

# MINUTES

## TE ROOPUU AHI KAA MEETING

**Date:** Tuesday, 13 August 2024

**Time:** 11.00am

**Venue:** Council Chamber  
Rangitikei District Council  
46 High Street  
Marton

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**Tumuaki:** Ms Piki Te Ora Hiroa

**Tumuaki Tuarua:** Ms Kim Savage

**Nga mema:** Mr Thomas Curtis (Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hauiti)  
Ms Marj Heeney (Ngāi Te Ohuake)  
Ms Moira Raukawa (Ngāti Tamakopiri) (Zoom)  
Ms Leanne Hiroti, (Ngā Ariki Turakina)  
Ms Grace Taiaroa, (Ratana Pa)  
Dr Katarina Gray-Sharp (Ngāti Rangī)  
Cr Coral Raukawa  
Cr Gill Duncan

**Manuhiri:** Mrs Carol Gordon, Group Manager- Strategy, Community & Democracy  
Mr Arno Benadie, Chief Operating Officer  
Ms Katrina Gray, Manager Strategy and Development  
Mr Jarrod Calkin, Economic Wellbeing Lead  
Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

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## 1 Welcome / Karakia

Ms Hiroa opened the meeting at 11.06am with a karakia.

## 2 Apologies

**Resolved minute number 24/IWI/040**

Apologies were received from HWTM Andy Watson and CE Kevin Ross.

Ms M Raukawa/Ms P Hiroa. Carried

## 3 Public Forum

There was no public forum.

## 4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interests declared.

## 5 Confirmation of Order of Business

There was no change to the order of business.

## 6 Confirmation of Minutes

### Amendment:

That Katarina Gray- Sharp full name be included in the apologies.

Spelling error item 10.1 be amended from structing to structuring.

**Resolved minute number 24/IWI/041**

That the minutes of Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Meeting held on 11 June 2024 **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 M Heeney/Ms K Savage. Carried

## 7 Follow-up Actions

### 7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Meetings

Item 2 - Map in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Mrs Gordon noted that a map showing iwi boundaries has been included in the MOU and that at the end of the meeting all representatives are asked to sign the final MOU.

**Resolved minute number 24/IWI/042**

That the report 'Follow-up Action Items from Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Meetings' be received.

Ms L Hiroti/Dr K Gray-Sharp. Carried

## 8 Chair's Report

### 8.1 Chair's Report, Including Updates from Pre-Hui August 2024

Ms Hiroa read her report to the Komiti.

**Resolved minute number 24/IWI/043**

That the 'Chair's Report – August 2024' be received.

Ms P Hiroa/Dr K Gray-Sharp. Carried

## 9 Reports for Decision

### 9.1 Consideration of Māori Wards

All komiti members supported Council retaining Māori wards, however noting that there were concerns about the cost of the poll and would prefer that the poll was not a requirement.

Ms Hiroa highlighted the role that Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa members have had in the past to establish Māori ward seats for Council and the work that has previously been completed.

**Resolved minute number 24/IWI/044**

That the report 'Consideration of Māori Wards' be received.

Ms K Savage/Mr T Curtis. Carried

**Resolved minute number 24/IWI/045**

That Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa recommend to Council that they make the following decision on Māori wards (as required under the Local Government (Electoral Legislation and Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Act 2024):

To retain Māori wards for the 2025 election and hold a poll.

Mr T Curtis/Dr K Gray-Sharp. Carried Unanimous

## 10 Reports for Information

### 10.1 Verbal Update on Staffing Matters

The komiti welcomed Ratana representative Ms Grace Taiaroa as the new representative and acknowledged the work done by Mr Meihana on the komiti.

Mrs Gordon advised there has been an internal organisational restructure and introduced Mrs Jo Manuel in her new role of Manager Mana Whenua and Community Hubs. Mrs Manuel will provide greater resource in the mana whenua space as Council looks for Ms Brown's replacement. The third person to support this team will be Mrs Bovey working in the heritage and culture space.

The Komiti acknowledged the work of Ms Brown and supported the approach there is more resource available in this space.

**Resolved minute number 24/IWI/046**

That the 'Verbal Update on Staffing Matters' be received.

Mr T Curtis/Ms K Savage. Carried

### 10.2 Verbal Update from Chief Executive on Local Water Done Well

On behalf of the CE, Mr Benadie provided an update to Komiti members.

Members asked if any of the work previously completed could be used to support the new proposal from central government. Mr Benadie responded that there is limited work that can be used noting that Council was completing work with GHD to progress work within the region. Council has requested that GHD continue this work more in-depth.

Staff responded to questions relating to engagement and consultation. Due to the short time frame and that there is no requirement to consult with the public as part of this process, it is likely engagement will be an opportunity to inform the community of Council's proposed position.

The Komiti noted that there would be benefit in having a workshop on this topic to enable them to discuss and understand the impacts more thoroughly. It was agreed to hold this in September.

Mrs Gordon informed the Komiti that there is a DIA webinar that is available to watch, and will pass this onto the members.

**Resolved minute number 24/IWI/047**

That the 'Verbal Update from CE on Local Water Done Well' be received.

Ms L Hiroti/Mr T Curtis. Carried

### 10.3 Introduction to the development of an Economic Wellbeing Strategy and Action Plan

Mr Calkin noted the previous Economic Development Strategy took a different approach as it was written during the pandemic.

There were concerns from the Komiti regarding the short timelines proposed. It was noted that this is due to completing the strategy before the annual plan so that any actions can be taken in consideration.

**Resolved minute number 24/IWI/048**

That the 'Introduction to the development of an Economic Wellbeing Strategy' report is received

Ms M Raukawa/Dr K Gray-Sharp. Carried

#### **10.4 Horizons Update**

The report was taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 24/IWI/049**

That the report 'Horizons Update' be received.

Ms K Savage/Ms L Hiroti. Carried

#### **10.5 Mayor's Report**

As the Mayor was not present for the meeting his report was taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 24/IWI/050**

That the Mayor's Report – 25 July 2024 be received.

Ms M Raukawa/Ms M Heeney. Carried

#### **10.6 Project Management Office Report – June 2024**

Mrs Gordon noted that Baked Design Ltd have been engaged to support Council on the design phase for the replacement of the offices and library in Marton.

**Resolved minute number 24/IWI/051**

That the report 'Project Management Office Report - June 2024' be received.

Mr T Curtis/Ms K Savage. Carried

#### **10.7 External Submissions Update**

The komiti thanked staff for including this item in the order paper and said it provided beneficial information to members.

**Resolved minute number 24/IWI/052**

That the report 'External Submissions Update' be received.

Dr K Gray-Sharp/Ms M Raukawa. Carried

**The meeting closed at 12.42pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti held on 8 October 2024.**

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**Chairperson**