

MINUTES

TE ROOPUU AHI KAA MEETING

Date: Tuesday, 8 February 2022

Time: 11.00 am

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Tumuaki: Ms Tracey Hiroa (Ngāti Whitikaupeka)

Tumuaki Tuarua: Mr Thomas Curtis (Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hauiti) *[via Zoom]*

Nga mema: Ms Hari Benevides (Ngāti Tamakopiri), Ms Soraya Peke-Mason (Rātana Pā), Mr James Allen (Ngā Wairiki Ki Uta) *[via Zoom]*, 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 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 *[via Zoom]*
Ms Gaylene Prince, Group Manager – Community Services *[via Zoom]*
Mrs Sharon Grant, Group Manager – People and Culture *[via Zoom]*
Mr Lequan Meihana, Strategic Advisor – Mana Whenua | Kairaranga
Ms Katrina Gray, Senior Strategic Planner
Mrs Jess Mcilroy, Operations Manager
Ms Anne McLeod, Acting Manager – Community Development
Mr Jaime Reibel, Strategic Advisor – Economic Development
Ms Melanie Bovey, Team Leader – Library Services
Mr Ash Garstang, Governance Advisor

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1 Karakia / Prayer

The meeting opened at 11.09 am.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number 22/IWI/001

That the apology for Cr Gill Duncan, Mr Pahia Turia, Mr Robert Gray and Ms Shanelle Cane be received.

Ms C Raukawa/Ms K Savage. Carried

3 Public Forum

No public forum.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

No conflicts of interest were declared.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

No changes to the Order of Business.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 22/IWI/002

That the minutes of Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti meeting held on 14 December 2021, without amendment, 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.

Ms H Benevides/Mr T Steedman. Carried

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

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

Regarding Ngāti Waewae's request to join the Komiti, the Mayor advised them that he believed that establishing a river accord would be the best option moving forwards.

Mrs Mcilroy advised the Komiti that the new Procurements Policy has gone to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee and Council for review. Staff are happy to receive feedback from the Komiti as well. In response to a query, Mrs Mcilroy confirmed that the policy will include central governments objective of having a baseline of 5% of procurements going to Māori businesses. The Komiti advised that they would like to be engaged in the early stages of this policy review.

Resolved minute number 22/IWI/003

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

Ms S Peke-Mason/Mr C Shenton. Carried

8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report - February 2022 and Feedback on the Komiti's Workshop

Ms Hiroa advised that the Komiti would like some clarity around when to submit attendance and travel claims. Staff will distribute advice to the Komiti.

Resolved minute number 22/IWI/004

That the 'Chair's Report – February 2022 and Feedback on the Komiti's Workshop' be received.

Ms T Hiroa/Ms S Peke-Mason. Carried

8.2 Mayoral Update (verbal)

The Mayor advised the below:

- The Mangaweka bridge opening ceremony is on hold.
- Central Government is committed to enforcing the Three Waters Reform – there are a substantial number of councils actively opposing it.
- No applications have been received for the TUIA programme. Ms Hiroa encouraged Komiti members to consider if they know of any individuals who might benefit from this.

Resolved minute number 22/IWI/005

That the Mayoral Update (verbal) be received.

Ms T Hiroa/Mr T Steedman. Carried

9 Reports for Decision

9.1 Resource Management Reform - Materials for Discussion from the Ministry for the Environment

Ms Gray advised the Komiti that she was looking for their guidance and input with regards to the materials for discussion. Additionally, she requested feedback from the Komiti about whether they would like any extra support or information around this reform moving forwards.

Mr Shenton advised that the Komiti would appreciate more staff support around this reform, as it could be difficult to keep up to date with central government's changes. Mr Shenton also noted that there were concerns that a national entity could be too broad of an approach for iwi in the district, and that the terminology used by central government can have different meanings to iwi.

Ms Peke-Mason advised that she would prefer that central government funded was used to support increased Māori and iwi engagement, rather than expecting councils to fund it.

Ms Gray thanked the Komiti for the feedback and advised that she will arrange a hui to discuss these issues further.

Resolved minute number 22/IWI/006

That the memorandum 'Resource Management Reform – Materials for Discussion from the Ministry for the Environment' be received.

Ms T Hiroa/Ms K Savage. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/IWI/007

That Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa endorses the Government's intention to have more meaningful engagement with Māori in resource management governance

Mr C Shenton/Mr T Steedman. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/IWI/008

That Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa nominates Mr Chris Shenton and Ms Soraya Peke-Mason to work with Council staff to address the questions relating to Māori engagement in the Materials for discussion from the Ministry for the Environment so that the Komiti's perspectives are included in the Council's submission and thus made known to the Ministry as it prepares the Parliamentary draft bills for the Natural and Built Environments Act and the Strategic Planning Act.

Mr T Curtis/Ms H Benevides. Carried

10 Reports for Information

10.1 Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond: Project Update

Ms Gray advised that staff are heading towards the community engagement period of this project.

Resolved minute number 22/IWI/009

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

Ms T Hiroa/Mr T Steedman. Carried

10.2 Whakamahere Haepapa Māori - Māori Responsiveness Framework

Taken as read.

Resolved minute number 22/IWI/010

That the report 'Whakamahere Haepapa Māori - Māori Responsiveness Framework' be received.

Mr C Shenton/Ms K Savage. Carried

10.3 Project Management Office Report - January 2022Mangaweka Bridge Replacement

Mrs Mcilroy advised that the Manawatu District Council (MDC) have very recently postponed the opening ceremony.

