



TE ROOPUU AHI KAA MEETING

Date: Tuesday, 10 August 2021

Time: 11.00 am

Venue: Council Chamber Rangitīkei 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 Adina Foley, Project Manager

Ms Clare Manners, Project Coordinator Mr Ash Garstang, Governance Administrator

Ms Nardia Gower, Manager – Community Development Ms Jen Britton, Strategic Advisor – District Promotions

Ms Kylie Ruwhiu-Karawana (TRC Tourism - Consultant)

Mr Jaime Reibel, Strategic Advisor - Economic Development

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1 Karakia / Welcome

Mr Turia, Chair, opened the meeting at 11.03am. Everyone around the table introduced themselves.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number 21/IWI/017

That the apologies for Mr Robert Gray be received.

Ms H Benevides/Mr T Steedman. Carried

3 Public Forum

There were no public forum presentations.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Members were reminded to declare any conflicts of interest.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

Item 9.4 (Rangitikei Destination Management Plan 2050) took place after item 8.1 (Chair's Report), and before item 9.1 (2021 Summary of Activities).

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 21/IWI/018

That the minutes of Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Meeting held on 08 June 2021, without amendment, be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Mr T Curtis/Ms H Benevides. Carried

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

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

There were no updates for this item.

8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report (August 2021) and Feedback on the Komiti's Workshop

Government Reforms

The Komiti stated that the large volume of central government reforms had resulted in some fatigue among constituencies and that Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa members in general now had very busy schedules. The Mayor advised that he had met with Entity B (the entity that Council would be zoned in if it participated in the Three Waters Reform), and had raised concerns with them regarding the poor engagement of iwi, due to a lack of capacity. It was also noted that there was a potential for our Council and iwi to become overshadowed by larger Councils and iwi within Entity B.

Representation Review

The Chair advised the Komiti's preference was for two Māori wards, although they did note the awkwardness of the mapping for option 2. The map looks unequal (in terms of land area), but this is due to a majority of the district's Māori population residing in the southern end.

Resolved minute number 21/IWI/019

That the report 'Chair's Report (August 2021) and Feedback on the Komiti's Workshop' be received.

Mr P Turia/Mrs S Peke-Mason. Carried

Resolved minute number 21/IWI/020

That the Komiti endorse Option 2 (Boundary around Marton / Bulls) as the preferred option.

Mr P Turia/Mrs S Peke-Mason. Carried

9 Reports for Information

9.1 2021 Summary of Activities - Māori Responsiveness Framework

The Komiti received the summary positively, noting that in future it would be useful to see metrics around each goal. They would also like Mr Meihana to provide a very short comment as context to any outstanding actions or challenges. The Komiti are happy to receive the same report that goes to Council.

Resolved minute number 21/IWI/021

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

Ms T Hiroa/Ms C Raukawa. Carried

9.2 Horizons Update

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

9.3 Rangitīkei 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 'Rangitīkei 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 Rangitīkei 2050" for use alongside the Rangitīkei Beyond 2050 project.

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9.4 Rangitīkei 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 than 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).

Marae Water Testing

Mr Beggs discussed the \$120,000 that had been set aside by Council to test water quality (both drinking water and wastewater) at marae across the district. He expects that there will be funds leftover from this testing and suggested that the Komiti may want to consider whether any surplus funds should be put towards water infrastructure remediation (if required). Mr Turia requested that Komiti members remain vigilant on this issue and ensure that any invitations from Council to test water on their marae are accepted.

Ratana Waste Treatment Plant

Ms Foley advised that this project is now looking quite promising, with three potential options being explored. The Komiti expressed cautious optimism about this, noting that they were looking forward to seeing a contract finalised and signed.

<u>Te Matapihi</u>

In response to a query, Mr Beggs elaborated on the risk of "competing interests in the artwork for the town square". This refers to a request from a third party to install a piece of art in the greenspace. Mr Beggs advised the third party that this request would not be considered until the artwork by Ngati Parewahawaha is finalised.

Landfill on Putorino Road

Ms Foley advised that the contractor has finished excavating the landfill, although they are unable to remove the sheet piling yet. Staff are in talks with Horizons Regional Council regarding this point.

Resolved minute number

21/IWI/025

That the Project Management Office Report - July 2021 be received.

Ms T Hiroa/Mr T Steedman. Carried

Resolved minute number 21/IWI/026

That the Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti recommends to Council that any surplus funds for Marae water testing is directed towards any required water infrastructure remediation.

Mrs S Peke-Mason/Mr P Turia. Carried

10 Discussion Items

10.1 Three Waters

Mr Beggs advised that Council was looking to partner with other councils within the Horizons region. Back when the \$4.8M was granted to Council by central government, he advised the other councils 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