

# MINUTES

## TE RŌPŪ AHI KĀ MEETING

**Date:** Tuesday, 8 April 2025

**Time:** 11.00am

**Venue:** Council Chamber  
Rangitikei District Council  
46 High Street  
Marton

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**Tumuaki:** Ms Piki Te Ora Hiroa

**Tumuaki Tuarua:** Ms Kim Savage (Ngāti Parewahawaha)

**Nga mema:** Ms Marj Heeney (Ngāi Te Ohuake)  
Ms Moira Raukawa (Ngāti Tamakopiri)  
Ms Grace Taiaroa (Ratana Pa)  
Cr Coral Raukawa  
Cr Gill Duncan  
HWTM Andy Watson (Zoom)

**Manuhiri:** Mrs Carol Gordon, Chief Executive  
Mr Arno Benadie, Deputy Chief Executive  
Ms Katrina Gray, Group Manager – Strategy, Community and Democracy  
Ms Joanne Manuel, Manager Mana Whenua and Community Hubs (Zoom)  
Ms Fran Pere, Mana Whenua Strategic Advisor  
Mr Jarrod Calkin, Economic Wellbeing Lead  
Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor  
Cr Jeff Wong

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## 1 Welcome / Karakia

Cr Hiroa opened the meeting at 11.02am.

## 2 Apologies

**Resolved minute number**                      **25/IWI/001**

That the apologies be received from Dr Katarina Gray – Sharp and Ms Leanne Hiroti.

Ms K Savage/Ms G Taiaroa. Carried

## 3 Public Forum

There was no public forum.

## 4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

## 5 Confirmation of Order of Business

There was no change to the order of business.

## 6 Confirmation of Minutes

Amendments:

- That the sentence at section 7.1 needs to be rephrased for greater clarity.
- That the korero regarding Wilson Park be included.

Matters arising:

- That the LINZ decision for the macron be sent to the Komiti.

**Resolved minute number**      **25/IWI/002**

That the minutes of Te Roopu Ahi Kā Meeting held on 10 December 2024 **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 of this Committee be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

Ms M Heeney/Ms M Raukawa. Carried

## 7 Follow-up Actions

### 7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Te Rōpū Ahi Kā Meetings

#### Item 4 – Ngāti Waewae

A meeting with their representatives will be held and Mrs Gordon and Ms Pere are invited to this.

**Resolved minute number 25/IWI/003**

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

Ms M Raukawa/Ms M Heeney. Carried

## 8 Chair's Report

### 8.1 Chair's Report, Including Updates from Pre-Hui April 2025

The Chair read her report to the Komiti.

The Komiti noted that during their pre-hui they had a good korero regarding the items on the agenda for the day.

**Resolved minute number 25/IWI/004**

That the 'Chair's Report – April 2025' be received.

Ms P Hiroa/Ms G Taiaroa. Carried

## 9 Reports for Information

### 9.1 Report from Mana Whenua Strategic Advisor

The Komiti acknowledged the work that Ms Pere has completed in the role so far.

It was noted the positive welcome that Ms Pere had undertaken at the citizenship ceremony at the end of last year.

**Resolved minute number 25/IWI/005**

That the report 'Report from Mana Whenua Strategic Advisor be received

Ms K Savage/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

### 9.2 Local Water Done Well

It was noted that this report was included in their last order paper and since then Council has gone out for consultation on Local Water Done Well. There is a hearing next week with only one submitter speaking, 89 submissions in total were received and deliberations will be held on the 22 May.

It was undertaken by members that this conversation could be continued as an iwi collective from within the three districts.

**Resolved minute number 25/IWI/006**

That the report 'Local Water Done Well' be received

Ms K Savage/Ms M Raukawa. Carried

**9.3 Economic Strategy Update**

Mr Calkin noted that the draft strategy is not ready to share at this stage but the strategy on the page shows the direction the strategy is heading.

The Komiti acknowledged that their feedback had been taken on board from the last workshop. Some members highlighted that as the northern area of the Rangitikei finish their treaty settlement claims that the economy for the district may look different.

**Resolved minute number 25/IWI/007**

That the report 'Economic Strategy Update' is received.

Ms M Raukawa/Ms G Taiaroa. Carried

**9.4 External Consultations Update**

Officers responded to questions that the RMA reform is expected later in the year and Council will submit when this is available.

The Komiti highlighted the electoral changes and the impact this may have on the Māori seat boundaries in the central government elections. Officers were unable to confirm the impacts at this hui.

**Resolved minute number 25/IWI/008**

That the report 'External Consultations Update' be received.

Ms M Heeney/Ms K Savage. Carried

**9.5 Project Updates Report - March 2025**

Marton to Bulls Wastewater Centralisation

Currently officers are undertaking investigative work on the land and understanding the potential impacts of wastewater standard changes to this project.

#### Rātana Wastewater Discharge to Land

Officers are in the process of the new consent and a full hearing will be held at the end of year.

#### Taihape Wastewater

Members raised the consent with the Taihape Wastewater consent expiring in 2027. Officers have begun putting the work together for a new discharge consent application, however this is very early in the process.

#### **Resolved minute number 25/IWI/009**

That the report 'Project Updates Report – March 2025' be received.

Ms K Savage/Ms M Heeney. Carried

### **9.6 Mayor's Report - 27 March 2025**

Cr Duncan left during this item at 1.07pm.

The Mayor responded to questions that the Civil Defence centre in Marton is a separate build from the Marton Offices and Library.

#### **Resolved minute number 25/IWI/010**

That the Mayor's Report – 27 March 2025 be received.

HWTM A Watson/Ms M Heeney. Carried

## **10 Discussion Items**

### **10.1 Where's Annual Plan & Co @ Rangitīkei?**

The Mayor offered that he can be made available to attend consultation meetings with iwi.

#### **Resolved minute number 25/IWI/011**

That the discussion item Where's Annual Plan & Co @ Rangitīkei be received.

Ms K Savage/Ms M Heeney. Carried

**The meeting closed at 1.23pm**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Te Rōpū Ahi Kā Komiti held on 10 June 2025.**

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**Chairperson**