



Rangitikei District Council

Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti Meeting

Minutes – Tuesday 18 August 2020 – 2:00 pm

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Present: Mr Pahia Turia (Chair) – *via zoom*
Mr Thomas Curtis – *via zoom*
Mr James Allen – *via zoom*
Ms Marj Heeney – *via zoom*
Ms Tracey Hiroa – *via zoom*
Ms Soraya Peke-Mason – *in person*
Ms Coral Raukawa-Manuel – *via zoom*
Ms Kim Savage – *via zoom*
Mr Chris Shenton – *in person*
Mr Terry Steedman – *in person*
Cr Waru Panapa – *via zoom*
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson – *in person*

Also present: Cr Dave Wilson – *in person*

In attendance: Mr Peter Beggs, Chief Executive – *in person*
Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager – *via zoom*
Mr Lequan Meihana, Strategic Advisor – Mana Whenua – *via zoom*
Ms Bonnie Clayton, Governance Administrator – *in person*

1 Karakia/Welcome

Mr Turia welcomed everyone to the meeting at 2.00pm.

Ms Peke-Mason arrived 2.01pm.

Mr Meihana joined at 2.02pm.

Ms Raukawa-Manuel joined at 2.03pm.

2 Apologies

That the apology of absence of Ms Hari Benevides be received.

3 Extraordinary meeting

Mr Turia noted the extraordinary meeting was called to consider the Government's three waters reform programme and to advise Council on whether to sign the Memorandum of Understanding and (if it does) to recommend projects for inclusion in the programme of works.

Ms Raukawa-Manuel left 2.14pm.

4 Whakatau Nga Tuhinga Kōrero / Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number	20/IWI/016	File Ref	3-CT-8-2
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That the Minutes of the Te Rōpu Ahi Kā Komiti meeting held on 7 July 2020 without amendment be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Mr Steedman/Cr Hiroa. Carried

5 Outline of the Three waters service delivery reforms

The Komiti noted the outline provided in the agenda, the documents included in the Order Paper (which included legal advice to the sector from Simpson Grierson) supplemented by comment from the Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager, the Chief Executive and His Worship the Mayor.

The Government has a clear preference for a multi-regional approach, based on an understanding of what had been achieved in Scotland and Tasmania. However, the first tranche of reform was concerned to foster discussion by councils about such an approach and also to stimulate local economies by making grants available for projects on any of the three waters outside those which were already funded through the Annual Plan. The projects could extend to systems outside those managed by Council.

Initial funding from the stimulus package will be made available to those councils that agree to participate in the first stage of the reform programme, through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), Funding Agreement, and approved Delivery Plan. The MoU must be signed by the end of August 2020, with the Funding Agreement and Delivery Plan submitted and approved by the end of September 2020.

The Summary Proposal and the Simpson Grierson legal advice are attached.

Resolved minute number **20/IWI/017** **File Ref**

That the Outline of the Three waters service delivery reforms be received.

Mr Steedman/Cr Hiroa. Carried

6 Memorandum of Understanding

The Komiti discussed the advantages and disadvantages about signing the Memorandum of Understanding. There was a concern about the timeline, which meant there was no opportunity for Komiti members to go back to their people. Longer timeframes should be sought for the next stages of the reform programme.

While an aggregated model for delivering the three waters could provide an opportunity for District iwi to engage more widely, Mr Turia expressed concern about the long term implications with the relationship between iwi and Council.

Resolved minute number **20/IWI/018** **File Ref**

That the Memorandum of Understanding for the first stage of the Government's reform programme for the three waters be received.

Mr Steedman/Cr Hiroa. Carried

Resolved minute number **20/IWI/019** **File Ref**

That Te Rōpu Ahi Kā recommends that the Council signs the Memorandum of Understanding for the first stage of the Government's reform programme for the three waters.

Mr Steedman/Cr Hiroa. Carried

7 Projects proposed by Te Rōpu Ahi Kā for inclusion in the Council's funding agreement and delivery plan under the stimulus funding for the three waters reform programme

The Komiti was keen to see one of Council's projects being an assessment of drinking water and waste water of marae throughout the District. This might cost up to \$100,000. It would facilitate an application to the special sub-fund for specific upgrades.

Resolved minute number **20/IWI/020** **File Ref**

That the 18 August 2020 meeting of Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti:

- a. recommends to the Audit/Risk Committee that future decisions on water reform include adequate time for Te Roopu Ahi Kaa members to engage with their people/whanau;
- b. asks the Audit/Risk committee to note Te Roopu Ahi Kaa's concern for the long term implications of iwi relationship with a future large entity that is unknown at this stage;
- c. seeks some of the \$4.82m offered to Council by signing the Memorandum of Understanding be assigned for the investigation and assessment of District marae drinking water and wastewater;
- d. seeks support from Council for an application for funding from the Government's \$30 million marae and papakainga sub fund.

Mr Turia/Mr Allen. Carried

Ms Savage left 3.15pm.
Mr Turia left 3.17pm-3.19pm.

8 Next Meeting

Tuesday 8 September 2020, 11.00 am

9 Meeting closed/Karakia

3.29pm.

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: