



Rangitikei District Council

Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti Meeting

Minutes – Tuesday 7 July 2020 – 11:00 a.m.

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Present: Mr Pahia Turia (Chair)
Mr James Allen
Ms Hari Benevides
Mr Robert Gray
Ms Marj Heeney
Ms Tracey Hiroa
Ms Soraya Peke-Mason
Ms Coral Raukawa-Manuel
Mr Chris Shenton
Mr Terry Steedman
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

In attendance: Mr Peter Beggs, Chief Executive
Ms Nardia Gower, Strategy and Community Planning Manager
Mr Lequan Meihana, Strategic Advisor – Mana Whenua
Mr Arno Benadie, Principal Advisor – Infrastructure
Mr George Forster, Policy Advisor
Ms Bonnie Clayton, Governance Administrator

1 Karakia/Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting at 11.16am.

Mr Turia briefed the Komiti on the previous hui on the effectiveness of Te Rōpu Ahi Kā., and how the Komiti has come a long way, highlighting:

- Two Maori Elected Members on Council
- Maori Responsiveness Framework and Strategic Advisor – Mana Whenua
- Rates Remission Policy
- Multitudes of items on the agenda, however could do more

The Komiti is due to hold a workshop on 13 July at Te Rūnanga o Nga Wairiki Ngati Apa to review the Maori Responsiveness Framework.

2 Public Forum

Nil

3 Apologies

That the apology for absence for Ms Kim Savage, Cr Waru Panapa and Mr Robert Martin, be received.

Cr Hiroa/Ms Benevides. Carried

4 Members' Conflict of Interest

Cr Hiroa declared a conflict of interest in regards to being a delegate for Ngāti Whitikaupeka and Ms Heeney declared a conflict of interest in regards to being a delegate for Ngāti Porou.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business and Late Items

There were no changes to the order of business.

6 Whakatau Nga Tuhinga Kōrero / Confirmation of Minutes

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| Resolved minute number | 20/IWI/007 | File Ref | 3-CT-8-2 |
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That the Minutes of the Te Rōpu Ahi Kā Komiti meeting held on 11 February 2020 without amendment be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Mr Steedman/Ms Heeney. Carried

7 Chair's Report

Mr Turia thanked His Worship the Mayor for showing his support with Tu Poho Tuariki Provincial Growth Fund application which has been approved through Te Ara Mahi - Pathway to Employment fund. The fund will have an initial focus on job seekers who have been affected by Covid-19.

He also made note of the recent publicity around the Captain Cook statue, and the request to hold a public meeting. Mr Turia expressed that this will open up the conversation to inform those unaware of the history behind Captain Cook.

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That the verbal 'Chair's Report' to the 7 July 2020 Te Rōpu Ahi Kā Komiti be received.

Mr Turia/Ms Peke-Mason. Carried

8 Feedback on the Komiti's Workshop

An update was provided in item 1.

9 Council Decisions on Recommendations from the Komiti

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

10 Council Responses to Queries Raised at Previous Hui

There were no queries raised at the previous hui.

11 Presentation from MPI Maori Agribusiness on solutions for Whenua Maori

Mr Blair Jamieson of Ministry of Primary Industries provided a presentation on Maori Agribusiness, highlighting the following points:

- MPI is working with Maori landowners/trustees to identify which specific support is needed.
- MPI want to support Maori agribusinesses and land owners by ensuring they have the tools, support systems and information to use their lands in a way that works for them.
- Purpose is to grow the number of Maori land owners and agribusinesses.
- Three regional teams: North, Central and South.

Mr Turia thanked Mr Jamieson for his mahi in the industry.

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Staff to circulate the MPI Maori Agribusiness presentation to Komiti members.

12 Nga Puna Rau O Rangitikei – Request for Support: 1 Billion Trees (1BT) Partnerships Programme

Mr Jamieson spoke on behalf of the memorandum.

The memorandum from Nga Puna Rau O Rangitikei are requesting \$15,000 from Te Roopu Ahi Kaa discretionary funds towards the operational planning and business case support needed for NPPR's funding programme with MPI.

Funding will directly allow NPPR to meet its co-contribution requirements in progressing the application for the 1 Billion Trees (1BT) Partnerships Programme.

Resolved minute number **20/IWI/009** **File Ref**

That the memorandum 'Nga Puna Rau O Rangitikei – Request for Support: 1 Billion Trees (1BT) Partnerships Programme' to the 7 July 2020 Te Rōpu Ahi Kā Komiti be received.

Cr Hiroa/Ms Peke-Mason. Carried

Resolved minute number **20/IWI/010** **File Ref**

That Te Roopu Ahi Kaa support and endorse the aspirations of Nga Puna Rau o Rangitikei as a Komiti by way of a supporting letter.

Mr Steedman/Mr Turia. Carried

Resolved minute number **20/IWI/011** **File Ref**

That Te Roopu Ahi Kaa approve the funding of \$15,000 requested by Nga Puna o Rangitikei, for operational planning and business case support necessary to meet the requirements of the 1BT Partnerships Programme, from its 2020/2021 discretionary funds – subject to the application to 1BT being successful.

Ms Peke-Mason/Ms Raukawa-Manuel. Carried

13 Climate Change iwi Engagement

Mr Bowen spoke to the memorandum, noting Mr Twomey was unable to attend the hui.

The following highlights were provided:

- Horizons Regional Council is developing a strategy to guide its response to the challenges climate change presents for our environment and communities.
- Interested in iwi and hapu views on how to approach the challenges ahead of us and want to involve iwi and hapu as much as possible.
- The 20/2021 year will start with a regional risk assessment.

- Regional drive for better outcomes.

Mr Turia expressed interest in Regional Leadership in Climate Change.

Resolved minute number **20/IWI/012** **File Ref** **4-EN-8-4**

That the memorandum 'Climate Change iwi Engagement' to the 7 July 2020 Te Rōpu Ahi Kā Komiti be received.

Cr Hiroa/Ms Raukawa-Manuel. Carried

14 Future catering

His Worship the Mayor led the discussion on the future of catering, stating that Council has agreed to move to a simple catered lunch consisting of sandwiches, savouries and slices when Elected Members have a morning and afternoon meeting in the same day.

The Komiti were in agreement to endorse a simple lunch for Te Roopu Ahi Kaa.

15 Values

There were no updates to provide.

16 Horizons Update

Mr Bowen provided an update in item 13.

17 Update on Landlocked Land

There were no updates to provide.

18 Update on Te Pae Tawhiti

There were no updates to provide.

19 Maori Responsiveness Framework

The commentary was noted in the agenda.

The report on the deliverables against the framework for the period Oct 2019 – June 2020 was circulated and tabled at the meeting of Te Roopu Ahi Kaa; the Komiti will meet on Monday 13 July 2020 to review the framework.

20 Infrastructure Update – June 2020

Mr Benadie took the memorandum as read and updated the Komiti on the following:

- Taihape Memorial Park project is still going ahead as previously agreed by Council.
- In excess of 400 new home builds are in the works, more so in the Southern district.
- The court hearing regarding discharge flow into the Hautapu River was held 6 July 2020, Council was fined \$60,000.
- A private business was charged \$40,000 for dumping effluent at Mangaweka into the Rangitikei River.

His Worship the Mayor advised the Komiti that Council have moved to live streaming their Council meetings on Facebook, this allows the public to see the good work that Council does. There is potential to live stream Council's standing Committee meetings also and whether Te Roopu Ahi Kaa are interested.

The Komiti expressed there is no desire for meetings to be live streamed at this time.

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Staff to produce a report to the September Te Roopu Ahi Kaa meeting on the value of live streaming Komiti meetings.

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That the memorandum 'Infrastructure Update - June 2020' to the 7 July 2020 Te Rōpu Ahi Kā Komiti be received.

Mr Shenton/Ms Benevides. Carried

21 Update from Council's meetings May – June 2020

The memorandum was taken as read.

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That the memorandum 'Update from Council's meetings May – June 2020' to the 7 July 2020 Te Rōpu Ahi Kā Komiti be received.

Ms Raukawa-Manuel/Cr Hiroa. Carried

22 Rangitikei Youth Development Update July 2020

The memorandum was taken as read.

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That the memorandum 'Rangitikei Youth Development Update July 2020' to the 7 July 2020 Te Rōpu Ahi Kā Komiti be received.

Cr Hiroa/Ms Heeney. Carried

23 Community Grants

The commentary was noted in the agenda.

24 Pānui/Announcements

Ms Raukawa-Manuel prompted Komiti members to get their nominations in for the Youth Awards.

Mr Steedman updated members that the hearing for Winiata Marae will be held in November.

25 Late Items

Nil.

26 Future Items for the Agenda

Live streaming of Komiti meetings

27 Next Meeting

Tuesday 8 September 2020, 11.00 am

28 Future Meeting dates for 2020

Tuesday 10 November 2020, 11.00 am

29 Meeting closed/Karakia

1.05pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: