

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY FENCES, ROADING, RESERVES & DOGS COMMITTEE
MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 72 LAKE TERRACE, TAUPŌ
ON TUESDAY, 18 JULY 2017 AT 10.00AM**

PRESENT: Cr Barry Hickling (in the Chair), Cr John Williamson, Cr Anna Park, Mayor David Trewavas

IN ATTENDANCE: Cr Rosie Harvey (from 10.09am)
Chief Executive, Group Manager: Operational Services, Group Manager: Finance & Strategy, Acting Group Manager: Business & Technology, Democracy & Community Engagement Manager, Communications Manager, Senior Communications Advisor, Communications Advisor, Senior Reserves Planner, District Events Manager, Events & Sales Manager, Corporate Solicitor, Asset Manager Transportation and Democratic Services Officer

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: 10 members of the public
Taupō Times

1 APOLOGIES

Nil

2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 FENCES, ROADING, RESERVES & DOGS COMMITTEE MEETING - 23 MAY 2017

In answer to a question the Chief Executive advised that the proposed bus stop zone at 32 Roberts Street was still in Ruapehu Alpine Lift's hands and no further information about the proposal was available.

FRD201707/01 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr John Williamson
Seconded: Cr Anna Park

That the minutes of the Fences, Roading, Reserves & Dogs Committee meeting held on Tuesday 23 May 2017 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

4 REPORTS

4.1 PROPOSED WAKA AMA STORAGE BUILDING ON COUNCIL ADMINISTERED LAND AT FERRY ROAD

In answer to a question Mr Duncan Brown from the Taupō Rowing Club confirmed he was comfortable with the proposed waka ama storage building.

FRD201707/02 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anna Park
Seconded: Mayor David Trewavas

That the Fences, Roading, Reserves & Dogs Committee approves the construction of a storage building by the Taupō Waka Ama Club as described in the report on the Council administered land they currently occupy under a licence to occupy on the lakefront at Ferry Road.

CARRIED

4.2 TAUPŌ ROWING CLUB PROPOSAL

Mr Duncan Brown from the Taupō Rowing Club was in attendance and made a PowerPoint presentation (A2005916). Club members Ms Brenda Wilson and Ms Leonie Marsh were also present.

Cr Rosie Harvey entered the meeting at this point (10.09am).

The following points were noted:

- The Taupō Rowing and Taupō Waka Ama clubs had worked closely to explore options. The site was too small for both clubs and access in summer was problematic. In spite of this, the clubs worked really well together.
- Cheal Taupō had provided a quote of \$70k - \$80k for engineering works – the Rowing Club simply did not have that resource available.
- The Sea Scout location had many of the characteristics of the Ferry Road site, but with better storage and access, and without the engineering challenges.
- The proposed shed would be standalone and would not impinge on the path. There would be enough room for rowing trailers to be stored and turned; and upstairs would be used as a training facility.
- Approval was sought for the club to further explore the proposal and talk to other parties, including Sea Scouts and Waka Ama. It was hoped that the outcome would be a win-win for all.

Staff answered questions and the following points were noted:

- Consultation with the C75 Trust would be required.
- The Sea Scouts building belongs to the club; the land is leased off Council. There are requirements in the lease relating to the appearance and management of the building – staff had been working with the Sea Scouts to make improvements.
- The Sea Scouts Club went through cycles of growth and decline.
- The Rowing Club boats were a lot longer than the Sea Scouts boats, therefore separate storage space was required.

Members supported further investigation of the Rowing Club's proposal. It was noted that the site was highly sensitive and it would be important for appropriate consultation / due diligence to be undertaken.

FRD201707/03 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anna Park

Seconded: Cr John Williamson

That the Fences, Roading, Reserves & Dogs Committee receives the presentation from the Taupō Rowing Club.

CARRIED

4.3 LEASE REVIEW REQUEST - TAUPŌ MARKET AT RIVERSIDE PARK, TAUPŌ

The Senior Reserves Planner answered questions and the following points were noted:

- The current agreement between Council and the Taupō Market was a licence to occupy.
- The Fences, Roading, Reserves & Dogs Committee had given approval in principle to the Active Arts organisation to extend its building area on the site. Active Arts were still considering what that may look like.

Mrs Monika and Mr Hermann Geister were in attendance and tabled a Taupō Market brochure and notes to support their submission to the Committee (A2005770). Mrs Geister read the submission aloud.

Staff answered questions and the following points were noted:

- Investment in a site to be used by the Taupō Market would have to be considered as part of the next Long-term Plan process (2018), along with all other projects on reserves. This would be done in conjunction with the Market owners, with a view to having some contribution from them.
- The segway operators, Pure Kiwi Adventures, were aware of the possibility of the Taupō Market operating from Northcroft Domain in future. Staff were considering possible options for Pure Kiwi Adventures if that does eventuate.
- The current Taupō Market licence was due to expire in December 2019.
- The maximum licence term for Northcroft Domain was 33 years (Reserves Act 1977).

In answer to a question, Mr and Mrs Geister confirmed that they would consider moving the Taupō Market to Northcroft Domain in the future, but they wanted to be able to continue operating in the interim.

The Chief Executive added that the issues with the current site (displacement; maintenance; and traffic management) would continue until alternative arrangements were agreed upon.

In answer to another question, staff confirmed that it may be possible for the Taupō Market to use Northcroft Domain when displaced under the current agreement.

Members decided to instruct the Chief Executive to negotiate a new licence to occupy/lease on Northcroft Domain with the owners of the Taupō Market. The Market could remain in its current location in the meantime.

FRD201707/04 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr John Williamson

Seconded: Cr Anna Park

That the Fences, Roading, Reserves & Dogs Committee instructs the Chief Executive to negotiate a new licence to occupy/lease with Monika and Hermann Geister for the Taupō Market to operate on the Northcroft Domain and confirms that the Market can remain in its current location under the same Terms & Conditions of the present licence until a new agreement is signed.

CARRIED

4.4 LICENCE TO OCCUPY - PURE KIWI ADVENTURES AT NORTHCROFT DOMAIN, TAUPŌ

The Senior Reserves Planner advised that the owner of Pure Kiwi Adventures was unable to attend the meeting, but had confirmed that he would like to remain on Northcroft Domain for as long as possible. If the Taupō Market moved to the site, Pure Kiwi Adventures would like to use the site at all other times, and have an alternative available for the Saturdays the segways would not be able to operate. The ability to discuss possible arrangements for the segway operation had been limited due to the ongoing discussions about the Market.

Members decided to instruct the Chief Executive to negotiate a new licence to occupy with the owners of Pure Kiwi Adventures for the purposes of the segway operation. The new licence would need to be compatible with the proposed Taupō Market relocation to Northcroft Domain.

FRD201707/05 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anna Park

Seconded: Cr John Williamson

That the Fences, Roading, Reserves & Dogs Committee instructs the Chief Executive to enter into negotiations with Pure Kiwi to enable a new licence compatible with the proposed Taupō Market relocation to Northcroft Domain, and that the matter be brought back to a future Committee meeting for consideration.

CARRIED

4.5 RESERVE TREES COMPLAINT - BETWEEN DOCHERTY DRIVE AND ACACIA BAY ROAD

The Senior Reserves Planner made a PowerPoint presentation which included photographs of trees in the reserve between Docherty Drive and Acacia Bay Road, Taupō. He explained that the gully had been planted out in segments, so that some parts supported water retention and other parts enabled water to flow to the lake. Plantings were exemplary and the vegetation provided erosion protection and was low maintenance.

In answer to a question the Senior Reserves Planner advised that some of the vegetation impinging on the path needed to be tidied up, but overall the reserve contained healthy native trees with some areas of open space.

Mrs White of 6 Prince Place was in attendance and addressed the Committee. The following points were noted:

- The path did need a lot of work done, but that was not the main concern.
- Yes, vegetation is native, but it still needs to be maintained.
- Approximately 15 silver birch trees in the area are not native.
- The trees blocking Mrs White's view should be canopied over, not necessarily removed.
- Vegetation was also becoming a problem on the boundary with Lochaber Drive.
- The trees from Docherty Drive back need to be tidied up.
- Mrs White was prepared to contribute.
- There was very little bird life in the area due to rats – traps should be set.

It was agreed that the self-seeded silver birch trees on the reserve should be removed, and basic maintenance undertaken. This could be done within existing budgets. Mrs White confirmed this would be acceptable to her, as although the silver birch trees were not currently obstructing views they were intrusive and would eventually grow up and block views. Members accepted that the reserve was a major stormwater gully and it had been planted in such a way as to protect the area from erosion. In addition, the Tree & Vegetation Policy precluded removal of healthy trees for views.

FRD201707/06 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor David Trewavas
Seconded: Cr John Williamson

That the Fences, Roding, Reserves & Dogs Committee declines the request to remove or modify any vegetation, apart from the self-seeded silver birches, in the Council reserve between Docherty Drive and Acacia Bay Road.

CARRIED

4.6 DECISION ON TREE REMOVAL AT TAUPAHI ROAD, TURANGI

Members decided to approve the request from Creel Lodge, Turangi to remove the silver birch tree in the roadside berm outside of the property, to enable parking to be extended, which will in turn make the area safer for the public. It was noted that the landowner would bear the costs for the removal of the tree.

FRD201707/07 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor David Trewavas
Seconded: Cr Anna Park

That the Fences, Roding, Reserves & Dogs Committee approves the request to remove the tree located in the roadside berm outside of the property at 183/187 Taupahi Road, Turangi, at the landowner's expense.

CARRIED

4.7 UPDATES TO TAUPO DISTRICT COUNCIL TRAFFIC CONTROLS - HEUHEU STREET

The Asset Manager Transportation tabled a map of the proposed 90 minute parking restriction zone on Heuheu Street, with neighbouring businesses identified (A2005768).

In answer to questions the Asset Manager Transportation advised that:

- The proposal would make parking consistent with parking around the Taupō Medical Centre.
- There were currently two mobility car parks outside the Medical Centre. The park identified as #1 on the tabled map could possibly be converted into another mobility car park – the Asset Manager Transportation would investigate and report back.

FRD201707/08 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
90 minutes [Mon-Fri] parking time restrictions	To provide ten 90 minute time restricted parking spaces [Mon-Fri]	South kerb line of Heuheu Street outside numbers 109 and 111

CARRIED

5 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil

The meeting closed at 11.39am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Fences, Roading, Reserves & Dogs Committee meeting held on 3 October 2017.

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CHAIRPERSON