



Rangitikei District Council

Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti Meeting

Agenda – Tuesday 10 October 2017 – 11:00 AM

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Present:

- Mr Pahia Turia (Chair)
- Mr Robert Gray
- Mr Charlie Mete
- Mr Terry Steedman
- Ms Jacqui Johnson (standing in for Ms Katarina Hina)
- Mr Chris Shenton
- Ms Naumai Wipaki
- Ms Kim Savage
- His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson
- Cr Cath Ash

In attendance:

- Mr Ross McNeil, Chief Executive
- Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager
- Ms Katrina Gray, Senior Policy Analyst / Planner
- Ms Ellen Webb-Moore, Policy Analyst/Planner
- Ms Christin Ritchie Governance Administrator
- Mr Blair Jamieson Strategy and Planning Community Manager

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1 Karakia/Welcome

The meeting was opened at 11.00 am. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

A two-minute silence was observed from Hilary Huywler (Grant Huywler's mother) and Miroroa Te Kune Blackmore (to whom His Worship the Mayor had conveyed the Queen's Service Medal on behalf of the Governor-General). Cr Peke-Mason noted the family's gratitude for this gesture.

2 Apologies

That the apologies from Mr Thomas Curtis and Ms Tracey Hiroa be received.

Mr Steedman / Mr Mete. Carried

3 Members' conflict of interest

Members were reminded 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, however the Chair made mention that a conflicts of interest register should be circulated amongst the members.

Undertaking	Subject	Conflicts register
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To circulate a conflicts of interest register to the members of Te Roopu Ahi Kaa.

4 Confirmation of order of business and late items

The Chair noted the Order of business would be as set out in the agenda. Cr Ash mentioned the flyer for Project Marton's AGM – this would be included in the Panui (item 19).

5 Whakatau Nga Tuhinga Korero / Confirmation of minutes

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That the Minutes of the Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti meeting held on 8 August 2017 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Mr Gray / Mr Shenton Carried.

6 Chair's report

The Chair advised he would provide his report during consideration of agenda item 15.

7 Feedback on Komiti's workshop

Members discussed the potential for a Northern and Southern Maori Ward. A decision will need to be made as to whether or not to proceed with the request. His Worship the Mayor, mentioned that if members of Te Roopu Ahi Kaa decide they want to go ahead, then the Council has a few options in which to approach this – decline the request, ignore it in the short term, or initiate a poll letting the public decide. Currently, there is a concern among Councillors that they run the risk that a member of the public can force a poll, which could have a negative impact overall. Councillors want guidance from Te Roopu Ahi Kaa as to how they would like to proceed.

Mr Gray stated that he was more concerned about the rates and landlocked land which has been a long time issue, and still not yet resolved. He did not want Te Roopu Ahi Kaa to go backwards in the community if a poll is run, and would prefer to wait at this stage, at least until settlements have all been finalised. He was also concerned that a no vote would strain the relationship between Te Roopu Ahi Kaa and the Council.

Cr Ash, mentioned she was in support of more Maori representation, but is concerned it is a bit too soon. She was also concerned regarding the relationship between Te Roopu Ahi Kaa and the Council.

**The meeting paused for a lunch break at 12.10 pm and reconvened at 12.32 pm*

The Chair noted the strong relationship between the Komiti and the Council and wanted to see it more embedded in structures. He was concerned that the Komiti would be dissolved if the new Wards were established, as well as to who would actually be elected as one of the new councillors. He felt a better option would be to have a Te Roopu Ahi Kaa representative on the other Council Committees (Policy/Planning and Finance/Performance), as well as having a Maori Liaison Officer employed by the Council.

Mr Shenton stated that he was not nervous about the relationship between Te Roopu Ahi Kaa and the Council, as the process is dictated by legislation and not the Council. He felt a public-initiated poll could cause a political battle. He was however concerned that, if they waited, they could be missing a good opportunity as the current relationship between Te Roopu Ahi Kaa and the Council is a positive one.

Ms Wipaki mentioned that at the Hui, it was discussed that the Wards would not replace Te Roopu Ahi Kaa. It would mean an additional layer of Maori representation and input.

8 Council decisions on recommendations from the Komiti

There were no recommendations from the Komiti presented to the Council meeting on 31 August 2017.

9 Council responses to queries raised at previous hui.

There were no queries for Council staff raised at the previous hui on 8 August 2017.

10 Update from Council's meetings from August and September 2017

Mr McNeil spoke to the report. He highlighted the fact that Council and the auditors had signed off the Annual Report for year ending 30 June 2017.

Regarding the Civil Defence and Emergency Management Improvement Plan, -Mr McNeil noted discussions with Whanganui District Health Board regarding the Hospital building in Taihape being used for emergencies and community welfare, as it has its own generator.

Regarding the voluntary targeted rate for ceiling and underfloor insulation, the Council had been asked to consider allowing home insulation costs to be paid off through rates. This would essentially be a form of low interest lending.

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That the memorandum 'Update from Council's meetings in August and September 2017' be received.

Mr Shenton / Mr C Mete Carried.

11 Update from the representative to Council's Assets/Infrastructure Committee

Ms Hiroa was unable to attend the meeting on 14 September 2017

12 Developing Maori Capacity to Contribute to Decision Making

The Komiti noted the outcome of the working group's discussions. In light of the Komiti's considerations about establishing separate Maori Wards, they agreed a joint workshop with Council was the logical next step. Looking ahead to the next item on the agenda, the review of rates remission policy on Maori freehold land, that too could be included in the joint workshop session

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1 That the outcome of the Komiti's working party on the Statement on Maori Capacity to Contribute to Decision making be received.

