

# Rangitikei District Council

## Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti Meeting

Minutes – Tuesday 5 December 2017 – 11:00 am

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#### Present:

Mr Pahia Turia (Chair)  
Ms Tracey Hiroa  
Mr Robert Gray  
Ms Kim Savage  
Mr Thomas Curtis  
Ms Carol Raukawa-Manuel

Mr Charlie Mete  
Mr Chris Shenton  
Ms Hari Benevides  
Mr Terry Steedman  
Ms Katarina Hina  
Ms Naumai Wipaki  
Cr Cath Ash

**In attendance:** Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager  
Ms Ellen Webb-Moore, Policy Analyst/Planner  
Ms Christin Ritchie, Governance Administrator  
Mr Blair Jamieson, Strategy and Planning Community Manager

## 1 Karakia/Welcome

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

## 2 Apologies

That the apologies from His Worship the Mayor, Cr Peke-Mason and the Chief Executive, Mr McNeil, be received as they were both attending the Regional Chiefs Meeting.

## 3 Members' conflict of interest

The Chair reminded members were reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of items on this agenda.

## 4 Confirmation of order of business and late items

There were no changes to the order of business or late items submitted.

## 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 10 October 2017 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Ms Savage / Mr Shenton. Carried

## 6 Chair's report

The Chair wished to thank all those who attended the 2 November hui with Council. He felt it was worthwhile to have such face-to-face meetings (a view also expressed to him by His Worship the Mayor) and he hoped they would happen more often. The Chair observed that the Komiti did not have to be in agreement on everything but would strive to achieve a consensus.

The Chair also mentioned the new government which has come into force since the last meeting. Even though it was not expected, he thought it was potentially advantageous for Crown-Iwi relationships.

## 7 Feedback on Komiti's workshop

The Komiti had varying views about separate Maori representation. Members had discussed the Council's proposed job description for a Maori/Iwi Liaison Officer, agreeing to continue discussions with their respective runanga/hapu and discussions, and come back to the April 2018 meeting

A letter from the Winiata Marae (Ngāti Hinemanu/Ngāti Paki) was read by the Chair and submitted as a tabled document. It supported having two Maori Wards within the Rangitikei and no diminution of the role of Te Roopu Ahi Kaa.

## 8 Council decisions on recommendations from the Komiti

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

## 9 Council responses to queries raised at previous hui.

There were no queries for Council staff raised at the previous hui on 10 October 2017.

## 10 Update from Council's meetings from October - November 2017

Mr Hodder spoke to the report, highlighting the following:

- The findings of the Local Government Excellence Programme were announced in October 2017, noting the Council has well-considered strategies, careful financial management and a commitment to service improvement. Council will be considering the recommended areas of improvement very soon.
- Traffic and Parking bylaw – this has been adopted including (after further consideration by Council on 30 November) the section on heavy vehicles.
- Council has completed the required consultation on whether to define priority areas for earthquake-prone buildings within the District. Most submitters opposed doing this, and Council has decided against having any such areas. Council will be lobbying the Government for funding support for owners of earthquake-prone buildings in small rural towns. The costs of strengthening may mean some owners simply walk away.
- Wastewater – The Council has extended the current arrangement to accept treated leachate from Bonny Glen landfill at the Marton wastewater treatment plant for three months, to allow preparation and consideration of a business case (and an associated trade waste bylaw). The Council is considering piping Marton's wastewater to Bulls for discharge to land instead of (as now) into the Tutaenui Stream. An advisory group has been established and now includes members from Bulls.

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That the memorandum 'Update from Council's meetings in October - November 2017' be received.

Ms Hina / Mr Curtis

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

Ms Hiroa provided a verbal update from the Assets/Infrastructure meeting held on 9 November 2017, noting the following

- Predominantly a listening role – business is more operational than governance.
- Looking to establish a northern representatives group consisting of Te Roopu Ahi Kaa and council members. This would look at issues and commonalities.
- Keen to have more Te Roopu Ahi Kaa representatives at Council committee meetings. Currently just Ms Hiroa with the Assets/Infrastructure meeting and Mr Shenton involved with the wastewater. Ideally the Komiti would have representation on the Policy/Planning and the Finance/Performance meetings.

The Chair suggested that a decision matrix be established in order to ensure the same messages are being conveyed by all of the representatives.

## 12 Te Roopu Ahi Kaa and Council Combined Workshop 2 November 2017 - Notes

Ms Webb-Moore spoke to her report, noting that the statement about 'Development of Maori capacity to contribute to council decision making policy' (a requirement under the Local Government Act) is included within the Long Term Plan. Changes have been made to reflect current practice and recent developments in the area.

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That the memorandum 'Te Roopu Ahi Kaa and Council Combined Workshop 2 November 2017 - Notes' be received.

Mr Curtis / Ms Hiroa

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That the revised Rates remission policy on Maori freehold land without amendment be referred to Council for consideration and public consultation at the same time as the Consultation Document for the 2018-28 Long Term Plan

Mr Curtis / Mr Steedman

The Komiti agreed to carry forward to the next meeting consideration of the revised statement on Maori Capacity to contribute to decision making, so that a recommendation could be made to Council's meeting later that month.

## 13 Update on landlocked land

No update was provided.

## 14 Update on Te Pae Tawhiti

A verbal update was provided by the Chair:

Te Pae Tawhiti is looking to employ an Economic Development Manager. A job description has gone out to market, and two applicants have applied.

## 15 Update on the 'Path to Well-Being' initiative – December 2017

Mr Jamieson spoke to the report:

Council has focussed on reviewing and redeveloping its Youth Programme and offerings across the District. Budget has been allocated across three spaces (Bulls, Marton and Taihape). Marton has already opened a facility on Broadway Ave called 'The Lobby'. It not only offers space for youth to relax but also offers a private area for counselling services.

Mr Hodder mentioned the new Bulls Community Centre is due to be completed in 2019. The outcome of two funding applications is expected this month.

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

Ms Wipaki / Ms Hina. Carried

## **16 Panui/Announcements**

Mr Turia noted the Ngati Apa AGM on 9 December at Kauangaroa.

Mr Steedman noted the opening of the new dining room at Winiata Marae, also on December (from 10.00 am).

## **17 Late items**

Mr Shenton suggested that Rangitikei look for representation on the Nga Wai Ora o te Whangaehu Awa (which is not just concerned with the upper reaches of that river).

## **18 Future Items for the Agenda**

No new items were proposed.

## **19 Next meeting**

13 February 2017, 11.00 am

## **20 Meeting closed/Karakia**

Mr Turia provided the closing karakia.

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

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