



RANGITIKEI
DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

**Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Meeting
Tuesday, 6 April 2021**

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**MINUTES OF RANGITĪKEI DISTRICT COUNCIL
TE ROOPUU AHI KAA MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, RANGITĪKEI DISTRICT COUNCIL, 46 HIGH STREET, MARTON
ON TUESDAY, 6 APRIL 2021 AT 11.00 AM**

Tumuaki: Mr P Turia (Whangaehu)

Tumuaki Tuarua: Mr T Curtis (Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hauti)

Ngā mema: Mr J Allen (Ngā Wairiki Ki Uta)
Ms H Benevides (Ngāti Tamakopiri)
Mr B Gray (Ngāti Rangituhia)
Ms M Heeney (Ngāi te Ohuake)
Ms T Hiroa (Ngāti Whitikaupeka)
Mrs S Peke-Mason (Rātana Pā)
Ms C Raukawa-Manuel (Ngā Ariki Turakina)
Ms K Savage (Ngāti Parewahawaha)
Mr C Shenton (Ngāti Kauae/Tauira)
Mr T Steedman (Ngāti Hinemanu/Ngāti Paki)
Councillor Waru Panapa
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

In Attendance: Ms Carol Gordon, Manager – Executive Office
Ms Nardia Gower, Manafer Community Programmes, Community Services
Mr Lequan Meihana, Strategic Advisor – Mana Whenua
Ms Jess Mcilroy, Senior Project Manager – Infrastructure

Tabled Document: Late item - Ngā Puninga Toi ā-Ahurea me ngā Kaupapa Cultural Installations and Events

1 Karakia / Welcome

Mr Turia opened the meeting at 11.04am.

The Komiti member and Officers present introduced themselves.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number **21/IWI/001**

That the apologies of Mr J Allen, Mr B Gray and Mr Beggs be received.

Mr Curtis/Ms Benevides. Carried

3 Public Forum

Nil.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

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

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

Late item tabled: Ngā Puringa Toi ā-Ahurea me ngā Kaupapa Cultural Installations and Events.

6 Whakatau Nga Tuhinga Kōrero / Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number **21/IWI/002**

That the minutes of the Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Meeting held on 9 February 2021 without amendment be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Ms Peke-Mason/Ms Benevides. Carried

7 Follow up Action Items from Previous Meeting – 9 February 2021

Mrs Peke-Mason suggested it would be useful to include the 3 Waters Reform as a standing item on the agenda which was supported by the Komiti members.

Discussion was held about whether The Housing Strategy should also be a standing item, however, updates on this item are provided in later reports on the agenda.

Resolved minute number **21/IWI/003**

That the 'Follow-up Actions from Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Meeting – 9 February 2021' report be received.

Mr Steedman/Mr Shenton. Carried

8 Chair's Report

Māori Wards

The Chair updated that the Komiti members had discussed the topic with their Iwi members and noted their support for the creation of Māori Wards. The goal should be equal Māori representation around the Council table. The Maori Ward Councillors would represent Māori, not Iwi, with Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa continuing to represent Iwi.

Koha Policy

The Chair noted further work is needed on the refinement of the Koha Policy to ensure that the knowledge and expertise involved is fairly compensated for. The use of 'number of people' to help determine the value provided should be reconsidered, with more focus placed on the mana.

The need for flexibility within the Policy was noted, and it was discussed that the Policy might be more useful as a guideline.

The Mayor identified the need for the Koha Policy to cover all situations where a koha might be needed, such as for the Samoan community and as a requirement for Audit.

The section related to case-by-case funding of individuals representing Council should be \$200 for all.

3 Waters

The Chair noted the desire for the Department of Internal Affairs to come to the District to discuss the proposed reforms.

Legislation and Reforms

It was noted that the reforms are taking time for Iwi to remain up to date with legislative changes to ensure they can fully engage. Of interest was the recent change to procurement for Central

Government Agencies which requires 5% of Government spending to be procured through Māori businesses. Mrs Mcilroy noted that for the Marton Rail Hub project, the agreement with Government is that 10% of the budget is procured through Māori businesses.

Resolved minute number **21/IWI/004**

That Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa recommend to Council that they support the establishment of Māori Wards throughout the Rangitikei District and that Māori Wards are established on the basis of equal representation e.g. 50:50.

Mr Curtis/Ms Heeney. Carried

Resolved minute number **21/IWI/005**

That the verbal 'Chair's Report' to the 06 April 2021 Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti be received.

Mr Turia/Ms Raukawa. Carried

9 Reports for Information

9.1 2021 Summary of Activities - Māori Responsiveness Framework

The report was taken as read.

There was discussion about how strategy and policy development fits alongside the Māori responsiveness framework, with support to ensure that as new strategies and policies are developed they are incorporated into the framework.

There was a desire from the Chair to increase the focus on outcomes rather than activities.

Resolved minute number **21/IWI/006**

That the report '2021 Summary of Activities – Māori Responsiveness Framework' be received.

Mr Turia/Ms Heeney. Carried

9.2 Community Development Update February - March 2021

The report was taken as read, with Ms Gower noting this report was an important opportunity for Members to raise considerations about the projects covered that may not have been raised previously. She advised the Youth Awards are currently open for nominations and any youth that contribute to the district are eligible for nomination, regardless of whether they live in the district.

It was further noted that the Economic Development Strategy was previously considered by the Komiti and the key changes since that point have been focused on increasing the readability of the document. Jaime Reibel, Strategic Advisor – Economic Development will be present at the next meeting.

Resolved minute number **21/IWI/007**

That the 'Community Programmes Operational Update February and March 2021' to the 6 April 2021 Te Roopu Ahi Kaa meeting be received.

Ms Hiroa/Mrs Peke-Mason. Carried

9.3 Horizons Update

There was no one present from Horizons to provide an update.

The Mayor updated that Horizons currently have their Long Term Plan engagement open and have recently been undertaking catchment meetings, mainly related to the flood control schemes. There was a brief discussion about the way Horizons rates for catchment works.

9.4 Project Management Office Report - March 2021

The report was taken as read. Mrs Mcilroy provided an overview of the Marton Rail Hub project that will be a public rail siding focused on supporting the forestry industry. The project has received funding and is working towards a construction date of November 2021.

In response to questions raised Mrs Mcilroy noted Council had also received funding for works at Marton Memorial Hall and the Tutaenui Rural Water Scheme, as well as funding through the 3 Waters reform package.

Mrs Mcilroy was pleased to provide an update that the resource consent had been granted for the Putorino Landfill and works had started.

It was also noted there was potential for streamlining of the Archaeological Authority process. A briefing paper will be circulated alongside an example from Palmerston North City Council for discussion at the next meeting.

Resolved minute number **21/IWI/008**

That the memorandum Project Management Report – March 2021 be received.

Mrs Peke-Mason/Mr Shenton. Carried

10 Māori Representation - Māori Wards

This item was dealt with as part of the Chair's report.

11 Pānui / Announcements

Ms Hiroa identified that the Mokai Patea Waitangi Claims Trust received mandate on 17 March 2021.

Ms Raukawa noted there was a need for one of the northern representatives to be the focus of the next Te Hononga newsletter.

12 Late Items

Ngā Puninga Toi ā-Ahurea me ngā Kaupapa Cultural Installations and Events

A letter was tabled from the Ministry of Culture and Heritage regarding the Manatū Taonga contestable funding that will open in April.

13 Future Items for the Agenda

None raised.

14 Next Meeting

Tuesday, 08 June 2021 – 11.00 am.

15 Meeting Closed / Karakia

Cr Panapa closed the meeting with a karakia.

The Meeting closed at 12.55 pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa held on 8 June 2021.

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Chairperson