

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 107 HEUHEU STREET, TAUPŌ
ON MONDAY, 30 APRIL 2018 AT 9.30AM**

PRESENT: Mayor David Trewavas (in the Chair), Cr John Boddy, Cr Rosie Harvey, Cr Rosanne Jollands, Cr Anna Park, Cr Maggie Stewart, Cr Kirsty Trueman (from 10.11am), Cr John Williamson

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive, Head of Finance & Strategy, Head of Community, Culture & Heritage, Head of Democracy, Governance & Venues, Head of Communications & Customer Relations, Head of Operations, Head of Economic Development & Business Transformation, Infrastructure Manager, Asset Manager Transportation, Asset Manager Water & Waste, Asset Manager Water, Asset Manager Stormwater & Solid Waste, Finance Manager, Senior Reserves Planner, District Parks Operations Manager, Senior Policy Advisor, Policy Advisor, Senior Administrator-Policy, Democratic Services Support Officer and Democratic Services Officer

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: 52 members of the public over the course of the day
Mr Andy Hema, Chairman of the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board

1 APOLOGIES

TDC201804/22 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anna Park
Seconded: Cr Maggie Stewart

That the apologies received from Crs Barry Hickling, Tangonui Kingi and Christine Rankin (for absence) and Cr Kirsty Trueman (for lateness) be accepted.

CARRIED

2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Nil

4 POLICY AND DECISION MAKING

4.1 TO RECEIVE, HEAR AND DELIBERATE ON SUBMISSIONS MADE ON THE DRAFT DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS POLICY 2018, DRAFT REVENUE AND FINANCING POLICY, DRAFT FEES AND CHARGES 2018/19, DRAFT RATES REMISSIONS AND POSTPONEMENT POLICIES AND THE CONSULTATION DOCUMENT FOR THE LONG-TERM PLAN 2018-28

TDC201804/23 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rosanne Jollands
Seconded: Cr Anna Park

1. That Council receives submissions on the draft Development Contributions Policy 2018, draft Revenue and Financing Policy, draft Fees and Charges 2018/19, draft Rates Remissions and Postponement Policies and the Consultation Document for the Long-term Plan 2018-28.

2. That Council accepts late submissions from the following submitters:

- Submitter 297
- Submitter 300
- Submitter 301
- Submitter 304
- Submitter 306
- Submitter 344
- Submitter 345

CARRIED

4.2 TO RECEIVE, HEAR AND DELIBERATE ON SUBMISSIONS MADE ON THE DRAFT WASTE MANAGEMENT AND MINIMISATION PLAN 2018

TDC201804/24 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rosanne Jollands

Seconded: Cr John Boddy

1. That Council receives submissions on the draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018.
2. That Council accepts late submissions on the draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018.

CARRIED

344 submissions on the draft Long-term Plan 2018-28 had been circulated to elected members, along with 20 submissions on the draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018.

The following submitters spoke to their submissions, with additional points as noted.

293 – Clayton Stent and Chris Young - Paetiki Shopping Centre

Mr Stent made a PowerPoint presentation (A2215291).

- Paetiki Shopping Centre owners (Longridge Ltd) have made significant investment developing the shopping centre. The shopping centre is busy and at the heart of the community in that area of Taupō.
- The owners want to make the shopping centre a destination shopping centre for the whole town.
- Want to partner with Council and seek modest investment from Council to improve the amenity in this particular area.
- Vision for the shopping centre – some of it is about safety, with proposed modest investment in traffic calming and the installation of crossings. The wonderful job done in the centre of town could be reproduced in Paetiki.
- Voice of Jeannie Short in the PowerPoint presentation – there is a strong sense of community in Paetiki.
- Slides detailed proposed updates to the area, including crossing opportunities; median strips; seating; and amenity planting. In the future a community space was requested, for example a park, as it is unusual not to have a community space next to a shopping centre.
- This is about community. Paetiki is the largest shopping centre outside the Taupō CBD and it warrants partnership with Council to complement commercial investments already made in the area.

In answer to a question, Mr Stent advised that stages 1 and 2 were the focus of the submission. Stage 3 is a vision for the future.

285 – Rowan Sapsford and Peter Masters (Chairman) – Bike Taupō

- Grateful for funding received from Council to date. Requesting additional funding because visitor numbers are growing, and expectations of Bike Taupō are exceeding the budget.
- Good to see a review of the Taupō District Cycle Strategy (part of the Transport Strategy) will take place later this year – the document needs a refresh. The need to take an holistic approach was accepted, but Council needs to ensure this happens.
- Cycling is very important and needs a solid and independent focus. It is one of Taupō's strengths, so we should put it in lights. Council needs to facilitate and think outside the square to deliver results to the economy.
- We have our 'bike lady' Cath Oldfield, but Council needs to make the streets safe for our children to ride on. Note the comments in Bike Taupō's submission about intersection planning.
- Vision for cycling – easy changes can be made to improve infrastructure to support cycling – both physical and social improvements. In relation to the northern outlet CBD investigation – Council needs to look at reducing peak time traffic sitting at intersections – channeling traffic, but also incentivising people to cycle.

In answer to questions, the representatives advised that:

- The current funding from Council included the Kids on Bikes programme.
- Bike Taupō was seeking an additional \$20,000 per annum.
- The new underpass project was ready to go once traffic management had been sorted out.
- The Opus International report on the overpass had not been forgotten, but had slipped down the priority list. It would be good to move this forward.
- It would also be good to put another underpass on Craters Road.

The meeting adjourned at this point (10.00am) and reconvened at 10.02am.

333 – Glyn Wooller and South Waikato District Council Cr Gray Baldwin – Waikato River Trails

- Waikato River Trails Trust was seeking an increase of funding from South Waikato District Council from \$225,000 per annum to \$300,000 per annum for the next three years. The Trust was looking for an increase from Taupō District Council at the same time to enable work to continue.
- The economic benefits of the Waikato River Trails for Mangakino were significant.
- Central government provided funding to improve and extend the Trail, but not for operations.
- The Waikato River Trails were almost at a point of being a piece of critical infrastructure for both the South Waikato and the Taupō districts.
- The Trails connected the Waikato River North to South – there was an opportunity to market this internationally.

In answer to questions, the representatives advised that:

- Waipa District Council do not provide funding for the Waikato River Trails.
- Mercury are the major sponsor (\$80,000) and Waikato River Trails Trust secures \$150,000 per annum from other sources.

Cr Kirsty Trueman entered the meeting at this point (10.11am)

100 – Peter Mariu – Waihi Marae Trust Hapu member

- Seeking a safe, reliable drinking water supply for Waihi Village.
- Initiatives to clean up the water in Waihi Village went back to Mr Mariu's father's time.
- Waihi Village residents had been working hard to secure funding over many years.
- An engineering company from Taupō has suggested that an effluent line should also be put in, as well as a water line. The newest house in the Village was built in 1965 and the effluent tank on that property now overflows and soaks into the lawn.
- The project will now cost \$2m and the shortfall is currently just over \$1m.
- Council – please contribute.

In answer to questions, Mr Mariu advised that:

- The three entities who never responded to requests for funding would be approached again.
- The project was a two-stage project, with most of the costs coming in in Stage 2.
- The Ministry of Health funding would continue to be available as long as progress was being made.
- Sir Tumu te Heuheu Tūkino resides in Waihi Village.

The meeting adjourned again at this point (10.20am) and reconvened again at 11.06am.

335 – Leah White and Becs Attenborough – Taupō Parents Centre

- Taupō Parents Centre does not support proposed fee increases for AC Baths – reasons outlined in the written submission. Seeking free entry for adult accompanying child up to the age of eight in the water.
- Community grants – would like to see funding rounds kept to every six months – reasons outlined in the written submission.
- Concerned about changes to partnership agreements and the grants process – unclear how this is going to run in the future. For example, accountability forms should be submitted before an organisation's next application is put in, not within a one month time frame.
- Supports continuation of funding – vital for not-for-profit groups to provide services at low cost for families.
- Supports Council's ongoing programme of playground upgrades throughout the district, families will benefit especially in the school holidays. Provide shade for people wherever possible, for example provide shade sails if the trees are not mature enough to provide shelter from the sun. Also provide toilets at playgrounds wherever possible.
- Kids in Cars Programme – seeking Council support for this important programme.
- Supports the Library's weekly Toddler Time, along with Museum and school holiday programmes – very valuable especially in the colder months.

In answer to questions, the representatives advised that:

- Council used to fund the Kids in Cars Programme (\$4,000 or \$5,000 per annum). This includes Turangi as well. Waiora House funding was available for locking clips only, not road-side checks.
- Another option for AC Baths fees could be a locals rate.

334 – Leah White – Pregnancy Help

- Supports continued funding of grants for community services. Will Pregnancy Help need a partnership agreement for wages – this is unclear? Twice yearly funding please – this flexibility helps organisations. Accountability forms should be submitted before applications lodged in subsequent funding rounds. There should be certainty around the independent distributor – appointing every three years will create uncertainty.
- Does not support proposed AC Baths fee increases – this would affect low socio-economic families and create inequalities.
- Thanked Council for Museum and Library services.

In answer to questions, Ms White advised that Pregnancy Help had received \$4,000 in total for wages last year. Going forward, partnership agreements would require a minimum of \$5,000 per annum and grants cannot include wages – worried Pregnancy Help may miss out under the new system. A partnership agreement for three years would be beneficial to the organisation.

288 – Catriona Eagles, Cathy Vennell and Cushla Seamer – Taupō Primary School

Ms Eagles tabled and read out a document in support of the submission (A2210045). She made a correction to paragraph 1.13 – three (not two) buses do daily drop-offs and pick ups. In summary, Ms Eagles advised that more information was required to enable the Taupō Primary School Board to undertake due diligence. Proposed future traffic changes could result in significant change to the school environment.

298 – Catriona Eagles and Annabel Prescott – Anamata Café

The representatives tabled a document in support of the submission (A2210049).

- Waiora House was not adequate for the youth hub envisaged.
- Council was asked to confirm funding in the Long-term Plan. Anamata Café has some funding of its own and would like to partner with Council to progress this project as quickly as possible. The hub will result in significant improvement in youth well-being in the community.
- Anamata Café currently supports 6,000 young people in Taupō and Turangi. Young people are fully on board with the youth hub proposal, as there is a gap in the community for a safe place for them to go for youth development activities – this could include a café, opportunities to do artwork, the spoken word (poetry), make music and so on – these activities are proven to have a significant impact on the health and well-being of young people.
- Taupō district has a concerning level of mental well-being for young people – this is a real opportunity for Council to partner with Anamata Café and do something with young people in mind.

In answer to questions, the representatives advised that:

- Examples of effective youth hubs in other places include Henderson, Auckland; Zeal, Hamilton; Evolve, Wellington; and KYS, Kapiti Coast.
- Anamata Café holds a number of contracts including with the Ministry of Youth Development. A grants coordinator role is being considered, however Anamata Café's biggest limitation is its physical space.
- Anamata Café has a long history of collaborating with other providers in Taupō and Turangi.
- 'Youth' includes people from ages 12 to 25. The clinic at Waiora House sees people of all ages. Anamata Café was working with Taupō Intermediate to encourage students to start having conversations around relationships and well-being.
- A range of places had been considered for the youth hub – space and proximity to key routes and locations was important – the hub should be close to the CBD, colleges, Spa Road. The existing site was not suitable.
- Costs would depend on the vision. \$250,000 in the Long-term Plan would get a building, so this is a great start.

305 – Alan Sciascia – Hospitality New Zealand

Mr Sciascia tabled and read out a document in support of the submission (A2210053).

- A number of businesses are masquerading as private residences. These businesses should be charged commercial rates (the 1.8 differential plus pan tax).
- Explosion of short-term accommodation – numbers are increasing exponentially. Hospitality NZ is not seeking to change this, but wants to create a level playing field for commercial operators in the marketplace.
- If the 66 properties currently listed on Destination Great Lake Taupō's website are being charged residential rates, they are getting a 'free ride'.
- Hospitality NZ had bought some very interesting information from airdna – figures provided in the tabled document. This is serious business and is also exacerbating the housing shortage. Council should acknowledge the trend and treat businesses as businesses.

In answer to a questions, Mr Sciascia suggested that Council could follow the Queenstown compliance model, soon to be introduced by Auckland. All properties need to be registered before they can be marketed. Mr Sciascia offered to work with Council staff to work out a fair, simple and efficient system.

279 – Anne McLeod and Cr Kathy White – Waikato Regional Council

- Supports funding set aside for wastewater spills this year and throughout the Long-term Plan. Education will be an important part of that package.
- Supports funding set aside for the Lake Taupō Flood & Erosion Strategy.
- Waikato Regional Council looking forward to working with Taupō District Council to continue to address erosion around the Lake.
- Supports planned water upgrades and the development of a water demand strategy. What about stormwater funding?
- Supports enviro schools and suggests an additional \$1,000 for that.
- Acknowledges Council's investment in cycling to date – this should be emphasised.
- Needs to be sufficient funding for road safety – retain proposed funding and add a little bit more if possible.
- Otumuhehe project – great collaboration and multi-stakeholder benefits.
- Thanks to Council for efforts to support helicopter rescue services – Waikato Regional Council also supports the retaining of the helicopter base in Taupō.

In answer to questions, the representatives advised that:

- Investment in erosion was about ensuring the security of amenities around the Lake for the future.
- Stormwater has gone 'off the radar' a bit. Events around New Zealand show that there is an increasing need to focus back on it and ensure systems are adequate.

249 – Kylie Leonard – St Patrick's Catholic School Board of Trustees Chair

His Worship the Mayor congratulated Ms Leonard on her recent Dairy Community Leadership Award.

- Apologies from board member Damien Coutts and principal Angela Edhouse.
- St Patrick's broader community probably consists of around 4,000 people.

- Traffic congestion is one of the most talked about issues in the St Patrick's community, in particular congestion at the school gate and people's ability to reach the school.
- Northern access congestion makes it difficult for parents to drop off children and get to work on time. Children can only be dropped off between 8.30am and 8.50am.
- St Patricks would like to promote other modes of transport for drop off.
- The school board supports work to fix growing congestion problems. We need a solution allowing for safer access to town for pedestrians and cyclists too.
- Concerns around the traffic light solution – lights create queues and so do intersections. The board would prefer a roundabout even if it costs more and takes more time, because a roundabout will get traffic moving more effectively.
- Council should also prioritise a second bridge solution.
- Improve / enhance cyclist access to the northern side of town including Rangitira Park. Perhaps a Wairakei Drive underpass?

In answer to questions, Mrs Leonard advised that:

- It was not possible for St Patrick's school to have drop offs before 8.30am.
- Traffic lights will compound the issue and back everything up. Roundabouts are safer because they keep traffic moving.
- A safe crossing over Control Gates Hill via over- or under-bridge would give people other options to travel to school.

302 – Julie McLeod and Ben Westerman – Town Centre Taupō

- Apologies from Chairman Chris Johnston.
- Town Centre Taupō (TCT) proud to have worked closely and collaboratively with Council to develop the heart of the CBD. Commends Council for ongoing improvement in the centre of town.
- Destination playground – this will further develop the vibrancy of the CBD – fully support the expenditure.
- New building – congratulations for exploring the option of creating a cultural precinct – fully support the master planning approach and the location near the Great Lake Centre. Exciting project – resource it to ensure we get the best option for the space.
- Traffic flow – TCT attended a meeting with the traffic engineers. Out of that it seemed that a mixture of roundabouts and traffic lights could be possible, but the draft Long-term Plan seems to have traffic lights or nothing at all. What about roundabouts? They may be more expensive, but we need to adopt a long-term vision.
- Capital works – fantastic ongoing work, commends Council and encourages an increase in expenditure.
- Supports waste reduction – 'clean, green' image is such an important part of Taupō as a destination.
- Stellar Awards – Taupō District Council is a category sponsor for the waste reduction category – this sponsorship came at zero cost to Council, staff time only.
- Supports ongoing targeted rate plus \$20,000 per annum grant for the TCT coordinator.
- Encourages Council to employ staff to support environmental initiatives.
- Supports and encourages Council funding of Destination Great Lake Taupō, Enterprise Great Lake Taupō and Events Capital.

The meeting adjourned again at this point (12.42pm) and reconvened again at 1.50pm.

56 – Sarah Hunt – Cheal Consultants on behalf of Kinloch Marina Limited

Ms Hunt tabled a document in support of the submission (A2210060).

- The tabled plan shows stormwater outlets at points A, B and C. Two of these are provided for by easement, the third is not – this needs to be fixed.
- Stormwater is affecting water quality in the Kinloch Marina. Currently the Marina conducts weekly visual inspections; quarterly water sampling; and a scuba dive every three years.
- Council's stormwater network is contributing to contamination – Council should do something to address this – remove the outlets; include Kinloch Marina as a location on the stormwater devices project; if not – fit all three outlets with enviropods; or at the very least – fit outlet C with an enviropod.

4 – John Marshall and Rick Martin – Taupō Golf Club

- Council thanked for support over the last three years.
- Reasons why Council should continue to support Taupō Golf Club (TGC) outlined – including benefits to the community; economy; environment; education.

- If Council prepared to continue to support the TGC, the club will extend free membership to kids under 16 years of age (currently 13); and it will continue FootGolf.
- Course Fee introduced – members pay \$3 per round.
- TGC is seeking a hand up, not a hand out – the request is not open-ended, but for a limited time only. The club hopes to be debt free within the next seven years.

In answer to questions, the representatives advised that:

- Worldwide, golf club membership is slipping 1-2% and TGC's membership was in line with this trend. More casual golf was being played however – green fee revenue is up.
- Extending the membership to under 16s would enable young people to continue to play through collage years.

209 – Nicola Carter – Malcolm Flowers Insurances Taupō Winter Festival

Ms Carter tabled the programme for the Malcolm Flowers Insurances Taupō Winter Festival 2018.

- The format for the Taupō Winter Festival was 4-5 days. Interestingly Queenstown has just reduced the length of its winter festival from 10 days to 4 days.
- The Taupō Winter Festival 2018 consists of 4 days, 5 nights with 23 events in total. 15 events are free or small koha for entry.
- Many groups are involved in the festival – community event.
- 25% of income comes from grant funding – eight separate funders. All funding avenues have been explored. 44% of income comes from local businesses (34 companies – they want to see it continue). 20% from ticket sales. 4% from Council and Town Centre Taupō and 7% from individuals.
- Changes to the grants policy mean that funding is now only available three months prior to the funds being used. This does not work for the Taupō Winter Festival, funding needs to be in the bank a year ahead, otherwise Trustees are put under financial risk, and that is unsustainable.
- 100s of volunteer hours go into the Taupō Winter Festival. In the first year, 5% of the budget was for salary and that is now 11%. That should be higher, but grant funding does not allow for salaries.
- The options for the Taupō Winter Festival are: continue to rely on volunteers (but Trustees would be exposed); decrease the size of the programme / remove free components or start charging for them; reassign sponsorship money to events generating income; or find some more funding. Council, please support the Taupō Winter Festival to continue.
- Great Lake Taupō website – Events Capital – support is sports-heavy. We need to protect cultural, arts, community initiatives and if there were no festival – there would be a huge gap.

In answer to a question, Ms Carter advised that as many events as possible had financial sponsors, some were contra sponsors.

35 – Belinda Walker

Ms Walker explained that her son had completed Taupō Intermediate School's Bevan Docherty Award last year. One component was to participate in a leg of the cycle challenge (40km). When her son went to practice for the ride, Ms Walker realised she could not let him go past Kinloch Road because the roads beyond were simply too dangerous. Taupō has received awards for being the best place to bike in New Zealand, but our roads are not safe – does Council have any thoughts / ideas for creating bike lanes in that stretch of road near Kinloch? Also connecting up bike trails? There must be a solution; everyone wants to keep kids safe and active.

179 – Kylie Hawker-Green and Anton Steel – Bay of Plenty Film

Mr Steel made a PowerPoint presentation (A2215301).

- Bay of Plenty Film serves the industry, connecting productions with fantastic places, people and services.
- Targeting large projects which make a large difference to the local economy.
- Active since July 2017 supporting Tauranga, Western Bay of Plenty and other councils. Three year strategy developed in conjunction with economic development and industry leaders – to use a film analogy, year 1 is in development – relationship building; year 2 is pre-production – logistics, building capacity; year 3 is in production.
- Films and shows already lined up to be produced in the Taupō district; scouts and producers are visiting the region – big names with influence in the industry – opportunity to involve the local community running events etc.

- A big part of Mr Steel's role is to convince others that the Bay of Plenty is not just about beaches and geysers – marketing amazing diversity unrivalled in New Zealand.
- Meeting with, and connecting people to put the region on the map.

In answer to a question, Mrs Hawker-Green advised that the Bay of Plenty Film submission was in support of Enterprise Great Lake Taupō's (EGLT) request for funding. EGLT has signed an MoU with Bay of Plenty Film. A collaborative delivery model was in place and EGLT would pay the costs of our contribution to be part of the collective (\$15k). Destination Great Lake Taupō and EGLT would share the costs of famils, hosting and so on (EGLT had budgeted \$5k for this).

In answer to another question, Mr Steel confirmed that a big part of his role was ensuring local people were employed to support films coming to the region.

169 – Jane Penton

- Very useful Consultation Document.
- Understand there is contention in the community around traffic lights and roundabouts. Easing the traffic flow would be a huge help.
- Acacia Bay water supply – no firm opinion on whether this should be built in Acacia Bay or brought into town. Security of supply of water for people is important.
- Wastewater spills – Lakes & Waterways Action Group (LWAG) supports additional work and funding for this.
- Civic administration building – this is a great opportunity to incorporate culture and heritage. Include affordable exhibition and workshop spaces - there has been huge expansion in the local artistic community in recent times. Tai chi classes – venues are expensive, it would be good if Council could provide space for tai chi classes, for example. Incorporate sustainable and energy efficient design principles.
- Taupō Art Connection's work – there is an exciting future for arts in Taupō.
- Noticed there is no mention of the Lake Taupō Protection Project work in the Long-term Plan, yet a book has just been published about the project. It would be nice to profile this as it is a big part of what Council is about. Taupō is very vulnerable to climate change – ratepayers need to be aware of that and it needs to be part of Council's planning.
- Waste Management and Minimisation Plan – great. Very clear, very dynamic, great funding options which LWAG supports.
- Thanked Council for its support of the Taupō community gardens, especially the composting workshops. The community gardens occasionally receive waste from events which is composted. Would like to work more closely with the Events team at Council. If some of the waste could be put into the vermicomposting operation, that would be good. Perhaps involve the community gardens with the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan work. Include water conservation and use of plastic bags in education programmes.

