

MINUTES

TE ROOPUU AHI KAA MEETING

Date: Tuesday, 14 December 2021

Time: 11.00 am

Venue: Te Poho o Tuariki
85 Hendersons Line
Marton

Tumuaki: Mr Pahia Turia (Whangaehu)

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

Manuhiri: Mr Peter Beggs, Chief Executive
Mr Arno Benadie, Chief Operating Officer
Mrs Carol Gordon, Group Manager – Democracy and Planning
Ms Gaylene Prince, Group Manager – Community Services
Mrs Sharon Grant, Group Manager – People and Culture
Mr Lequan Meihana, Strategic Advisor – Mana Whenua | Kairaranga
Mr George Forster, Policy Advisor
Mrs Jess Mcilroy, Operations Manager
Ms Nardia Gower, Manager – Community Development
Mr Jaime Reibel, Strategic Advisor – Economic Development
Ms Aly Thompson, Welcoming Communities Coordinator
Ms Jen Britton, Strategic Advisor – District Promotions
Mr Michael Fryer, Policy Advisor Iwi and Hapu Relationships (Horizons Regional Council)
Ms Shanelle Cane (Ngā Ariki Turakina)

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1 Karakia / Welcome

The meeting opened at 10.58 am and Mr Turia read the Karakia.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number 21/IWI/043

That the apology for Cr Panapa, Mr Gray and Mr Curtis be received.

Ms C Raukawa/Mr T Steedman. Carried

3 Public Forum

No public forum.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

No conflicts of interest declared.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

Item 10.1 (Horizons Update) took place after item 6 (Confirmation of Minutes).

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 21/IWI/044

That the minutes of Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti meeting held on 12 October 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.

Amendments: pg 12, "After considerable robust discussion the motion was put.". Just before resolution 21/IWI/038.

Ms S Peke-Mason/Ms C Raukawa. Carried

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

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

Taken as read.

Resolved minute number 21/IWI/045

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

Ms T Hiroa/Ms K Savage. Carried

8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report - December 2021 and Feedback on the Komiti's Workshop

Mr Turia noted that 2021 has been a challenging year with COVID-19 and he thanked iwi, hapu and Council for their response.

Resolved minute number 21/IWI/046

That the Chair's Report – December 2021 and Feedback on the Komiti's Workshop be received.

Mr C Shenton/Ms K Savage. Carried

9 Mayoral Update

9.1 Mayoral Update - November 2021

The Mayor updated the Komiti on central governments progress with the Three Waters and RMA reforms. He also thanked the Komiti members for their assistance in the COVID-19 response.

The Mayor advised the Komiti that the Taihape Town Hall has been closed for seismic assessment, although this does not mean that the buildings will be demolished.

Mr Beggs advised that Council staff in Taihape are hopefully going to be relocated prior to Christmas. His priority was assessing the safety of people (both staff and the public) inside Council facilities. This meant that he would consider both the likelihood of building damage in the event of an earthquake.

The Mayor advised that the district is in the red setting under the new traffic light system. The Whanganui DHB has identified the Turakina area as a hotspot, due to the low vaccination rate. The Mayor also expressed concern about vaccination rates among the Samoan community.

In response to a query about climate change actions for Council, Mrs Gordon advised that this will be a topic of consideration for the Annual Plan 2022/23.

Mr Beggs advised that staff are looking to bring a document to both Elected Members and the Komiti on the RMA's current status, its history and what the challenges are now for the legislation.

The Mayor thanked Ms Gower for her work, particularly with the Mahi Tahī programme which has seen a lot of success with its partnership between Council and Ngāti Apa.

Resolved minute number 21/IWI/047

That the Mayoral Update - November 2021 be received.

Ms S Peke-Mason/Ms C Raukawa. Carried

10 Reports for Decision

10.1 Welcoming Communities Update - November 2021

Ms Thompson advised that an additional grant of \$10,000 has been received from Immigration NZ.

Komiti members raised concern with the lack of reference to Te Tiriti o Waitangi in the Welcoming Communities document from Immigration NZ. Ms Thompson undertook to pass this feedback onto Immigration NZ.

There was discussion around the inclusion of tangata whenua in future citizenship ceremonies. The Mayor noted that the citizenship process is very formal and dictated by the Department of Internal Affairs, which limits the degree to which Council can influence the ceremony. In response to feedback, the Mayor noted that Council could look at having the karanga occur earlier in the ceremony.

Ms Thompson undertook to investigate citizenship ceremonies and whether there is any scope for this within the Welcoming Communities plan.

Resolved minute number 21/IWI/048

That the report 'Welcoming Communities Update - November 2021' be received.

Ms S Peke-Mason/Ms C Raukawa. Carried

Resolved minute number 21/IWI/049

That the Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti recommend:

That the following delegated members of the Komiti sign the Welcoming Communities Statement of Commitment for Rangitikei.

- Ms Tracey Hiroa
- Ms Coral Raukawa
- Mr Chris Shenton
- Mr Pahia Turia

Ms M Heeney/Mr J Allen. Carried

Ms Savage left the meeting at 12.03 pm.

10.2 Rates Remission Policy for Maori Freehold Land

In response to a query, Mr Forster advised that the provision regarding the maximum cap of two hectares has been removed from the policy.

Resolved minute number 21/IWI/050

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

Ms T Hiroa/Mr C Shenton. Carried

Resolved minute number 21/IWI/051

That Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa recommend the amended Rates Remission Policy for Māori Freehold Land be presented to the Policy/Planning Committee without further amendment.

Ms C Raukawa/Mr T Steedman. Carried

10.3 District Promotions and Destination Management Plan Update - October and November 2021

Ms Britton and Mr Lequan undertook to update the document to include the meaning behind the Māori symbology used in the document.

