategic priorities for the Komiti
- Potential for Komiti representative on each Council Committee with full voting rights.
- Permanence of the Komiti.

8 Update from Council (June July 2016)

Mr McNeil spoke briefly to the report.

The pre-feasibility study for a Tutaenui Community Water Scheme is progressing with the Governance Group membership being decided by the end of August. The Chief Executive and Mr D Miller recently met with representatives from the Ministry for Primary Industries. The Chair suggested that Ngati Hauiti needed to be involved in discussions on this project.

Mr McNeil informed the Komiti that a report on the future of Community Housing was due at the end of the month.

A public meeting was held relating to the Bulls Multi-Purpose Community Centre with the proposed design being presented for feedback. The capacity of the hall is being investigated. The fundraising programme in place, with 70% of the local and external funding needing to be in place before building will start.

Mr McNeil also spoke briefly on the item on Council's Earthquake-Prone Buildings Policy. The Heritage Minister I scheduled to make an announcement on Friday around incentives for earthquake strengthening of buildings. The Chair reinforced the need for there to be incentive for building owners to strengthen their buildings and enquired about the possibility of rates remissions. His Worship the Mayor informed that Komiti that there would be an avenue for building owners to seek a rates remission while completing the works and that there is also a mechanism to request a reduction or waiver of the internal consenting costs associated with strengthening work. He also suggested that there needed to be economic benefits to the community from these works.

Mr McNeil also spoke to the Komiti about the Resilience Fund Project, providing a brief update. This will be a 12 month project to improve resilience or move residents out of harm's way. \$29,000 has been received from the Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management. The project could also cover the Lower Whangaehu Valley and possibly Kauangaroa as well; a questionnaire will be distributed to affected residents. The learnings from this project will be used to decide the outcomes and could be used across the country. There could be an impact on ratepayers depending on the outcome/recommendations of the project, but these are not known at this stage.

That the report 'Update from Council's meetings in June and July be received.

Mr C Shenton / Ms T Hiroa. Carried

9 Update on landlocked land

The Chair provided a brief update to the Komiti.

\$30,000 has been pledged by Te Puni Kokiri with five sites selected as part of the study. He informed the Komiti that Mokai Patea had been selected as one of these sites.

10 Induction process for new Council following 2016 elections

His Worship the Mayor informed the Komiti that he would meet with staff to look at the induction process for the new Council, which will include members of the Komiti. He expressed a desire to see the creation of a resource folder about staff and who does what, as well as information on the individual wards, and the Kaumatua and council facilities within those wards.

11 Process for nomination of Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Members following the October 2016 elections

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That the report 'Process for nomination of Te Roopu Ahi Kaa members following the October 2016 elections' be received.

TC/ TH

Resolved minute number 16/IWI/023 File Ref 3-CT-8-1

That Te Roopu Ahi Kaa agrees that the preferred processes for selecting the Iwi members of the Komiti is via a letter to the Chair of the respective Marae Komiti or appropriate governance body to seek nominations for representation.

Ms T Hiroa / Mr P Turia. Carried

3-CT-8-1

Resolved minute number16/IWI/024File Ref3-CT-8-1

That Te Roopu Ahi Kaa accepts the practice of electing the Rātana member of the Komiti from the community at large during the inaugural meeting of the elected members of the Rātana Community Board

Mr P Turia / Mr C Shenton. Carried

12 Update on Path to Well-being Initiative

The Komiti discussed the need for input from the Northern part of the District, specifically around the Youth Awards, successes need to be shared across the District. Planning for future events should be inclusive of those in the Northern part of the District. It was identified that there are Iwi-based leadership awards and mentoring happening in the North already. His Worship the Mayor informed the Komiti that the Youth Awards were open to anyone across the District, but suggested that the next Youth Forum could be held in Taihape.

Resolved minute number16/IWI/025File Ref1-CO-4

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

Mr T Steedman / Mr C Shenton. Carried

13 Late items

His Worship the Mayor spoke to the Komiti on a recent meeting he had in Palmerston North with members of the agricultural sector in China to discuss their desire to have direct relationships with agricultural producers in New Zealand.

14 Next meeting

Date and venue TBC

15 Meeting closed/Karakia – 12.27pm

Confirmed/Chair:

Date: