



# Rangitikei District Council

## Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti Meeting

Minutes – Tuesday 14 February 2017 – 11:00 am

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**Present:** Ms Tracey Hiroa (acting Chair)  
Mr Thomas Curtis  
Ms Coral Raukawa-Manuel  
Mr Terry Steedman  
Mr Richard Steedman  
Ms Gaylene Nepia (left at 12:44pm)  
Ms Kim Savage  
Ms Katarina Hina  
Ms Hari Benevides  
Mr Chris Shenton  
Ms Naumai Wipaki  
Cr Cath Ash  
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson (left at 11:42am)

**Also present:** Cr Soraya Peke-Mason

**In attendance:** Mr Ross McNeil, Chief Executive  
Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager  
Ms Denise Servante, Strategy & Community Planning Manager  
Ms Linda Holman, Governance Administrator

**Tabled:** Tabled 1 – Strategic Intentions (extract)  
Tabled 2 – Tuia Te Here Tangata  
Tabled 3 – Strategic Plan (Updated 2016-2021)  
Tabled 4 – Naumai Wipaki Representative for Te Runanga o Ngai Te Ohuake

## 1 Karakia/Welcome

Mr R Steedman said the karakia.

A minute's silence was held in recognition of the passing of Pai Maraku – a past delegate from Ratana.

## 2 Public Forum

No members of the public attended.

## 3 Apologies

### Resolved

That the apologies from Mr Turia and (for lateness) from Ms Savage be accepted.

Ms Benevides / Mr T Steedman. Carried

## 4 Members' conflict of interest

Members are reminded by Mr McNeil of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of items on this agenda. No conflicts of interest were declared.

## 5 Confirmation of order of business and late items

That, taking into account the explanation provided why the item is not on the meeting agenda and why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting, the Chair accepted the following as items for consideration at the end of the agenda: Council's strategic intentions, Mr R Steedman's letter, and local water schemes.

## 6 Whakatau Nga Tuhinga Korero / Confirmation of minutes

<b>Resolved minute number</b>	<b>17/TRAK/001</b>	<b>File Ref</b>	<b>3-CT-8-2</b>
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That the Minutes of the Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti meeting held on 13 December 2016 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Mr Curtis / Ms Raukawa-Manuel. Carried

## 7 Chair's report

The acting Chair did not provide a verbal report.

## 8 Council decisions on recommendations from the Komiti

There were no recommendations from the Komiti presented to the Council meeting on 26 January 2017.

## 9 Council responses to queries raised at previous meetings

There were no queries raised at the previous meeting.

## 10 Appointment of Deputy Chair

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/TRAK/002**                      **File Ref**

- 1            That for the appointment of a new Deputy Chair at its 14 February 2017 meeting, Te Roopu Ahi Kaa elects to use System B.
- 2            That Tracey Hiroa be appointed Deputy Chair of Te Roopu Ahi Kaa

Mr T Steedman / Ms Hina. Carried

## 11 Feedback from Komiti's workshop

The Komiti has decided to have a Komiti member take minutes during the workshop session.

Feedback was given to the newly appointed members regarding the reasons for the Komiti, namely relationship building, process improvement, supporting the autonomous groups to work more effectively. Also, issues such as landlocked land, rating and writing of policies.

The Komiti recognises there is a lot of work to do and the point is to have positive actions in future meetings. The Chair acknowledged the contributions of past Komiti members.

Representation on Rangitikei District Council and Maori liaison within the Council's operational team to provide input and advice are key future priorities. The Mayor noted that a Komiti representative has been appointed to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee with full voting rights.

The Mayor requested guidance on the appropriate kaumātua and kuia to call upon throughout the different areas of the District. The Chair responded to this and the Komiti committed to providing this information at the next meeting.

Discussion was held around what an appropriate welcome for new migrants would be. Ms Benevides expressed how enjoyable the ceremonies are, and the Mayor emphasised the importance of tangata whenua in welcoming new migrants but also that it was not his place to say who should be doing the welcome – he invited further discussion on this topic.