Mr Turia advised that Komiti members have been asked to consider Māori names for the Destination Management Plan.

Mr Turia advised that Ms Shanelle Cane (Ngā Ariki Turakina) will be replacing Ms Coral Raukawa (Ngā Ariki Turakina) from the February 2022 meeting onwards.

Ms Heeney and Ms Cane were earmarked as the TRAK representatives for the Destination Rangitikei Implementation Group.

Resolved minute number 21/IWI/052

That the 'District Promotions and Destination Management Plan Update - October and November 2021' be received.

Ms M Heeney/Mr T Steedman. Carried

11 Reports for Information

11.1 Horizons Update

Mr Michael Fryer introduced himself to the Komiti and advised that he had three topics to discuss.

Māori Wards for Horizons Regional Council

Mr Fryer advised that Horizons have approved two Māori Wards, with the northern ward including the Manawatu District Council (MDC) and everything north, and the southern ward covering the area south of Manawatu District. Mr Fryer will bring a more substantial update on this to the next Komiti meeting.

COVID-19 Response

Mr Fryer advised that Horizons have been requested by several iwi and hapu to only provide vaccinated staff in their interactions with them.

In response to a query, Mr Fryer advised that Horizons is a facilitator/coordinator and are trying to use their existing networks between the Ministry of Social Development, District Health Boards and councils to form a response plan.

Te Mana o Te Wai

Mr Fryer advised that this policy is due to be drafted by December 2024. Horizons are undertaking consultation and workshops with iwi and hapu.

Mr Turia advised that the Komiti has been engaged in this process with Horizons and are advocating for the rights of tangata whenua.

In response to a query about providing workshops on the RMA to iwi and hapu, Mr Fryer advised that Horizons have been more focused on Te Mana o Te Wai recently, but can certainly start looking into this for the RMA.

Ms Peke-Mason left the meeting at 12.39 pm and returned at 12.41 pm.

Resolved minute number 21/IWI/053

That the Horizons Update be received.

Mr C Shenton/Mr J Allen. Carried

11.2 Māori Responsiveness Framework - Revised

The Komiti noted that the revised framework was a good improvement.

Resolved minute number 21/IWI/054

That the report 'Māori Responsiveness Framework – Revised' be received.

Mr T Steedman/Ms T Hiroa. Carried

11.3 Economic Development Update October and November 2021

Ms Peke-Mason noted that kaumātua should also be considered in this work.

Resolved minute number 21/IWI/055

That the 'Economic Development Update October and November 2021' to Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa of 14 December be received.

Ms S Peke-Mason/Ms C Raukawa. Carried

11.4 Community Development Update for October - November 2021

Taken as read.

Resolved minute number 21/IWI/056

That the report 'Community Development Update for October – November 2021' be received.

Ms T Hiroa/Mr C Shenton. Carried

11.5 Youth Development Update October - November 2021

Taken as read. The Komiti thanked Ms Gower for her work in this space and with the Youth Council.

Resolved minute number 21/IWI/057

That the report 'Youth Development Update October - November 2021' be received.

Ms M Heeney/Mr J Allen. Carried

11.6 Project Management Office Report - November 2021

In response to a query, Mrs Mcilroy advised that 'tender tags' are a condition or exclusion contained within a tender.

In response to a query about the cost of delays, Mrs Mcilroy advised that these were due to large increases in construction and material costs.

Mr Meihana advised that he had spoken with Mr Hamish Waugh (Manawatu District Council) regarding the opening ceremony for the Mangaweka bridge, and that he would also be meeting with Horizons to discuss concerns around this.

Resolved minute number 21/IWI/058

That the Project Management Office Report – November 2021 be received.

Mr C Shenton/Ms S Peke-Mason. Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 1.07 pm.

Ms Peke-Mason left the meeting at 1.24 pm.

The meeting was re-convened at 1.27 pm.

12 Discussion Items

12.1 Te Tau Hou Māori - Maori New Year

Ms Britton advised that she was bringing this to the Komiti in order to see if they would like to take part in organising an event to celebrate the Te Tau Hou Māori. Mr Turia advised that he would be happy to receive a report from Ms Britton and Mr Meihana outlining a proposal around this for the Komiti's consideration.

Resolved minute number 21/IWI/059

That the Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti supports a submission/proposal to respective central government agencies seeking support to hold a Matariki event for the Rangitikei community.

Mr P Turia/Ms C Raukawa. Carried

12.2 Three Waters

No discussion at the meeting.

12.3 COVID-19 Vaccination Rates

Mr Beggs advised that executive management team are in the process of consulting with staff on this issue. A risk assessment has been completed on specific roles that are likely to come into contact with the public and the proposal is that staff in these roles will be required to be fully vaccinated. Currently around 7% of staff are either not vaccinated or have not declared their status. Council workplaces will also be split between those that are 'staff-only' and those that are open to the public.

Mr Beggs sought the feedback of Komiti members on this proposal. There was a variety of opinions and Mr Beggs thanked members for their comments. Mr Turia advised that the Komiti will support the Chief Executive's decision and adapt to the new requirements as and when required.

12.4 Climate Change Action Committee

Not discussed.

12.5 Miscellaneous

Ms Heeney advised that the iwi chair's of Mōkai Pātea had signed a deed of negotiation, to work towards treaty settlements.

The Mayor thanked Mr Turia for the very positive welcomes that he has received at the marae. He further advised that the CouncilMark process had highlighted the good relationship that iwi and Council have.

The meeting closed at 2.10 pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti held on 8 February 2022.

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Chairperson