

**TAUPO 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 MARCH 2017 AT**

PRESENT: Mr Andy Hema, Cr Tangonui Kingi, Mrs Karen Donlon, Mrs Sally Nelson, Mr Te Takinga New, Mr Wally van der Aa

IN ATTENDANCE: Cr JR Boddy, Cr AM Park, Cr RL Harvey, Chief Executive, Group Manager: Business & Technology, Democracy & Community Engagement Manager, District Parks Operations Manager, Parks Operations Manager – Turangi, Strategic Relationships Advisor, Policy Manager, Senior Policy Advisor – S Mavor, Senior Policy Advisor – J Budge, Infrastructure Manager, Asset Manager Transportation, Senior Communications Advisor, Customer Services/Democracy Support Officer – Turangi

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: Taupō Times – Matt Shand
Four members of the public were present.

Notes:

- i. Mr New opened and closed the meeting with a karakia.
- ii. An apology was also noted from His Worship – Mayor D Trewavas.
- iii. The Chair granted Omori residents Messrs Tony Haddock and Mike Bowie five minutes to speak during item 4.4.

1 APOLOGIES

TT201703/09 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mr Wally van der Aa
Seconded: Mr Te Takinga New

That apologies from Cr Zane Cozens and Miss Sharlyn Holt be received and accepted.

CARRIED

2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 TURANGI/TONGARIRO COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING - 14 FEBRUARY 2017

With reference to item 4.6 (second bullet), the Chair advised that NZTA had reconfigured the scaffolding at the Tongariro Bridge in such a way that it would be more difficult for children to access it.

TT201703/10 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Tangonui Kingi
Seconded: Mrs Sally Nelson

1. That the minutes of the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board meeting held on Tuesday 14 February 2017 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

4 REPORTS

4.1 FLOOD HAZARD PLAN CHANGE UPDATE

Senior Policy Advisor Sue Mavor was in attendance and commenced a powerpoint presentation (A1876927) on the Flood Hazard Plan (FHP). Key topics covered were:

- Resource Management Act (RMA) issues
 - The impact of flooding from rivers and Lake Taupō on peoples safety and properties.
 - Noted flood hazard area issues not currently covered in the operative district plan such as inequitable control measures i.e. insufficient in high risk flood areas and excessive in low risk flood areas.
 - Background information
 - The current district plan FHP was outdated.
 - There were many statutory obligations when writing a FHP. Some plans and reference material used to inform the current FHP included the Lake Taupō Erosion and Flood Strategy 2009; Waikato Regional Policy Statement and Taupō District Plan.
 - Technical information
 - Opus commissioned in 2014 to do flood hazard modelling/mapping on 1% AEP, including tectonics and climate change over a 100 year time span.
 - Website mapping tool included colour coded flood hazard risk areas: red = high, orange = medium, yellow = low.
 - Quality assurance
 - NIWA peer reviewed Opus work.
 - IPCC update of climate change information.
 - Engagement
 - First round of consultation undertaken in November/December 2015.
 - Second round of consultation - draft objectives, policies and rules seeking feedback undertaken March/April 2016.
 - Open days held, survey and consultation with stakeholders undertaken.
 - Issues raised
 - Discussed what feedback and concerns were eg WRC management and funding of flood hazard schemes, wave overtopping.
 - Decision making
 - Provided from councillor working group, regular council workshops and TTCB.
 - Operative District Plan provisions
 - Included controlled activity and flood hazard areas at Tokaanu Stream, Tongariro and Tauranga Taupo Rivers.
 - Did not identify or include all known FH areas; climate change and tectonic subsidence; risk based approach as required in the RPS and, sufficient controls over development in high risk flood areas.
 - Included some properties no longer affected by flooding and imposed unnecessary control in low risk flood areas.
 - Compliance with statutory requirements
 - Complied with the RPS as it managed the effects of natural hazards on people, property and the environments.
 - Evaluation of options
 - Only one option met the requirements of the RPS and consequently the RMA.
 - Proposed provisions
 - Care facilities for vulnerable people; emergency services and access; minimisation of costs for properties in low and medium risk flood areas.
- Where to from here?
- Notify Tokaanu property owners (and others) that have changed flood status; finalise Section 32

report; public notification of the Plan change and commence formal process under RMA.

At the conclusion of the powerpoint, the Policy Manager gave a brief explanation of 'wave topping', what it was and the associated risk in relation to flood hazards.

TT201703/11 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Tangonui Kingi
Seconded: Mrs Karen Donlon

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board receives the updated information on the Flood Hazard Plan Change.

CARRIED

4.2 DRAFT FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW UPDATE

Senior Policy Advisor Jane Budge was in attendance to provide an update on the progress of the Draft Freedom Camping Bylaw review, and for the Board to consider a submission for recommendation to Council.

The Senior Policy Advisor took the report as read and invited member questions. Key points noted were:

- It was desired that non approved vehicles (i.e vehicles that were not self contained) would utilise local camping grounds.
- Enforcement would be undertaken collaboratively by council staff, Senjo Security and DOC. Infringement fines were up to \$200.
- More specific detail that clarified what type of vehicles were permitted to camp in the proposed designated areas (eg. self-contained only) was suggested for inclusion in the bylaw.
- NZMCA were not happy about the perceived negative public misconception that their members – whose vehicles met stringent approval standards - were part of the problem. NZMCA were currently reviewing and strengthening their standard on toilets.
- Economic benefits was the primary motivator for those towns that supported freedom camping.
- Enforcement options could not be implemented unless a bylaw was in place.
- The proposed bylaw sought to differentiate between the types of campers and enforce accordingly.
- The current Act was permissive and required only that areas where freedom camping was prohibited or restricted be highlighted.
- Historical and recent evidence implied that there was a high probability that areas eg DOC fishing trails, would be negatively impacted if there was no approved/designated camping area. It was noted that the closure of Tokaanu Marina by Genesis prompted a significant increase of campers in the Omori area.
- The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment had compiled spend figures of campers. Taupō spend was estimated at \$400 per day while the rest of the nation was approximately \$150 per day.
- Consultation on the Draft closed on 4 April.
- A member felt that the Board needed to lead discussions on freedom camping with the community. It was important to get community feedback and also stamp out any misinformation about what was actually being proposed.

TT201703/12 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Tangonui Kingi
Seconded: Mr Te Takinga New

That the Board note the information contained in this report on the proposed draft Freedom Camping Bylaw.

CARRIED

4.3 KING COUNTRY ELECTRIC POWER TRUST SUBMISSION

A report from the Policy Manager on the King Country Electric Power Trust submission had been circulated and a copy of the Boards submission (A1890644) on the Review circulated separately.

The Chair requested that the following wording be included: *'If for whatever reason the status of the Trust cannot be modified our recommendation is that the Trust maintains the status quo'*.

Another member encouraged members to advocate to the community to complete a submission. Sandra Greenslade had a submission template that people could use/modify should they wish to.

TT201703/13 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mrs Sally Nelson

Seconded: Mr Te Takinga New

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board:

1. Approves the proposed submission on the King Country Electric Power Trust review, and
2. Appoints Mr Andy Hema to represent the Boards views to the public meeting on 17 March 2017.

CARRIED

4.4 OMORI ROAD, TE PUKE ROAD AND PIHANGA ROAD INTERSECTION

A report from the Asset Manager Transportation regarding improvements at the Omori, Te Puke and Pihanga Road's intersection had been circulated.

The Asset Manager Transportation and Infrastructure Manager co-presented the item. It was explained that due to the high costs associated with the proposed work and, mixed feedback received from the Omori/Kuratau community, it was timely to seek the Boards feedback.

At this point, the Chair invited Omori residents Messrs Tony Haddock and Mike Bowie (also Chair of the Omori Kuratau Ratepayers Association) to address the Board. Mr Haddock tabled copies of correspondence to/from Council pertinent to the upgrade of the intersection from March 2013 to 8 March 2017 (A1896136).

A resident of Omori for 29 years and member of the ratepayers association for 22 years, Mr Haddock had been concerned about the Omori/Te Puke/Pihanga Road intersection for many years. In the 1950s, Te Puke Road serviced two farms, and Omori Road approximately 25 houses. Currently, there was an estimated 350 properties/vehicles using the discussed roads on a daily basis, and significantly more vehicles during peak holiday times - especially the Christmas/New Year period. Additionally, access to the only café in Omori/Kuratau and the Omori Refuse Station was via Te Puke Road. Mr Haddock was of the opinion that current figures combined with increased road users/usage necessitated that a roundabout be installed at the intersection (without delay); it was the safest option to accommodate current day use.

Mr Bowie concurred with Mr Haddock's comments and believed that the Council plans completed in 2016 were the perfect solution. A roundabout would enable clear unobstructed views and also reduce speeds as approaching traffic would have to slow down.

The Chair thanked Messrs Haddock and Bowie for their presentation and the Board resolved to support the commencement of the intersection upgrade.

TT201703/14 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mr Wally van der Aa

Seconded: Mrs Karen Donlon

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board recommends to Council that the implementation of the proposed changes to the intersection at Omori be approved.

CARRIED

4.5 TURANGI OPERATIONS REPORT - JANUARY 2017

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

In relation to Omori/Kuratau erosion issues, the District Parks Operations Manager advised that a meeting was to be arranged with Tuwharetoa Maori Trust Board so that the consents process could then be commenced.

TT201703/15 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mr Te Takinga New

Seconded: Cr Tangonui Kingi

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board receives the Turangi Operations Report for January 2017.

CARRIED

4.6 ADOPTION OF THE TURANGI/TONGARIRO 2016-19 COMMUNITY PLAN

The Strategic Relationships Advisor presented the item and referred to the annual format of the Community Plan (CP) noting that it could be re-formatted to cover a three year term if the Board wanted. Also, more in-depth discussion on those objectives that required financial support would occur at a later date.

Additional key points noted were:

- A member suggested using an acronym (ACT) and reducing the number of objectives to make it easier to remember primary focus areas.
- The Democracy & Community Engagement Manager suggested reviewing numbers 18 & 19 under the strand/objective 'Vibrant Parks & Public Spaces' with the Turangi Reserves Management Plan Committee as the Committee had raised some questions in relation to the content. The Chief Executive subsequently noted that there was no contraventions with the current wording.
- Over summarising content sometimes resulted in a loss of key information and meaning.
- Confirmed to remain with the status quo in relation to providing feedback on the CP i.e. by reply email, phone call or meet in person to/with the Strategic Relationships Advisor.
- CP needed to be more refined in terms of performance measures.
- LGNZ were very impressed with the detail of the CP which had set a high bench-mark for other community boards.
- CP should align with Te Kapua Whakapipi, a document that outlined the cultural, social, political and economic aspirations of Ngati Tuwharetoa. Mr New and Mr Kingi to take ownership/lead for this objective.

TT201703/16 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mr Te Takinga New

Seconded: Mrs Karen Donlon

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board adopts the Turangi/Tongariro 2016–19 Community Plan.

CARRIED

4.7 CODE OF CONDUCT

A report from the Democracy & Community Engagement Manager to note that Council adopted the Taupō District Council 2017 Code of Conduct had been circulated.

Note: The Democracy & Community Engagement Manager would arrange for copies of the 'Code of Conduct Declaration by Member' to be made available for members to sign following the meeting.

TT201703/17 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mr Te Takinga New

Seconded: Mrs Karen Donlon

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board notes the adopted Code of Conduct 2017 as attached and each member to sign the declaration on page 21 of the Code (A1816595).

