

# MINUTES

## TE RŌPŪ AHI KĀ MEETING

**Date:** Tuesday, 7 October 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) (Zoom)

**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)  
Ms Gaylene Nepia (Ngāti Kauae Ngā Taurira)  
Cr Coral Raukawa  
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 Joanne Manuel, Manager Mana Whenua & Community Hubs  
Ms Fran Pere, Mana Whenua Strategic Advisor  
Ms Bronwyn Hautapu, Horizons Regional Council  
Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor  
Mr Alan Buckendahl

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

Ms M Raukawa/Dr K Gray-Sharp. Carried

## 8 Chair's Report

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

The Chair read her report.

**Resolved minute number 25/IWI/038**

That the Chair's Report, Including Updates from Pre-Hui October 2025 be received.

Ms P Hiroa/Ms G Nepia. Carried

## 9 Reports for Decision

### 9.1 Mana Whenua Strategic Advisor Report

#### Local Water Done Well

The Komiti discussed the work completed in this space including the establishment of a technical group.

**Resolved minute number 25/IWI/039**

That the report Mana Whenua – Strategic Advisor Report be received.

Ms K Savage/Ms M Raukawa. Carried

## 10 Reports for Information

### 10.1 Marae Development Fund

Officers responded to questions that the application for this fund is an email, but it can be undertaken to create an application form.

**Resolved minute number 25/IWI/040**

That the report Marae Development Fund be received.

Cr C Raukawa/Ms G Nepia. Carried

**Resolved minute number 25/IWI/041**

That, in accordance with the Marae Development Fund Policy, the Komiti seek applications from Marae across the district for the 2025/26 funding round.

Ms P Hiroa/Ms K Savage. Carried

## **10.2 Mayor's Report - September 2025**

### Elections

The Mayor highlighted elections noting that the new council may be confirmed as early as this coming Saturday. He thanked the Komiti and acknowledged the positive relationships built.

It was also acknowledged that Cr Duncan was stepping down from council and this would be her last Te Rōpū Ahi Kā meeting. Cr Duncan thanked the Komiti.

### Whanganui Community Foundation

Acknowledgement that Dr Mike Paki has stood down. The Foundation has contributed significant funding to districts over time, distributing approximately \$1.2 million. At its AGM, funding was also approved for the Taihape Grandstand development, specifically to develop a business case.

### Gentle Annie Road

The Gentle Annie Road is a major concern for council and the ongoing cost for the district. The Mayor has written to the Minister of Transport regarding this road.

### **Resolved minute number 25/IWI/042**

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

HWTM A Watson/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

## **10.3 Project Update Report - August 2025 Extended Update**

### Marton to Bulls Wastewater Centralisation

Officers advised that there are six options with a range of treatment options and costs identified. The Komiti raised what iwi engagement has been involved with this project and advocated for continued engagement.

### Taihape Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Projects

There will be communication coming out to the properties in town and the Komiti noted that it would be beneficial for local iwi to receive an email as well.

### **Resolved minute number 25/IWI/043**

That the Project Updates Report – August 2025 Extended Update be received.

Ms P Hiroa/Ms M Raukawa. Carried

**10.4 External Consultations Update**

The report was taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 25/IWI/044**

That the External Consultations Update be received.

Ms M Heeney/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

**10.5 Horizons Update**

The report was taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 25/IWI/045**

That the Horizons Update be received.

Ms G Taiaroa/Ms G Nepia. Carried

**The meeting closed at 1.58pm**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Te Rōpū Ahi Kā Komiti held on 18 November 2025.**

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**Chairperson**