

MINUTES

TE ROOPUU AHI KAA MEETING

Date: Tuesday, 14 June 2022

Time: 11.00 am

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Tumuaki: Mr Pahia Turia (Whangaehu)

Nga mema: Ms Hari Benevides (Ngāti Tamakopiri) [via Zoom]
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) [via Zoom]
Ms Marj Heeney (Te Runanga o Ngāti Te Ohuake)
Ms Kim Savage (Ngāti Parewahawaha)
Ms Tracey Hiroa (Ngāti Whitikaupeka)
Ms Coral Raukawa (Ngā Ariki Turakina)
Cr Gill Duncan
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
Mr Lequan Meihana, Strategic Advisor – Mana Whenua
Ms Katrina Gray, Senior Strategic Planner
Ms Georgia Etheridge, Corporate Planning Advisor
Ms Joanne Manuel, Manager – Community Development
Ms Jen Britton, Strategic Advisor – District Promotions
Mr Jaime Reibel, Strategic Advisor – Economic Development
Ms Rhianna Flaherty, Welcoming Communities Officer
Mr Ash Garstang, Governance Advisor

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1 Karakia / Prayer

The meeting opened at 11.02 am.

2 Apologies

No apologies.

3 Public Forum

No public forum.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

No conflicts of interest were declared.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

Item 11.1 (Marton to Bulls Centralisation Project – Update) took place after item 7.1 and before item 8.1.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 22/IWI/015

That the minutes of Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti meeting held on 08 February 2022, 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 C Raukawa/Ms T Hiroa. Carried

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

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

Taken as read.

8 Chair's Report

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

Taken as read.

Resolved minute number 22/IWI/016

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

Mr P Turia/Mr C Shenton. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/IWI/017

That the \$5,000 from Horizons goes to the Marae Development Fund.

Mr P Turia/Ms T Hiroa. Carried

9 Mayoral Update

9.1 Mayoral Update - May 2022

The Mayor congratulated those involved in the Mangaweka Bridge project, and the Ratana Playground Group for their progress.

The Mayor advised that a technical working group has made several recommendations to central government around the role of rural water entities. The recommendations suggested that small private rural schemes will not be transferred, although they will still be subject to new drinking water standards.

Cr Duncan left the meeting at 12.29 pm.

The Komiti discussed the ongoing issues with the Koitiata lagoon. It was suggested that Mr Shenton and Ms Raukawa provide a letter to support the Mayor in his dealings with the Horizons Regional Council.

Ms Benevides left the meeting at 12.32 pm.

Resolved minute number 22/IWI/018

That the Mayoral Update – May 2022 be received.

Ms S Peke-Mason/Ms M Heeney. Carried

10 Reports for Decision

10.1 Appointment of Deputy Chair

The Komiti appointed Ms Hiroa as the deputy chair.

Cr Duncan returned to the meeting at 12.34 pm.

Resolved minute number 22/IWI/019

That Ms Hiroa be appointed as Deputy Chair of the Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti.

Ms S Peke-Mason/Ms C Raukawa. Carried

11 Reports for Information

11.1 Marton to Bulls Centralisation Project - Update

This item took place after item 7.1.

Hamish Lowe from Lowe Environmental Limited tabled a presentation, and spoke to the Komiti about their overview of the project, and in particular their communication with iwi.

In response to a query, Mr Lowe advised that they intend to understand the tangata whenua values that are important to local iwi, record them, and then ensure throughout the project that these values are met.

In response to a query, Mr Lowe confirmed that the wastewater treatment plant at Bulls will continue to process waste, and there will be no discharge of raw sewerage.

The Mayor noted that iwi's ability to engage on three waters under the new water entity will likely be lower than it is now, and it would be beneficial to get iwi involvement into this project as soon as possible while the opportunity for this still remained.

Mr Steedman left the meeting at 11.50 am.

Mr Beggs explained that Council received \$4.8m in funding from central government that needed to be spent by the end of June. This project has not been fully designed yet, but staff knew that pipes would be required regardless of the design, and so the remaining funding from central government was used to install pipes.

In response to a query about flooding and discharge into water ways, Mr Lowe advised that they are still to design the final solutions. Storage will be a part of it, and a relief valve (to discharge to water) may be required as it is impossible to predict all future storm events.

