



Rangitikei District Council

Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti – Joint Meeting with Rangitikei District Council

Minutes – Tuesday 21 April 2009 – 10:00 a.m.

Tini Waitara Marae

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Minutes

Present: Mr A Maremare, Chair
Mr M Gray
Mr P Richardson
Mr J Cunningham
Mr G Hipango
Mr C Shenton
Mr P Steedman
His Worship the Mayor, C Leary
Cr J Byford
Cr E Cherry
Cr G Collie
Cr S Peke-Mason
Cr L Sheridan
Cr J Strugnell
Cr A Watson

In attendance: Mrs C Hadley, Chief Executive
Mr M Hodder, Community Service Group Manager
Mr A Rurawhe, Chair, Te Runanga o Ngati Apa
Miss Z Grammaticogiannis, Executive Officer

Apologies: Mr R Steedman
Mr P Turia
Mr J Puki
Ms H Benevides
Mr G Matthews
Cr S Harris
Cr M Jones
Cr D Brown
Cr K Murphy

1 Formal welcome onto Tini Waitara Marae

2 Apologies / Leave of Absence

That the apologies for absence from Mr R Steedman, Mr P Turia, Mr G Matthews, Mr J Puki, Ms H Benevides, Crs Brown, Harris, Jones and Murphy be received.

Cr Watson/J Cunningham. Carried

3 Welcome to Geoffrey Hipango as the Ratana Community's new representative on Te Roopu Ahi Kaa

Mr Maremare welcomed Mr Hipango to Te Roopu Ahi Kaa.

4 Nomination of Cr Soraya Peke-Mason for the Local Government New Zealand Māori Advisory Committee

Cr Peke-Mason gave an explanation of the process. Members supported the nomination of Cr Peke-Mason as a candidate.

Resolved minute number: 09/IWI/010

That Te Roopu Ahi Kaa endorse Cr Soraya Peke-Mason as a candidate for nomination to the LGNZ Maori Advisory Committee.

J Cunningham/M Gray. Carried

5 Ngati Apa settlement – aims, aspirations and what is sought from Council

Mr Rurawhe gave a presentation on the Ngati Apa Settlement; Mr Shenton spoke to his presentation on the aims and aspirations of Ngati Apa.

Following the presentations there was some discussion on importance of developing good working relationships with Council, and providing input to the District Plan review process.

9 Changes to the Resource Management Act

Cr Strugnell spoke to her report, following the discussion on the District Plan review, and related topics.

6 Update on Regional Partnership Programme/Major Regional Initiative/RED Trust

Mr Rurawhe advised that he had spoken with Mr Huwyler, who was the Rangitikei District representative on the RED Trust/RPP. It was felt that significant changes had taken place since the document was signed in 2002, and that the plan had not lived up to its promise from the iwi perspective. It was timely to look at what the RPP was all about. The change in Minister had a big impact. While a good job had been done, some 'partners on the trail' got left behind. There was a need to relook at what benefits there were for the district, what actual benefits there were as a whole.

Regarding the MRI, there was significant funding available, the benefits of this to the district need to be looked at. Ngati Apa had issues with the original branding and the way the package was being presented, and expressed this concerns to the previous mayor. Significant changes were made in the branding exercise, however one big issues is that old, incorrect draft versions are still out there, and recently shown in the newspapers. If there was buy-in, it is a worthwhile brand to pursue. The main concern is that nothing is prepared, no tourism infrastructure is in place, ie visitors come to Ratana – nothing in place, people are not prepared for tourists etc. Ngati Apa would be interested in pursuing this development side.

Another option for Ngati Apa would be to withdraw from the RPP, and look at joining with other TA's. Ngati Apa attended a meeting last year with (then) Associate Minister Maryann Street, along with seven other iwi, who advised that they could join up with any other TA group, as long as everyone was in agreement. With the new government, it is unclear where the initiative is going, and there may be the need to look at other options, either collectively or individually. Ngati Apa would hope to continue with the Rangitikei District Council, there have been good working relationships on a number of issues, it would be good for this to continue, and discuss, and be able to brief each other on position.

7 Update on water

As tabled

8 Draft LTCCP – flavour of submissions

As tabled

10 Items not on the Agenda

11 Date of next meeting of the Komiti

16 June 2009

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12 Panui

13 Karakia – 12.37pm

Mr Cunningham closed the meeting with a karakia.

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: _____