

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 72 LAKE TERRACE, TAUPŌ  
ON TUESDAY, 7 FEBRUARY 2017 AT 2.00PM**

**PRESENT:** Mayor David Trewavas (in the Chair), Cr Zane Cozens, Cr Rosie Harvey, Cr Barry Hickling, Cr Rosanne Jollands, Cr Tangonui Kingi, Cr Anna Park, Cr Christine Rankin, Cr Kirsty Trueman, Cr John Williamson

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Chief Executive, Group Manager: Finance & Strategy, Group Manager: Corporate & Community, Group Manager: Business & Technology, Group Manager: Operational Services, Democracy & Community Engagement Manager, Communications Manager, Corporate Solicitor, Infrastructure Manager, Policy Manager, Senior Policy Advisor, Finance Manager, Group Accountant, Senior Reserves Planner, Strategic Relationships Manager, Senior Communications Advisor, Communications Advisor, Online Communications Advisor, Community Development Officer and Democratic Services & Legal Officer.

**MEDIA AND PUBLIC:** 45 members of the public

Taupō Times

New Zealand Herald

Turangi/Tongariro Community Board Chairman, Mr A Hema

His Worship the Mayor, D Trewavas welcomed everyone to the meeting. He advised that the webcam was operating. Cr K Trueman opened the meeting with a Karakia.

Notes: His Worship the Mayor left the meeting at 3.55pm. He was not present for resolutions TDC201702/08 – 12 and TDC201702/C01-C02.

Cr Zane Cozens left the meeting at 4.25pm. He was not present for resolutions TDC201702/C01-C02.

## 1 APOLOGIES

### TDC201702/01 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rosanne Jollands

Seconded: Cr John Williamson

That the apology received from Cr John Boddy be accepted.

**CARRIED**

## 2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

His Worship the Mayor, D Trewavas advised that he had sought further legal advice and would not participate in discussion and voting on agenda items 4.1 – 4.4 relating to the Kinloch Lakefront Reserve.

## 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

### 3.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 13 DECEMBER 2016

#### TDC201702/02 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Christine Rankin

Seconded: Cr Barry Hickling

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 13 December 2016 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

His Worship the Mayor vacated the Chair at this point [2.02pm] and Deputy Mayor, Rosie Harvey assumed the Chair for items 4.1 – 4.4.

#### **4 POLICY AND DECISION MAKING**

##### **4.1 KINLOCH LAKEFRONT RESERVE**

###### **TDC201702/03 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Rosanne Jollands

Seconded: Cr Barry Hickling

That Council receives the 173 additional submissions related to the Kinloch Lakefront Reserve.

**CARRIED**

##### **4.2 PETITION - KINLOCH LAKEFRONT RESERVE**

The Chairman of the Kinloch Action Group, Mr John Wordsworth presented a petition entitled "Keep Kinloch Reserve Open For All" [A1859023]. The following points were noted:

- The Council decision on 13 December 2016 to close the Kinloch Lakefront Reserve to vehicles had caused an immediate and strong response from the community and the petition was one output following this response.
- The vast majority of people who signed the petition were of the understanding that it related to vehicle access to the reserve.
- The petition had been signed by approximately 1,600 people and this was a strong testament to the community feeling against the decision to close the reserve to vehicles.
- Comments from people who had signed the petition included support for the assertion that Kinloch is unique and is a place for all to enjoy and the reserve should be easily accessible by people of all ages and abilities including wheelchair users.
- People had expressed grave concerns about the behaviour of the Council to date, however it was hoped that the good work of recent times could continue. This was an opportunity for the people of Kinloch and the Council to work together for the long-term good of Kinloch.

###### **TDC201702/04 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Rosanne Jollands

Seconded: Cr Zane Cozens

That Council receives the Kinloch Lakefront Reserve petition.

**CARRIED**

##### **4.3 KINLOCH LAKEFRONT RESERVE - RECEIPT OF ACTION GROUP INFORMATION**

###### **TDC201702/05 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Barry Hickling

Seconded: Cr John Williamson

That Council receives the information provided by representatives of the Kinloch action group [A1861564].

**CARRIED**

#### 4.4 NOTICE OF MOTION - KINLOCH LAKEFRONT RESERVE

A notice of motion signed by Councillors B Hickling, J Williamson, Z Cozens and R Jollands had been included on the agenda for the meeting, along with background information [A1851488].

The meeting adjourned at 2.31pm and reconvened at 2.35pm.

Following the adjournment, Deputy Mayor R Harvey put the motion and called for a show of hands. Councillors Z Cozens, B Hickling, R Jollands and J Williamson voted in favour of the motion and Councillors A Park, T Kingi, C Rankin and K Trueman voted against the motion.

The meeting adjourned again at 2.44pm and reconvened again at 2.46pm. When the meeting reconvened, Deputy Mayor R Harvey voted in favour of the motion and declared the motion carried five votes to four.

#### TDC201702/06 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr John Williamson

Seconded: Cr Barry Hickling

That Council revokes parts 2. and 3. of resolution number TDC201612/01 of 13 December 2016 in relation to vehicles accessing the Kinloch Lakefront Reserve which are set out below:

*That Council:*

[...]

2. *Agrees to close the reserve to vehicles once additional parking has been created.*
3. *Agrees to make the consequential changes to the reserve management plan to reflect the closure of the reserve to vehicles.*

**CARRIED**

On a further motion "that Council instructs officers to bring back an assessment of the Kinloch Action Group's plan for the Kinloch Lakefront Reserve including costings and how it would be funded, along with staff plans / drawings of the Reserve without vehicles to the March or April 2017 Council meeting, a show of hands was called for, the result being:

Councillors A Park, T Kingi, R Harvey, C Rankin and K Trueman voted in favour of the motion; and

Councillors Z Cozens, B Hickling, R Jollands and J Williamson voted against the motion.

The Deputy Mayor declared the motion carried five votes to four.

#### TDC201702/07 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rosie Harvey

Seconded: Cr Tangonui Kingi

That Council instructs officers to bring back an assessment of the Kinloch Action Group's plan for the Kinloch Lakefront Reserve including costings and how it would be funded, along with staff plans / drawings of the Reserve without vehicles to the March or April 2017 Council meeting.

**CARRIED**

His Worship the Mayor assumed the Chair again at this point [2.59pm].

#### 4.5 PETITION - KURATAU-OMORI EROSION

The Chairman of the Kuratau Omori Preservation Society Inc, Mr Rod Neveldsen presented a petition entitled "The Kuratau-Omori Erosion Petition" dated January 2017 [A1865370 and A1865373]. Mr Neveldsen addressed the Council, reading from presentation notes which were tabled [A1863848].

Mr Mike Bowie, Chairman of the Omori Kuratau Ratepayers Association then addressed the Council, also reading from presentation notes which were tabled [A1863850], along with two photographs showing erosion in Kuratau [A1863859].

A series of 23 photographs were also shown on the big screens in the Council Chamber [A1860479-82].

In answer to a question Mr Neveldsen advised that the petition would be presented to Waikato Regional Council's Lake Taupō Catchment Committee on 1 March 2017. A presentation would be made to the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board on 14 February 2017 to ensure Community Board members were also brought up to date.

The Chief Executive advised that the Tonkin & Taylor report was expected to be available within two weeks and would include costings.

In answer to another question, Ms Anne McLeod [Waikato Regional Council] advised that the process for deciding whether or not consent conditions need to be reviewed was due to start in 2018.

In conclusion Mr Neveldsen urged Council to take immediate action to address the situation in Kuratau and Omori.

#### **TDC201702/08 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Tangonui Kingi

Seconded: Cr Zane Cozens

That Council receives the Kuratau-Omori Erosion petition.

**CARRIED**

#### **4.6 ADOPTION OF DRAFT FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW FOR CONSULTATION**

The Senior Policy Advisor advised that the following minor edits would be made to the consultation documents:

- Clause 6 of the draft Bylaw: change "Taupō District" to "local authority area"
- Clause 7 of the draft Bylaw: remove reference to "non-self-contained vehicle"
- First paragraph of the Statement of Proposal: change "allow" freedom camping to "manage" freedom camping and correct typographical error

Members requested some minor changes to the draft consultation documents prior to release.

In answer to a question the Chief Executive advised that the proposal for Kinloch was effectively the status quo.

#### **TDC201702/09 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Christine Rankin

Seconded: Cr Barry Hickling

That Council

1. Agrees, in accordance with section 11(2)(a) of the Freedom Camping Act 2011, that a Freedom Camping Bylaw is the best mechanism to protect an area, the health and safety of persons and access to an area.
2. Agrees, in accordance with section 11(2)(b) of the Freedom Camping Act 2011, that the Freedom Camping Bylaw is the best mechanism to address the issues associated with freedom camping.
3. Agrees, in accordance with section 11(2)(c) of the Freedom Camping Act 2011, that the Freedom Camping Bylaw is not inconsistent with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.
4. Adopts, in accordance with section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002, the Statement of Proposal on freedom camping and the draft Freedom Camping Bylaw for consultation and invite the public to make submissions.

**CARRIED**

#### **4.7 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

The Chief Executive introduced his report and staff answered questions. The following points were noted:

- Tenders for the footpath between Wharewaka and Rainbow Point had come in too high, so staff were considering how to minimise costs.

- The Turangi Wastewater Treatment Project had been delayed due to the fact that Department of Internal Affairs dredging would not take place until next summer.
- Kinloch Wastewater Disposal Field – staff were working through issues raised by three submitters.

His Worship the Mayor left the meeting at this point [3.55pm] and Deputy Mayor Cr Rosie Harvey assumed the Chair again.

In conclusion the Chief Executive introduced Mr Kevin Strongman, Group Manager: Operational Services.

#### **TDC201702/10 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr John Williamson

Seconded: Cr Barry Hickling

That Council notes the information contained in the Chief Executive Officer's report for the month of December 2016.

**CARRIED**

#### **4.8 GREAT LAKE TAUPŌ HOCKEY CLUB - REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR REPLACEMENT OF ARTIFICIAL TURF**

Great Lake Taupō Hockey Club representatives Robyn Harrison and Paul Wilson were in attendance and in response to questions advised that:

- The Club facilities were able to be hired out by other hockey organisations, but otherwise were locked for security reasons.
- The average life of a hockey turf is 10-12 years. The current Taupō turf was 15 years old.

#### **TDC201702/11 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Barry Hickling

Seconded: Cr Christine Rankin

That Council approves expenditure of \$104,140 [excl GST] from Council's renewal budget to replace of the artificial turf at the Great Lake Hockey Club grounds.

**CARRIED**

#### **4.9 WAIKATO PLAN FUNDING**

Members expressed concern at the request for additional funding, but decided to continue Council's involvement with the Waikato Plan project which was nearing completion.

#### **TDC201702/12 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr John Williamson

Seconded: Cr Kirsty Trueman

That Council approves unbudgeted expenditure of \$13,500 (exclusive of GST) for the purpose of preparing and consulting on the Waikato Plan.

**CARRIED**

Councillors Zane Cozens and Rosanne Jollands requested their dissent to resolution TDC20170212 above be recorded.

#### **4.10 LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXCELLENCE PROGRAMME**

The Finance Manager advised that the second tranche intake would start in September / October 2017.

**TDC201702/13 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Barry Hickling  
 Seconded: Cr Christine Rankin

That Council agrees to join the LG Excellence Programme in the second tranche intake.

**CARRIED**

**5 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**

**TDC201702/14 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Rosie Harvey  
 Seconded: Cr Rosanne Jollands

**RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC**

I move that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48[1] of the local government official information and meetings act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

<b>General subject of each matter to be considered</b>	<b>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</b>	<b>Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</b>
<p><b>Agenda Item No: 5.1</b>                      Confirmation of Confidential Portion of Ordinary Council Minutes - 13 December 2016</p>	<p>Section 6(a) - the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences, and the right to a fair trial</p>	<p>Section 48(1)(a)(i)- the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6</p>
<p><b>Agenda Item No: 5.2</b>                      Appointment of Community Representatives to the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group</p>	<p>Section 7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons</p>	<p>Section 48(1)(a)(i)- the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 7</p>

**CARRIED**

At 4.25pm, Cr Zane Cozens left the meeting.

Note: Resolution TDC2017/C02 was made with the public excluded but was released shortly after the meeting and can therefore appear in the public part of the minutes.

**5.2 APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES TO THE MANGAKINO/POUAKANI REPRESENTATIVE GROUP**

**TDC201702/C15 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Kirsty Trueman  
Seconded: Cr Rosanne Jollands

1. That Council appoints Memory Te Whaiti, Mark Seymour and Lisa de Thierry as Community Representatives to the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group.
2. That the Community Representatives of the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group be eligible for a meeting allowance fee of \$100 and meeting expenses that conform to the Council's Expenses and Remuneration Policy 2016.
3. That resolutions 1 and 2 be released from confidence once applicants have been advised of the outcome.

**CARRIED**

**The meeting closed at 4.29pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council meeting held on 28 February 2017.**

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**CHAIRPERSON**