

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE FENCES, ROADING, RESERVES & DOGS COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 72 LAKE TERRACE, TAUPŌ
ON TUESDAY, 21 MARCH 2017 AT 10.30AM**

PRESENT: Cr Barry Hickling (in the Chair), Cr John Williamson, Cr John Boddy, Cr Zane Cozens, Cr Anna Park [from 11.00am]

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive, Group Manager: Operational Services, Democracy & Community Engagement Manager, Communications Manager, Senior Communications Advisor, Corporate Solicitor, Infrastructure Manager, Consents & Regulatory Manager, Asset Manager Transportation, Senior Reserves Planner, Community Projects Officer, Landscape Architect and Democratic Services & Legal Officer.

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: Seven members of the public.

Note: Councillor Anna Park entered the meeting at 11.00am. She was not present for resolutions FRD201703/01 – 04.

1 APOLOGIES

FRD201703/01 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Zane Cozens
Seconded: Cr John Williamson

That the apologies received from His Worship the Mayor [for absence] and Cr Anna Park [for lateness] be accepted.

CARRIED

2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 FENCES, ROADING, RESERVES & DOGS COMMITTEE MEETING - 31 JANUARY 2017

FRD201703/02 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr John Boddy
Seconded: Cr Zane Cozens

That the minutes of the Fences, Roading, Reserves & Dogs Committee meeting held on Tuesday 31 January 2017 [public and confidential] be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

4 REPORTS

4.1 WAIPAPA STREET, KURATAU - ACCESSWAY STOPPING

The Infrastructure Manager showed a video of footage of the accessway taken by a drone [fA164220], along with a current Geocortex aerial photograph. He tabled an email from Mr and Mrs Hofmann, 18 Waipapa Street, Kuratau [A1901929].

In answer to questions the Infrastructure Manager advised that:

- The piece of land in question did not have any Council infrastructure on or under it.
- The owner of 25 Waipapa Street had confirmed they had no interest in acquiring the land.

- If the accessway was stopped, a market valuation would be obtained and the land sold.
- The process was that if the objections were accepted, no further action would be taken; if the objections were rejected, the matter would go to the Environment Court for a final decision.

Members noted that the next closest beach access ways were some distance away. They asked officers to investigate possible alternative access ways to the beach in the vicinity.

FRD201703/03 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Zane Cozens

Seconded: Cr John Williamson

1. That the Fences, Roothing, Reserves & Dogs Committee receives submissions on the proposal to stop the access way adjacent to 27 Waipapa Street, Kuratau.
2. That the Fences, Roothing, Reserves & Dogs Committee does not allow the objections and proceeds with the road stopping process.
3. That investigations be conducted into possible alternative access ways to the beach in the vicinity.

CARRIED

4.2 LICENCE TO OCCUPY EXTENSIONS FOR LAKEFRONT RESERVE CONCESSIONS

The Senior Reserves Planner advised that since the agenda had been produced, the Mr Whippy operator, Mr Graeme Wilson, had confirmed that he did want to continue to operate from the site on the Lakefront. Mr Wilson had also suggested that a tender process should be followed on the expiry of the lease.

The operators of 3 Little Kiwis / Gelateria Taupō, Mr Jonny and Mrs Victoria Kay were in attendance and addressed the Committee. They advised that they were passionate about their new business and were looking for support from Council to give them confidence to invest further, for example they were considering purchasing some fencing to keep patrons safe.

In answer to a question Mr and Mrs Kay confirmed that they would like the opportunity to operate from the site all year round.

The operators of the Steaming Bean coffee cart, Mr Brent and Mrs Wendy Burtton were also in attendance and addressed the Committee, advising that they had been operating the business since they took it over three years ago. They had purchased a new coffee cart last year at a substantial cost.

Members decided to approve the requests for extensions to licences to occupy on the Lakefront Reserve. It was noted that the arrangement with Mr Whippy had been agreed upon at a time when the previous Gelateria operators were not using the site throughout the year.

FRD201703/04 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Barry Hickling

Seconded: Cr John Williamson

1. That the Fences, Roothing, Reserves & Dogs Committee approves the request from Steaming Bean for a four year and three month (4 years and 3 months) lease extension for the site that they currently occupy on Lakefront Reserve, Taupō.
2. That the Fences, Roothing, Reserves & Dogs Committee approves the request from 3 Little Kiwis trading as Gelateria Taupō for a five year (5) year lease extension for the site that they currently occupy on Lakefront Reserve, Taupō.
3. That the Fences, Roothing, Reserves & Dogs Committee approves the request from 3 Little Kiwis trading as Gelateria Taupō to extend to a year round operation on the site that they currently occupy on Lakefront Reserve, Taupō upon expiry of the existing Mr Whippy licence to occupy.

CARRIED

Councillor Anna Park entered the meeting at this point [11.00am].

4.3 LEASE EXTENSION REQUEST - YOUTH ARTS TRUST

The Senior Reserves Planner advised that Council's community engagement team had been discussing possible plans for expanded use of the building on Waipahihi Reserve. Staff had met with representatives of the Youth Arts Trust who had requested an extension to at least the end of 2017 to sort out existing arrangements with sub-tenants. This would also allow time for further investigations into possible uses of the building to be carried out.

With the leave of the Chairman, Youth Arts Trust representative Ms Chris Dolman addressed the Committee. She advised that it was unclear what the building would be used for following expiry of the lease. The Trust had substantial funds in the bank and was itself considering extending the premises to create a 'hub' for new operators starting up in business, for example visual artists. The Trust requested a new long-term lease.

In answer to questions Ms Dolman advised that:

- The dance studio was full because of the sprung dance floor. Other users included home school students and music students [e.g. piano players who used the two available pianos]. The Trust was prepared to invest in the building to make it even better.
- The Youth Arts Trust would face an uncertain future, if the lease was not renewed.

Members decided to approve a five year lease extension for the Taupō Youth Arts Trust to continue to occupy the building on Waipahihi Reserve.

FRD201703/05 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr John Boddy

Seconded: Cr John Williamson

That the Fences, Roothing, Reserves & Dogs Committee approves a five [5] year lease extension for the Taupō Youth Arts Trust for the Council owned property and building that they currently occupy on Waipahihi Reserve.

CARRIED

4.4 TREE REMOVAL REQUEST - COUNCIL RESERVE AT DOCHERTY DRIVE

Members decided to decline the request from Mrs L White, in accordance with the current Tree & Vegetation Policy 2014. It was noted that the trees were some distance from Mrs White's property, and they had been planted before Docherty Drive had been developed.

In response to a question the Chief Executive advised that Council's policies were not contradictory. Council had a responsibility to act as a good neighbour when undertaking plantings as part of new developments, but there was no obligation on Council to top or remove healthy trees on Council land.

FRD201703/06 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anna Park

Seconded: Cr Zane Cozens

That the Fences, Roothing, Reserves & Dogs Committee declines the request from Mrs L White of 6 Prince Place, Taupō to remove the trees in the Council reserve between Docherty Drive and Acacia Bay Road identified in her request.

CARRIED

Councillor John Boddy requested his dissent to resolution FRD20170306 above be recorded.

4.5 TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL TRAFFIC CONTROLS– UPDATE, REVIEW, AMEND**FRD201703/07 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Anna Park

Seconded: Cr John Williamson

That, pursuant to the Taupō District Council Traffic Bylaw, Council imposes the following traffic controls and/or prohibitions on roads and/or public spaces in the Taupō District:

Sign/Marking	Why	Where
1. One (1) Stop sign and marking	To change existing 'Giveaway' sign and marking to 'Stop'	Intersection of Poihipi Road and Oruanui Road.
2. Six (6) Mobility parking signs, eight (8) Mobility park markings and 137 metres No Stopping At All Times marking (broken yellow lines)	To add the new regulatory signs and markings into Traffic Control Bylaw Register.	Taupō Events Centre Parking Area.
3. 20 metres No Stopping At All Times marking (broken yellow lines)	To provide better visibility from the entranceway and stop vehicles blocking entranceway.	Southern side of Te Reiti Tamara Grove, Turangi outside Turangi Holiday Park.
4. One (1) Bus Stop Sign	To amend the bus stop restriction time for 2:45pm - 3:30pm Monday-Friday.	Western kerbline of Frederick Street outside Waipahihi School.

CARRIED**4.6 TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL TRAFFIC CONTROLS - FORMER STATE HIGHWAY ROADS (SH1 & SH5) REGULATORY SIGNS AND MARKINGS****FRD201703/08 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Barry Hickling

Seconded: Cr John Boddy

That the Fences, Roothing, Reserves & Dogs Committee adopts, the controls, prohibitions, restrictions and regulations in the Taupō District Council Traffic Control Device Register, in accordance with the Taupō District Council Traffic Bylaw 2014 powers, as identified in Attachment 1 to the report [A1906648].

CARRIED**4.7 NO TRUCK PARKING SIGNAGE - LAKE TERRACE**

The Asset Manager Transportation presented a mock-up of the proposed 'No Truck Parking' signs. In answer to a question the Chief Executive advised that there was a prescribed size for the signs; anything smaller would not be enforceable; and signs only work if they are enforceable.

Members decided not to approve the installation of the 'No Truck Parking' signs on Lake Terrace, because such signs would have the effect of moving trucks to nearby residential streets and the problems with visual amenity; noise; and damage to infrastructure would be transferred to those streets, rather than solved.

FRD201703/09 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Barry Hickling

Seconded: Cr Anna Park

That the Fences, Roothing, Reserves & Dogs Committee does not approve the installation of the signs No Truck Parking along Lake Terrace.

CARRIED

Councillors John Boddy and Zane Cozens requested their dissent to resolution FRD20170309 above be recorded.

4.8 REQUEST FOR REMOVAL OF TREES - WAIRAKEI DRIVE

An A3 map showing proposed tree replacement along the Wairakei Drive corridor was tabled [A1901931].

In answer to a question the Infrastructure Manager advised that the cost to Council of removal of the trees was in the vicinity of \$12,000.

Members expressed concern about the impact on visual amenity following removal of the trees. It was suggested that 2 to 3m high specimen trees could be planted now and the Douglas Fir and Pine trees removed in 12 months' time, to allow the new plantings to establish.

On a motion

Moved: Cr John Williamson

Seconded: Cr Anna Park

That the Fences, Roothing, Reserves & Dogs Committee approves the removal of the stand of Douglas Fir & Pine trees on Wairakei Drive adjacent to Contact Energy land (Karapiti Block);

Councillors John Williamson and Anna Park voted in favour of the motion; and Councillors John Boddy, Zane Cozens and Barry Hickling voted against the motion.

The Chairman declared the motion LOST.

FRD201703/10 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Zane Cozens

Seconded: Cr John Boddy

That the Fences, Roothing, Reserves & Dogs Committee approves the purchase of specimen trees to be planted on Wairakei Drive adjacent to Contact Energy land (Karapiti Block) during the planting season 2017, with the stand of Douglas Fir & Pine trees on the site to be removed in March 2018.

CARRIED**5 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**

Nil

The meeting closed at 12.06pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Fences, Roothing, Reserves & Dogs Committee meeting held on 23 May 2017.

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CHAIRPERSON