

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE TURANGI/TONGARIRO COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING  
HELD AT THE BOARDROOM, TURANGI SERVICE DELIVERY CENTRE (COUNCIL OFFICES),  
TOWN CENTRE, TURANGI  
ON TUESDAY, 14 FEBRUARY 2017 AT 1.00PM**

**PRESENT:** Mr Andy Hema, Cr Zane Cozens, Cr Tangonui Kingi, Mrs Karen Donlon, Miss Sharlyn Holt, Mrs Sally Nelson, Mr Te Takinga New, Mr Wally van der Aa

**IN ATTENDANCE:** His Worship the Mayor David Trewavas, Cr John Boddy, Cr John Williamson, Chief Executive, Group Manager: Business & Technology, Group Manager: Operational Services, District Parks Operations Manager, Parks Operations Manager – Turangi, Strategic Relationships Advisor, Communications Manager, Senior Communications Advisor, Democracy & Community Engagement Manager, and Customer Services/Democracy Support Officer – Turangi

**MEDIA AND PUBLIC:** New Zealand Herald

There were 10 members of the public present throughout the duration of the meeting.

Notes:

- i. *Agenda items were dealt with in the order as scheduled on the agenda with the exception of item 4.6 which was addressed following item 4.3. The item change was to accommodate a late request from Mrs Sandra Greenslade, chair of the Turangi-Tongariro Residents Association, to speak to the Board in relation to the King Country Energy Power Trust [KCEPT] Ownership Review submissions. The Chair had granted the request on the basis that the matter was of high importance to the overall community and, the next Board meeting date in March was only three days short of the 17 March closing date for public submissions on the review.*
- ii. *The meeting was adjourned for a short recess at 2.43pm following item 4.3 and, reconvened at 2.46pm.*
- iii. *The Chief Executive made a special presentation on behalf of the Board to the Strategic Relationships Advisor, Miss Cornelia Dempsey, for her significant contribution and role in the provision and success of local community events such as the annual Turangi Christmas in the Park and Pukawa ki Waitangi Day. In response, she thanked and acknowledged the efforts of the overall team involved including the Christmas in the Park organising committee, fellow volunteers, the Board, and council staff.*
- iv. *Miss Holt left the meeting at 3.01pm during item 4.5 and was not present for item 4.5 and 4.7 resolutions.*
- v. *Councillor Cozens left the meeting at 3.31pm during item 4.6 and was not present for item 4.7 resolution.*

**1 APOLOGIES**

Nil

**2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Nil

**3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**3.1 TURANGI/TONGARIRO COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING - 22 NOVEMBER 2016**

For clarification purposes, members briefly revisited some items noted in the minutes.

**TT201702/01 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Mr Te Takinga New

Seconded: Cr Tangonui Kingii

1. That the minutes of the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board meeting held on Tuesday 22 November 2016 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED****4 REPORTS****4.1 PRESENTATION: CHILDCARE OPTIONS IN TURANGI**

BestStart Educare Limited early childcare centres Area Manager Vanessa Nelly, and Kids at Home Area Coordinator Anna Bateman were in attendance to discuss childcare options for under two year olds following the closure of Purerehua Early Learning Centre in December 2016. Key points noted were:

- Ms Nelly oversaw the community kindy (CK) in Turangi as well as five centres in Taupō.
- When the CK Turangi was first built, it operated under the name of Top Kids Turangi and was licensed to take up to 15 under two year olds. Eventually, management realised that the demand for under 2's care was minimal so they subsequently changed to a community kindy modelled centre. That enabled a dramatic reduction in fees and for the majority, attendance was free.
- Current CK occupancy was at 93% capacity meaning there was no possibility of taking back under 2's. Although the CK still held a valid under 2 license, past figures showed that this age group was not a viable business option. Also, attendance numbers were never stable and the maximum capacity of 15 never fulfilled (the highest was 9 under 2's at any given time).
- A proposed solution was to offer home based care under the 'Kids at Home' arm of BestStart. Home based care was offered in Turangi in 2016 but there was a lack of educarers came forward.
- Some benefits noted for educarers were that there were regular opportunities for professional development - both in the home and centre settings; supplementary income for families as taxable income was very low so WINZ assistance was minimally affected; and, flexibility with contracts as rates could be negotiated between educarer and parent/s.
- Home based educarers were police vetted and could have up to four children at a time.
- Support for home based care services from the community was sought, in particular from stay at home mum's who they believed would make ideal educarers.