2 That Te Roopu Ahi Kaa hold a workshop with Council on 2 November 2017, 10.30 am – 12.30 pm to discuss the Statement on Maori Capacity to Contribute to Decision making and to review the rates remission policy on Maori freehold land.

Mr Shenton / Ms Savage Carried.

13 Review of rates remission policy on Maori freehold land

The Komiti noted the memorandum previously provided to the Policy/Planning Committee. Members wondered whether there was a map of Maori freehold land in the Rangitikei. Council's records would not show this (nor does Maori Land Online) but an enquiry would be made to the Maori Land Court.

Resolved minute number **17/IWI/031** **File Ref** **3-PY- 1-18**

- 1 That the memorandum 'Rates Remission for Maori Freehold Land Policy - Review' to the meeting of Te Roopu Ahi Kaa on 10 October 2017 meeting be received.
- 2 ~~That Te Roopu Ahi Kaa nominatesto be a member of a joint working group with elected members nominated by Council to further consider the review of the rates Remission for Maori Freehold Land Policy, to report back to the Komiti's December 2017 meeting.~~

Mr Steedman / Mr Shenton Carried.

14 Update on landlocked land

His Worship the Mayor commented that this was on hold until he and Te Roopu Ahi Kaa could engage with the Government, which at this stage is yet to be decided. It was suggested that a letter be drafted in the meantime to thank previous ministers for their time.

Resolved minute number **17/IWI/032** **File Ref**

To draft a letter to Ex-Minister Te Ururoa Flavell and Christopher Finlayson to thank them for their time regarding the landlocked land, signed by His Worship the Mayor, and the Komiti Chair.

Mr Steedman / Mr Turia Carried.

15 Update on Te Pae Tawhiti

Te Pae Tawhiti is the Manawatu-Whanganui Economic Development Strategy, 2016-40

The Chair provided a verbal update, listing Te Pae Tawhiti's current projects, supported by the Ministry for Primary Industries, the Ministry for Business, Innovation and Employment and Te Puni Kokiri. However, as yet there was not much specifically in the Rangitikei.

- How we can utilise our land better
- Claim investigations

- Glass eels
- Tourism – Whanganui river and Ruapehu District
- Honey – purchasing 1500 hives
- Nga Rauru has launched a new health product called Smooju, which uses natural Maori Health products
- Providing support for start-up and existing businesses.
- Ruapehu has set up a recruitment agency and tech hub.

Their main focus at present is to look to employ a coordinator to manage these initiatives.

16 Proposed submission to New Zealand Productivity Commission's issues paper on a low emissions economy

Ms Gray spoke to the submission, highlighting:

- The proposed measures for biological emissions at farm level
- The main opportunities to reduce emissions
- How to encourage alternative low-emissions land uses
- The main barriers to sequestering carbon in forests
- Opportunities and barriers to reducing emissions in transport
- Changes required to facilitate renewable source of energy across the economy.
- What our long term vision for a low-emissions economy look like?

Mr Gray suggested that the Komiti look at ways to confront climate change as Maori land owners; most land owners do not know how to quantify the impact their land is having on climate change, whether it be positively or negatively.

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That the draft submission 'New Zealand Productivity Commission's issues paper on a low emissions economy' be received.

Mr Shenton / Mr Gray Carried.

17 Earthquake-prone buildings – priority building consultation

Mr McNeill spoke to the report. The system for identifying and managing earthquake-prone buildings changed on 1 July 2017. The new system prioritises identification and remediation of earthquake-prone buildings that either pose a high risk to life safety, or are critical to recovery in an emergency. Council must consult on whether buildings are priority buildings due to their location, and the potential impact of their failure in an earthquake on people. Specifically, vehicular and pedestrian thoroughfares with sufficient traffic to warrant prioritisation. Priority buildings must be identified and remediated in half the usual time, to

reduce the risks to life safety more promptly. This means that Council must identify potentially earthquake-prone priority buildings in this district within 2.5 years, and building owners must strengthen or demolish earthquake-prone priority buildings within 7.5 years^[1].

Council wants to front foot this process by consulting with building owners in Bulls, Marton, Taihape and Turakina. Public meetings will be held next week in Marton and Taihape.

The Council is also looking to employ its own structural engineer, which will be the most cost effective option for building owners.

18 Update on the 'Path to Well-Being' initiative – July 2017

Resolved minute number **17/IWI/034** **File Ref** **3-CT-8-1**

That the memorandum 'Update on the Path to Well-Being initiative – July 2017' be received.

Ms Savage / Mr Mete Carried.

19 Panui/Announcements

Project Marton AGM – to be held on 16 October at the Friendship Hall in Marton. Pahia Turia to be the guest speaker.

Mr Steedman mentioned that the Winiata Marae has had its dining room renovations completed, and that they would be inviting Councillors to visit.

20 Late items

None

21 Future Items for the Agenda

No items were identified.

22 Next meeting

Tuesday 5 December 2017, 11.00 am

^[1] From the date the earthquake-prone building notice is issued.

23 Meeting closed/Karakia

Mr Turia provided the closing karakia.

Meeting closed 1.50 pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date:

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