



# Rangitikei District Council

## Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti Meeting

Minutes – Tuesday 8 October 2019 – 11:00 a.m.

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**Present:** Ms Kim Savage  
Mr Thomas Curtis  
Ms Coral Raukawa-Manuel  
Mr Terry Steedman  
Ms Hari Benevides  
Mr James Allen  
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

**In attendance:** Mr Lequan Meihana, Strategic Advisor – Mana Whenua  
Ms George Forster, Policy Advisor  
Mr Jerald Twomey, Kaitatari Kaupapa (Iwi) (Horizons Regional Council)  
Ms Nardia Gower, Youth Development Officer

## 1 Karakia/Welcome

The meeting opened at 11.05. The acting Chair, Thomas Curtis, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## 2 Apologies

That the apology for absence from Mr P Turia, Mr B Gray, Mr C Shenton and Ms T Hiroa be received

T. Steedman / H. Benevides. 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.

## 4 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,

- Infrastructure Update

be dealt with as a late item at this meeting. Such matters will be dealt with at the end of this agenda.

The order of business was confirmed.

## 5 Whakatau Nga Tuhinga Kōrero / Confirmation of Minutes

His Worship the Mayor noted that a meeting had taken place with Ngati Wae Wae where a mutual agreement was reached that they would not have a representative on Te Roopu Ahi Kaa. A river accord between Council and Ngati Wae Wae is being investigated, which will involve discussion with Manawatū District Council.

<b>Resolved minute number</b>	<b>19/IWI/023</b>	<b>File Ref</b>	<b>3-CT-8-2</b>
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That the Minutes of the Te Rōpu Ahi Kā Komiti meeting held on 13 August 2019 without amendment be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Ms K Savage / Mr T Steedman Carried

## 6 Chair's Report

Nil

## **7 Feedback on the Komiti's Workshop**

### Departure of Ross Mc Neil, Chief Executive and Blair Jamieson

The Komiti expressed their preference for being given the opportunity to have given Mr McNeil, and Mr Jamieson a farewell. It was acknowledged that in the departure of Mr McNeil, a staff-only farewell was held, which meant the exclusion of elected members and all committee members. It was agreed that if the Komiti wished to undertake farewells with staff they are welcome to do so.

The Komiti further noted unease at being called in for duties, such as karanga, on some occasions but not for all. The question was raised around processes that Council plan to install in order to clarify the relationship and involvement of Te Rōpu Ahi Kā Komiti and its members and associates in Council matters such as powhiri, whakatau and farewells.

### Rubbish Collection for Kaumatua

Discussed was the concept of having free rubbish days or free rubbish bags for kaumatua, Grey Power or Gold Card holders was discussed. The following comments were noted:

Rubbish Collection would exclude those living rurally

A set number of rubbish bags for gold card holders could held by council and be collected once a year

Awareness of administration ease needs to be considered.

The Gold Card is a government assistance card, in this instance it could be used as identifying those eligible. There could be an increase in rates as a result.

Staff to do preliminary investigations and report back to next meeting

## **8 Council Decisions on Recommendations from the Komiti**

There were no recommendations to Council made at the previous Hui.

## **9 Council Responses to Queries Raised at Previous Hui**

There were no queries raised at the previous Hui.

## **10 Update from Council's meetings August-September 2019**

His Worship the Mayor spoke to the report with the following highlights.

- Climate Change within the district is not only sea rise issues but also flooding and weather events.
- Marton B and C Dams are currently undergoing investigation into the foundation, water has been lowered in order to complete.
- Hautapu River Parks Project involves community groups building walking tracks and bridges.

- Nomination process for Community Committees and Reserve Management Groups opens 24 October 2019.
- Peter Beggs, the incoming Chief executive for Council, spent 4 days having a brief tour of the lower end of the district with his Worship the Mayor.
- RNZAF Base Ohakea have indicated they would like use the proposed combined Marton-Bulls Wastewater Treatment Plant. Land suitable for treated waste discharge dispersal is still being sought.
- The exploration bore in Hunterville, recently increased its equipment to a commercial size. Testing the viability of using this bore is still being undertaken. This work has been funded by Central Government.
- The Bulls Walton Street house, refurbished in large by the community, is set for auction on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2019.
- The current administration buildings in High Street, Marton and the Library are earthquake prone. Consultation with the community on options for the new civic centre is expected to take place in the first quarter of 2020. Factors include retention of historical buildings as a whole or partially. The new facility will hold council's main administration offices and the Library.
- Current elected members are continuing to engage with the community and funding partners on the design and details of the Taihape Memorial Park amenities building.
- A formal workshop was recently attended by His Worship the Mayor in Hawkes Bay regarding the Taihape - Napier Rd, known as Gentle Annie, becoming an NZTA road and responsibility. A business case is being produced to support this.

The Ratana wastewater treatment plant was raised by the Komiti mentioning the Waha tapu at the back of stream, being an urupa. Staff noted that treated waste dispersal to wetlands is off the table and that Council are in early conversation with land owners on the coast. Updates will come to the Komiti when available.

His Worship the Mayor sought feedback from the Komiti with regard to their preference on which elected members are to be Council representatives on Te Rōpu Ahi Kā Komiti. Bearing in mind elected members may include those already sitting on the Komiti. He saw value for both the Komiti and Council in having non-Maori elected members involved in the hui. His Worship the Mayor suggested that a decision is made following the outcome of the elections.

To be an item on next agenda.

<b>Resolved minute number</b>	<b>19/IWI/024</b>	<b>File Ref</b>	<b>3-CT-8-1</b>
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That the report 'Update from Council's meetings August 2019' to the 8 October 2019 Te Rōpu Ahi Kā Komiti be received.

Ms H Benevides/ Mr C Mete. Carried

## 11 Powhiri for newly elected Council and new Chief Executive

The powhiri for the newly elected Council will be held in the Shelton Pavillion in Centennial Park on Thursday 24 October 2019, 6.30 pm, ahead of the first formal meeting of the Council as required by the Local Government Act.

The powhiri for the new Council Chief Executive, Peter Beggs, will be held at Rangitikei College on Tuesday 22 October 2019, from 1.00 pm.

Komiti members are invited to attend both events which Lequan Meihana is co-ordinating.

## 12 Values

Discussed previously in hui in item 7.

## 13 Review of Memorandum of Understanding: Tūtohunga

Noted was the incorrect spelling in the MoU of Terence Steedman, and Jordan Haines Winiata.

**Resolved minute number**                      **19/IWI/025**                      **File Ref**                      **4-EN-8-2**

That the 'Review of the Memorandum of Understanding: Tūtohunga' to the 8 October 2019 Te Rōpu Ahi Kā Komiti be received and discussion on the document will take place at the next meeting.

Ms C Raukawa-Manuel / Mr T Steedman. Carried

## 14 Update on Discussions with Ngāti Waewae

The Komiti noted the commentary in the agenda.

River access at Onepuhi was discussed noting that a community group approached council to seek assistance in opening up Onepuni reserve including track access. His Worship the Mayor informed the Komiti that the river at the site has split causing a swift flowing channel and that the main river channel is now some way away from this area.

**Resolved minute number**                      **19/IWI/026**                      **File Ref**                      **4-EN-8-3**

That the draft discussion 'Establishing an effective relationship between Ngāti Waewae and Rangitikei District Council' to the 8 October 2019 Te Rōpu Ahi Kā Komiti be received.

Mr T Steedman / Ms K Savage. Carried

## 15 Horizons Update

Mr Twomey gave a verbal update with the following highlights:

- One Plan change submissions close on Monday 21 October at 5pm. The change is to clarify and amend the nutrient management framework so it effectively works towards achieving the strategies for surface water quality set out in the One Plan.
- New policy changes, which are out for consultation now, raised concerns that the time frame in not allowing proper governance set ups for iwi.

- The nitrogen levels that are being proposed suggested under the governments Fresh Water Plan match with One plan fairly closely, however timeline for getting down to the levels is compressed.

## 16 Update on Landlocked Land

His Worship the Mayor had nothing to report, and is awaiting direction from courts.

## 17 Update on Te Pae Tawhiti

A verbal update will be provided by the Chair, when he returns to the next meeting.

## 18 TAB Venue Policy and Gambling Venue Policy

Mr Forster spoke to the report and explained deprivation levels and the factors used to assess them. It was noted that Marton has a high deprivation level.

**Resolved minute number**                      **19/IWI/027**                      **File Ref**                      **3-PY-1-5**

That the report 'TAB Venue Policy and Gambling Venue Policy' to the 8 October 2019 Te Rōpu Ahi Kā Komiti be received.

Ms H Benevides / Ms K Savage. Carried  
Mr T Steedman against

## 19 Policy & Community Planning Project and Activity Report – September 2019

**Resolved minute number**                      **19/IWI/028**                      **File Ref**                      **1-CO-4-8**

That the report 'Policy & Community Planning Project and Activity Report – September 2019' to the 8 October 2019 Te Rōpu Ahi Kā Komiti be received.

