

MINUTES

TE RŌPŪ AHI KĀ MEETING

Date: Tuesday, 14 April 2026

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: Ms Marj Heeney (Ngāi Te Ohuake),
Ms Moira Raukawa (Ngāti Tamakopiri)
Dr Katarina Gray-Sharp (Ngāti Rangi) (Zoom)
Mr Jordan Winiata-Haines (Ngāti Hinemanu/Ngāti Paki) (Zoom)
Ms Grace Taiaroa (Ratana Pa)
Dr Heather Gifford (Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hauiti)
Dr Mike Paki (Ngā Ariki Turakina)
Cr Alan Buckendahl
Cr Dave Wilson

Manuhiri: Mrs Carol Gordon, Chief Executive
Ms Katrina Gray, Group Manager – Strategy, Community and Democracy
Ms Joanne Manuel, Manager Mana Whenua and Community Hubs
Ms Fran Pere, Mana Whenua Strategic Advisor
Mr Paul Chaffe, Senior Emergency Management Advisor
Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor
Ms Crystal Johnston, Executive Assistant – Group Managers

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1 Karakia/ Prayer

Dr M Paki opened with karakia at 11:10am.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number **26/IWI/014**

That the apologies be received from HWTM A Watson, Ms Gaylene Nepia, Cr Coral Raukawa be received.

Ms P Hiroa/Ms M Heeney. Carried

3 Public Forum

There was no public forum.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Conflicts of interest declared by Ms P Hiroa, Ms M Heeney, Ms M Raukawa regarding item 9.1 Marae Development Fund.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

There was no change to the order of business.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Amendments

Dr M Paki and Dr K Gray-Sharp were listed as attending by Zoom, however they attended in person.

Dr H Gifford was not present at the meeting.

Resolved minute number **26/IWI/015**

That the minutes of Te Rōpū Ahi Kā Meeting held on 10 February 2026 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 P Hiroa/Dr H Gifford. Carried

7 Follow up Actions

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

Item 2 – Northern and Southern tour of Marae in the District

The Komiti noted that the Northern Marae Tour was undertaken in March. It was further noted that the CE met with Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa, and they have offered to host councillors on a tour of their business. The Southern Marae Tour will be undertaken separately.

The Komiti noted that care should be taken to use precise language when referring to Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa, specifically using the Rūnanga when referring to the organisation.

Resolved minute number 26/IWI/016

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

Dr M Paki/Dr H Gifford. Carried

8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report, Including Updates from Pre-Hui April 2026

The Chair provided a verbal report.

The Komiti discussed the pōwhiri for Central Districts Water. An explanation was provided on the purpose and process of a pōwhiri, including aspects that were not undertaken correctly.

Resolved minute number 26/IWI/017

That the Chair's Report, Including Updates from Pre-Hui April 2026 be received.

Ms P Hiroa/Ms K Savage. Carried

9 Reports for Decision

9.1 Marae Development Fund

Ms P Hiroa, Ms M Heeney, and Ms M Raukawa declared conflicts of interest in relation to this item.

The Komiti noted that two applications were received for the current round, from Opaea Marae and Moawhango Marae with a total of \$16,446 in funding available. Opaea requested \$15,000, while Moawhango's application was incomplete, pending quotes.

It was noted that the absence of financial information from Moawhango made it difficult to make a fully informed decision.

Ms P Hiroa, Ms M Heeney, and Ms M Raukawa left the meeting at 11.51am.

It was agreed that an extra meeting would be held to further consider the applications and provide further time for information to be received from Moawhango marae.

Ms P Hiroa, Ms M Heeney, Ms M Raukawa returned at 12:05pm

Resolved minute number 26/IWI/018

That the report Marae Development Fund be received.

Ms P Hiroa/Dr H Gifford. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/IWI/019

That the applications for the Marae Development Fund are closed.

Mr J Winiata-Haines/Dr M Paki. Carried

9.2 Adoption of Anga Whakahaere and Code of Conduct for Te Rōpū Ahi Kā

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 26/IWI/020

That the report Adoption of the Te Anga Whakahaere and Code of Conduct be received.

Ms P Hiroa/Ms G Taiaroa. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/IWI/021

That Te Rōpū Ahi Kā approves Te Anga Whakahaere without amendments.

Dr H Gifford/Ms G Taiaroa. Carried

10 Reports for Information

10.1 Mana Whenua-Strategic Advisor Report

Officers mentioned the positive feedback from the councillors that attended the Northern Tour.

Resolved minute number 26/IWI/022

That the report Mana Whenua Strategic Advisor be received.

Ms M Heeney/Dr M Paki. Carried

10.2 Request for Information CDEM

Officers advised that a draft Community Response Plan for Rātana is currently in development, and that Rātana will be recognised as a response centre once the plan is finalised and signed off. Officers were unable to confirm the Horizon Regional Councils level of involvement.

Members sought clarification on the distinction between hubs and centres. It was explained that response centres are formally identified within response plans, while hubs are informal, community-designated places to gather. Welfare hubs are formal centres, whereas community emergency hubs are more informal.

Members queried the role of the Komiti within an Emergency Operations Centre (EOC). Officers advised that the iwi liaison role within the EOC is currently undertaken by officers, and that Komiti members may instead have roles within their respective marae.

Members also asked whether situation reports (sitreps) would be provided to the Komiti via the iwi liaison. Officers confirmed this could occur, although this level of reporting has not been generated since 2004. For smaller events, sitreps are typically provided by the CDEM Group Office in conjunction with Horizons.

Members also noted that Opaea Marae has been working with Horizons on Civil Defence planning. Officers advised that discussions held with Horizons are not always communicated to Council, and that assumptions should not be made regarding information sharing between agencies.

Resolved minute number 26/IWI/023

That the report Request for Information – CDEM be received.

Dr K Gray-Sharp/Dr M Paki. Carried

10.3 Project Update Report - March 2026

Dr K Gray-Sharp left the meeting at 12:45pm.

Cr Wilson noted the report is high level.

Resolved minute number 26/IWI/024

That the report 'Project Updates Report – March 2026' be received.

Dr H Gifford/Ms M Heeney. Carried

10.4 External consultations update - April 2026

Officers noted the submissions process.

The Komiti questioned the consultation on the access to cash for Rātana and if this meant there would be an ATM made available to the community. Officers explained that a multi-bank site is proposed that would provide a range of services.

Resolved minute number 26/IWI/025

That the report External consultations update – April 2026 be received.

Cr A Buckendahl/Dr M Paki. Carried

10.5 Mayor's Report - March 2026

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 26/IWI/026

That the Mayor's Report – March 2026 be received.

Ms K Savage/Cr A Buckendahl. Carried

The meeting closed at 1:06pm

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Te Rōpū Ahi Kā Komiti held on 9 June 2026.

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Chairperson