His Worship the Mayor, David Trewavas left the meeting at this point (2.58pm) and Cr Rosie Harvey assumed the Chair.

297 – Paul White – Lakes and Waterways Action Group (LWAG)

- Wastewater – recent spills have been of concern to LWAG and the wider community. Support option 1 on page 21 of the Consultation Document. Most people would be happy to spend that money for better environmental outcomes.
- Acacia Bay – Council operates under a cap for Nitrogen. Nitrogen gets in to the Lake at Acacia Bay in a similar way to Waitahanui. Support works for taking wastewater from Acacia Bay back to the Taupō plant. This makes sense economically as Council will not have to maintain a separate wastewater treatment plant. If Council puts water supply in at Acacia Bay, it would be a good idea to put wastewater treatment plant in at the same time.
- Acacia Bay drinking water – need security of supply. Council needs to raise the standard of water going into supplies.
- Agree with proposed approach to stormwater. Many operational issues relating to erosion – support proposed works.
- Lake Taupō Protection Project – problems are still not solved. Need to make sure this project is in front of everyone and people realise a broad scale approach to water protection is required. Ongoing maintenance and work – include in Taupō District Council's Long-term Plan.

- LWAG funding – supportive of Council funding. This goes into administration and speakers. LWAG would appreciate it if Council could continue this funding beyond 2018. The group has operated for the benefit of the wider community for many years now and would like to continue.

In answer to questions, Mr White advised that:

- The programme of improvements in relation to the wastewater system is most welcome. LWAG can see possible problems with ageing infrastructure. Identify priorities and work on those first.
- Council could do better in using its branding to raise awareness of Lake Taupō Protection Project issues. We need to protect our asset and then leverage that to support the local community.

The meeting adjourned again at this point (3.14pm) and reconvened again at 3.20pm

53 – Anahera Waru – Toi Te Ora Public Health

- Traffic congestion – consider public transport solutions. Fewer cars on roads reduce congestion, crashes and improves physical activity levels. Invest in services and amenities to promote and encourage the use of public and active transport.
- Widening of Control Gates hill – need to think about how users use the road and take a broader approach that aligns with walking and biking strategies.
- Supports option 2 for Acacia Bay water.
- Supports Council's proposals for wastewater.
- Civic administration building – supports development of master plan for the area around the Great Lake Centre. Suggestions to support public health outlined in the submission – Toi Te Ora would welcome the opportunity to discuss further what this could look like as Council goes through the investigation and development process.

248 - Andrew Welch (personal submission)

- Timely to consider reducing the speed limit on Huka Falls Road and also a good opportunity to consider whether the speed threshold on Wairakei Drive is changed at the same time. Traffic coming in and out of the hospice and the new subdivision at Huka Heights – this should not be an 80km/hr zone.
- Council does need to give further consideration to roundabouts. Mr Welch does not understand the thinking in relation to traffic lights. Heavy trucks still use Wairakei Drive and Lake Terrace – having to stop for lights will clog up traffic in both directions.
- A few years ago (between 2005-2010) Council did a comprehensive urban structure study which included transportation plans – need to revisit those plans. One of the things suggested at the time was the relocation of the roundabout slightly so Redoubt Street would meet up with Spa Road intersection, but this has not happened. A lot of consultation was done at that time – have a look at those plans.
- If the speed limit is not reduced to 50km/hr, at least consider 60km/hr for part of the way. Wairakei Drive environment is not quite 50km/hr with the forest on one side and pedestrian traffic to and from Hipapatua.

In answer to a question, Mr Welch advised that there should be additional water stored in Acacia Bay for civil defence purposes, in case of an emergency.

256 – Andrew Welch and Gerard McMullan – Creative Taupō

- Creative Taupō is a voluntary organisation – list of members provided. Eclectic group of people with a wide range of artistic interests.
- The group has a mandate from Creative New Zealand.
- Taupō has an arts and cultural policy which was adopted in 1993. Need to recognise that arts and culture are essential to the health and well-being of our community and the importance of diversity in our society. Ngāti Tūwharetoa has a special status.
- History of Council funding of Creative Taupō provided. The pressure on funds is immense. Pointed out the disparity between arts and sports funding provided by Council. The limited funding makes it very difficult to decide who to help – Creative Taupō is struggling more and more. Many people receiving sports grants are outside of the district while people in the district are not able to participate in art events because of lack of funding. For example the Big Music Day – attended by an astonishing number of students and high standard – need to encourage this more.
- Supports Council funding of the Taupō Winter Festival.
- Supports Council funding of Taupō School of Music and the Museum. Supports continuation of Art in the Park on Roberts Street reserve.
- Consider amount of commission charged to local artists exhibiting at the Museum – Council takes a 35% commission when artists are struggling to make a living.

- Supports Graffiato.
- Would like Council to consider employing an art worker.

In answer to a question, Mr Welch advised that a modest increase would be between \$5k and \$10k.

250 – Geoff Neame and Mike Downard – Lake Taupō District Sports Advisory Council

- AC Baths and ongoing 'swim well' programme – thanks to Contact Energy for supporting this financially again.
- Coach developer, Belinda Walker, starting tomorrow.
- Starting discussions with Council soon about the community sports grant.
- Endorse what Mr Welch said in his submission – what that group does makes a huge difference to the community and well-being.
- Sports Advisory Council funding committee – very appreciative of funding that group receives to distribute to individuals. Like to be transparent. Do not like the recent policy changes, but appreciate that Council had to do it. There was not enough consultation about the changes, especially with them being on grass roots and links to Sport Waikato – feel that Council cannot get a better organisation to distribute those funds within the community. Come from a wide range of backgrounds, unbiased decisions which are debated robustly.
- Supports funding increases.
- KiwiSport joint initiative with Sport Waikato. Sports Advisory Council is running this programme with funding from Sport New Zealand.

In answer to questions, the representatives advised that:

- Sports services is still going, there is currently a group of people who wish to incorporate it and set it up so they can apply for funding.
- Council provides an administration grant to Sports House of \$23k per annum and yes, the group would like that to continue.
- There is a need to have an overall holistic approach to funding between Waiora House and the Sports Advisory Council. Sometimes retrospective funding is granted if there are any funds left over because costs were unknown earlier in the season. Each organisation is unique in the way it gives out funding. Cannot see the rationale putting the distribution out to tender, when there are volunteers with their 'ear to the ground' and local knowledge. Would rather stick to one funding round.

264 – Ashley Waterworth and Mark Seymour – Tirohanga Settlers and Sports Association

The submitters tabled some photographs of Spencer Road, Tirohanga (A2225605).

- Supports improved traffic flow through the CBD as proposed.
- Supports initiatives to improve water quality.
- As big ratepayers, rural people need improvement on rural roads. Have brought photographs of Spencer Road which is expected to handle logging, stock and trucks over the next few years. There are big forestry operations happening, but no improvements have been made.
- Tirohanga Road at State Highway end – some widening done, but the standard of work was poor. Council needs to make this a priority.
- Forest Road – street lights and realignment. The intersection carries a lot of traffic entering Miraka and other industries. Wharekai next to Mokai adding additional pressure.
- Thanked Council for putting heaters in the hall.