Mr T Steedman / Mr J Allen. Carried

Ms K Savage left at 12.49pm – 12.51pm

## 20 Economic Development Project and Activity Report – September 2019

**Resolved minute number**                      **19/IWI/029**                      **File Ref**                      **4-ED-1-NGH**

That the report 'Economic Development Project and Activity Report – September 2019' to the 8 October 2019 Te Rōpu Ahi Kā Komiti be received.

Ms K Savage / Ms C Raukawa-Manuel. Carried

## **21 Treaty of Waitangi commemoration 2020**

A letter attached from the Prime Minister was acknowledged.

## **22 Process for nominating Komiti members for the 2019-22 triennium**

**Resolved minute number**                      **19/IWI/030**                      **File Ref**                      **3-OR-3-1**

That the report 'Process for nomination of Te Rōpu Ahi Kā members following the October 2019 elections' to the 8 October 2019 Te Rōpu Ahi Kā Komiti meeting be received.

Ms H Benevides / Mr C Mete. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **19/IWI/031**                      **File Ref**

That Te Rōpu Ahi Kā 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 H Benevides / Mr C Mete. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **19/IWI/032**                      **File Ref**

That Te Rōpu Ahi Kā 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.

Ms H Benevides / Mr C Mete. Carried

**Undertaking**                      **Subject**

Staff to email Komiti clarifying if a Council Elected Member can also sit as a iwi/hapu representative on Te Rōpu Ahi Kā.



## 23 Programme for briefing the newly elect Council

The Komiti was instructed to discuss with Chair Pahia Turia, any iwi/hapu interest in hosting the newly elected Council.

### Undertaking

### Subject

Council staff to indicate to Komiti members, via email, the proposed date and time for this briefing.

## 24 Pānui/Announcements

Mr Mete informed the Komiti that civil works have begun on Ratana papakaianga with the infrastructure work to be completed by July 2020. House constructions are planned begin in August 2020.

His Worship the Mayor expressed his apology for not being able to attend the 'ground breaking' ceremony for this project.

Mr T Steedman left at 1.05pm

## 25 Late Items

Infrastructure Update

Mr Benadie addressed the Komiti and spoke of upcoming capital works projects as listed below. He anticipates that moving forward that the Komiti will be updated at each meeting on the scheduled capital works projects for that period. This will give members the opportunity to contact staff if something of particular interest is noted.

Mr Benadie stated that he would provide the upcoming meeting with a list of works for members' consideration.

## 26 Future Items for the Agenda

Elected Member representation on Te Rōpu Ahi Kā Komiti.

Infrastructure Update as a standing agenda item.

His Worship the Mayor provided information to the Komiti regarding funding with the following noted:

Funding grants for events, community initiatives, creative projects are administered through council. Information is available on councils website [www.rangitikei.govt.nz/district/community/grants-funding](http://www.rangitikei.govt.nz/district/community/grants-funding)

Council also administers funding through the Park Partnership Upgrade fund, in which Council provides up to 33% in cash of the value – in cash or in kind - of the contribution from the community. This tends to have a maximum allowance of \$25,000 for small scale projects, with

council considering more investment for larger projects. The Ratana Playground development has been a recipient of this funding. Information is available on councils website [www.rangitikei.govt.nz/district/community/grants-funding/parks-upgrades-partnership-fund](http://www.rangitikei.govt.nz/district/community/grants-funding/parks-upgrades-partnership-fund)

Te Rōpu Ahi Kā previously had a contestable fund of \$15k, available to any iwi for capability building. That has since been amalgamated into the framework of the Strategic Advisor for Iwi/Hapu with Marae development projects.

With regard to major funding for new projects, early each year Council look at what they want to spend money on and this forms part of the annual plan budget. Through the annual plan decision making process Te Rōpu Ahi Kā have the option to approach or recommend to Council funding a certain project. It was noted that the Annual Plan can consider minor financial requests but the large cost projects need to be signalled through the Long Term Plan process.

Individual organisations can put in their own applications to the governments' Provincial Growth Fund and may seek endorsement from council, iwi and other orgs. Council have made their own applications to this fund on a variety of projects.

Dudding Trust as a private trust can be applied to for eligible projects, on an annual basis. More information can be found on the following website <https://www.publictrust.co.nz/grants/how-do-i-find-one/grants/the-jbs-dudding-trust>

## 27 Next Meeting

This is the final meeting of the 2016-19 triennium. To be advised.

## 28 Meeting closed/Karakia

1.27pm Karakia Jim Allen

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

Confirmed/Chief Executive: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: