



Rangitikei District Council

Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti Meeting

Minutes – Tuesday 13 December 2016 – 11:00 a.m.

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Present: Mr Thomas Curtis (acting Chair)
Ms Coral Raukawa-Manuel
Mr Terry Steedman
Ms Tracey Hiroa
Ms Gaylene Nepia
Ms Kim Savage
Cr Cath Ash
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson (left at 11:42am)

In attendance: Mr Ross McNeil, Chief Executive
Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager
Ms Linda Holman, Governance Administrator
Ms Denise Servante, Strategy & Community Planning Manager
Ms Ellen Webb-Moore, Planner & Policy Analyst

Tabled: Letter from Cliff Brown re Peter Richardson's retirement

1 Karakia/Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Public Forum

Nil

3 Apologies

Resolved minute number: n/a

That the apologies from Pahia Turia, Robert Gray, Katarina Hina, Richard Steedman, Chris Shenton, Hari Benevides, and Cr Soraya Peke-Mason be received.

Mr T Steedman / Ms Hiroa. Carried

4 Whakatau Nga Tuhinga Korero/Confirmation of minutes

It was noted that Barbara Ball was not present at the last meeting.

Resolved minute number **16/IWI/026** **File Ref** **3-CT-8-2**

That the minutes of the Komiti's last meeting for the 2013-16 triennium, 9 August 2016 are received as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Ms Hiroa / Mr T Steedman. Carried

5 Chair's report

A verbal report was not provided as Mr Turia was not present.

6 Council decisions on recommendations from the Komiti

The Komiti noted that there were no recommendations from the Komiti presented to the Council meeting on 1 December 2016.

7 Appointment of representative to Council's Assets/Infrastructure Committee

The Komiti expressed appreciation to the Council for the appointment of a Te Roopu Ahi Kaa representative to the Assets and Infrastructure Committee.

Resolved minute number	16/IWI/027	File Ref	n/a
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That Te Roopu Ahi Kaa nominates Tracey Hiroa to be its representative on Council's Assets/Infrastructure Committee for the 2016-19 triennium.

Ms Nepia / Mr Steedman. Carried

8 Feedback from Komiti's workshop

It was decided that the appointment of Deputy Chair will be held at the next meeting of Te Roopu Ahi Kaa on Tuesday 14 February 2017.

The Komiti and the Rangitikei District Council staff present introduced themselves.

9 Update from Council (October-November 2016)

His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson, spoke to the report 'Update from Council (October-November 2016)'. On the issue of land-locked land the Mayor noted that Council is working with central government to open this land up, and referenced an eighth stream added to the Regional Growth study to specifically address the Maori economy. The Mayor also noted that the pace of change may be slowed while the Rangitikei's neighbouring councils and the central government adapt to changes in leadership. He also noted that progress was being made by Ngati Rangi in its negotiations with the Government for settlement.

The Mayor discussed the long term plans for new civic buildings in Bulls and Marton, and a new sports facility in Taihape. The Annual Plan community consultation process begins in March 2017, when Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti members can provide comment and suggestions from their communities.

Mr McNeil then spoke to the report. The November 2016 Kaikoura earthquake has highlighted vulnerabilities in Rangitikei building stock, particularly within towns. Challenges faced by the district include being in a high seismic zone, and lacking strong urban economic drivers. New legislation comes into effect in July 2017 to guide how heritage buildings need to be treated. The Council is very interested in bringing central Government in to help with this issue in order to avoid abandonment of buildings.

Mr McNeil then discussed waste-water treatment. Marton has an advisory group which will roll out similarly to all areas. The group will work through requirements for consents, will consult with community and stakeholders and will then lodge application with Horizons within two years.

The former Taihape College facilities were discussed. A new school was built on the edge of Memorial Park, which has left the old college site vacant. Community groups see value in the building, and are awaiting a central government decision.

The Marton dam in the Tutaenui area was discussed, as Council is considering opening it up for walking and recreation. Priority is for safety of the water supply but passive recreation has been requested from Council, similar to that provided to reservoirs in other parts of the country. A management plan is currently being worked on.

The Mayor left the meeting at 11:42am

Mr Mc Neil then spoke to the report 'Top Ten Projects – status, November 2016'. Discussion was held on the various options for ownership of the community housing. Discussion was also held on the leachate from the Bonny Glenn landfill.

Resolved minute number **16/IWI/028** **File Ref** **3-CT-8-1**

That the memorandum 'Update from Council (October-November 2016)' be received.

Ms Hiroa / Mr Steedman. Carried

10 Ture Whenua Māori Bill

No discussion was held on this item.

11 Update on landlocked land

Discussion was held on this item, and Mr McNeil noted that the Mayor is keen to progress this irrespective of any upcoming central government legislation.

12 Te Pae Tawhiti

No discussion was held on this item.

13 Update on the Path to Well-Being initiative and other community development programmes – September to November 2016

Ms Servante addressed the Komiti regarding the three main projects. Firstly, Youth Development co-ordinator hiring process is still progressing, with the existing school holiday programmes in place until January 2017. Secondly, the Path to Well-being Conference will be held in February 2017, with a mix of workshops and learning. Ms Servante would like to see multiple attendees from each organisation. Thirdly, Healthy Families: a strategy group has been set up and will tie in with the Path to Wellbeing Conference.

Resolved minute number **16/IWI/029** **File Ref** **1-CO-1**

That the memorandum "Update on the Path to Well-Being initiative and other community development programmes – September to November 2016" be received.

Ms Nepia / Ms Raukawa-Manuel. Carried

14 Welcome new members to the Komiti

New members were welcomed to the Komiti by the Chair.

15 Thank you to outgoing members of the Komiti

Te Roopu Ahi Kaa would like to thank the outgoing members for their contributions to the Komiti and wish them well in their endeavours.

16 Late items

Ms Hiroa noted the increased number of female Komiti members and said that the meetings will provide an opportunity for women members to become active rather than passive members.

Mr Steedman congratulated and expressed thanks to the Rangitikei District Council for opening up the membership of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee to a Te Roopu Ahi Kaa member.

17 Next meeting

Tuesday 14 February 2017, 11am. Pre-meeting workshop at 10am.

18 Meeting closed/Karakia – 12.16pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: