

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE TURANGI/TONGARIRO COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING  
HELD AT THE SENIOR CITIZENS HALL, (TE KAPUA PARK), TOWN CENTRE, TURANGI  
ON TUESDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER 2017 AT 1.00PM**

**PRESENT:** Mr Andy Hema (in the Chair), Cr Tangonui Kingi, Mrs Karen Donlon, Miss Sharlyn Holt, Mr Te Takinga New

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Group Manager: Business & Technology, Democracy & Community Engagement Manager, District Parks Operations Manager, Strategic Relationships Advisor, Policy Advisor – Hilary Samuel, Strategic Development Manager, Parks Operations Manager – Mangakino, Parks Operations Manager – Taupō, Senior Communications Advisor, Democratic Services Support Officer

**MEDIA AND PUBLIC:** Taupō Times  
4 members of the public

Notes:

- (i) *An apology was also noted from His Worship, Mayor David Trewavas.*
- (ii) *Agenda items were considered as per the published agenda order with the exception of Item 4.6 – ‘Members’ Reports and Community Plan Updates’ which was brought forward to follow Item 4.2 ‘Presentation: Omori Ratepayers Association’.*  
*The move was to accommodate a late presentation request from Miss Ginette Van Praag, owner/operator of The Technology Hub Ltd in relation to establishing a technology hub in Turangi.*

## 1 APOLOGIES

### TT201709/06 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Tangonui Kingi  
Seconded: Mr Te Takinga New

That apologies from Mr Wally van der Aa be received and accepted.

**CARRIED**

## 2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

## 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

### 3.1 TURANGI/TONGARIRO COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING - 8 AUGUST 2017

Minutes of a meeting of the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board held on 8 August 2017 had been circulated.

### TT201709/07 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Tangonui Kingi  
Seconded: Miss Sharlyn Holt

That the minutes of the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board meeting held on Tuesday 8 August 2017 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

## 4 REPORTS

### 4.1 ACTION POINTS

The following action point updates were noted:

- Proposal for a toilet at Waipapa Reserve: Given that Ngāti Tūrangitukua (as landowners) had objected to a toilet being placed on the reserve, and the item was not included within Long-Term Plan (LTP) budgets, members requested that this item be removed
- TTCB LTP submission: The GM Business & Technology advised that officers were working on the draft submission. This would be completed around mid to late October 2017 and then brought back to the Board for approval. For visual clarity, the Chair asked if the submission could be presented in a timeline format.
- Representation Review: Further update planned for the October 2017 meeting.

### TT201709/08 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mrs Karen Donlon

Seconded: Mr Te Takinga New

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board receives the action points update.

**CARRIED**

### 4.2 PRESENTATION: OMORI RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

Omori Kuratau Ratepayers Association (OKRA) Chair Mr Mike Bowie was in attendance to present the Long-Term Plan submission (A2032560) of the Omori/Kuratau community. He thanked the Board for the opportunity to present and explained that as a copy of the OKRA submission had been included in the Board agenda, he would discuss the rationale behind each issue. Key points noted were:

- Omori Road and Te Pohue Street ran parallel and had significant height differences. The development of a new subdivision increased vehicle and people numbers and in turn, increased the risk of vehicles going off road into residential properties and/or pedestrians. To mitigate the risk, a physical barrier the length of Te Pohue Street and Omori Road was requested.
- Pedestrian refuge areas were wanted to reduce potential vehicle injury to pedestrians as vehicles often sped downhill. Peak holiday periods were of particular concern.
- Increased heavy vehicle traffic into the Omori/Kuratau area meant wear and tear was now evident on Omori Road. There had been some adhoc repairs done over the years however, OKRA believed a full asphalt resurface from the Omori Store to the Omori boat ramp was necessary.
- Requested that new kerbing be installed from Omori Store to State Highway 41.
- The Omori Road playground was well patronised throughout the year, particularly during peak holiday periods and had no sun shade cover. A quote for \$30K had been sourced by OKRA for an 18m x 12m sun shade of which the community would be willing to provide some funding towards that cost. In reply to a member question, Mr Bowie advised that the installation of a shade would have no impact on nearby residential properties or vehicles. The shade would be in a green colour which would also be aesthetically suitable for the area.
- The current storm/waste/reticulated water system needed replacing as it was old and the holding tank had failed during 2016. New subdivision developments and peak periods also placed further pressures on the system.
- Acknowledged the District Parks Operations Manager who had been very supportive of the Omori/Kuratau community and helped resolve many of their concerns.
- Many trees had been removed from the area over recent years. To replenish the loss, last Easter Council had supplied new plants which the community then planted. Would like to continue this arrangement to bolster trees in the area again
- Hoped that Council might be able to provide input with the establishment of a walking/cycle track

between Kuratau and Whareroa. The land in question was currently administered by the Department of Conservation

- Considered that Lake Taupō satisfied UNESCOs requirements for world heritage status.

Additional community issues outside of its LTP submission that OKRA sought the Board advocacy to Council on were:

- Requested a peppercorn lease for the Omori Hall which was a significant asset to the community. It was used for many various community activities / events and of particular importance, the Civil Defence base.
- Access into Omori via Omori Road was very steep. The speed limit when turning into Omori Road from SH41 was 100km/ph, then part way along changed to 70km/ph and finally 50km/ph. Concerned about vehicle to vehicle/person injury so would like the speed limit reduced to 50km/ph from the start of Omori Road at the SH41 end
- A walking track up the Kuratau River traverses local hapu land. Would appreciate any support from Council with gaining agreement for continued unimpeded public access from the local hapu.

