

MINUTES

TE ROOPUU AHI KAA MEETING

Date: Tuesday, 8 June 2021

Time: 11.00 am

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Present: Mr Thomas Curtis (Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hauiti)
Mr James Allen (Ngā Wairiki Ki Uta)
Ms Hari Benevides (Ngāti Tamakopiri)
Mr Robert Gray (Ngāti Rangituhia)
Ms Marj Heeney (Ngāi te Ohuake)
Ms Tracey Hiroa (Ngāti Whitikaupeka)
Ms Soraya Peke-Mason (Rātana Pā)
Ms Kim Savage (Ngāti Parewahawaha)
Mr Chris Shenton (Ngāti Kauae/Tauira)
Mr Terry Steedman (Ngāti Hinemanu/Ngāti Paki)
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

In attendance: Mr Peter Beggs, Chief Executive
Mrs Carol Gordon, Group Manager – Democracy and Planning
Mr Arno Benadie, Group Manager – Assets and Infrastructure
Ms Katrina Gray, Senior Strategic Planner
Mr Lequan Meihana, Strategic Advisor – Mana Whenua
Mr Jaime Reibel, Strategic Advisor – Economic Development
Mr Jerald Twomey, Horizons – Iwi Liaison
Mr Ash Garstang, Governance Administrator

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1 Karakia / Welcome

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number **21/IWI/009**

That the apologies for Mr Turia, Ms Raukawa and Cr Panapa be received.

Mr Curtis/Mrs Peke-Mason. Carried

3 Public Forum

There was no public forum.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Ms Peke-Mason declared a conflict of interest as she has been appointed to the Whanganui Health Network. Mr Curtis acknowledged the declaration, but advised that this does not warrant a conflict.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

There was no Chair's Report for this meeting.

Item 9.3 (Housing Strategy 2021-2031) was not discussed, due to time constraints. It will be discussed at a future meeting.

Item 9.7 (Streamlining of the Archaeological Authority Process) was left to lie as the author was unavailable to be present at the meeting to present the report.

6 Whakatau Nga Tuhina Kōrero / Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number **21/IWI/010**

That the minutes of the Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa meeting held on 06 April 2021, without amendment, be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Mr Steedman/Ms Benevides. Carried

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Meetings

Maori Wards

Members of the Komiti congratulated Council for their recent decision to establish one or more Maori wards.

The Mayor advised the Komiti that Council will need to undergo a representation review before any information about the future composition of wards can be provided.

Maori Responsiveness Framework

Mrs Gordon advised the Komiti that an update will be provided at the next meeting.

Funding for the Testing of Marae Water

Mr Beggs advised that Council had set aside \$100,000 to test the quality of drinking water and that Council intends to use this funding to gain information about Marae water – what the quality of it is currently and what can be done to improve it.

Crown Infrastructure Partners gave the Council advice on how best to progress with the project. Their advice was to look at what the Horowhenua District Council had done and to start testing, as the Council may then be in a better position to apply for any future central government funds that become available. This work has to be completed by March 2022.

Resolved minute number **21/IWI/011**

That the report 'Follow-up Action Items from Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Meetings' be received.

Ms Hiroa/Mr Shenton. Carried

8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report - June 2021

No report was provided as Mr Turia was an apology for the meeting.

9 Reports for Information

9.1 Operational Update - June 2021

Civil Defence Marae Emergency Preparedness Plan

Mr Meihana advised that he is happy to assist Marae with this if requested.

Draft Scope for the Rangitikei Spatial Plan

The Komiti noted they found the joint workshop in May useful and thought provoking.

There was discussion around the impact of climate change at a more localised level, and how this needed to be considered. Ms Peke-Mason commented that she would like to see a consideration of sustainable practices in the document.

In response to a query, Ms Gray advised that feedback could be provided via email and that she would collate this feedback into a document for the Komiti's review.

The Mayor raised a query with future central government policy changes, and whether the spatial plan would remain relevant after future changes. Ms Gray advised that the plan is aligned with the wider regional process, and that staff will remain in communication with Horizons Regional Council, and appropriate government departments, in order to ensure that the plan continues to follow with best practices.

Resolved minute number **21/IWI/012**

That the Operational Update – June 2021 be received.

Ms Hiroa/Mrs Peke-Mason. Carried

9.2 Economic Development Strategy 2021-2031

Priorities

Mr Reibel explained the ten priorities listed in the report. The priorities revolve around moving the district forwards, increasing residents standards of living and carefully managing controlled growth.

Ohakea

Mr Reibel noted that some factors were outside of Council's control, such as the RNZAF Base Ohakea expansion. Staff are coordinating with the Manawatu District Council and Palmerston North City Council on this issue. A survey was presented to new Ohakea employees to gauge their interest in schools, employment, access to housing, etc. The response was not good and there is a continued effort to engage with the RNZAF in order to plan for the future population increase. Of particular interest to Council is the state of housing in Bulls, as a lot of this is owned by the NZDF.

The Economic Development of Taihape

9.5 2021 Summary of Activities - Maori Responsiveness Framework

Mr Meihana noted this document was under review and would be brought back to a future meeting.

Resolved minute number **21/IWI/015**

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

Mr Steedman/Ms Heeney. Carried

9.6 Horizons Update

Oranga Wai

Mr Twomey from Horizons Regional Council spoke to the Committee. Horizons have held three meetings with iwi about moving forward their policy on fresh water.

Iwi have provided three advisors to the joint committee level for civil defence and emergency management. Central government is only participating at an advisory level.

Climate Change Action Group

Horizons have put one person onto this Committee. Voting will close by the end of the month to place more individuals onto this Committee.

Resourcing Consent

Horizons are trying to make this easier for both Council and Iwi – they are working alongside those who are dealing with this on a more regular basis.

Maori Constituencies

Horizons have agreed to introduce Maori constituencies.

Resolved minute number **21/IWI/016**

That the verbal 'Horizons Update' report be received.

Mr Shenton/Ms Heeney. Carried

9.7 Streamlining of the Archaeological Authority Process

This item was not discussed as the author was unavailable to be present at the meeting.

Recommendation

That the tabled 'Streamlining of the Archaeological Authority Process' report be received.

Left to lie on the table

10 Discussion Items

10.1 Feedback on the Komiti's Workshop

It was noted that the newsletter that Mr Meihana produces has been great for promoting the Komiti.

The Komiti mentioned that papakainga was a key topic of discussion at the workshop.

10.2 Three Waters

Mr Beggs advised that Council is waiting on more information about the future of Three Waters. A consultation will be run by central government later in the year (October-November).

The Mayor noted that Three Waters came about in part due to a historic lack of investment in water infrastructure. The Mayor advised that roading may also become a future issue with underinvestment and that Waka Kotahi had recently withdrawn a reasonable amount of funding from the road budget, which will need to be discussed by the Komiti at some stage.

11 Late Items

Mr Curtis requested that future Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa pre-meeting hui's are changed from 9.30am to 10.00am.

The Meeting closed at 12.59pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa held on 10 August 2021.

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Chairperson