

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 107 HEUHEU STREET, TAUPŌ  
ON TUESDAY, 27 FEBRUARY 2018 AT 1.30PM**

**PRESENT:** Mayor David Trewavas (in the Chair), Cr John Boddy, Cr Rosie Harvey, Cr Barry Hickling, Cr Rosanne Jollands, Cr Tangonui Kingi, Cr Anna Park, Cr Christine Rankin, Cr Maggie Stewart

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Chief Executive, Group Manager: Finance & Strategy, Group Manager: Operational Services, Group Manager: Corporate & Community, Group Manager: Business & Technology, Group Manager: Iwi & Māori Engagement, Democracy & Community Engagement Manager, Communications Manager, Infrastructure Manager, Finance Manager, Policy Manager, Facilities Manager, Landscape Architect, Asset Manager Water & Waste, Asset Manager Stormwater & Solid Waste, Operations Manager – Three Waters, Senior Communications Advisor, Business Project Manager, Commercial Manager, Strategic Advisor Property & Infrastructure and Democratic Services Officer

Turangi/Tongariro Community Board Chairman, Mr Andy Hema

**MEDIA AND PUBLIC:** Taupō Times

Six members of the public

His Worship the Mayor, David Trewavas welcomed everyone to the meeting and observed that the webcam was operating. Cr Tangonui Kingi opened the meeting with a karakia.

## **1 APOLOGIES**

### **TDC201802/24 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Tangonui Kingi

Seconded: Cr Barry Hickling

That the apologies received from Crs Kirsty Trueman and John Williamson be accepted.

**CARRIED**

## **2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Nil

## **3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

### **3.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 1 FEBRUARY 2018**

In answer to a question, His Worship the Mayor confirmed that councillors could continue to submit members' reports for receipt at Council meetings, either in hard copy or verbally.

In answer to another question, the Chief Executive advised that trees throughout the district were being assessed on an ongoing basis to ensure they did not pose risks to the public. Staff would provide a verbal briefing to the Fences, Roding, Reserves & Dogs Committee explaining the programme of assessment of trees, but any trees of specific concern could be notified to the Chief Executive at any time for further investigation.

**TDC201802/25 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Rosie Harvey  
Seconded: Cr Christine Rankin

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on Thursday 1 February 2018 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

**4 RECEIPT OF MINUTES****4.1 ORDINARY TURANGI RESERVES MANAGEMENT PLAN COMMITTEE MEETING - 8 FEBRUARY 2018****TDC201802/26 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Barry Hickling  
Seconded: Cr Tangonui Kingi

That Council receives the minutes of the Turangi Reserves Management Plan Committee meeting held on Thursday 8 February 2018.

**CARRIED**

**4.2 ORDINARY TURANGI/TONGARIRO COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING - 13 FEBRUARY 2018****TDC201802/27 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Tangonui Kingi  
Seconded: Cr Maggie Stewart

That Council receives the minutes of the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board meeting held on Tuesday 13 February 2018.

**CARRIED**

**5 POLICY AND DECISION MAKING****5.1 TENDER CONTRACT TDC/1718/222 - PAENOA ROAD DROP STRUCTURE**

The Chief Executive, the Infrastructure Manager and the Asset Manager Stormwater & Solid Waste answered questions. The following points were noted:

- Paenoa Road was a public road.
- The catchment was massive in size and the runoff from the Brentwood subdivision was a small percentage of the overall runoff. There would be some relief available once the land on the lake side of Acacia Bay Road was developed, but the individual landowners needed relief immediately.
- The property in danger had been built with all appropriate consents in place.
- Temporary fixes had been in place in the past, but it was time to install a permanent device to solve the problem. Council was liable because it was responsible for the stormwater. Waikato Regional Council's erosion fund was limited to erosion caused by the lake, not stormwater discharges.
- No funding from external agencies was available.

**TDC201802/28 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Maggie Stewart  
Seconded: Cr Rosanne Jollands

That Council:

1. Approves unbudgeted expenditure of \$203,000.00 (excl. GST) for the Paenoa Road Drop Structure project.
2. Accepts the Tender for Contract TDC/1718/222 for Paenoa Road Drop Structure submitted by Seay Earthmovers for the sum of \$181,131.72 (excl. GST) and authorises His Worship the Mayor and the Chief Executive to sign the Contract Document(s) and attach the Council's Common Seal to them.
3. Approves a contingency sum of \$18,868.28 (excl. GST).

**CARRIED**

**5.2 TENDER CONTRACT TDC/1718/221 - OTUMUHEKE CULTURAL AND ECOLOGICAL ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**

The Landscape Architect summarised the proposal and in answer to a question advised that removing one or more features would compromise the overall project. In answer to another question, he advised that earthworks would safeguard the area from erosion and the plan had been devised in consultation with Tonkin + Taylor.

Members decided to approve the unbudgeted expenditure for the Otumuheke Cultural and Ecological Enhancement Project as proposed. Removing features would detract from the final outcome in this high value, popular area.

**TDC201802/29 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Anna Park  
Seconded: Cr Barry Hickling

1. That Council approves unbudgeted expenditure of \$334,814.65 [excl. GST] for the Otumuheke Cultural and Ecological Enhancement Project.
2. That Council accepts and awards the tender for Contract TDC/1718/221 Otumuheke Cultural and Ecological enhancement to Deano's Earthmoving and logging Ltd for the sum of \$845,384.55 [excl. GST] and authorises His Worship the Mayor and the Chief Executive to sign the Contract Document(s).

**CARRIED**

*Cr John Boddy requested his dissent to resolution TDC201802/29 above be recorded.*

**5.3 WASTEWATER NETWORK INCREASED MAINTENANCE: OVERFLOW REDUCTION**

The Asset Manager Water & Waste showed some photographs of local sewer pipes to demonstrate new technology which was helping staff detect areas requiring maintenance in order to avoid overflows. The requested unbudgeted expenditure would enable additional work to commence immediately.

In answer to a question the Group Manager, Operational Services confirmed that the requested unbudgeted expenditure would be in addition to the existing budget for wastewater network maintenance throughout the district.

**TDC201802/30 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Maggie Stewart  
Seconded: Cr Tangonui Kingi

That Council approves unbudgeted expenditure of \$395,000 [excl. GST] in the 2017/18 year for additional sewer inspection and cleaning.

**CARRIED**

**5.4 DRAFT WASTE MANAGEMENT MINIMISATION PLAN FOR CONSULTATION**

The Asset Manager Stormwater & Solid Waste showed members an example of a recyclable plastic container with a non-recyclable plastic wrap, which meant that the item could not be recycling and therefore provide a return to Council. He emphasised the importance of product stewardship to minimise the environmental impact of products.

In relation to the draft Waste Management Minimisation Plan, the Asset Manager Stormwater & Solid Waste confirmed that the Plan had been updated following a workshop earlier in the year and was ready for consultation. He added that introducing wheely bins half way through the contract term would be costly.

In answer to questions the Asset Manager Stormwater & Solid Waste advised that:

- Public composting workshops could be arranged for Turangi.
- Occupied and unoccupied dwelling statistics come from Statistics New Zealand and do not take into account visitors staying in air bnb accommodation, for example. The fact that central government's waste levy is population based is a challenge for Taupō District.
- Changes to the emissions trading scheme had been taken into account in terms of fees and charges.
- Staff were awaiting the outcome of a survey being undertaken by the Kinloch community group to determine whether or not the Kinloch landfill opening hours should be increased.
- Green waste was handled differently throughout the district.
- The key to recycling via Envirowaste was having 'clean' product. At present there was only 1% contamination of recycling collected in Taupō, compared to 18% in Palmerston North via wheely bins.

**TDC201802/31 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Anna Park  
Seconded: Cr Maggie Stewart

That Council adopts the Statement of Proposal for the draft Waste Management & Minimisation Plan for consultation in accordance with Section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002.

**CARRIED**

**5.5 SUBMISSION TO MAORI AFFAIRS SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE NGATI TUWHARETOA CLAIMS SETTLEMENT BILL****TDC201802/32 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Anna Park  
Seconded: Cr Maggie Stewart

That Council endorses the submission to the Māori Affairs Select Committee on the Ngāti Tūwharetoa Claims Settlement Bill.

**CARRIED**

## 5.6 COUNCIL'S JANUARY PERFORMANCE REPORT

The Chief Executive summarised his covering report. Members thanked the Chief Executive and team for the way they led the response to the algal bloom incident shortly before Christmas.

Group Managers summarised key aspects of the October performance report and answered questions. The following points were noted:

- In relation to counterparty credit exposure – policy compliance, it was hoped that Council would be back within policy, in time. The challenge was the lack of corporate paper available.
- Part of the challenge with the Tirohanga forestry block was road access.
- Correction to community facilities information (p200 of the agenda) – subsidies and grants were ahead of plan by \$111k, not \$111, due to subsidies from Waikato Regional Council for erosion work.
- Habitat for Humanity had been sub-contracted to run the shop at the landfill. They had stopped taking certain types of waste. The contractor would discuss levels of service with the sub-contractor.
- The Wharewaka – Rainbow Point footpath had been funded by bowwave – the Infrastructure Manager had detailed financial information if members were interested.

His Worship the Mayor thanked the Chief Executive and asked him to pass on members' appreciation to staff for work done during the busy summer period. Wastewater spills had been disappointing, but overall Council's infrastructure had held up well.

### TDC201802/33 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Barry Hickling  
Seconded: Cr Tangonui Kingi

That Council notes the information contained in the Council Performance report for the month of January 2018.

**CARRIED**

## 5.7 COUNCIL ENGAGEMENTS MARCH 2018 AND CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES

The Democracy & Community Engagement Manager advised that:

- An additional meeting had been added to the list of engagements for March 2018: Kinloch Representative Group meeting, 7pm on 22 March 2018.
- Two further workshops would also be added; one for the Kinloch Representative Group and one on Resource Management Act 1991 process and developments.

In answer to questions, the Democracy & Community Engagement Manager confirmed that:

- Members of the Fences, Rooding, Reserves & Dogs Committee were welcome to attend the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board workshop about trees in Turangi on 13 March 2018.
- The venue for the Turangi Reserves Management Plan Committee meeting on 8 March 2018 was the Senior Citizens Hall, Turangi.

Cr Rosie Harvey advised that she could possibly attend the Zone 2 meeting on Friday 6 April 2018, but would need to check her diary before confirming.

### TDC201802/34 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rosanne Jollands  
Seconded: Cr Maggie Stewart

1. That Council receives the information relating to engagements for March 2018.
2. That Council approves the attendance of Cr Rosie Harvey at the Zone 2 meeting hosted by Thames-Coromandel District Council, Friday 6 April 2018 in Whangamata.

**CARRIED**

## 5.8 MEMBERS' REPORTS

The following reports were received:

### **Cr Rosie Harvey** (A2156558)

- ABAC meeting in Auckland (Bank of China) breakfast with other mayors
- Citizens Advice Bureau monthly meeting
- More Women in Business meeting, You Travel
- Citizenship ceremony – great to see around 30 new citizens from many countries
- Chamber of Commerce AGM
- Chamber of Commerce Business After 5 – gave current overview on behalf of Council

### **Cr Anna Park** (A2156690)

- Sports Advisory Council
- Meeting with REAL (mental health providers for youth ages 12-20)
- Meeting with Conor Brown re: Taupō Skate Park
- Bike Taupō meeting
- MORE FM Women in Business
- Citizenship ceremony
- Taupō Chamber of Commerce & Industry Business After 5
- Community Sports Funding Distribution

### **Cr Maggie Stewart** (A2156555)

- Pukawa Ratepayers AGM
- Omori Kuratau Ratepayers AGM
- Council workshops
- Turangi/Tongariro Community Board meetings
- Turangi Reserves Management Plan Committee meeting
- Omori Kuratau Ratepayers 2 monthly meeting
- Turangi Business After 5
- Meetings with ratepayers – ongoing

### **Cr John Williamson** (A2159429)

- St Johns programme in schools
- Sports Advisory Council meeting
- Lakes & Waterways Action Group meeting
- Neighbourhood Event – Mere Road
- Exhibition – Museum
- Citizenship ceremony
- Grey Power meeting
- Waipahihi Botanical Society meeting
- Business After 5 – Dixie Browns
- Cross the Lake swim

Members asked the Democracy & Engagement Manager to investigate the possibility of submitting members' reports online.

**Cr Rosanne Jollands** updated members on the Kinloch Representative Group meeting held on 15 February 2018. It had been a long meeting, well-attended by Council staff and members of the public. The Kinloch Representative Group was going to be a great forum to facilitate engagement with the Kinloch community. Members were keen to have input into future developments, particularly if they represented a variation to the Kinloch Community Structure Plan. **Cr Christine Rankin** added that elected members did not understand the conditions relating to subdivisions – there was a need to better understand the process.

**Cr Anna Park** reported that the safety of roads around Kinloch had also come up at a recent Bike Taupō meeting.

The Chief Executive advised that a workshop about Resource Management Act 1991 processes would be scheduled shortly. There was an inherent tension between community views and what the Act enables Council to do.

A member asked for Kinloch Representative Group minutes to be presented to the same month's Council meeting for receipt if possible.

**TDC201802/35 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Rosie Harvey  
 Seconded: Cr Christine Rankin

That Council receives the reports from members.

**CARRIED**

*Cr Tangonui Kingi closed the meeting with a karakia.*

**6 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**

**TDC201802/36 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Anna Park  
 Seconded: Cr Tangonui Kingi

**RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC**

I move that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48[1] of the local government official information and meetings act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

| <b>General subject of each matter to be considered</b>  | <b>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</b>   | <b>Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</b>  |
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| <p><b>Agenda Item No: 6.1</b><br/>                     Confirmation of Confidential Portion of Ordinary Council Minutes - 1 February 2018</p> | <p>Section 6(a) - the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences, and the right to a fair trial</p>   | <p>Section 48(1)(a)(i)- the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6</p> |
| <p><b>Agenda Item No: 6.2</b><br/>                     Consideration of Offer to Purchase Part 405 SH1, Taupō</p>                             | <p>Section 7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable [the Council] to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities</p> <p>Section 7(2)(i) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable [the Council] to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)</p> | <p>Section 48(1)(a)(i)- the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 7</p> |

**CARRIED**

**The meeting closed at 3.12pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the ordinary Council meeting held on 27 March 2018.**

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**CHAIRPERSON**