252 – Mark Seymour, Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group

- Very active group in Mangakino, meeting every second month. Surprising how busy they are. A dynamic group, councillors welcome to attend.
- Supports street upgrade programme for Mangakino. Mangakino is going through a growth spurt and needs this.
- Supports proposed upgrades to water supplies, especially Whakamaru.
- Development of Mangakino lake front – realise this is a number of years away, but would like the upgrade to continue and to have a portable shower there for summer and a permanent shower in the future. Many campers use the area. Not suggesting that this be free.
- Supports open space upgrade at Mangakino rugby grounds, although options should be looked at to support what is already there.
- Rural road sealing should be doubled – Spencer, Pokura, Wereta roads. Would never happen in town so should not be happening in rural areas. Almost 50% of rates taken by Council comes from rural areas.

- Supports increase at pools.
- Current wastewater spills are unacceptable, so support anything that will reduce these.
- Supports continuation of grants funding system. Mangakino gets \$25k per annum to distribute.
- Supports Waikato River Trails – this has been very good for Mangakino. Up to 4,500 trail users (cyclists and walkers) come through Mangakino.
- Need to look at the option of widening the road from Lake Road to Maraetai dam. This is very narrow and lots of cyclists use it.
- Intersection of Forest and Tirohanga roads – this needs to be addressed with widening and street lighting. It is busy 24 hours per day.
- Investigate possibility of extending Whakamaru water supply to all households.
- Inclusion of rural representation – wards and boundaries should continue.

In answer to questions, Mr Seymour advised that:

- He was talking about the same intersection as referred to by Ashley Waterworth in the previous submission.
- No approaches to Miraka had been made to discuss roading issues – this is for Council to follow up.

304 – Topia Rameka – Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board

Mr Rameka tabled and read out a document in support of the submission (A2210062).

In answer to questions, Mr Rameka advised that:

- An exercise was undertaken years ago to identify Council assets on Tūwharetoa land, ranging from stormwater to culverts. Have already addressed utility company assets on Tūwharetoa land.
- Early engagement is the key to strengthening the Trust Board's relationship with Council. Already have a good operational relationship with staff, need to strengthen the governance relationship. Engage with the Trust Board at regular times at the governance level.

336 – Belinda Walker – Kinloch Representative Group

Ms Walker made a PowerPoint presentation (A2215309) and tabled a document in support of the submission (A2210067). She thanked staff and elected members for their attendance at Kinloch Representative Group meetings and workshops – the whole community appreciates this. The PowerPoint contained detailed responses to survey questions coordinated by the Kinloch Representative Group community representatives.

In answer to a question, Ms Walker advised that three responses referred to the proposed traffic lights even though the question was not asked. All three responses were against traffic lights – lights would make it take that extra bit longer to get into town.

The meeting adjourned again at this point (4.49pm) and reconvened again at 9.30am on Tuesday 1 May 2018.

PRESENT ON 1 MAY: Mayor David Trewavas (from 12.52pm; in the Chair between 1.30pm-2.15pm and 2.31-4.58pm), Cr John Boddy, Cr Rosie Harvey (from 9.33am; in the Chair between 9.50am-12.55pm and 2.15pm-2.31pm), Cr Rosanne Jollands, Cr Tangonui Kingi, Cr Anna Park (in the Chair between 9.30am-9.50am), Cr Maggie Stewart, Cr Kirsty Trueman, Cr John Williamson

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive, Head of Finance & Strategy, Head of Operations, Head of Democracy, Governance & Venues, Head of Community, Culture and Heritage, Head of Economic Development & Business Transformation, Economic Relationships Manager, Infrastructure Manager, Finance Manager, Asset Manager Transportation, Asset Manager Stormwater & Solid Waste, District Parks Operations Manager, Asset Manager Water, Asset Manager Water & Waste, Senior Reserves Planner, Strategic Partnerships Advisor – Community Grants, Senior Policy Advisor, Senior Administrator-Policy and Democratic Services Officer

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: 56 members of the public over the course of the day

The Chief Executive reopened the meeting and advised that in the absence of the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor, there was a need for members to elect a Chair for the start of the session.

TDC201804/25 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr John Williamson
Seconded: Cr John Boddy

That Cr Anna Park be elected Chair for the start of the session, in the absence of the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor.

CARRIED

Cr Anna Park assumed the Chair and welcomed everyone.

APOLOGIES**TDC201804/26 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Tangonui Kingi
Seconded: Cr John Williamson

That the apologies received from His Worship the Mayor, David Trewavas and Cr Rosie Harvey (for lateness) and Crs Barry Hickling and Christine Rankin (for absence) be accepted.

CARRIED

31 – Colin Stuart

Mr Stuart made a PowerPoint presentation (A2234440).

- Retired Civil Engineer. Presenting two submissions – one on behalf of the private owners of Rereao Lane, Pukawa and one personal submission.
- Photographs of Pukawa shown and Department of Conservation (DOC) / Council reserve borders noted.
- Pukawa C development zone sits just below DOC / Council reserves. This area needs to be compatible with surrounding bush.

Cr Rosie Harvey entered the meeting at this point (9.33am).

- Jewel in the crown of Council reserves.
- Large stand of podocarp forest. The bush walk is maintained by DOC but is on Council reserve.
- Track constructed without the knowledge or consent of residents of Rereao Lane.
- Complete loop to enable walkers to walk the Pukawa loop within bush and get back to where they started via Rereao Lane.
- Residents of Rereao Lane have three concerns: privacy; security; and safety of walkers.
- Photographs shown – tight corners and concealed driveways off Rereao Lane – dangerous.
- Property owner of Lot 167. The bank is unstable. The retaining wall is in the wrong place due to confusion caused by two different subdivision plans. Asking Council to remove the weeds, stabilise the bank and re-establish native bush.

In answer to a question, Mr Stuart advised he had had to remove several trees because the bank was so unstable. More and more bush is lost as the roots are undermined.

Cr Anna Park vacated the Chair and Cr Rosie Harvey assumed the Chair at this point (9.50am)

299 – Catie Noble and Rory Scott – Taupō Chamber of Commerce

- Taupō Chamber of Commerce had conducted a survey of its members in relation to the draft Long-term Plan.
- Strong feeling within responses that the business community is supportive of Council – we are moving together in the same direction.
- Concern about proposed traffic lights. Members say this is a short-term approach. Do we need more, or a mix of solutions? Traffic lights are out of character for our town.

- Water supply for Acacia Bay – members were split on this and need additional consultation and more information before they can decide.
- Wastewater – happy to work with Council around educating members and businesses.
- Destination playground – members are really keen for this to go ahead.
- EGLT funding – 60% of respondents thought this should be increased because the town is growing and looking to invigorate itself. Businesses are seeking skilled staff so EGLT needs to be funded well enough to attract those people.
- Catalyst projects – noted no funding in the Long-term Plan for feasibility studies for capital investments. 72% of the survey respondents think we need to invest in the future, in projects such as the Taupō to Turangi cycleway for example.

