

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 72 LAKE TERRACE, TAUPŌ
ON THURSDAY, 13 APRIL 2017 AT 9.00AM**

PRESENT: Mayor David Trewavas (in the Chair), Cr John Boddy, Cr Zane Cozens, Cr Rosie Harvey [from 9.04am], Cr Barry Hickling, Cr Rosanne Jollands, Cr Tangonui Kingi, Cr Anna Park, Cr Christine Rankin, Cr Kirsty Trueman [from 9.13am], 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, People & Capability Manager, Business Project Manager, Facilities Manager, Finance Manager, Group Accountant, Corporate Solicitor, Business Innovation Manager, Policy Manager, Senior Policy Advisor, Senior Reserves Planner, Resource Consents Manager, Business Analyst/Project Manager, Venue Operations Manager, Water Treatment Supervisor, People & Capability Advisor and Democratic Services & Legal Officer

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: Taupō Times
Six members of the public

1 APOLOGIES

TDC201704/01 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rosanne Jollands

Seconded: Cr Barry Hickling

That the apologies received from Cr Rosie Harvey and Cr Kirsty Trueman [for lateness] be accepted.

CARRIED

2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

3 POLICY AND DECISION MAKING

3.1 INCLUSION OF PROJECT IN ANNUAL PLAN 2017/18 - PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL LAKE TERRACE BUILDING

Cr Rosie Harvey entered the meeting at this point [9.04am].

In answer to questions the Chief Executive advised that:

- The discovery of friable and disintegrating asbestos in Council's Lake Terrace building was a key driver for the project and the reason it was so urgent. The asbestos was posing health and safety risks to staff, the public and the environment. Earthquake risks had been known for some time and it was timely to address those issues at the same time as the asbestos issues.
- Health and safety risks relating to Council office space in Turangi were continually being monitored. Those risks were not of the same magnitude as the risks posed by the Lake Terrace building in Taupō. The Turangi staff were currently working in a safe environment, but the same could not be said of the Taupō staff working in the Lake Terrace building.

- It was too soon to confirm whether or not other parties could also move into a building on the Lake Terrace site, however construction of a new building would provide the opportunity to create a 'civic heart' for the district.

Cr Kirsty Trueman entered the meeting at this point [9.13am].

- Staff were recommending a new building on the current site at 72 Lake Terrace, Taupō, rather than other sites, the costs for which were difficult to quantify but almost certainly more than the \$15m estimated for a re-build in the same location.
- It was proposed that only the costs associated with moving staff would be included in the Annual Plan 2017/18. Other costs would be spread over the next three years and it was estimated that the cumulative average rates increase would be approximately 2%, assuming the project was loan-funded.

The Senior Policy Advisor outlined the process ahead. A draft Consultation Document for the Annual Plan 2017/18 would be prepared and presented to Council for consideration on 26 April. That document would contain much of the information provided on the agenda for today's meeting. Once approved, the Consultation Document would be released for the public to comment on during the month of May.

TDC201704/02 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anna Park

Seconded: Cr Christine Rankin

1. That Council confirms that its preferred option to address the identified health and safety issues with the main Council building is the construction of a new building.
2. That Council's preferred site for a new building is the current site at 72 Lake Terrace, Taupō.
3. That Council agrees to include the costs of relocating staff from 72 Lake Terrace Taupō, temporary office accommodation and for design and consenting costs associated with the construction of a new Council building in the draft Annual Plan 2017/18.
4. That Council agrees to include the preferred option and relevant information in the Consultation Document for the Annual Plan 2017/18.

CARRIED

Note: Councillors John Boddy, Zane Cozens and Kirsty Trueman requested their dissent to resolution TDC20170402 above be recorded.

4 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil

The meeting closed at 9.29am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the ordinary Council meeting held on 26 April 2017.

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CHAIRPERSON