

MINUTES

TE ROOPUU AHI KAA MEETING

Date: Tuesday, 10 August 2021

Time: 11.00 am

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Tumuaki: Mr Pahia Turia (Whangaehu)

Tumuaki Tuarua: Mr Thomas Curtis (Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hauiti)

Nga mema: Mr James Allen (Ngā Wairiki Ki Uta)
Ms Hari Benevides (Ngāti Tamakopiri)
Mr Robert Gray (Ngāti Rangituhia)
Ms Tracey Hiroa (Ngāti Whitikaupeka)
Ms Soraya Peke-Mason (Rātana Pā)
Ms Coral Raukawa (Ngā Ariki Turakina)
Ms Kim Savage (Ngāti Parewahawaha)
Mr Terry Steedman (Ngāti Hinemanu/Ngāti Paki)
Mr Chris Shenton (Ngāti Kauae/Tauira)
Cr Waru Panapa
HWTM Andy Watson

Manuhiri: Mr Peter Beggs, Chief Executive
Mr Arno Benadie, Chief Operating Officer
Ms Carol Gordon, Group Manager – Democracy and Planning
Mrs Sharon Grant, Group Manager – People and Culture
Ms Katrina Gray, Senior Strategic Planner
Ms Nardia Gower, Manager – Community Development
Ms Jen Britton, Strategic Advisor – District Promotions
Mr Jaime Reibel, Strategic Advisor – Economic Development
Ms Adina Foley, Project Manager
Ms Clare Manners, Project Coordinator
Mr Ash Garstang, Governance Administrator
Ms Kylie Ruwhiu-Karawana (TRC Tourism - Consultant)

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9.2 Horizons Update

This item was not discussed as there was no representative from Horizons Regional Council present.

9.3 Rangitikei Beyond 2050: Project Update

Ms Gray invited the Komiti members to provide feedback on this project, while acknowledging their earlier comments about a lack of iwi capacity.

Mr Maihana proposed a name in Te Reo for the project, which was welcomed and accepted by the Komiti.

Cr Panapa queried if the 2050 timeframe was confirmed, and if it could be a good idea to amend this to 2040 in order to align with the 200 year anniversary of our district. Ms Gray acknowledged the suggestion, noting that the original timeframe of 2050 was chosen as it presented a longer time-frame to work with and aligned other documents, such as the infrastructure strategy. The date could be removed from the project name (although it would remain as an intricate part of the project process). It was noted the Advisory Group was meeting later in the day and this would be discussed there.

Resolved minute number

21/IWI/022

That the report 'Rangitikei Beyond 2050: Project Update' be received.

Mr C Shenton/Mr J Allen. Carried

Recommendation 2

That Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa endorse the name "Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei 2050" for use alongside the Rangitikei Beyond 2050 project.

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9.4 Rangitikei Destination Management Plan 2050

Ms Kylie Ruwhiu-Karawana (TRC Tourism consultancy) spoke to the Komiti on her background and what her role is going to be with the development of the Rangitikei Destination Management Plan 2050. Ms Ruwhiu-Karawana stated that the purpose of this Plan is to define the shared vision of the district's tourism (as an end goal) and what is required in order to get there. This plan will invite input from mana whenua, as tourism is a sector that can be embraced by iwi to bring people back to the district. Aside from its economic utility, tourism is also a good mechanism for passing on indigenous knowledge and stories.

Ms Ruwhiu-Karawana noted that with the Rangitikei district it was vital to consider how operators can encourage visitors to leave the main highway (SH 1). Cultural tourism is one way of doing this.

Ms Peke-Mason advised that she was a member of Whanganui Maori Regional Tourism Organisation, who have been tasked with revitalising Te Kahui Tupua (regional strategy) and are the

kaitiaki. Ms Ruwhui-Karawana acknowledged Te Kahui Tupua and noted that the strategy was ahead of its time when it was originally implemented.

Ms Peke-Mason commented that environmental concerns were at the forefront of people's minds and she would engage with Ms Ruwhiu-Karawana about this in the future.

In response to a query, Ms Ruwhiu-Karawana advised that KPI's (key performance indicators) and other metrics will be an integral part of the plan and will be used to measure outcomes. She also advised that COVID had had an enormous impact on the tourism sector and that one of the main drivers of destination management plans across local councils was that these plans would help to secure funding from central government.

Ms Britton advised that Mr Meihana will assist her with iwi engagement.

Resolved minute number **21/IWI/023**

That the report 'Rangitikei Destination Management Plan 2050' be received.

Mr C Shenton/Mrs S Peke-Mason. Carried

9.5 Housing Strategy 2021-2031

Taken as read.

Resolved minute number **21/IWI/024**

That the draft 'Housing Strategy 2021-2031 Background Document' and the draft 'Housing Strategy and Plan 2021 Summary' to the 10 August 2021 Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa meeting be received.

Ms T Hiroa/Ms M Heeney. Carried

9.6 Project Management Office Report - July 2021

Marton to Bulls Wastewater Strategy

Ms Foley advised that staff have shortlisted three / four parties that are interested in this contract. It will be a three to five year project to get to the final outcome, and the present focus is on the Tutaenui stream.

There was some discussion among Komiti members around the weighting towards local businesses in the Councils procurement policy. Mr Beggs advised that this weighting is currently 5%. Mr Turia suggested that some weighting be considered for Māori ownership. Mr Benadie advised that these types of weightings are a useful tool for Council but could be difficult to observe for larger projects (such as the Marton to Bulls Wastewater Project), as these require higher levels of infrastructure and organisation that are typically found in larger contracting companies.

The Komiti agreed that Council's procurement policy should be presented as an item to the next Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa meeting, to enable further discussion around these ideas (particularly of providing a weighting towards Māori ownership).

that staff were committing \$120,000 to marae water testing and encouraged them to also dedicate some portion of funds to Māori initiatives or works.

Mr Beggs advised that there will be a workshop in late August that Komiti members will be invited to attend. Mr Beggs and Mr Benadie will deliver a presentation on Three Waters, including the government's position at this moment in time and non-financial analysis that will be undertaken by staff (e.g. iwi involvement and water quality). The purpose of this workshop will be to update Komiti members on Three Waters, how the reform may affect Council and what the next steps will be for our communities.

Mr Beggs further advised that we are currently in an eight-week period of information gathering. Council has been advised by central government that this is not a public consultation and/or decision period.

The Mayor advised that he had originally assumed that the final model would be a subsidised one, however he has since become aware that the Entity B Board will have the right to set its own pricing schedule – he has asked for clarification on this.

Mr Turia asked if there was any update to Ngāti Waewae's request to have a representative join the Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti. The Mayor advised that he has not yet responded, and will need to go over the letter request and check the process for this.

Mr Steedman updated the Komiti on the 125th anniversary of the whare tipuna at Winiata Marae and the newly carved tekoteko of Mr Willoughby which was unveiled on the day.

The Meeting closed at 1.13 pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti held on 12 October 2021.

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Chairperson