In answer to questions the representatives advised that:

- Taupō Chamber of Commerce members had been involved in the traffic study, including attending a meeting at the Great Lake Centre. People are not happy with the proposed traffic lights.
- The Chamber of Commerce worked with all agencies and The Hub approach allowed economies of scale and communication. Some people were not sure what each individual group is doing – education and information would help with this.
- The Chamber of Commerce was working hard on engagement and gathering information to pass on to Council as feedback. 173 businesses were members and 1/3 of those responded to the Long-term Plan survey.
- Talent attraction campaign – Taupō needs skilled staff across sectors including seasonal staff, frontline service staff but also professionals like lawyers, physiotherapists etc.
- DGLT and EGLT representatives meet with the Chamber of Commerce on a regular basis, but there was always a subset who chose not to engage with those agencies. Education is key.

296 – Duncan Campbell

Mr Campbell made a PowerPoint presentation (A2215289).

- Traffic engineer who moved to Taupō a couple of years ago from Auckland.
- Explained benefits of using roundabouts as a form of traffic control – safety, mobility and cost.
- Safety – signals have more injury accidents than roundabouts, so put roundabouts in where you can.
- Mobility – less delay at off-peak times especially. Cyclists are generally okay if driver speeds are 30km/hr or less; and pedestrians can use raised platforms.
- Examples shown of compact urban roundabouts. Noted that narrow lanes and restricted sightlines are controversial, but the point was you can make roundabouts work and do them well in confined spaces.
- Roundabouts are also cheaper to maintain.
- Taupō is a small town and the roads are quiet for the majority of the time. Yes, Council needs to cater for traffic at peak times, but work smarter to do this. Norman Smith Street – a roundabout could work for people coming down the hill and it would not 'cost the earth'.

In answer to questions, Mr Campbell advised that:

- Do your best to make a roundabout work, but there are times when you have to resort to signals.
- It is possible to make roundabouts work in conjunction with signals – it does not have to be one or the other.
- Widening roads for roundabouts is the biggest expense, so if a roundabout can be designed to take up less space, it will be cheaper. All designs need to be modeled through a software package.
- Mr Campbell's sketch of a roundabout on Norman Smith Street would be cheaper than traffic lights.
- Ideally equal volumes of traffic will enter roundabouts, but it is possible to put advanced lights in to put breaks in the traffic.

277 – Ian Constable and Graeme Hamilton

Messrs Constable and Hamilton introduced themselves and stated they were both Taupō residents and engineers with traffic experience. They tabled and read out documents in support of the submission (A2210069 and A2210072 respectively).

Mr Hamilton added that in relation to Redoubt Street, Council could introduce a central lane for buses only, with two lanes either side. In answer to a question, he advised that it was possible to move Redoubt Street and link to an intersection. The concern with left in, left out is that it could disadvantage all the facilities at the south end and affect circulatory patterns.

In answer to other questions, the representatives advised that:

- A lot of things rely on the decision about the second bridge – it was possible that some of the proposed treatments may not be needed. (Mr Campbell)
- Both signals and roundabouts would work on Norman Smith Street. Inbalance in flows many prejudice one solution over the other. (Mr Hamilton)
- Roundabouts were common in Britain around town centres, whereas there had been a preference in the past in the United States for signals. Today there are a range of treatments and often it depends on how people drive in the area. Both roundabouts and signals work, both have limitations.

The meeting adjourned again at this point (10.36am) and reconvened again at 10.52am.

245 – Paul Green – Project Tongariro / Greening Taupō

- The Trust has grown in recent years and acts as an initiator and collaborator.
- Established Greening Taupō, Kids Greening Taupō and Predator Free Taupō.
- Works with a whole range of partners to achieve things.
- Council's vision – natural environment, great place to live etc – in tune with Project Tongariro's vision.
- Taupō district has great mountains, a great lake, but much of the natural vegetation that was here has been destroyed and so we have lost the birds as well. We have stuffed a lot up (even our great rivers) and we have got a responsibility to make Taupō a great place to live. Conservation and restoration is an investment, not a cost. House values around Zealandia in Wellington have increased since it was established.
- If restoration is led by a community involving a lot of partners, it will be more effective than if Council leads it, so thank you for recognising that via a contract for service. Having a base for investments has made all the difference.
- Parks & Reserves Team – great work. There is a culture of wanting to work with people to make things happen. This is a big, positive change and strengthening of that group would be beneficial.
- Great to see Council getting involved in restoration of some of its own land, enabling kids to participate in gully plantings etc – really positive.
- Many organisations participate – for example Contact, Mercury, Shawn Vennell and his team, Wicked Weeders.
- The potential is there for everyone in the community to play their part. Greening Taupō can coordinate and with Council's help can make it happen. Some of the projects underway include Whakaipo Bay corridor, Waikato River, Spa Park – Rotary track. Plans for Five Mile Bay and Wharewaka Point – just need to secure funding.
- Please continue Council funding and increase it if you can – the more it increases, the more we can do.
- Cats – long-term, Council needs to tackle the cat issue. Tag them, control them, limit them because they have an incredible negative impact.

In answer to questions, Mr Green advised that:

- Examples of places managing cats well include Auckland, Wellington and Australia.
- Community engagement is growing, the idea is that the most gains are going to be made by starting in priority areas and finding champions to manage certain areas.

159 – Ian Chamberlain

- Traffic is an issue two times a day. We need to come up with a solution, but we do not want the solution to cause a bigger issue going forward. We need to engage another consultant.
- Traffic lights might ease traffic flow at peak periods, but that will not solve the problems. You will still have congestion, in fact you might have more congestion going forward.
- At certain times, lights cause more problems. A lot of places install reasonable sized roundabouts for high traffic volumes.
- In the last six months Mr Chamberlain has driven 30,000km around Taupō and is aware of the hotspots and when traffic is quiet and busy. A big roundabout at the top of the hill would ease a lot of traffic problems on Norman Smith Street.
- Council offices – great to see what you have done. Keep the site as a green area – reserve. Ask the fire brigade to move and put emergency services together on the ETA somewhere.
- New Council building should be towards the Roberts Street car park. Keep existing recreational spaces (the south domain) for the general public to use.

In answer to questions, Mr Chamberlain advised that:

- Council should look at all green spaces and think about the long-term, for example grouping sports clubs together – plan for the next 40-50 years.

- Encouraging kids to use buses would ease traffic congestion. Traffic peaks around school runs. Seek funding to provide a reduced rate for kids.

276 – Jennifer Stillman

Ms Stillman tabled and read out a document in support of the submission (A2225601).

- Traffic consultants have correctly identified problem intersections, however there are potentially other ways of dealing with intersections, instead of traffic lights.
- The proposed traffic lights do not alter the volume of traffic. They manage turn taking, but roundabouts manage the flow of traffic more efficiently.
- Traffic lights slow progress as cars cannot take spaces on red lights. They give an area an 'industrial' look.
- Moved to Taupō a number of years ago from Auckland and every time Ms Stillman visits family and friends up there, she notices traffic changes have negatively impacted on the look of areas. One of the things visitors like when they visit Taupō is the fact that the town only has one set of lights – keep it that way as long as possible.
- Lights also take away a need to be actively engaged in driving – you just go when the light is green.
- Roundabouts enable cars to keep moving and gaps can be utilised. They are more efficient than traffic lights and require drivers to engage their brains. If you make a mistake, other drivers are alert and likely to notice your mistake. Accidents at roundabouts are likely to be less severe than accidents at traffic lights.
- Roundabouts provide interest and charm to the town centre and provide an opportunity to emphasise the character of our town – members of the public could make suggestions about how to enhance new roundabouts at the design stage.
- 10 minute wait on Norman Smith Street is not too distressing, but Ms Stillman can see the problem.
- Delay the decision about traffic treatments until the outcome of the control gates investigation is known and plan a long-term solution.
- The merge signs are currently confusing for south-bound traffic.