At the conclusion, the Group Manager: Business & Technology briefly addressed several key points highlighted by Mr Bowie.

#### **TT201709/09 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Mrs Karen Donlon  
Seconded: Cr Tangonui Kingi

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board receives the information and Mr Mike Bowie be thanked for his presentation.

**CARRIED**

#### **4.3 EASTER SUNDAY TRADING**

Policy Advisor Hilary Samuel gave a brief overview of historical and current arrangements for Easter Sunday trading. New legislation provided for local authorities to expand and create local policies that permitted retail trading in parts of the district or, district wide.

Whilst the exemption for Taupō Town would remain in place, under the new policy it was proposed that all shops district wide would be allowed to open. However, the policy could not force shops to open or employees to work (the right for employees to refuse to work on Easter Sunday was introduced in 2016).

The general consensus of member's was in favour of the proposed changes as it would provide consistency across the district, autonomy to business owner/s, and reduce confusion around the rules.

#### **TT201709/10 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Mrs Karen Donlon  
Seconded: Miss Sharlyn Holt

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board/Tongariro Community Board receives the information in relation to Easter Sunday trading.

**CARRIED**

#### **4.4 CLASS 4 GAMBLING REVIEW**

Policy Advisor Hilary Samuel advised that the Class 4 gambling policy was due for renewal by December 2017. The policy had polarising social impacts and required a delicate balance between community benefits versus social harm.

Part of the review also required that a social impact analysis be undertaken which was completed for the Taupō district in 2016. The results were concerning and noted that over \$8M was spent on gaming machines in the Taupō district alone. Only 13-15% of that income was distributed back to the district through

grants as charitable trusts were not obligated to inject funds back into the community from which the funds were generated. The allowance for gaming machines within the district was capped at 225 although currently there was only 175 machines in operation across 12 venues.

In reply to member questions, the Policy Advisor advised that gaming machines were not allowed to be the primary activity or main source of business income, and a sinking lid policy was an available option.

#### **TT201709/11 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Mrs Karen Donlon  
Seconded: Cr Tangonui Kingi

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board/Tongariro Community Board receives the information on the Class 4 Gambling Review.

**CARRIED**

#### **4.5 TURANGI OPERATIONS REPORT - JULY/AUGUST 2017**

The District Parks Operations Manager went through his operations report. The recent departure of Annette Houston had provided an opportunity to revisit the parks and reserves structure and trial new ways of doing things. A key focus was district wide collaboration including operations field staff working at any location within the district if required irrespective of where they were domiciled. An internal employee development programme was also being introduced.

Parks and operations managers Julie Gordon and Andrew Moor were in attendance and their respective responsibilities outlined for members.

#### **TT201709/12 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Tangonui Kingi  
Seconded: Mrs Karen Donlon

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

**CARRIED**

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

##### *Proposal for a Technology Hub in Turangi*

Ms Ginette Van Praag, owner/operator of The Technology Hub Ltd tabled documentation in relation to her proposal for a technology hub in Turangi (A2045611). A digital technologies education specialist and Ministry of Education (MoE) accredited professional learning and development facilitator, Ms Van Praag wanted to establish a technology hub in Turangi to provide after-school opportunities for local tamariki and youth to develop digital fluency and creative skills using digital technology.

Learning activities would align with the National Curriculum Digital Technologies and Technology, and Youth Strategy goals. The majority of the estimated \$430k required for the 3 year programme would be applied for from the 'Digital Technology for All Equity Fund'. Expenses included property lease and associated costs (\$36k), furniture, equipment and resources (\$74k) and staffing (\$60k).

Members observed that the establishment of a technology hub would be a great asset for the community and tendered their support in principle of the proposal.

*The following verbal reports were then provided by members:*

- The Southern Lake Taupō Health Trust had advised that it was not necessary to have a TTCB member as an observer on the Trust as the primary focus of their meetings centred on building related issues only. The Democracy & Community Engagement Manager would review the agreement before confirming the request
- A 'Meet the candidates' evening was scheduled for Thursday, 14 September at the Senior Citizens

Hall

- Request for funds for Board members to be provided iPads so agendas could be viewed digitally via 'Diligent' had been submitted to the LTP by the Democracy & Community Engagement Manager
- Maori Language Week celebrations would be held in the town centre between 10am-2pm tomorrow (Wednesday 13 September)
- Good to see some local applications submitted for Creative Community Grants
- District Youth Awards - Monday, 18 September in Taupō
- Tuwharetoa Taiopenga - week beginning Monday, 18 September
- TTSF holiday programme – first week of October
- Ngāti Tūrangitukua centenary celebrations – Labour Weekend 2017 at Hirangi Marae
- \$30k had been secured for youth programmes
- Pukawa Waitangi event were finalists in the 2017 events awards
- The Chair tabled a letter (A2045606) received from Ms Winitana-Murray regarding re-establishing of the toy library and seeking a venue from which to operate

#### **TT201709/13 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Mrs Karen Donlon

Seconded: Mr Andy Hema

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board:

1. Receives the members' reports and community plan updates.
2. Approves the attendance of Mr Andy Hema at the Te Maruata Hui hosted by LGNZ Te Maruata (the Māori Committee) in Porirua, Wellington, on 25 September 2017.

**CARRIED**

#### **5 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**

Nil

**The Meeting closed with a karakia by Councillor Tangonui Kingi at 2.30pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board Meeting held on 10 October 2017.**

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**CHAIRPERSON**