

MINUTES

TE RŌPŪ AHI KĀ MEETING

Date: Tuesday, 10 June 2025

Time: 11.00am

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Tumuaki: Ms Piki Te Ora Hiroa (Ngāti Whitikaupeka)

Tumuaki Tuarua: Ms Kim Savage (Ngāti Parewahawaha)

Nga mema: Mr Thomas Curtis (Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hauiti) (Zoom)
Ms Marj Heeney (Ngāi Te Ohuake)
Ms Moira Raukawa (Ngāti Tamakopiri) (Zoom)
Ms Leanne Hiroti (Ngā Ariki Turakina)
Dr Katarina Gray-Sharp (Ngāti Rangi)(Zoom)
Ms Grace Taiaroa (Ratana Pa)
Ms Gaylene Nepia (Ngāti Kauae Ngā Taura)
Cr Gill Duncan
HWTM Andy Watson

Manuhiri: Mrs Carol Gordon, Chief Executive
Mr Arno Benadie, Deputy Chief Executive
Ms Katrina Gray, Group Manager – Strategy, Community and Democracy
Ms Fran Pere, Mana Whenua Strategic Advisor
Ms Joanne Manuel, Manager Mana Whenua & Community Hubs
Ms Tiffany Gower, Strategy Manager
Mr Jarrod Calkin, Economic Lead
Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor
Ms Bronwyn Hautapu, Horizons Regional Council

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1 Karakia / Prayer

Ms Hiroa opened the meeting at 11.02am and welcomed Ms Nepia to the Komiti and staff from Horizons Regional Council.

2 Apologies

There were no apologies received.

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

Resolved minute number 25/IWI/012

That the minutes of Te Rōpū Ahi Kā Meeting held on 8 April 2025 **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 of this Committee be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

Ms P Hiroa/Ms G Taiaroa. Carried

7 Follow-up Actions

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

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 25/IWI/013

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

Ms M Heeney/Ms G Taiaroa. Carried

8 Chair's Report

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

The Chair read her report.

Maori Wards Discussion

The Komiti discussed Maori wards in the pre hui.

Ms Gray responded to questions that there is an overall comms strategy, noting that council has to be cautious to have a neutral opinion on this item, the purpose of this strategy is information only.

Resolved minute number 25/IWI/014

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

Ms P Hiroa/Ms K Savage. Carried

9 Reports for Information

9.1 Mana Whenua - Strategic Advisor Report

The Komiti discussed the report in the pre-hui and thanked Ms Pere for the work on this report.

Resolved minute number 25/IWI/015

That the report 'Mana Whenua - Strategic Advisor Report' be received.

Ms L Hiroti/Ms K Savage. Carried

9.2 Māori Responsiveness Framework

The Komiti spoke about this item that there have been workshops on the framework previously. Ms Pere would like to review the framework, and a suggested workshop date will come out to the Komiti.

Resolved minute number 25/IWI/016

That the report for information – Māori Responsiveness Framework be received.

Ms M Heeney/Ms K Savage. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/IWI/017

That a review date for the Māori Responsiveness Framework be confirmed and scheduled within the current calendar year.

Ms P Hiroa/Ms G Taiaroa. Carried

9.3 Local Waters Done Well - Update June 2025

Mrs Gordon updated the Komiti on the current situation and advised that Ruapehu and Whanganui councils are working through their decision. Council has made the decision to go with a wider grouping that includes Palmerston North City Council and Horowhenua District Council. Palmerston North City Council have had a change to their wastewater programme which initially was a large cost for the Council and these changes will be supported by Taumata Arowai as they update wastewater standards.

The Komiti noted that as part of their next discussion they will work together to produce a solution to make iwi relationships with the new entity easier.

Resolved minute number 25/IWI/018

That the report for information – Local Waters Done Well – Update June 2025 be received.

.Ms M Raukawa/Ms L Hiroti. Carried

9.4 Rangitikei Tomorrow - Economic Strategy Draft

Mr Calkin advised that he would send out a survey to the Komiti for any feedback.

Resolved minute number 25/IWI/019

That the report 'Rangitikei Tomorrow – Economic Strategy Draft' is received.

Ms G Taiaroa/Ms Nepia. Carried

9.5 Update on Proposed Plan Change 3 - Urban Growth

The meeting adjourned at 12.06pm and returned at 12.20pm.

Ms Hiroti left at this item at 12.21pm.

Ms Gower advised that this will be going to the Policy/Planning committee this week and looking for feedback.

Resolved minute number 25/IWI/020

That the report Update on Proposed Plan Change 3 – Urban Growth be received.

Ms Nepia/Dr K Gray-Sharp. Carried

9.6 Where's the Annual Plan 2025/26 & Co @ Rangitikei update

Ms Gower highlighted that there were twenty-three submissions received, and that Council has deliberated on the Annual Plan 2025/26.

Resolved minute number 25/IWI/021

That the report 'Where's the Annual Plan 2025/26 & Co @ Rangitīkei Update' be received.

Ms M Heeney/Ms Nepia. Carried

9.7 External Consultations Update

Regulatory Standards Bill

This is closing on the 23 June and the Komiti would like to submit. Dr Gray – Sharp will undertake this submission on behalf of the Komiti and circulate this to members before submission.

Resolved minute number 25/IWI/022

That the report 'External Consultations Update' be received.

Ms M Raukawa/Ms K Savage. Carried

9.8 Mayor's Report - May 2025

Mayors Taskforce for Jobs

The Mayor updated that there are a number of councils pulling out of the programme as there is a change of focus for the programme for those on benefits instead of NEATS.

Health

The Mayor and Cr Hiroa met with Minister Simone Brown about the aspirations in Taihape for health services.

Nga Wai Tota

The Mayor highlighted the work on the Whangaehu catchment.

Resolved minute number 25/IWI/023

That the Mayor's Report – May 2025 be accepted.

HWTM A Watson/Ms M Heeney. Carried

9.9 Project Updates Report - May 2025

Marton to Bulls Wastewater Centralisation

There are uncertainties with the wastewater standards that may change and impact on this project.

Rātana Wastewater Discharge to Land

Officers advised, similar to the Marton to Bulls project as Council awaits advice on the wastewater standards changes.

There is also a hold on this project as there have been objections to this project and a Hearing to come.

Taihape Grandstand

There is a user group meeting on the building and the funds remaining for this project.

The Komiti raised the windfarms in Taihape, and the water required for this project. Officers were unable to provide a response to the questions as Council is not processing the consent.

Resolved minute number 25/IWI/024

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

Ms Nepia/Ms M Raukawa. Carried

The meeting closed at 1.35pm

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Te Rōpū Ahi Kā Komiti held on 12 August 2025.

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Chairperson