Cr Peke-Mason acknowledged the Mayor in his capacity-building for Māori in various roles to support Council and in building relationships with tangata whenua. Cr Peke-Mason is interested in the activities of the Komiti, will speak in her portfolio position at Council, and will help to welcome Council members onto marae.

Other Komiti members expressed their support of the idea. The Chair thanked Cr Peke-Mason for her contribution over the years.

## **12 Update from the representative to Council's Assets / Infrastructure Committee**

The Chair attended her first meeting on 9 February 2017. She appreciated the succinctness of the meeting, the style of reporting, and said that it gave her an appreciation of the scope of the Committee's remit. She said she can see where Komiti members can be involved, and noted that some of the issues that come to the Komiti can actually go straight to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee. The Chair will send out a report about the meeting to the Komiti members. The Chair said it is also very important to let people know that there are mechanisms for logging issues already in place, and she thanked the Mayor for the opportunity.

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/TRAK/003**                      **File Ref**

That the verbal update from Ms Hiroa on the meeting of the Assets/Infrastructure Committee on 9 February 2017 be received.

Ms Hiroa / Mr Shenton. Carried

## **13 Update on Te Pae Tawhiti**

As Mr Turia is unable to attend this meeting, this item was deferred until the April 2017 meeting.

## **14 Update from Council – December 2016 to January 2017**

Mr McNeil spoke to the report. The Marton Wastewater Treatment Plant Advisory Group members are still being appointed, but this won't hold up the progress of the meetings. The iwi representative is Mr Chris Shenton. After the members are up to speed their first priority will be the Bonny Glen leachate issue.

The former Taihape College site in Rauma Road is currently being used by various local groups. The Crown is happy for this to continue but costs must be covered and maintenance attended to. This is currently in discussion. Discussion was held on the settlement process and how land is banked.

District Licensing Committee - the term expires on 27 February 2017. Members need relevant experience but not a conflict of interest.

Subsidised neutering of dogs – animal control is a shared service with Manawatu District Council, and the service has successfully applied for funding for neutering of menacing dogs.

Mangaweka Bridge will cost as much to upgrade as it will to replace. There is a preference to replace (because it will be capable of taking heavier loads), and NZTA will provide 63% of

our share of cost (the bridge is shared with Manawatu District Council) if we get through the business case process.

Wellington Conservation Management Strategy – feedback is invited.

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/TRAK/004**                      **File Ref**                      **3-CT-8-1**

That the memorandum “Update from Council (to TRAK February 2017) meeting” be accepted.

Mr R Steedman / Ms Hiroa. Carried

## **15 Update on landlocked land**

The Mayor discussed progress that has been made building relationships with landowners who may be able to provide access to some areas of landlocked land, and detailed some changes that have been made within Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) that may also provide the opportunity to further this cause.

Gaylene Nepia left the meeting at 12:44pm and noted her name had been incorrectly put as Tahi Nepia in earlier documentation.

Mr R Steedman talked about a presentation that was made to the National Party, and noted that Mokai Patea had a big part in that presentation. He said that awareness is being raised at high levels.

## **16 Grants and Funding information and opening dates**

The memorandum “Grants and Funding overview 2017” was noted.

## **17 Update on the ‘Path to Well-Being’ initiative and other community development programmes – December 2016 to January 2017**

Ms Denise Servante spoke to the memorandum, taking the report as read and offering to take questions.

Ms Hina raised concerns about transport – particularly for disabled people – and noted that this was one of the issues to come out of the Path to Wellbeing conference. The Chair gave feedback that some people in the community weren’t aware of what’s happening in the community, and suggested that communication could be improved.

Mr Shenton said that he particularly enjoyed the workshop with Professor James Liu and the presentation by Erena Mikaere-Most. He noted that data-based research could be of benefit in the Rangitikei area too. He stressed the need to focus on the needs of the community and to launch initiatives.