CARRIED

4.8 COMMUNITY ISSUES

The following community issues were noted:

- Awaiting quotes from local builders to install underpass handrail.
- Underpass lighting not working.
- Repair of pavement damage caused by heavy vehicles turning right at Ohuanga/Pihanga Roads roundabout had been programmed for April 2017.
- Past discussions with NZTA in relation to beautifying under the Tongariro Bridge area with art work had been held. However, nothing ever eventuated due to the excessive costs and onerous health and safety requirements.
- The general consensus from discussions between a member and local town centre retailers was that retailers felt somewhat disconnected from the Board. There was also no cohesive and consistent view amongst themselves. It was proposed that the Board engage with the CBD community and maintain regular dialogue going forward (suggested time was before Board meetings).
Note: Councillor Kingi undertook to arrange a meeting between the two parties.
- Suggested scheduling regular updates from Turangi police.
- As requested by Mr Rob Henderson, the Chair tabled correspondence (A1896138) received from him concerning the Turangi i-Site.
- The Board had met with Mr Luke Boddington earlier regarding a proposed 'Fight Night' charity event. Upon receipt of estimated costings from Mr Boddington, Council would investigate costs, options and feasibility for functional flooring to cover the pool for event purposes. Flooring would need to be re-usable and easy to install and remove.

TT201703/18 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Tangonui Kingi

Seconded: Mrs Karen Donlon

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

CARRIED

4.9 MEMBERS' REPORTS AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REQUEST

Verbal and tabled member reports (A1896137) were received as follows:

Cr T Kingi

- Turangi i-Site meeting. VAC discussion.
- TTCB meeting.
- Met with concerned groups regarding Rickit 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.
- Met with residents regarding Turangi to Taupō bike trail.
- Workshops – RAL; Sports Waikato; Flood Hazard Plan change.

- Turangi Economic Development bi-monthly meeting. TTCB/DGLT/EGLT/GT/TDC events.
- Kinloch Reserve meeting. Councillors and two reps from Kinloch.
- Zone 2 Local Government meeting in Hamilton.
- Annual Plan 17/18 workshop.
- Visit to Volcanic Activity Centre.
- Meeting re Bulli Point at Waitetoko Marae.
- Met with TTCB Chairman.
- Turangi Reserves Management Plan Committee meeting. Elected co-Chair.
- Attended RAL/DGLT update to businesses re recent investment announcement.

Mr A Hema

- Emergency Management Committee meeting - Taupō.
- Mangakino Pouakani Representative Group meeting - Mangakino.
- Catch with the Strategic Relationships Advisor re community plan – Turangi.
- Turangi Economic Development meeting – Turangi.
- Turangi i-Site meetings – Turangi.
- Visited the Volcanic Activity Centre – Wairakei.
- Public meeting with Trustee of King Country Electric Power Trust Ownership Review – Turangi.
- Hui to discuss issues at Bulli Point – Waitetoko Marae.
- Turangi Reserves Management Plan Committee meeting – Turangi.
- DGLT and RAL presentation – Turangi National Trout Centre. Update from RAL on their plans for Whakapapa ski fields including Taupō and Turangi pick ups.
- LGNZ training for chairmans’ – Taupō.

Mr T New

- Wished to recognise and acknowledge Mr Allan Turia for his work with many local organisations and Mrs Janice Beauchamp for being a Community Volunteer 2017 top finalist for her services to sports.
- Toby Beazley appointed 2017 Tongariro School head boy and Rakera Tukiwaho-Wade head girl.

Mr W van der Aa

- Turangi After 5 meeting at Hammer Hardware.
- LGNZ Community Board Executive (initial) meeting.
- TTSF – junior triathlon planning.
- DGLT catch up at Mustard Seed.
- Turangi Reserves Management Plan Committee meeting.
- RAL presentation.
- Luke Boddington – proposal.
- Turangi i-Site workshop – presentation.

TT201703/19 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mr Te Takinga New

Seconded: Mrs Karen Donlon

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board

1. Receives the members’ reports.
2. Approves the attendance of Andy Hema at the Advanced Reading Skills course to be held on 12 April 2017 at Rotorua-Lakes Council.

CARRIED

5 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil

The Meeting closed at 3.21pm.

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

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