268 – Damian Coutts and Glyn Williams – Destination Great Lake Taupō (DGLT)

- Apologies from Chairman Ray Salter.
- DGLT Board is really excited about the projects and direction Council is proposing to take.
- Thanked Council for funding and support given to DGLT to date – this has allowed growth to continue.
- Supports the split between the I-site and marketing spend – much easier to manage.
- Indexing the funding of DGLT to an index going forward is a very good thing to do – this is standard across all industries.
- Looking forward to the \$100k investment in the winter campaign alongside Tourism New Zealand. Our level of funding allows us to capitalise on other funding, so continuation of that is important. Tourism is one of the key growth / economic development triggers for Taupō – direct and indirect spend. We have to deliver on the strategy to grow the value (for example high value independent travellers), not the volume side of tourism.
- Focus on international marketing – funding in future will allow us to direct more funding into the domestic tourism market. Taupō is targeting couples and new New Zealanders. We need to maintain our share of the domestic market and our ability to spread out into the shoulder periods. This spreads the pressure on the town.
- DGLT works closely with EGLT and supports what that organisation is doing. High value tourists and increasing domestic tourists will make Taupō a more attractive place to live and visit.
- Of the \$644m direct spend, 63% of that goes on food, beverage and retail, so the benefits are wider than just accommodation providers.
- Aspiration to be a world class destination – key projects in the Long-term Plan will support this – infrastructure; civic heart / cultural precinct; getting the traffic right – DGLT supports. Need to get the traffic flows sorted before we upgrade the CBD. To be an international quality destination, we need to get the retail precinct right – for example better connections between the CBD and boat harbour, engaging the retail precinct with our natural assets.
- Traffic solutions – the industry has a strong view about Huka Falls Road and Wairakei Drive – these areas are dangerous – DGLT supports improvements there.
- Do not reduce the speed limit on Wairakei Drive – this would unnecessarily slow the speed environment and possibly promote other entrances on navigation systems therefore bypassing tourist opportunities.
- Taupō Airport is a critical gateway. Currently creaking at the seams and not up to international standard – DGLT supports upgrade there.
- Infrastructure planning – factor in guest nights (3.3million per annum).

- Huka Falls and Wairakei visitor park – please support this (not seeking funding, but identify it in the Long-term Plan as a project Council will take a leadership / facilitation role).
- Tongariro Crossing – crowding issues. DOC is making changes and surrounding settlements will become bases for people to drive and park, then take a bus to the crossing. The community with the single biggest opportunity to exploit this is Turangi. It is a primary gateway and if we do not take action, other communities will. Council has a leadership role here, alongside DGLT to position Turangi as a hub.
- Shared-use pathway Turangi to Taupō – working to encourage landowners to support this. Include it in the Long-term Plan to show Council supports this project. Seed funding from Council in future could leverage funding from others.

In answer to questions, the representatives advised that:

- DGLT is not turning its back on the core market, however there is no point in trying to increase visitor numbers in the high season. Current focus is on high value visitors in shoulder seasons.
- If we can position our region as an aspirational place to visit, that will appeal to both international and domestic travellers. It is too hard to make money year-round simply being a family and backpacker destination.
- Currently framing up a bid to central government for Huka Falls / Wairakei tourist park. Include in the Long-term Plan. DGLT wants to make sure infrastructure is rolled out in time for demand.

A member asked DGLT representatives to keep the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board informed about timeframes for the Turangi park-and-ride. Mr Coutts confirmed that there were programmes of work in place for Turangi and Mangakino/Whakamaru.

270 – Matthew Cooper, Christine Turton and Michelle Hollands – Sport Waikato

Mr Cooper summarised Sport Waikato's submission and thanked Council for the ongoing partnership and shared focus to ensure the region remains a great place to live, recreate and play.

In answer to a question, Ms Hollands suggested that Council could look at having out-of-town visitor entry fees for AC Baths. Increased prices could mean the elderly or less well off parts of the community cannot afford to visit the facility.

191 – Marin Leusink

Mr Leusink tabled his speaker notes (A2215315).

- Resident of Taupō (Rangitira Park) – grew up here, lived in Holland and returned in 2010.
- 2014 worked with Council and others to close Gates Park off to traffic and tidy the area up. There is a great opportunity to link our parks together.
- The community is motivated and wants action – concerned about safety, traffic and access to social space.
- Agreed Council needs to focus on traffic, but there is an underlying need to provide safe crossing and access for pedestrians, cyclists and mobility-impaired people. Address these things now, before we move onto other things.
- Supports speed reduction Wairakei Drive (80km/hr from the proposed 50km/hr rezoning through to the roundabout at Wairakei) and Huka Falls Road (50km/hr) – improve safety and reduce noise and pollution.
- Shared vision to establish the great Waikato River walkway – Greening Taupō, Bike Taupō, local hapū support. Link the boat harbour with Riverside Park, Gates Park, Matawhero, Spa Park, Huka Park. Plant the water treatment plant and connect to town – this will bring people to Taupō.
- An underpass tunnel would be great at the Norman Smith Street junction – link existing paths; provide a safe crossing; reduce vehicles. At the moment, we cannot encourage children to bike to school because it is too dangerous in this area.

109 – Jo Paul and Matt West – Taupō School of Music

- Thanked Council for ongoing service agreement \$15k per annum.
- Taupō School of Music was established in 1989 to promote music and provide instrumental tuition. Accessible and affordable for all, up to and including intermediate school age.
- Three ensemble groups are offered to Taupō children (free to join).
- The School of Music has close links with schools and musical groups in the community.
- Big Music Day – 200+ musicians attend from Taupō and surrounding areas – planning for September's event is well underway.

- Seeking an increase in Council funding to \$25k because the School of Music is running at a loss and wants to continue to provide affordable lessons to all children in the community. Not looking to make a profit, but the School of Music needs to budget effectively. Do not want to cancel classes for particular instruments because of low numbers.

174 – Kylie Hawker-Green, Greg Stebbing and Murray McCaw – Enterprise Great Lake Taupō (EGLT)

Mrs Hawker-Green tabled EGLT's work plan and summary budget (A2215418).

- Supports the Long-term Plan – economic development still a key pillar. Cultural precinct; addressing traffic issues; plans for the Airport; Turangi economic development strategy – all supported.
- EGLT has recently refreshed its strategic plan. Focus now on housing; education; and work force talent.
- Appreciates funding from Council. New work planned will cost an additional \$120k over the next 12 months – seeking an additional \$60k from Council.
- EGLT working to bring Council's economic strengthening strategy to life. In relation to Turangi, a working group has been formed to identify actions coming out of the recent Turangi economic development strategy document.
- Additional resource is required to continue business as usual and progress new initiatives.

In answer to questions, the representatives advised that:

- Additional \$60k from Council would enable EGLT to leverage further funding.
- Mr Stebbing attends quarterly 'Chairs of The Hub' meetings and also meets regularly with the Taupō Chamber of Commerce President.
- There are currently 10 investment projects in the pipeline. Past experiences prove that many projects take a long time to secure and we need to be careful not to have all eggs in one basket.

28 – Dennis Hancock

Mr Hancock tabled his speaker notes (A2215324).