Cr Peke-Mason asked whether the role of the Marton Youth Development Coordinator has been re-advertised, Ms Servante said that it has been. Cr Peke-Mason further enquired about whether there would be a report on the Path to Wellbeing conference, which Ms Servante confirmed there would be. Ms Servante also noted that direct results can take some time to come to fruition. Ms Hina noted the strength of the Samoan community and suggested it was a good opportunity to look at the support role the Komiti and iwi can play in future events.

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/TRAK/005**                      **File Ref**                      **1-CO-4**

That the memorandum "Update on the Path to Well-Being initiative and other community development programmes – December 2016 to January 2017" be received.

Ms Hiroa / Ms Hina. Carried

## **18 Panui / announcements**

Mr R Steedman: 6-10 March 2017 is the first week of the substantive Waitangi Tribunal hearing for Taihape at Rata Marae.

The Mayor: drew attention to the tabled document for the Tuia programme. He noted the large number of people involved in the programme and invited the Komiti members to consider this for a future hui. Ms Hina said this needs to start now and suggested a sub-committee.

Ms Savage: 15 April 2017 is the 50<sup>th</sup> birthday of Parewahawaha Marae.

Ms Hina: Iwi festival at Fordell School 18-19 March 2017 - Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa.

## **19 Late items**

As accepted in item 4, Mr McNeil spoke to the tabled item 'Council's strategic intentions for the 2016-19 triennium'. This is an overview of a much larger document, and the full framework will be provided to the Komiti later. The Chair agrees the relevant projects are important. The Mayor said he spoke with Andrew Little (Labour Party leader) about infrastructural needs, including the Ratana centennial event.

Planning – the Annual Plan has items about toilets in the district and whether there is a potential opportunity for toilets in Mangaweka and reserves – Mr McNeil asked the Komiti to note this. At the last Erewhon Rural Water Supply Sub-committee meeting the members looked at the deeds and asked Council to look more closely in terms of surplus water that could go to Moawhango.

Ms Peke-Mason thanked the Council for preparing and sharing the document. She noted in particular the bilingual signage, wanting to focus on inclusiveness to ensure the plans come to the Komiti to ensure te reo Māori is correct and inclusive.

The Mayor spoke to the letter from the Chairman of Te Runanga o Ngai Te Ohuake notifying the Komiti of Mr Richard Steedman stepping down as representative, and Ms Naumai Wipaki becoming the new representative and thanked Mr Steedman for his service to the Komiti.

The water schemes were discussed next. Mr Shenton asked Mr McNeil about the Tutaenui water scheme and Mr McNeil said that the project is underway to investigate the potential for a Tutaenui water scheme and also a change to the Hunterville Rural Water Scheme. Funding is available for increased agricultural and horticultural productivity for various activities – not just dairy farming. Council wants to ensure the capacity is there to provide stock water reticulation scheme across a wide area between Marton and the dams. Additionally a small amount of irrigation capacity may be available.

Council is currently going through an intensive survey process for a pre-feasibility study, which is due to finish in June 2017. The next phase would be a feasibility study for a particular scheme.

Mr McNeil said that there is discussion around decoupling the Hunterville township from the Hunterville Rural Water Scheme to make the additional water available for farming, but there are questions around sustainability. Mr Shenton raised the issue of the health of the Tutaenui stream, and questioned whether more efficient use of water and using other sources for farming could mean more water could be allocated back to the stream.

## **20 Future Items for the Agenda**

- Tuia programme
- List of kaumātua and kuia

## **21 Next meeting**

Tuesday 11 April 2017, 11.00am (workshop session for Komiti members from 10.00 am)

## **22 Meeting closed at 1:04pm/Karakia**

The Chair thanked and acknowledged Cr Peke-Mason, the Mayo , Cr Ash, Mr McNeil , Mr Hodder, Ms Servante, and Mr Richard Steedman and extended welcome to the new member Ms Wipaki. No further issues were raised.

Mr R Steedman said the karakia and the Chair closed the meeting.

**Confirmed/Chair:** \_\_\_\_\_

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