Ms Raukawa left the meeting at 12.01 pm and returned to the meeting at 12.04 pm.

Mr Turia advised that he believes that the closest iwi and hapu should be the ones primarily engaged with on this project (e.g., be a part of the Project Control Group).

Ms Raukawa left the meeting at 12.14 pm.

Resolved minute number 22/IWI/020

That the report 'Marton to Bulls Centralisation Project – Update' be received.

Ms T Hiroa/Ms K Savage. Carried

11.2 Project Management Office Report - May 2022

Lake Waipu Improvement

In response to a query, Mr Benadie confirmed that the completion date is still set for 2023.

Mr Turia left the meeting at 12.38 pm.

Bulls Bus Lane

In response to a query, Mr Meihana advised that staff are meeting the week of 27 June to discuss the installation of the artwork, and its subsequent unveiling.

Taihape Amenities Building

Mr Benadie advised that staff are expecting some delays, due to a shortage of construction materials.

Mr Turia returned to the meeting at 12.40 pm.

Mr Allen left the meeting at 12.43 pm.

Water Assessments at Marae

Mr Benadie advised that all site visits have been completed. There is \$85k left in the fund and staff need to discuss with marae how those funds should be prioritised.

In response to a query, Mr Beggs advised that there are no time restrictions on when the money can be allocated and spent, and staff will take their time to ensure it is done properly.

Resolved minute number 22/IWI/021

That the Project Management Office Report – May 2022 be received.

Ms T Hiroa/Mr C Shenton. Carried

11.3 Whakamahere Haepapa Māori - Māori Responsiveness Framework

In response to a query, Mr Meihana advised that he has not felt any staff resistance to cultural competencies.

Mr Turia advised that there is emergency money for civil defence that can be applied for (up to \$5k), and that some marae had taken up this opportunity. Mr Meihana will identify the specific fund and email it out to Komiti members.

Resolved minute number 22/IWI/022

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

Mr C Shenton/Ms K Savage. Carried

11.4 Pae Tawhiti Rangitīkei Beyond: Project Update

Ms Gray advised that over 200 responses were received during community engagement. The next phase is to write the draft plan. She Gray reminded the Komiti that she was happy to include any aspirations that iwi or hapu might have.

Resolved minute number 22/IWI/023

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

Ms T Hiroa/Ms C Raukawa. Carried

11.5 Community Development Team Update - February - May 2022

The Mayor advised that the Ministry of Social Development has cut a lot of the funding for the Mahi Tahī programme.

Ms Peke-Mason advised that from 01 July the Health Sector reforms take effect and there will no longer be district health boards.

Ms Raukawa left the meeting at 1.08 pm.

Resolved minute number 22/IWI/024

That the report 'Community Development Update – April and May 2022' be received.

Ms S Peke-Mason/Ms C Raukawa. Carried

11.6 Destination Rangitīkei - Destination Management Plan

Mr Turia asked if economic development is an issue or priority at Council. The Mayor responded and advised that Council puts a significant amount of money into economic development (e.g., the Marton Rail Hub, housing and growth development).

Mr Allen returned to the meeting at 1.12 pm.

Resolved minute number 22/IWI/025

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

. Ms T Hiroa/Ms S Peke-Mason. Carried

11.7 Remuneration

Ms Peke-Mason advised that the mileage rate will increase to \$0.83 per km. Mrs Gordon confirmed that this will take effect 01 July.

Resolved minute number 22/IWI/026

That the report 'Remuneration' be received.

Ms T Hiroa/Ms K Savage. Carried

11.8 Horizons Update

Taken as read.

Resolved minute number 22/IWI/027

That the 'Horizons Update', including the attached report, be received.

Mr C Shenton/Ms S Peke-Mason. Carried

12 Discussion Items

12.1 Three Waters

Not discussed.

12.2 COVID-19 Vaccination Rates

The Komiti agreed that this can now be removed as a standing item.

12.3 Climate Change Action Committee

Mr Shenton advised that this group is still active. Mrs Gordon advised that as part of the Annual Plan process, staff will draft a Climate Impact Strategy and they hope to apply for 'better-off' funding for this.

The meeting closed at 1.25 pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti held on 9 August 2022.

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Chairperson