- There are some glaring errors in the Traffic Design Group report.
- Opposed to traffic lights philosophically.
- The shorter-term proposals and changes to traffic flow around Control Gates Bridge are minor tinkering, with no positive measurable benefits.
- Traffic lights will not solve the problems, nor will roundabouts.
- The problem is the two into one lane merge at Norman Smith Street.
- Nothing wrong with the layout of Norman Smith Street – Wairakei Drive intersection.
- The reduction to 50km/hr should be at the lookout, not the Heli Star – this is a mistake in the Long-term Plan document.
- If Control Gates Hill is reduced to 50km/hr there will be little need for a passing lane up the hill.
- Supports Submitter 191 – Marin Leusink's submission regarding cyclists and pedestrians. The Long-term Plan does not currently provide any further pedestrian or cycle strategy solutions.
- Traffic Design Group's proposal for a bridge over the Marina – crazy.
- Titiraupenga Street – please no traffic lights. Install roundabouts instead wherever possible.
- Do not accept excessive pricing for the proposed traffic solutions. Every location proposed for lights could have a roundabout installed.
- What happened to the plan to join Redoubt Street to the Spa Road roundabout – expense was incurred at the time in anticipation of that happening, has this been ignored?
- Spa Gate shopping centre and Countdown – could be used for a direction-change hub.
- Titiraupenga Street main north-south priority route and connection of main access point – good, but little detail in the Traffic Design Group report on how to achieve this. Investigate other design possibilities.

His Worship the Mayor, David Trewavas re-entered the meeting at this point (12.52pm). Cr Rosie Harvey remained in the Chair until the adjournment at 12.55pm.

In answer to a question, Mr Hancock suggested that the cycle challenge bridge across the road could be a good permanent solution. An underpass would be problematic due to security concerns.

The meeting adjourned again at this point (12.55pm) and reconvened again at 1.30pm. When the meeting reconvened, His Worship the Mayor, David Trewavas was in the Chair.

124 – Chris Martin and Carol Hunter – Taupō Sculpture Trust

Mr Martin made a Power Point presentation (A2215306) and outlined the Taupō Sculpture Trust's vision for a new public sculpture.

- What the Trust has in mind is adventurous. The sculpture would become a destination in its own right.
- Examples of destination sculptures from around the world were shown on the screens.

Cr Kirsty Trueman re-entered the meeting at this point (1.33pm).

- We need to provide the best experience possible for visitors to Taupō – to make their stay memorable and hope they return. A sculpture at the northern end of the Taharepa Road reserve would be seen by traffic approaching both ends of the reserve. It would not be too high, but it would be imposing.
- Sculptures need to be robust and able to withstand nature and people.
- \$200k sought over two years for the sculpture to be in place by the third year. Also \$5k over the three years for marketing to secure sponsorship up to the total cost of \$400k.
- New Zealand artist would be commissioned to provide something stunning.

In answer to questions, the representatives advised that:

- A strict brief would be provided to a select few artists who would then provide designs.
- The selected artist would present the concept to the public with the support of the Taupō Sculpture Trust.
- The design would be presented to Council beforehand.
- The land is currently a blank piece of land, crying out for something to go on it.
- Such a sculpture could not go right in front of the lake – needs to complement what nature has given us.
- Installation would be part of the brief.
- The proposal is in addition to the current funding from Council of \$25k per annum.

165 – Kerryn Penny

- Acknowledged dedicated and professional staff working in the waste management area of Council.
- The waste problem – there has been much talk and promises but no real action, if we wait for others to solve the waste problem, nothing will happen. This is an opportunity for Council to lead our town; lead by example; and take action.
- Heartened to see the proposals for the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan. An opportunity for Council to 'walk the talk'.
- New Council building on the horizon – this is an obvious opportunity to showcase building and construction waste disposal best practice.
- Happy to see the intention to develop programmes in schools and communities. However, the proposed budget is undercooked. Put resource behind this commitment to make a difference. Make a genuine effort to educate younger members of society about the best ways to manage waste - \$5k per annum is not enough.
- Reduction of single use plastic – exciting, but there is a 'get out of jail free' clause. The community is waiting for Council to take the lead on this. Actively promote alternatives and lobby businesses. We need leadership and support to ensure we are doing more than the bare minimum.
- Traffic flows through our town – advocate cycling as an option for commuting. This will reduce traffic and the effect on the environment.
- Reference to a cycling and pedestrian "network" – where is this network? The Long-term Plan lacks critical and alternative thinking about how to solve the bigger problem of people in their cars. See cycling as a point of difference in our town and highlight that to others. Build on the success of the Lions Walk – create new cycling and walking opportunities.

In answer to a question, Ms Penny advised that she does not know total cycling population figures for Taupō, but numbers are on the increase.

171 – Jan Gerritsen

- Taupō resident for 26 years. Has noticed a significant increase in the number of 'baby boomers' moving to Taupō and a lot of these people are riding electric bikes.
- The safety of bike use is compromised by the traffic proposals – there is a lack of options for cyclists. Cannot support Council's proposals.
- Council should look into electric vehicles and follow in the footsteps of Christchurch City Council in this regard. Become New Zealand's most electric vehicle friendly town – this would add mana and status to our town and we could use it in marketing to domestic and international visitors.

- Council should make charging of electric vehicles free of charge for all locals.
- Also reduce the speed limit in the centre of town to 30km/hr – results in a lower casualty rate of cyclists and other road users (Wellington and Hamilton examples).

13 – Cath Dudley and Ruairi Kelly - Wairakei Enviro School

Ms Dudley played a video of Wairakei Enviro School students talking about composting and minimising waste at their school. She explained that her role as facilitator is to support the 10 enviro schools in Taupō, in particular supporting the teachers to incorporate looking after the environment into teaching programmes.

His Worship the Mayor, David Trewavas vacated the Chair and left the meeting at this point (2.15pm) and Cr Rosie Harvey assumed the Chair.

11 – Brendan Gallagher and Val Hoogerbrugge – Waiora House

- Waiora House was a gift to Council with the aim of making affordable facilities available to community groups.
- Over 20 groups currently use the facilities and there is a waiting list.
- Council has a role representing all people, providing public goodwill along with the basics of roading and so on. Two funding rounds per year helps achieve this.
- The Waiora House grants allocation team is an independent group of people – a diverse group with discrete local knowledge.
- There is a conflict with Council looking to take back the responsibility for allocating grants.
- Changes to the grants criteria – no vehicle running costs; no salary supplements; funding for events and so on – there is a huge number of groups in the community who just do things, they do not have events, for example the Taupō Community Patrol is a group of volunteers driving around in a vehicle. What will these groups do without our assistance?
- The Waiora Community Trust Allocation Team members are volunteers as well, if you take more money away, the less effective the group will be and the less reason there will be for the group to even exist. Leave the group to distribute funds, this takes away the potential of you being lobbied.
- Waiora House has been in partnership with the Council for over 20 years. There has been fine financial management during that time. The \$50k funding has not changed over that period. Everyone there is doing the best they can for everyone involved. Leave things as they are – “if it ain’t broke, don’t fix it”.

120 – Vicky Graham

Ms Graham explained that she had addressed Council via public forum in December 2017 and now presented her submission to the Long-term Plan. She was asking for a reduction or waiver of registration fees for pet therapy dogs.

His Worship the Mayor, David Trewavas re-entered the meeting at this point (2.27pm).

In answer to questions, Ms Graham advised that:

- There were currently 10 pet therapy dogs in Taupō.
- These dogs did not hold special certificates to show they were pet therapy dogs. They were selected by assessors with experience in dog behaviour and suitability for pet therapy work.
- Happy to provide a list of dogs to Council. Would only include dogs who visit at least fortnightly.

Cr Rosie Harvey vacated the Chair at this point (2.31pm) and His Worship the Mayor, David Trewavas assumed the Chair again.

246 – Tony Ludbrook – Taupō Residents Group Committee

- