

# MINUTES

## TE ROOPUU AHI KAA MEETING

**Date:** Tuesday, 12 October 2021

**Time:** 11.00 am

**Venue:** Te Poho o Tuariki  
85 Hendersons Line  
Marton

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### **Nga mema:**

Mr James Allen (Ngā Wairiki Ki Uta), Ms Tracey Hiroa (Ngāti Whitikaupeka), Ms Soraya Peke-Mason (Rātana Pā), Ms Coral Raukawa (Ngā Ariki Turakina), Ms Marj Heeney (Te Runanga o Ngati Te Ohuake), Ms Kim Savage (Ngāti Parewahawaha), Mr Terry Steedman (Ngāti Hinemanu/Ngāti Paki), Mr Chris Shenton (Ngāti Kauae/Tauira), HWTM Andy Watson (ex officio)

### **Manuhiri:**

Mr Peter Beggs, Chief Executive  
Mr Arno Benadie, Chief Operating Officer  
Mrs Carol Gordon, Group Manager – Democracy and Planning  
Ms Nardia Gower, Manager – Community Development  
Mr Lequan Meihana, Strategic Advisor – Mana Whenua  
Ms Katrina Gray, Senior Strategic Planner  
Mr George Forster, Policy Advisor  
Mr Jaime Reibel, Strategic Advisor – Economic Development  
Ms Jen Britton, Strategic Advisor – District Promotions  
Ms Kelly Widdowson, Strategic Advisor – Youth / Rangatahi  
Mr Ash Garstang, Governance Advisor

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## 1 Karakia / Welcome

The meeting opened at 11.03 am. Ms Hiroa welcomed the Komiti members and staff.

In the absence of both the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson, Ms Hiroa chaired the meeting.

## 2 Apologies

**Resolved minute number 21/IWI/027**

That the apologies for Mr Pahia Turia, Mr Thomas Curtis, Ms Hari Benevides, Mr Robert Gray and Cr Waru Panapa be received.

Ms C Raukawa/Ms K Savage. Carried

## 3 Public Forum

No Public Forum.

## 4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

## 5 Confirmation of Order of Business

No changes.

## 6 Confirmation of Minutes

**Resolved minute number 21/IWI/028**

That the minutes of Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti meeting held on 10 August 2021, as amended, be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the electronic signature of the Chair be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

Amendment:

Te Kāhui Tupua, the regional strategy being revitalised by the Whanganui Maori Regional Tourism Organisation, was discussed as part of item 9.4 (Rangitikei Destination Management Plan 2050).

Mr C Shenton/Ms M Heeney. Carried

## 7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

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

#### Ngāti Waewae

Mr Meihana advised that the Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti have considered creating a Rangitikei River Accord between iwi (including Ngāti Waewae), Council, Horizons Regional Council and collective catchments. The Mayor noted that the Manawatu District Council does not have an engagement process with iwi in the same way that Council does with the Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti.

#### Maori Responsiveness Framework

Mrs Gordon advised that she is proposing to include the development of a Cultural Strategy in the 2022/23 Annual Plan, and that this would be separate from the Maori Responsiveness Framework. Mrs Gordon further advised that several metrics from the Maori Responsiveness Framework have been removed as they were not providing useful information. She invited input from the Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti.

Ms Hiroa noted that in the past there had been instances of iwi being brought into discussions too far down the track, and that iwi feedback should ideally be sought at the beginning of projects. The Komiti acknowledged the Pae Tawhiti project and how iwi consultation had been sought at its inception. The Komiti noted that this was reflective of the improved relationship between Council and iwi in recent years. Mrs Gordon agreed with the Komiti's comments on seeking iwi consultation early on and noted that this principal would be encapsulated within the Cultural Strategy.

#### **Resolved minute number 21/IWI/029**

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

Ms S Peke-Mason/Mr J Allen. Carried

#### **Resolved minute number 21/IWI/030**

It was resolved to establish a working group to work with staff to develop a draft Cultural Strategy and review the Maori Responsiveness Framework.

Ms S Peke-Mason/Mr T Steedman. Carried

## 8 Chair's Report

### 8.1 Chair's Report - October 2021

#### Change of Meeting Venue

Ms Hiroa updated the Komiti and staff on why the meeting venue had moved to Te Rūnanga o Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa. The new venue allowed for the public to attend the meeting as there was more space than there was at Council Chambers (the usual venue) under COVID-19 Level 2 restrictions. The Komiti agreed to hold future meetings at this venue if Level 2 restrictions were still in force.

### Three Waters Reform

Ms Hiroa also updated staff on the conversation that the Komiti members had around the Three Waters reform, during the pre-meeting hui. She advised that a lot of concern from the community seemed to be focused on the proposed co-governance structure, and on the loss of voice from iwi within the district.

The Komiti asked what Council was going to do to improve water standards in the event that the Three Waters reform does not proceed. The Mayor advised that Council has dedicated a significant amount of money towards water assets within the 2021-31 Long Term Plan, which was adopted on the basis that there would be no water reforms. However, it is possible that central government will mandate the inclusion of local councils within the proposed reform, as they would not be able to progress well if it remained voluntary due to the number of councils who have signalled that they will opt-out.

### **Recommendation**

That the Chair's Report – October 2021 be received.

Left to lie

Ms Raukawa left the meeting at 12.00 pm and returned at 12.08 pm.

## **9 Reports for Decision**

### **9.1 Rates Remission Policy for Maori Freehold Land**

Mr Forster advised that recent changes by central government had made it necessary for Council to review this policy. He invited the Komiti to provide feedback about any possible changes or additions to the policy.

Ms Peke-Mason asked what would happen if several policies contradicted each other. The Mayor advised that central government legislation override local government policies.

In response to a query, Mr Forster advised that the two hectare rule has been removed from the policy and that any urupa are now exempt.

Mr Shenton asked if there is any additional information about the rating of papakāinga . Mr Forster answered no, but that it was an issue that could be considered when making changes to the policy.

Mr Forster will add definitions to the policy and email an electronic copy of the policy out to Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa members.

**Resolved minute number 21/IWI/031**

That the report on Rates Remission Policy for Māori Freehold Land be received.

Mr C Shenton/Ms K Savage. Carried

**Resolved minute number 21/IWI/032**

That Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa provide feedback on the Rates Remission Policy for Māori Freehold Land noting that an amended Policy will be presented back to the Komiti at the 14 December 2021 meeting.

Ms S Peke-Mason/Mr J Allen. Carried

Ms Hiroa left the room at 12.24 pm and returned at 12.26 pm.

## **9.2 District-Wide Archaeological Authority and Process for Managing Discoveries**

Mr Shenton advised that Ngāti Apa has had issues in the past with their communication with Heritage New Zealand and archaeological processes had their challenges. Mr Benadie agreed and noted that this proposal is similar to what they do in Whanganui, and it works well there.

### **Resolved minute number 21/IWI/033**

That the report District-Wide Archaeological Authority and Process for Managing Discoveries be **received**.

Mr T Steedman/Ms K Savage. Carried

### **Resolved minute number 21/IWI/034**

That the Komiti **endorses** the preparation of a draft outline of a proposed archaeological authority by Council officers for the December 2021 Komiti meeting.

Ms T Hiroa/Ms M Heeney. Carried

### **Resolved minute number 21/IWI/035**

That the Komiti **endorses** the interim process for managing archaeological findings on construction sites.

Ms S Peke-Mason/Ms K Savage. Carried

## **10 Reports for Information**

### **10.1 Project Management Office Report - September 2021**

Ms Peke-Mason noted that it would be useful to have the estimated costs and estimated timeframes for projects.

#### Lake Waipu Improvement and Ratana Wastewater Treatment Project

Mr Shenton asked if there was any risk to this around timeframes being tight. Mr Benadie agreed and noted that the timeframes could be a low risk.

In response to a query, Mr Benadie advised that the inclusion of projects within this report is determined by whether the project is abnormal and/or significant.

Mr Benadie advised that staff intend to include more information about Councils significant infrastructure projects on the council's website. Mr Beggs further advised that staff have an aspiration to include a map on the Council's website that provides a visual representation of all current projects.

**Resolved minute number 21/IWI/036**

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

Mr T Steedman/Ms S Peke-Mason. Carried

### **10.2 2021 Summary of Activities - Maori Responsiveness Framework**

Ms Peke-Mason noted that it would be useful to see an 'Outcomes' column, and any challenges that might be identified by staff. Mr Meihana advised that he would raise any communication issues with the Komiti, but that he did not intend to chase people up as he accepted that people were very busy and had a wide range of commitments.

In response to a query, Mr Meihana advised that the Maori Emergency Response plans are going to have to be a collaborative effort with the Komiti.

**Resolved minute number 21/IWI/037**

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

Ms K Savage/Mr T Steedman. Carried

### **10.3 Representation Review 2021 - Initial Proposal**

Ms Gray advised that six submissions have been received so far. Two relate to the moving of zones in Turakina, two relate to Maori wards generally, one supported the proposal and one was a submission from the Ratana Community Board who requested a single Maori ward, with two councillors.

Ms Peke-Mason advised the Komiti that the Ratana Community Board had re-considered its stance on Maori wards, and changes its recommendation from two wards to a single ward at their latest meeting (05 Oct 21).

Mr Allen left the meeting at 12.59 pm and re-joined at 1.03 pm.

In response to a query, Ms Gray advised that the Komiti could change their endorsement to a single ward if they wished.

Ms Gray advised the Komiti that they could contact her with name suggestions for the two Maori wards.

After considerable robust discussion the motion was put.

**Resolved minute number 21/IWI/038**

That the report 'Representation Review 2021 - Initial Proposal' be received.

Ms S Peke-Mason/Ms M Heeney. Carried

**Recommendation**

That the Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti resolve that two positions be made available for a district-wide Maori ward.

Soraya/Savage. Lost

**10.4 Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond: Project Update**

Ms Gray advised the Komiti that workshops will be organised for this moving forwards and that Komiti members will be invited.

**Resolved minute number 21/IWI/039**

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

Mr T Steedman/Ms C Raukawa. Carried

Mr Steedman left the meeting at 1.20 pm and re-joined at 1.23 pm.

**10.5 Economic Development Work Plan and Reporting Framework 2021-2022**

Mr Reibel advised that this will be reported against the annual plan.

**Resolved minute number 21/IWI/040**

That the 'Economic Development Work Plan and Reporting Framework 2021-2022' to the 12 October 2021 Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa meeting be received.

Ms M Heeney/Mr J Allen. Carried

Ms Savage left the meeting at 1.24 pm and re-joined at 1.27 pm.

**10.6 Economic Development Update August and September 2021**

Taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 21/IWI/041**

That the 'Economic Development Update August and September 2021' to Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti 12 October meeting be received.

Ms S Peke-Mason/Ms C Raukawa. Carried

## **10.7 Youth Development Update May-September 2021**

In response to a query about the engagement of rangatahi Maori, Ms Widdowson advised that five of the youth councillors are Maori, and the boxing club participants are all Maori. The Komiti requested that information on Maori participation numbers be included in future reports.

In response to a query, Ms Widdowson advised that the Taihape Youth Space is going to be redecorated and that there are two new employees in the Mahi Tahī programme who will act as supervisors for this space. However, it will not be opened until Taihape moves into COVID-19 Alert Level 1.

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

That the report 'Youth Development Update May to September 2021' to the 12 October 2021 Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Committee be received.

Mr T Steedman/Ms S Peke-Mason. Carried

## **11 Future Items**

### **11.1 Future Items**

Ms Peke-Mason requested that "COVID-19 Vaccination Rates" be added as a standing discussion item for future meetings, in order to allow members to update the Komiti on the progress of COVID-19 vaccinations within their catchments.

Mr Meihana will get in touch with the Komiti regarding the Marae Emergency Response Plan.

Mr Shenton requested that "Climate Change Action Committee" be added as a standing discussion item for future meetings, as both himself and the Mayor are members of this group and he would like to update the Komiti at each meeting.

**The meeting closed at 1.37 pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti held on 14 December 2021.**

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**Chairperson**