

MINUTES

TE RŌPŪ AHI KĀ MEETING

Date: Tuesday, 12 August 2025

Time: 11.00am

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

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)
Dr Katarina Gray-Sharp (Ngāti Rangi) (Zoom)
Ms Grace Taiaroa (Ratana Pa)
Cr Gill Duncan
HWTM Andy Watson

Manuhiri: Cr Simon Loudon
Mr Arno Benadie, Deputy Chief Executive
Ms Katrina Gray, Group Manager - Strategy, Community & Democracy
Ms Tiffany Gower, Strategy Manger
Ms Joanne Manuel, Manager Mana Whenua & Community Hubs
Ms Fran Pere, Mana Whenua Strategic Advisor
Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

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1 Karakia

The Chair opened the meeting at 11.05am.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number **25/IWI/025**

That the apologies be received from Ms Nepia, Ms Hiroti and Cr Raukawa.

Ms K Savage/Ms M Heeney. 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

Ms Spence to confirm those in attendance of the meeting and to update the minutes to reflect this.

Resolved minute number **25/IWI/026**

That the minutes of Te Rōpū Ahi Kā Meeting held on 10 June 2025 **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 G Taiaroa/Ms M Heeney. 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/027

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

Ms P Hiroa/Cr G Duncan. Carried

8 Chair's Report

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

Ms Hiroa read her report to the Komiti.

Resolved minute number 25/IWI/028

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

Ms P Hiroa/Ms K Savage. Carried

9 Reports for Information

9.1 Mana Whenua Strategic Advisor Report

Local Water Done Well

Ms Pere noted that there have been two hui with iwi held and there is the potential to establish a Rangitikei Technical Group, drawing on the expertise of Te Rōpū Ahi Kā representatives. There will be a follow-up hui next month with the Rangitikei Technical Group being a key item.

Ms Pere advised that the Water Services Delivery Plan will be going to Council this week for adoption.

Māori Land Rates Remission Sub-Committee

The Komiti noted that Mr Curtis was not in attendance at this meeting to confirm if he will continue as a member for the committee. The Komiti noted that if Mr Curtis was not available then Ms Raukawa would replace him for the next meeting.

The Komiti agreed that Ms Hiroa would remain as a member of the committee.

The Komiti noted that there should be a balance from northern and southern on the Māori Land Rates Remission Sub-Committee.

It was agreed that training would occur for members in the new triennium.

Resolved minute number 25/IWI/029

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

Ms K Savage/Ms M Heeney. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/IWI/030

That Grace Taiaroa is endorsed as member of the Māori Land Rates Remission Sub-Committee.

Ms K Savage/Ms M Heeney. Carried

9.2 Brief Update on "Plan Stop"

Ms Gower highlighted that the exemption is restrictive and that a report will be going to Council to direct officers to either stop work on the plan change or to proceed with the exemption process.

Resolved minute number 25/IWI/031

That the report 'Brief Update on "Plan Stop"' be received.

Ms M Raukawa/Ms K Savage. Carried

The meeting adjourned at 12.02pm and returned at 12.15pm

9.3 External Consultations Update

Officers and members noted that there are short timeframes for submissions and the impact that this might have on Te Rōpū Ahi Kā being able to submit and having their view on upcoming consultations. Officers will review the process around Te Rōpū Ahi Kā feedback into submissions.

Resolved minute number 25/IWI/032

That that report 'External Consultations Update' be received.

Ms K Savage/Ms M Raukawa. Carried

9.4 Mayor's Report - July 2025

Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs

The Mayor highlighted the success for the District however the new contract and the current economic climate is challenging.

Roading

The Mayor noted that the Gentle Annie is a major concern and that there continues to be work required.

Members noted the SH1/Rauma Road intersection and that some members attended the public meeting that was held. The request from the community, St Joesphs School and Winata Marae is that there is a speed restriction on SH1 just south of Winiata Marae into Taihape and electronic warning signs.

Resolved minute number 25/IWI/033

That the Mayor's Report – July 2025 be received.

HWTM A Watson/Ms M Heeney. Carried

9.5 Project Update Report - July 2025

Mr Benadie stepped members through the report.

The national wastewater standards have not come through yet which has impacted the wastewater projects.

Scotts Ferry

Officers had a workshop with councillors last week and highlighted some challenges with the current solution. A report on an alternative solution will come to Council at the end of the month.

Resolved minute number 25/IWI/034

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

Ms K Savage/Ms G Taiaroa. Carried

The meeting closed at 1.27pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Te Rōpū Ahi Kā Komiti held on 7 October 2025.

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Chairperson