

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 72 LAKE TERRACE, TAUPŌ  
ON TUESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY 2017 AT 2.00PM**

**PRESENT:** Mayor David Trewavas (in the Chair), Cr John Boddy, 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: Business & Technology, Group Manager: Operational Services, Democracy & Community Engagement Manager, Communications Manager, Corporate Solicitor, Infrastructure Manager, Group Accountant, Finance Manager, Policy Manager, Senior Policy Advisors, Strategic Relationships Manager, Acting Business Development Manager, Business Development Coordinator, Online Communications Advisor and Democratic Services & Legal Officer.  
Mr Damian Coutts, Destination Great Lake Taupō General Manager.

**MEDIA AND PUBLIC:** Four members of the public.

Notes:

- (i) His Worship the Mayor, D Trewavas welcomed everyone to the meeting and Cr Kirsty Trueman opened the meeting with a Karakia.
- (ii) Agenda item 6.3 [Ruapehu Alpine Lifts] was shifted from the confidential agenda and considered in the public part of the meeting.
- (iii) Agenda items were considered in the following order:
- (iv) Cr Kirsty Trueman left the meeting at 2.59pm. She was not present for resolutions TDC201702/23 – 29 and C03 – C04.

**1 APOLOGIES**

Nil

**2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Nil

**3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**3.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 7 FEBRUARY 2017**

A member expressed embarrassment and disappointment at some of the language used by the person presenting the submission relating to the Kinloch Lakefront Reserve.

In answer to a question, the Chief Executive advised that work was continuing on the Tonkin & Taylor report relating to erosion in the Kuratau – Omori areas.

A concern was raised about the quality of recording of Council meetings. The Chief Executive advised that improvements to the Council Chamber, including the sound system, were being considered as part of a project which would be brought to a workshop in due course.

**TDC201702/15 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Rosanne Jollands  
Seconded: Cr John Williamson

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 7 February 2017 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

#### **4 RECEIPT OF MINUTES**

##### **4.1 ORDINARY FENCES, ROADING, RESERVES & DOGS COMMITTEE MEETING - 31 JANUARY 2017**

###### **TDC201702/16 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Zane Cozens

Seconded: Cr Barry Hickling

That Council receives the minutes of the Fences, Roading, Reserves & Dogs Committee meeting held on Tuesday 31 January 2017.

**CARRIED**

#### **5 POLICY AND DECISION MAKING**

##### **5.1 WAIPAPA STREET, KURATAU - ACCESSWAY STOPPING**

In answer to a question the Chief Executive confirmed that it was preferable for a Council committee to consider this matter, rather than the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board.

###### **TDC201702/17 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Zane Cozens

Seconded: Cr Rosanne Jollands

That Council delegates the power to hear, deliberate and decide on objections to the stopping of the access way adjacent to 27 Waipapa Street, Kuratau to the Fences, Roading, Reserves & Dogs Committee.

**CARRIED**

##### **5.2 EXEMPTION OF DESTINATION LAKE TAUPO LIMITED AND DATA CAPTURE SYSTEMS LIMITED FROM BEING COUNCIL CONTROLLED ORGANISATIONS**

###### **TDC201702/18 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Christine Rankin

Seconded: Cr Rosanne Jollands

That Council, as provided for by Section 7(3) of the Local Government Act 2002, determines that Destination Lake Taupō Limited and Data Capture Systems Limited be exempted from being Council-Controlled Organisations.

**CARRIED**

##### **5.3 SUBMISSION ON THE PROPOSED WAIKATO REGIONAL PLAN CHANGE 1 - WAIKATO AND WAIPA RIVER CATCHMENTS**

A copy of Council's draft submission to Waikato Regional Council had been circulated to members via email [A1867686].

Members requested the following amendments to the draft submission:

- Strengthen Council's concern about the potential negative impacts of the Plan Change on farmers and property values.
- Express concern about the large burden on landowners to provide information, some of which is already held by the regional council.

#### **TDC201702/19 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Zane Cozens

Seconded: Cr John Boddy

That Council endorses the submission to the Proposed Waikato Regional Plan Change 1 – Waikato and Waipa River Catchments (A1867686) (with amendments).

**CARRIED**

#### **5.4 ADOPTION OF THE 2016-19 TRIENNIAL AGREEMENTS WITH REGIONAL COUNCILS**

Tracked change versions of the Hawke's Bay Region and Waikato Region Triennial Agreements had been circulated to members via email [A1880048].

The Senior Policy Advisor provided an update on the status of the Hawke's Bay Region Triennial Agreement. Different versions of that Agreement had been adopted by different councils, so it was recommended that it be adopted by Taupō District at a later date, once the primary signatories had reached agreement on the final version.

#### **TDC201702/20 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Anna Park

Seconded: Cr Kirsty Trueman

That Council adopts the Triennial Agreements for:

1. the Waikato Region as a primary signatory [with recommended amendments] [A1855285]
2. the Bay of Plenty Region as a primary signatory [with recommended amendments] [A1855284]
3. the Horizons Region as a non-primary signatory [with recommended amendments] [A1855283].

**CARRIED**

#### **5.5 CLAUSE 20A CHANGES TO THE DISTRICT PLAN**

#### **TDC201702/21 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Tangonui Kingi

Seconded: Cr Barry Hickling

That Council amends the Taupō District Plan, as identified in Attachment 1 (A1865666), in accordance with Clause 20A of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991.

**CARRIED**

#### **5.6 COUNCIL PERFORMANCE REPORT**

An updated Financial Report was tabled [A1880026].

The Chief Executive introduced the report and noted that the months of November and December 2016 and January 2017 had been very busy for the district. The latest economic indicator report [12 months to December 2016] showed a notable gain in Taupō district's population and its GDP growth over the period was 2.8% compared to the national average of 2.4%.

The Finance, Infrastructure and Policy Managers highlighted key aspects of the report and provided updates on various projects.

A member asked for an update on Acacia Bay speed limits – the Infrastructure Manager would provide this following the meeting.

#### **TDC201702/22 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Anna Park

Seconded: Cr Christine Rankin

That Council notes the information contained in the Council Performance report for the months of November and December 2016, and January 2017.

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at this point [2.43pm] and reconvened at 2.46pm.

### **6.3 RUAPEHU ALPINE LIFTS - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY**

The Group Manager: Business & Technology advised that under Council's Significance & Engagement Policy, no consultation was required prior to making a decision on the proposed unbudgeted expenditure, given the quantum of that expenditure.

Members agreed to approve the unbudgeted expenditure, as it was anticipated that the returns on the investment would be significant and of great benefit to the Taupō district.

#### **TDC201702/23 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Zane Cozens

Seconded: Cr Rosie Harvey

1. That Council approves unbudgeted expenditure of \$100,000 + GST, in 2016/17 from the economic development group of activities budget toward Tourism New Zealand's marketing campaign promoting Taupō as the primary winter resort town to service visitors to the Whakapapa ski fields.
2. That Council approves an increase of \$100,000 + GST to the 2017/18 economic development group of activities budget toward Tourism New Zealand's marketing campaign promoting Taupō as the primary winter resort town to service visitors to the Whakapapa ski fields.

**CARRIED**

At 2.59pm, Cr Kirsty Trueman left the meeting.

### **5.7 ADOPTION OF TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT**

A member requested the addition of Council's Infrastructure Strategy to the list of 'Key Approved Planning and Policy Documents' [clause 13 of the Local Governance Statement].

In answer to a question, the Chief Executive advised that a regular report about Health & Safety was provided to the Audit & Risk Committee, however it was likely this report would come to full Council meetings in the future.

#### **TDC201702/24 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Barry Hickling

Seconded: Cr Anna Park

That Council adopts the draft Taupō District Council Local Governance Statement for publication [with amendments] [A1860509].

**CARRIED**

## **5.8 APPOINTMENT AND REMUNERATION OF DIRECTORS POLICY**

### **TDC201702/25 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Christine Rankin

Seconded: Cr Barry Hickling

That Council adopts the Appointment and Remuneration of Directors Policy 2017 [A1859915].

**CARRIED**

## **5.9 CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **TDC201702/26 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Rosanne Jollands

Seconded: Cr John Williamson

1. That Council adopts the Code of Conduct 2017 [A1816595] and notes that all members will be required to sign the declaration on page 21 of the Code.
2. That Council notes that the Code of Conduct 2017 will also apply to community members appointed or co-opted to committees of Council.

**CARRIED**

## **5.10 COUNCIL ENGAGEMENTS MARCH 2017 AND CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES**

No members were available to attend the Zone 2 meeting in Hamilton on 3 March 2017.

Cr Anna Park advised that the Canterbury Earthquake 'Learn, Prepare, Act Symposium' that was to have taken place from 14 – 16 February 2017 had been postponed.

### **TDC201702/27 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Rosanne Jollands

Seconded: Cr John Boddy

That Council receives the information relating to engagements for March 2017.

**CARRIED**

## **5.11 MEMBERS' REPORTS**

A member congratulated Greenstone Entertainment on the outstanding Taupō Summer Concert event, which had provided valuable networking opportunities.

**Cr Zane Cozens** provided a verbal update on projects underway in Turangi, including:

- Go Tongariro's feasibility study – moving forward after a couple of hitches
- Westervelt Honey – application with Council
- Tesla – Turangi a possible charging centre

**Cr John Williamson** reported that the hui at Nukuhau Marae with the Rauhoto Land Rights Committee to discuss Freedom Camping and Reid's Farm had been well received.

The following members' reports were tabled [A1880085]:

**Cr John Boddy**

- Workshops - Annual Plan and Healthy Rivers Plan Change
- Turangi/Tongariro Community Board meeting
- Age Concern meeting
- Meeting with Robyn McCulloch
- District Licensing Committee hearing - teleconference
- Citizenship Ceremony
- Boat support crew – across the lake swim
- District Licensing Committee hearing – teleconference

**Cr Rosie Harvey**

- Citizens Advice Bureau monthly meeting
- Workshop – Annual Plan
- Workshops - Annual Plan and Healthy Rivers Plan Change
- Meeting with Robyn McCulloch
- Meeting with Rob Henderson re Turangi
- Follow-up meeting with Chief Executive and Mayor re Kinloch

**Cr Rosanne Jollands**

- Taupō Airport Authority Committee meeting
- Womens Refuge meeting / BAC
- Acacia Bay Residents Association meeting
- MFAT
- Greening Taupō meeting
- Morning Council workshops

**Cr Tangonui Kingi**

- Meeting with TTRA – discuss current TLC issue
- Kinloch Reserve meeting
- Turangi I-Site meeting – TDC/DGLT
- Meeting with Chair / Mayor and CEO – 6 weekly meetings
- Turangi I-Site meeting
- Workshop – Long-term Plan
- Monthly Council meeting
- Meeting with ratepayer – discuss Turangi reserves
- Turangi/Tongariro Community Board catchup re Long-term Plan
- Workshop – Annual Plan
- Workshop – Healthy Rivers Plan Change
- Turangi I-Site meeting
- Turangi/Tongariro Community Board meeting
- Met with concerned groups regarding Ricket Street Freedom Camping site
- Met with Turangi Budget Service – funding shortfall due to MSD withdrawing funding
- Emergency Management Committee meeting
- Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group meeting
- Workshops – RAL/Sports Waikato/Flood Hazard Plan Change

**Cr Anna Park**

- Taupō Summer Concert
- Various workshops
- Meeting with Natalie Haines – Mercury
- Emergency Management 2017 discussion
- Meeting with Reid's Farm Hapu
- DGLT meeting re Lions Tour
- Meeting with Robyn McCulloch
- Emergency Management Committee meeting
- Waikato Plan briefing
- Ironkidz 2017
- Waikato Plan Joint Committee meeting
- 2 x full Council meetings

**Cr John Williamson**

- Hui Nukuhau Marae
- Turangi/Tongariro Community Board meeting
- SAC funding
- Meeting with Robyn McCulloch
- Citizenship Ceremony
- Lakes & Waterways Action Group meeting
- SAC grants presentation
- Bike film - cinema

**TDC201702/28 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Tangonui Kingi  
 Seconded: Cr Barry Hickling

That Council receives the reports from members.

**CARRIED**

**6 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**

**TDC201702/29 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Anna Park  
 Seconded: Cr Christine Rankin

**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:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
<p><b>Agenda Item No: 6.1</b>                      Confirmation of Confidential Portion of Ordinary Council Minutes - 7 February 2017</p>	<p>Section 7(2)(i) – the withholding of the information is necessary to enable [the Council] to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)</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>
<p><b>Agenda Item No: 6.2</b>                      Receipt of Confidential Portion of Minutes - Fences, Roading, Reserves &amp; Dogs Committee - 31 January 2017</p>	<p>Section 48(2)(a)(i) – the exclusion of the public from the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting is necessary to enable the Council to deliberate in private on its decision or recommendation where a right of appeal lies to any court or tribunal against the final decision of the</p>	<p>Section 48(2)(a)(i) – the exclusion of the public from the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting is necessary to enable the Council to deliberate in private on its decision or recommendation where a right of appeal lies to any court or tribunal against the final decision of the</p>

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**CARRIED**

Note: The following resolutions were made with the public excluded but were released at the meeting and can therefore appear in the public part of the minutes:

**TDC201702/C30 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Rosanne Jollands  
 Seconded: Cr Barry Hickling

That the confidential portion of the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 7 February 2017 be confirmed as a true and correct record and released from confidence.

**CARRIED**

**TDC201702/C31 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr John Williamson  
 Seconded: Cr Rosanne Jollands

That Council receives the confidential portion of the minutes of the Fences, Roding, Reserves & Dogs Committee meeting held on Tuesday 31 January 2017 and released from confidence.

**CARRIED**

**The meeting closed at 3.19pm.**

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

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**CHAIRPERSON**