

MINUTES

TE RŌPŪ AHI KĀ MEETING

Date: Tuesday, 11 August 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) (Zoom)

Nga mema: Ms Marj Heeney (Ngāi Te Ohuake),
Ms Moira Raukawa (Ngāti Tamakopiri)
Ms Grace Taiaroa (Rātana Pa)
Dr Heather Gifford (Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hauiti) (Zoom)
Dr Mike Paki (Ngā Ariki Turakina)
Cr Alan Buckendahl
Cr Coral Raukawa
HWTM Andy Watson

Manuhiri: Mrs Carol Gordon, Chief Executive
Ms Katrina Gray, Group Manager – Strategy, Community and Democracy
Pā Rima Tamaiparea-Puki, Strategic Advisor – Mana Whenua
Ms Petra Fleming, Governance Advisor
Ms Kezia Spence, Policy Analyst

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1 Karakia / Prayer

The Chair opened the meeting at 11.01am.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number 26/IWI/014

That the apologies from Dr Katarina Gray-Sharp, Ms Gaylene Nepia and Dr Heather Gifford (from 11.30am) be received.

Ms P Hiroa/Dr M Paki. Carried.

3 Public Forum

There was no public forum.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Cr Coral Raukawa raised her involvement in the upcoming General Election. It was noted that at the time there is an individual item come up in which this becomes a conflict, then Cr Raukawa would declare at that time.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

The Chair returned to Item 4 Conflict of Interest Declarations at 11.08am.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

The Chair handed this item to Ms Gifford due to not being present at the meeting being confirmed.

Resolved minute number 26/IWI/015

That the minutes of Te Rōpū Ahi Kā Meeting held on 9 June 2026 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 K Savage/Ms P Hiroa. Carried

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

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

Ms Savage provided an update on the Southern Marae Tour, which is scheduled for 17 September 2026.

Resolved minute number 26/IWI/016

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

Ms G Taiaroa/Ms M Raukawa. Carried

8 Chair's Report

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

The Chair tabled a report.

Cr Raukawa arrived at 11.08am.

The Chair returned to Item 4 Conflict of Interest Declarations.

Resolved minute number 26/IWI/017

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

Ms P Hiroa/Ms M Heeney. Carried

9 Reports for Decision

9.1 Updated Marae Development Fund Guidelines

Pā Rima Tamaiparea-Puki and Ms Gray highlighted that the proposed changes in the report are to confirm dates and guidelines and provide clarity for those applying to the fund.

Resolved minute number 26/IWI/018

That the report Update Marae Development Fund Guidelines be received.

Ms M Raukawa/Dr H Gifford. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/IWI/019

That the Komiti approves the updated Marae Development Fund Guidelines.

Ms M Raukawa/Ms K Savage. Carried

10 Reports for Information

10.1 Report of the Strategic Advisor - Mana Whenua

The report was taken as read.

Ms Taiaroa left during this item at 11.20am and returned at 11.23am.

Resolved minute number 26/IWI/020

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

Cr C Raukawa/Cr A Buckendahl. Carried

10.2 Update on RMA Reform

Ms Gray provided a summary of the proposed resource management changes.

Members discussed their concerns that this reform is one of many reducing the influence of Te Ao Māori and iwi and hapū voices.

Ms Gifford left during this item at 11.30am.

Resolved minute number 26/IWI/021

That the report Update on RMA Reform be received.

Ms P Hiroa/Dr M Paki. Carried

10.3 Mayor's Report - July 2026

HWTM took the report as read and highlighted that regarding amalgamation, there is a lot of uncertainty.

HWTM also highlighted the progress made within Central Districts Water, with CEO Chris Dhyrberg being appointed. Ms Heeney shared that the approach to iwi representation within Nga Tapūwae o Hau is based on whakapapa to waka.

Ms Heeney left during this item at 12.04pm and returned at 12.06pm.

Resolved minute number 26/IWI/022

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

HWTM A Watson/Ms M Heeney. Carried

10.4 External Consultations Update

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 26/IWI/023

That the report 'External Consultations Update' be received.

.Ms P Hiroa/Dr M Paki. Carried

The meeting closed at 12.35pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Te Rōpū Ahi Kā Komiti held on 13 October 2026.

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Chairperson