Mr Meihana advised that Ngāti Hauiti have expressed their disappointment in the lack of communication to them regarding the opening ceremony. Ngāti Hauiti believed that the bridge was going to open in June 2022 and had plans and aspirations to erect a carving next to it. They are not willing to support an opening in February 2022. Furthermore, Ngāti Hauiti are unhappy that the new bridge was used by traffic as they do not believe that this should occur prior to an official opening ceremony. Mr Meihana explained that when Māori are giving a blessing and have been invited to a ceremony, there is an implicit expectation that no one uses the structure/venue until it has been officially opened.

Mr Curtis noted that this has been a very disappointing experience for Ngāti Hauiti and that the iwi felt that it was hard to be taken seriously when events like this occur.

Mr Beggs apologised to Mr Curtis and Ngāti Hauiti, advising that it appeared that Council had played a role in not communicating as well as it should have. He advised that this issue will be raised with the executive leadership team and that steps will be taken to communicate with Ngāti Hauiti about the plan of action moving forwards.

Lake Waipu Improvements and Rātana Wastewater Treatment Project

Ms Peke-Mason advised that the community had expectations around this project being completed in a timely fashion. Mrs Mcilroy advised that staff are currently working through the resource consent and plant design – once this is completed, staff will have a better picture of when construction will begin.

Bulls Bus Lane and Town Square

Mrs Mcilroy advised that Ngāti Parewahawaha are preparing artwork for the bus lane and town square, and that a completion date for this is unknown. Staff would like to organise an opening

ceremony for the Bus Lane, as there is a need for buses to begin using it. Once the artwork is completed, a larger celebration for the town square can be organised.

Ms Savage advised that Ngāti Parewahawaha are having their marae meeting tonight and that she will raise the topic of the artwork completion date at this meeting and hopefully receive an update.

In response to a query, Mrs Mcilroy advised that the Electric Vehicle charging stations will be positioned on the side of Te Matapihi that is closest to Criterion Street. The trenches that are currently in the greenspace are being used to install power and other underground services. Mr Beggs noted that the greenspace is not entirely Council's space, and that the town square area will look a little smaller when completed.

Taihape Memorial Park Upgrade

Mrs Mcilroy advised that staff have had discussions with iwi around the opening ceremony for the Amenities Building, but that Ngāti Tamakopiri does not wish to participate. Ms Benevides explained that there is not yet a firm decision on this, and that this message had come from a couple of individuals within the runanga. The decision around Ngāti Tamakopiri's involvement will be made this coming Saturday. Mr Beggs advised that staff believed they had got their communication right for this project, but they were open to feedback if this view was not shared by the iwi involved.

The Mayor advised that he was always happy to visit with iwi and other community groups if there were concerns about communication. He believed that a face-to-face meeting was often the best way to understand any communication issues and to begin to make amends. Furthermore, there was some confusion within the community between the Amenities Building and Taihape Grandstand – these are two distinct projects. Ms Hiroa suggested that the Mayor include this in his next Mayoral Report (in the newspaper).

Water Fountain in Taihape

Mr Steedman advised that there should be a public water fountain in Taihape, for the purpose of filling water containers. He noted that a drinking water fountain had been set-up in Marton and that it would be good if Taihape could have something similar.

There were mixed views from Komiti members, with some noting that this issue was reflective of a larger concern from some Taihape residents that Taihape was treated unfavourably by Council, compared to Bulls and Marton. Additionally, it was noted that present COVID-19 circumstances would need to be taken into account (e.g., drinking fountains are not being used in schools due to potential health risks).

Regarding the perception of Taihape's unfavourable treatment, the Mayor advised that he disagreed with this viewpoint and that in 2021 Taihape received more capital investment than Marton.

It was agreed that the issue of a water fountain would be raised through the Taihape Community Board.

Bulls Water Treatment Plant

Ms Hiroa asked who the request for engagement had been sent to at Ngāti Raukawa. Mrs Mcilroy was unsure and advised that she will follow-up on this.

Papakai Pump Station

Regarding the increase of the budget from \$1.5 m to \$5 m, Mr Steedman asked where the extra \$3.5 m was going to come from, noting that there was concern about this increase. Mr Benadie advised that this is an engineer's estimate of the cost and that as staff move through the detailed design process this figure will become more firm. The confirmed budget will then go back to Council for review. Mr Beggs further advised that there are likely to be varying options for the quality and cost of this project, which will be presented to Council for a decision.

Resolved minute number 22/IWI/011

That the Project Management Office Report – January 2021 be **received**.

Mr T Steedman/Ms K Savage. Carried

10.4 Community Development Update - December 2021 and January 2022

Taken as read.

Resolved minute number 22/IWI/012

That the report 'Community Development Update - December 2021 and January 2022' be received.

Ms S Peke-Mason/Ms K Savage. Carried

10.5 Economic Development Update - December 2021 and January 2022

Taken as read.

Resolved minute number 22/IWI/013

That the report 'Economic Development Update - December 2021 and January 2022' be received.

Mr C Shenton/Mr T Steedman. Carried

10.6 Horizons Update

Taken as read.

Resolved minute number 22/IWI/014

That the report 'Horizons Update' be received.

Ms S Peke-Mason/Mr J Allen. Carried

11 Discussion Items

11.1 Three Waters

Mr Beggs advised that the testing of marae water was ongoing. A recommendation regarding this will be brought back to a future Komiti meeting.

11.2 COVID-19 Vaccination Rates

Ms Hiroa advised that the region vaccination rate is tracking quite well compared to neighbouring regions.

11.3 Climate Change Action Committee

Not discussed.

The meeting closed at 1.28 pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti held on 12 April 2022.

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Chairperson