



Rangitikei District Council

Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti Meeting

Minutes – Tuesday 9 February 2021 – 11:00 am

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The quorum for the Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa is 7 including 1 elected member.

Council's Standing Orders (adopted 31 October 2019) 11.2 provide: The quorum for Council committees and sub-committees is as for Council, i.e., half the number of members if the number of members (including vacancies) is even or a majority if the number of members is odd.

- Present:** Mr Pahia Turia (Chair)
Mr Thomas Curtis
Mr Chris Shenton
Ms Hari Benevides
Ms Peke-Mason
Mr James Allen
Ms Kim Savage
Mr Robert Gray
Ms Marj Heeney
Ms Coral Raukawa
Mr Terry Steedman
Cr Tracey Hiroa
Cr Waru Panapa
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson
- In attendance:** Mr Peter Beggs, Chief Executive
Mrs Carol Gordon, Group Manager Democracy & Planning
Ms Nardia Gower, Manager Community Programmes, Community Services
Mr Lequan Meihana, Strategic Advisor – Mana Whenua
Mr George Forster, Policy Analyst
Ms Jess Mcilroy, Senior Project Manager
- Late Documents:** Government supports Council to increase Maori representation (plus Appendix)
Three Waters Reform Programme and Taumata Arowai

1 Karakia/Welcome

2 Public Forum

3 Apologies

An apology has been received from DOC; their representative is unable to attend the meeting.

4 Members' Conflict of Interest

Members are reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of items on this agenda.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business and Late Items

The order of business was confirmed and the late items:

- Government supports councils to increase Maori representation
- Three Waters Reform Programme and Taumata Arowai

Be received.

6 Whakatau Nga Tuhinga Kōrero / Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number **21/IWI/042**

That the Minutes of the Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti meeting held on 10 November 2020, as amended, be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Ms Peke-Mason advised that she was present at the meeting on 10 November 2020.

Ms Peke-Mason/Ms Heeney Carried

7 Chair's Report

The Chair's verbal report was provided at the Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti Hui, prior to the meeting.

8 Follow-up Items from Previous Meetings

Updates were requested on the following items:

Ratana Wastewater

Investigations are ongoing for a disposal site to ensure proper disposal.

Erewhon Pipe Replacement

His Worship the Mayor advised that a contract came to Council which has been completed and signed.

Ms Peke-Mason advised a conflict of interest in regards the Erewhon item.

Resolved minute number **21/IWI/043**

That the report 'Follow-up Items from Previous Meetings' to the 9 February 2021 Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti Meeting be received.

Ms Hiroa/Ms Raukawa Carried

9 Department of Conservation – Regional Alliance framework and Kaimahi funding attributed to the Rangitikei District

This item was not discussed as the DOC representative was unable to attend the meeting.

10 MPI Māori Agribusiness – update on the Nga Puna Rau o Rangitikei project and contribution from the Komiti

Mr Blair Jamieson (Central Regions Manager - Māori Agribusiness Directorate of the Ministry for Primary Industries) spoke to his presentation. There has recently been significant investment in the Nga Puna Rau o Rangitikei project with the purchase of brand new tractors and excavators. This new equipment ownership remains with Rangitikei Environmental Operations.

The process with whanau for example will be to work in waterways for a year and get certified, then move onto work in planting and get certified for that work also. This is a catchment strategy for the Rangitikei and as a central government agency they will provide support and there will be a shared collective approach which they will provide as the business is ongoing and sustainable.

Mr Jamieson also thanked Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa for their donation of \$15,000.

It was agreed that this is a huge achievement as it has been discussed at meetings over a number of years.

11 Community Programmes Operational Update - November 2020

Ms Gower took her report as read and advised she will provide the Committee with an updated report directly. Ms Gower advised that the Mahi Tahī numbers are currently at 113 placements through the programme.

Resolved minute number **21/IWI/044**

That the 'Community Programmes Operational Update – November 2020' to the 9 February 2021 Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti Meeting be received.

Ms Hiroa/Ms Raukawa Carried

12 Development of Māori Capacity to Contribute to Council Decision-Making Policy

The Development of Māori Capacity to Contribute to Council Decision-Making was approved by the Committee.

Resolved minute number **21/IWI/045** **File Ref**

That the Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti endorse the 'Development of Māori Capacity to Contribute to Council Decision-Making' without amendment for inclusion in the draft 2021-2031 Long Term Plan.

Ms Shenton/Ms Raukawa Carried

13 Marquee Exemption Policy

There was discussion on the rules and fees for putting up marquees or tents and the fee for a building consent application. His Worship the Mayor advised that this was not a council direction, the fee of \$225.00 then gets passed on. In addition, with marquees or tents being erected for over 30 days, there can be problems with sewerage and power which become a health and safety risk.

It was suggested that the Committee members make their people aware that no matter the size of the marquee or tent, if it stays up for 30 days or more a fee of \$225.00 will be charged.

The relevant legislation will be added to the Policy.

Undertaking **Subject** **Building Consent Fee for Marquees and Tents**

Mr Beggs to ask the council to review the fee of \$225 for putting up a marquee or tent for a period of 30 days or more.

14 Horizons Update

Mr Twomey was an apology for the meeting, therefore he was not able to provide an update.

15 2019/2020 Summary of Activities – Māori Responsiveness Framework

Mr Meihana took his report as being read.

Resolved minute number **21/IWI/046** **File Ref**

That the report '2019/2020 Summary of Activities – Māori Responsiveness Framework' to the 9 February 2021 Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti Meeting be received.

Ms Peke-Mason/Ms Savage Carried

16 Infrastructure Update – Top Ten Projects, January 2021

Ms Mcilroy took her report as read.

Ms Mcilroy advised that rather than referring to the project as “Putorino Landfill”, a request has been received by Rangitāne o Manawatū and it has been renamed “The historic landfill on Putorino Road.” In regards a query about the final disposal site for the historic landfill on Putorino Road, Ms Mcilroy advised that sourcing land for that purpose is a high priority.

There was a query about the Bulls Community Centre, a report will be provided to the Council Meeting at the end of February 2021.

Mr Steedman asked His Worship the Mayor for an update on the Taihape Memorial Park Development and Papakai Park. His Worship the Mayor advised that there were discussions on having shower/changing room facilities at the park and the best location for these. A decision was made by the Council in December 2020 to build a single storey block on the tennis court area. In discussions with the Squash Club, they are wanting to invest in some multi-sport facilities and are wanting to support the Netball and Tennis clubs. RDC hopes to commence construction as soon as possible.

Papakai Park is a reserve that is administered by the Council who work with Horizons on running the park and any consenting required. It has old and poor infrastructure which is an expensive process to fix that on a short-term basis, costings have also been acquired for a long-term project. Any work thus far has been done in accordance with the consenting process.

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That the memorandum ‘Top Ten Projects, January 2021’ to the 9 February 2021 Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti Meeting be received.

Mr Allen/Ms Hiroa Carried

17 Pānui/Announcements

Verbal update

18 Late Items

As accepted in item 5.

Three Waters Reform Programme and Taumata Arowai:

His Worship the Mayor said he couldn’t stress enough the importance of attending the Three Waters Hui, he suggested you need to be at the table and can use the engagement as a follow up process.

There's a number of councils that are discussing getting out of waste water, a large number of iwi are opposed to that position. There has also been a suggestion of having a conglomerate group and the economics are that there is a potential for savings.

This year we are expecting to be asked if we are ready to go into an aggregated model, however we will need direction from this Committee. In the LTP we can't factor in the future of what Three Waters will look like.

His Worship the Mayor commented that there has been under investment for a long time and there will be a bill, this is one of the toughest decisions the council has to make and there is no business case to assist in making the decision.

Mr Turia concluded that ultimately we want to make sure we minimise the impact on the environment.

Note: There is a Hui coming up on 11th March 2021 in Palmerston North.

Government supports councils to increase Maori representation:

Currently Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa nominates people to be on Council internal committees, for example the Finance Committee. In light of the Government advising the bill will move extremely quickly, we would need to consider if nominations would still be appropriate.

His Worship the Mayor advised that we should always engage with iwi right across the Rangitikei district. There are still questions to be answered, if you have 10% Maori population does that determine the size of the ward? There has been no direction provided on how that will work.

It was felt that it would be prudent to retain Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa, they drive the change and have influence.

The Committee generally supported the repealing of the 5% provision saying it was a step in the right direction, and will go back to their people and continue the conversation and provide the feedback at the next meeting, noting that this needs to take place urgently, due to the tight timeframes.

Resolved minute number 21/IWI/048

That the report 'Government supports councils to increase Maori representation' to the 9 February 2021 Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti Meeting be received.

Mr P. Turia/Ms Heeney Carried

Resolved minute number 21/IWI/049

That the report "Three Waters Reform Programme and Taumata Arowai' to the 9 February 2021 Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti Meeting be received.

Ms Hiroa/Ms Raukawa Carried

A number of Committee members thanked his Worship the Mayor for attending recent events, acknowledging that it goes a long way to strengthening relationships. There were a number of people who said they had really appreciated seeing His Worship the Mayor at the event.

19 Next Meeting

Tuesday 6 April 2021 – 11:00 am

20 Meeting closed/Karakia

The meeting closed at 1.27 pm.