In answer to member questions, it was advised that:

- Discussions with management would need to be undertaken if nearby land became available for purchase to enable the building to be extended however there was no immediate plans currently for that.
- A former teacher from Purerehua had started full time at CK and occupancy had increased by 22% since November 2016.
- A child could not enter a home until police vetting was completed; this usually took around 3-4 weeks. Additionally, a full home and property inspection was undertaken to ensure compliance with applicable health and safety legislation.

**TT201702/02 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Mrs Karen Donlon

Seconded: Mr Te Takinga New

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board receives the information on childcare options in Turangi and Ms Nelly and Ms Bateman be thanked for their presentation.

**CARRIED**

## 4.2 PRESENTATION: TONGARIRO RIVER EROSION

Waikato Regional Council [WRC] representatives Allan Kirk - Lake Taupō/Upper Waikato Zone Manager, Anne McLeod – Manager Lake Taupō/Upper Waikato Catchments, and Tina Porou – on behalf of the land owners - were in attendance to discuss Tongariro River erosion, in particular near the Kohineheke Reserve.

Mr Kirk took members through a powerpoint presentation that included images of more higher priority affected erosion areas on the river; erosion processes; and technical options to reduce further river bank erosion.

Mr Kirk acknowledged the historical and current relationship WRC were continuing to build with the land owners, Ngati Turangitukua, and subsequently invited Miss Porou to continue the discussion.

Miss Porou gave a mihi and briefly introduced herself. She acknowledged her predecessor, Ngati Turangitukua elder Mr Arthur Grace for his significant contribution on Tongariro River issues whilst he was alive. Additional key points noted were:

- Ngati Turangitukua held mana whenua [land rights] and mana wai [water rights] over the Tongariro River and its environs, including Turangi township. It was important that the Board understood the genesis of Ngati Turangitukua including the hapu connections to the land and rivers.
- The letter of commitment from Council [TDC] and WRC attached to the deed of settlement [DOS] provided for a partnership with Ngati Turangitukua.
- The Tongariro Power Development [TPD] scheme resulted in many changes to the river and omitted to provide any flood protection in the Ngati Turangitukua owned areas.
- Ngati Turangitukua exclusively owned from the Tongariro River bridge to the Tongariro delta areas.
- A strategic management plan of the lower river area was being developed with a view to expand and include other areas in the future. Land owner meetings had been held and all were committed to the plan.
- A brief overview of the different arms of Ngati Turangitukua was provided: Ngati Turangitukua Maori Committee – a legal entity consisting of a chair, treasurer and secretary; Ngati Turangitukua Environment Committee - send all correspondence to Miriama Prentice and copy to Miss Porou; and, Ngati Turangitukua Charitable Trust - the post settlement government entity.

In answer to member questions, it was advised that:

- Council would receive a copy of the strategic plan.
- All were welcome to attend a future meeting in May 2017.
- Engineers continued to closely monitor the river. The nature of the river was unpredictable, dynamic and volatile however there had been no further loss of river bank since November 2016.
- Currently working on sediment management and how to remove it from the river.
- Ngati Turangitukua would be happy to accompany the Board on a site visit.

### TT201702/03 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Tangonui Kingi

Seconded: Cr Zane Cozens

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board receives the information on Tongariro River erosion and the Waikato Regional Council representatives be thanked for their presentation.

**CARRIED**

## 4.3 PRESENTATION: KURATAU/OMORI LAKESHORE EROSION

Kuratau/Omori Preservation Society representatives Rod and Noeline Neveldsen and, Omori Kuratau Ratepayers Association Chairman Mike Bowie were in attendance to discuss erosion issues in the Kuratau area.

Various documents and images previously presented at the Taupō District Council February meeting including a paper that accompanied an erosion petition, and a paper drafted specifically for presentation to the Board, had been previously circulated (A1883777). Additional photo images were also passed around at the meeting for each member to view.

Due to time constraints, Mr Neveltsen advised that he would only highlight main points although he hoped that members would take the time to read through the entire documents.

Key points noted were:

- Mr Neveltsen was not an erosion expert however he had spent the past 11 years making comments on erosion.
- The Kuratau/Omori community were frustrated at the perceived lack of action in relation to erosion issues in the area. Consequently, over one thousand Omori/Kuratau ratepayers and residents had signed the petition presented to Council in February 2017 so that an erosion assessment and, implementation of required remedial work was expedited.
- The Omori boat ramp road/area was under serious erosion threat. Additionally, there was a sewage manhole located on the lake edge and turbulent weather could enable a breach which would prove catastrophic.
- Desired that WRC, TDC and the Board became unified to find a resolution.

In answer to member questions, it was advised that:

- The District Parks Operations Manager had recently been onsite to look at the current situation.
- A district wide flood and erosion strategy was undertaken in 2008.
- A member believed that the Board should take a stance/view and support those communities such as Omori and Kuratau who sought support from TDC.
- The Chief Executive advised that the current budget for erosion issues sat alongside WRC which was a 55/45 split (WRC/TDC respectively). The process involved identifying the highest priority areas, and then funding accordingly. Council had previously undertaken extensive sand deposits and beach nourishment work however, natural movement within the environment had since undermined that.
- Mr Bowie asked that the Board advocate to Council to address the problems promptly.

#### **TT201702/04 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Mrs Karen Donlon  
Seconded: Mr Wally van der Aa

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board receives the information on Kuratau/Omori lakeshore erosion and Mr Neveltsen be thanked for his presentation.

**CARRIED**

#### **4.4 COMMUNITY BOARD TRAINING AND 2017 COMMUNITY BOARD CONFERENCE**

The Democracy & Community Engagement Manager introduced the item and called for expressions of interest from members to attend the 2017 New Zealand Community Boards Conference along with the Strategic Relationships Advisor.

#### **TT201702/05 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Zane Cozens  
Seconded: Cr Tangonui Kingi

1. That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board approves Mr Andy Hema and Mr Te Takinga New's attendance at the New Zealand Community Boards Conference in Methven on 12-13 May 2017 at an estimated cost of \$800.00 exclusive of GST plus travel expenses per person.
2. That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board retrospectively approves Mr Andy Hema and Mr Te

Takeinga New's attendance at the Local Government New Zealand Community Board Chairs workshop held on 11 February at Taupō at a cost of \$100.00 exclusive of GST plus travel expenses per person.

**CARRIED**

#### **4.5 TURANGI OPERATIONS REPORT - NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2016**

A report from the District Parks Operations Manager had been circulated along with January 2017/16 statistics for the Turangi Public Library, Turtle Pools and, service requests received for January 2017.

Prior to introducing his report, the District Parks Operations Manager introduced the new Group Manager – Operational Services Kevin Strongman. The District Parks Operations Manager then spoke to his report. Key points noted were:

- Increased spectator figures at the Turtle Pools would be due to the closed public toilets.
- The Turtle Pools would be closed from 6 March and reopen for the junior triathlon (only) on 25 March. Normal hours for the general public would resume from Sunday, 26 March. Swimwell lessons would continue at Kuratau School during that time.
- Five thousand cubic metres of sand had been deposited at Kuratau lakeshore during 2012-2013.

The following member comments were also noted:

- High lake levels were also contributing to erosion with properties on the periphery.
- Town street sweeping contractor had done an excellent job.
- Thanks was extended to the Turangi parks and reserves team for their assistance and contribution to local events.
- Congratulations to Mr Strongman on his appointment.

#### **TT201702/06 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Mr Wally van der Aa

Seconded: Mrs Karen Donlon

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board receives the Turangi Operations Report for November and December 2016.

**CARRIED**

#### **4.6 COMMUNITY ISSUES**

Mrs Sandra Greenslade tabled documentation on the King Country Electric Power Trust (KCEPT) Ownership Review together with a (suggested) draft resolution for the Board to consider should they decide to make a submission (A1883776). She apologised for the short notice of her presentation noting that she had only stumbled across the KCEPT Ownership Review when recently visiting their website. The KCEPT Ownership Review 2017 was a 42 page document and copies were available to read at the Turangi Library. She then proceeded to read aloud the information provided.

Members were concerned about what would be leftover after the re-configuration of the company and the resulting job losses. Members agreed that the Board should make a submission on the proposal. Staff would prepare a draft submission for consideration at the next Board meeting.

Other community issues noted were:

- In reply to a member question concerning continuation of the alpine themed planting for the traffic islands out front of the BP service station and Bayleys real estate, the District Parks Operations Manager advised that rules on traffic islands were very restrictive eg any signs/structures placed on them had to be on frangible mounts, unobstructed views, height, etc, had to be considered.
- The Chair undertook to follow up on children/youth continuing to access and jump from the scaffolding on the Tongariro Bridge.
- The communication team were following up on the TTCB poster for the reception area photo board

display.

- The Parks Operations Manager – Turangi would follow up with the contractor regarding the broken road area outside Z service station.
- In reply to a member comment about footpaths being re-laid due to lifting by tree roots, the District Parks Operations Manager noted that ‘trees’ was a really important discussion that needed to be undertaken with the community – should they be kept or not?
- Trees on the ‘tele-tubby’ land adjacent to State Highway One needed trimming back as they were overhanging onto the walkway.
- Hand rails would be installed in the SH1 underpass by mid March.
- The Infrastructure Manager would follow up on skimmed kerbs in Te Hei Place.

#### **TT201702/07 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Zane Cozens

Seconded: Mrs Karen Donlon

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board receives the information relating to community issues.

**CARRIED**

#### **4.7 MEMBERS' REPORTS AND COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATES**

Verbal and tabled(A1883778) members reports were received as follows:

##### **Cr T Kingi:**

- Turangi Tongariro Ratepayers Association (TTRA) to discuss current Lines Company issue.
- Kinloch Reserve meeting.
- Turangi i-Site meeting with TDC and DGLT.
- Mayor/TT Chair/Councillors & CEO ‘6 weekly catch up’.
- LTP workshop.
- Council meeting.
- Met with ratepayer to discuss Turangi reserves.
- TTCB catch up re LTP.
- Annual Plan workshop.
- Health Rivers Plan Change workshop.
- 2 x Turangi i-Site meetings.

##### **Mrs K Donlon:**

- Movie in the park. With hours/days of work it was hard to make it to events however this one was awesome.
- Southern Lake Taupō Health Trust (SLTHT) meeting.

##### **Mr A Hema:**

- Pukawa Property Owners Association AGM. Stent Way was a TDC asset and there was a strong desire for it to be passable. There was concern about its safety and maintenance work was required. Residents also expressed frustration at the lack of progress to rectify the slumping problem on the road to the boat ramp. Also mossy footpath on Hauraki Terrace and, request to reduce the 100km per hour speed limit on Pukawa Road.

*Note: PPOA comments forwarded on to transportation team.*

##### **Mrs S Nelson:**

- Go Tongariro meeting.

**Mr T New:**

- Assisted with Christmas in the Park, Nga Rehia o Tuwharetoa marae sports challenge, Waitangi ki Pukawa. Very proud of local events and support from Council staff had been fantastic.
- Omori New Years Eve concert and fun run.
- Request for letter of thanks to New World owner Sean Woodmass for his overall support of the community.

*Note: The Strategic Relationships Advisor undertook to email members the draft community plan which would be adopted at the next Board meeting in March.*

**TT201702/08 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Mrs Karen Donlon

Seconded: Mrs Sally Nelson

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board receives the members' reports and community plan updates.

**CARRIED**

**5 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**

Nil

**The Meeting closed at 3.40pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board Meeting held on 14 March 2017.**

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**CHAIRPERSON**