



Rangitikei District Council

Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti Meeting

Minutes – Tuesday 16 June 2009 – 10:10 a.m.

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Present:

- Mr R Steedman
- Mr G Hipango
- Mr M Gray
- Mr A Maremare
- Mr P Steedman
- Mr J Cunningham
- Ms H Benevides
- Mr P Turia
- Mr C Shenton
- Mr P Richardson
- Mr G Matthews
- Cr L Sheridan

In attendance:

- Mrs C Hadley, Chief Executive
- Mr M Hodder, Community Services Group Manager
- Ms Denise Servante, Policy Analyst
- Miss Z Grammaticogiannis, Executive Officer

1 Karakia / Welcome

Mr Maremare opened the meeting with a karakia, Mr R Steedman welcomed the Komiti to the meeting.

2 Appointment of new Chair of Te Roopu Ahi Kaa and of new representative from Ngati Whitikaupeka

Resolved minute number: 09/IWI/011

That the resignation of Richard Steedman as Ngati Whitikaupeka Iwi representative and Chair of Te Roopu Ahi Kaa be accepted.

J Cunningham/A Maremare. Carried

Nominations for Chair were:

Mr George Matthews – nominated by Mr Gray and Mr P Steedman

Mr Pahia Turia – nominated by Mr Maremare and Mr Shenton

Resolution:

That nominations for the position of Chair be closed.

J Cunningham/G Hipango. Carried

Mr Turia and Mr Matthews left the room.

There was some discussion on whether the Deputy Chair should automatically assume the position of Chair, and whether this protocol was noted anywhere. Mrs Hadley advised it was not, and the Komiti were free to decide how they wished to elect their Chair.

Motion:

That the Deputy Chair (Pahia Turia) assume the position of Chair for the remainder of the triennium (till October 2010).

A Maremare/J Cunningham

After further discussion, this motion was withdrawn and it was agreed that a vote should take place.

George Matthews – 4 votes

Pahia Turia – 5 votes

Resolved minute number: 09/IWI/012

That Pahia Turia be appointed Chair of Te Roopu Ahi Kaa.

A Maremare/C Shenton. Carried

There was further discussion on the appointment of a Deputy Chair and following comment from the Chief Executive, Mr Maremare requested that the decision be made at the next meeting, after a report on the matter had been received.

Mr Maremare also thanked and acknowledged Mr R Steedman for his time as Chair and for the work undertaken on behalf of Te Roopu Ahi Kaa.

Mr Turia took the Chair and endorsed Mr Maremare's comments, thanking Mr R Steedman for his time on the Komiti, and his leadership through difficult times.

Mr Matthews raised his concern about the vacant Deputy Chair position, as he felt the Komiti was vulnerable without the position filled. His comments were supported by Mr Gray, Cr Sheridan and Ms Benevides.

Resolved minute number: 09/IWI/013

That the election of the Deputy Chair take place now.

Mr Matthews/Cr Sheridan. Carried

Nomination for Deputy Chair was:

Mr George Matthews – nominated by Mr Cunningham and Mr P Steedman

Resolved minute number: 09/IWI/014

That George Matthews be appointed Deputy Chair of Te Roopu Ahi Kaa.

J Cunningham/P Steedman. Carried

3 Public Forum

There were no public present.

4 Apologies / Leave of Absence

That the apology for lateness from H Benevides be received.

G Hipango/P Richardson. Carried

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

There was no change to the order of business.

6 Whakatau Nga Tuhinga Korero / Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number: 09/IWI/015

That the Minutes of the Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti meeting held on 17 February 2009 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting; AND

That the Minutes of the Joint Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti meeting with the Rangitikei District Council held on 21 April 2009 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

P Richardson/Cr Sheridan. Carried

7 Chair's Report

The Chair made no formal report, other than to note that the next election would be short.

8 Draft Reserve Management Plan for Taihape Memorial Park

Ms Servante spoke to her report, and asked the Komiti for their comments.

Mr R Steedman advised that while the report advised there were no Treaty claims, there actually was. His advice for consultation would be to directly contact Te Runanga o Ngati Tamakopiri.

Mr Turia said he could see there had been a big investment put into the process already, which could be in vain if there is a pending claim on the land. He suggested engaging tangata whenua at the beginning, as this may change the amount of work in the process.

Resolved minute number: 09/IWI/016

That the report on the draft Memorial Park Reserve Management Plan be received.

G Matthews/C Shenton. Carried

Resolved minute number: 09/IWI/017

That the Komiti makes to Council the following comments on the draft Memorial Park Reserve Management Plan – that Council enter into dialogue with Te Runanga o Ngati Tamakopiri.

H Benevides/Cr Sheridan. Carried

9 Attendance at the 8th Māori Legal Forum

There was discussion about who had attended in the past, and the benefits of attending this conference, or others such as Federation of Maori Authorities (FoMA).

Resolved minute number: 09/IWI/018

That Te Roopu Ahi Kaa recommends to Council that Pahia Turia attend the 8th Maori Legal Forum, 28-29 July 2009, with registration fees, one night's overnight accommodation and mileage being paid from the Komiti's 2008/09 budget, on the understanding that a written report of the Forum will be provided to the August meetings of both the Komiti and the Council.

C Shenton/P Richardson. Carried

10 Having representation from Te Roopu Ahi Kaa on the Leisure Plan Implementation Group

Resolved minute number: 09/IWI/019

That the memorandum on having representation from Te Roopu Ahi Kaa on the Leisure Plan Implementation Group be received.

C Shenton/A Maremare

Resolved minute number: 09/IWI/020

That Te Roopu Ahi Kaa recommend to Council that Geoffrey Hipango be the Komiti's representative on the Leisure Plan Implementation Group for the remainder of the 2007-10 triennium.

H Benevides/M Gray. Carried

11 Progressing the Komiti's strategic plan

There was discussion on the joint meeting held at Tini Waitara, with those who attended very pleased with the discussion and presentations, and the opportunities for relationship building.

Mr Turia apologised for being unable to attend, and advised he would like to focus on the strategic plan in future meetings. He felt there were a number of items that could be 'ticked off' in the plan. He noted that there were a number of iwi groups at varying stages of

development, and that it was easier to build relationships with Council if everyone was aware of what those stages were. Over the next 12 months he would like to look at advancing particular outcomes, being proactive about advancing the plan, and providing performance measures. A workshop, to identify key outcomes under each goal, and designating those goals for actioning, was proposed to take place before the next meeting. It was agreed the next meeting would start, with the workshop, at 9.00am on 18 August.

12 Items not on the Agenda

13 Date of Next Meeting

18 August 2009 – 9.00am workshop start

14 Panui

Ms Benevides advised that Morikaunui was in the top three farms for the Maori Farmer of the Year competition.

Mr Hipango invited the Komiti to attend the 25 July launch of the Ratana Community Development initiative, and advised that the Prime Minister would also be attending.

Cr Sheridan advised the next meeting of the Rangitikei Heritage Group would be on 29 July at 3.00pm.

15 Karakia - 12.10pm

Mr Cunningham closed the meeting with a karakia.

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: _____