



Rangitikei District Council

Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti Meeting

Minutes – Tuesday 11 October 2011 – 11:00 a.m.

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Present: Mr Pahia Turia (Chair)
Ms Barbara Ball
Mr Jim Cunningham
Mr Mark Gray
Mr Geoffrey Hipango
Mr Bill Maremare
Mr Jim Puki
Mr Peter Richardson
Cr Soraya Peke-Mason (arrived 11.51am)
Cr Lynne Sheridan

In attendance: Mrs C Hadley, Chief Executive
Mr M Hodder, Community Services Group Manager
Ms D Servante, Senior Policy Analyst
Ms Z Grammaticogiannis, Executive Officer

Apologies: Ms Hari Benevides
His Worship the Mayor, Chalky Leary

Tabled Documents: Item 11 – Letter to Mr G Matthews; attendance of G Matthews

1 Karakia / Welcome

The formal welcome took place at the workshop prior to the meeting.

Mr Turia gave an update on the workshop discussion. The Komiti believed Council should have direct relationships with iwi, noting that those iwi who have completed their settlement process have more resources available than those still progressing settlement. For those still settling, Te Roopu Ahi Kaa was seen as a lifeline for a relationship. There was a lot of value in Te Roopu Ahi Kaa having a relationship with Council, but it was agreed other things could be done to improve outcomes. The relationship between Council and Te Roopu Ahi Kaa should continue, but direct relationships developed between iwi and Council. The iwi/Council relationships should be more defined, and they will deal with more specific issues, rather than the generic issues between Te Roopu Ahi Kaa and Council. There was a need to define what each relationship would be responsible for.

2 Public forum

There were no members of the public present.

3 Apologies / Leave of Absence

That the apologies from H Benevides and His Worship the Mayor be received.

J Puki/P Richardson. Carried

4 Confirmation of order of business

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That the continued absence of Mr G Matthews be discussed as a late item.

B Ball/B Maremare. Carried

5 Whakatau Nga Tuhinga Korero / Confirmation of minutes

There was an amendment to the minutes – the recording of Mr Maremare as both present and an apology (he was not present).

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That the Minutes of the Te Roopu Ahi Kaa meeting held on 13 September 2011, as amended, be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

J Puki/B Ball. Carried

6 Chair's report

Mr Turia advised that Mr Phil Heatley, Minister for Housing NZ would be at Ratana to look at the housing development project. He was coming to review phase one of the project (existing housing needs), but would also be discussing phase two (further housing development of 60 homes). Mr Turia also gave an update on the progress made with phase one.

Mrs Hadley also advised Council had received advice its application to the Ministry of Health Drinking Water Standards fund was unsuccessful. This was enormously disappointing as Council had worked closely with the public health team from Good Health Wanganui. She advised that a total upgrade would cost approximately \$1.3M. Also, Ratana's wastewater scheme was at a very basic level, and an upgrade of approximately \$1.5M was needed. Council was currently considering its affordability options. The addition of 60 homes within the new housing development would make a dramatic difference in spreading costs over ratepayers.

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That the Chair's report be received.

P Turia/J Cunningham. Carried

7 Financial report

As the report was incomplete, the Komiti left this item.

8 Comparing the future of Te Roopu Ahi Kaa as an advisory group against the value of direct relationships between Iwi and Council

Mr Turia advised he had discussed this earlier, but felt it would be useful for members to have discussions with their respective hapu/iwi before a workshop was held on 13 December.

9 Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (as presented to Strategic Planning and Policy Committee, 29 September 2011)

Ms Servante spoke to the plan, and provided information on the consultation process. There was some discussion about the various options presented in the plan, and the Komiti were particularly concerned about the need to preserve the environment for future generations. They were supportive of the educational programmes being run in schools, and a suggestion of a campaign on recycling, similar to drink driving campaigns was made. Also of concern was the accessibility of recycling – while available at waste transfer stations, this was not seen as an 'easy' option.

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That the Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (as presented to Strategic Planning & Policy Committee, 29 September 2011) be received.

B Ball/B Maremare. Carried

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That the suggestions made by Te Roopu Ahi Kaa (relating to greater education; advocacy on costs; and the provision of recycling drop off points in town centres) be considered.

J Puki/P Turia. Carried.

10 Marking Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee in 2012

There were no suggestions for marking the proclamation of Queen Elizabeth II.

11 Late items

Continued Absence of Mr George Matthews.

Mr Turia advised that there had been a number of discussions regarding Mr Matthew's absences, and referred to the letter from Mrs Campbell sent in July, at the Komiti's request. Mrs Hadley advised that under the Memorandum of Understanding/Tutohinga, Council would write to each representative body/iwi to advise their nominated representative on the Komiti. The letter from Mrs Campbell states that in July, there was no record of Mr Matthew's re-nomination, and nothing has been received since. There was some discussion on this, and on Standing Orders (SO3.6.4). Mr Gray felt there had been a breach of the rules, and this was endorsed by Mr Maremare. Cr Sheridan also questioned whether Mr Matthews had received payment from Council, and Mrs Hadley advised this was quite likely.

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That in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding/Tutohinga; and as no advice of re-nomination for Mr G Matthews was received from Kapua/Nga Wairiki (and no other nomination made), Kapua/Nga Wairiki be advised, in writing, that membership on Te Roopu Ahi Kaa be terminated, and all payments be ceased.

P Turia/J Puki. Carried

Undertaking **Subject** **Deputy Chair Election**

It was agreed this should be an agenda item for the next meeting.

12 Panui

Mrs Ball advised the Annual Whanau Sports Day was held on the weekend, and went well despite the weather.

13 Date of next meeting

13 December 2011 – workshop starting at 10am, followed by the meeting at 11am.

14 Karakia – 12.05 pm

Mr Maremare closed the meeting with a karakia.

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: _____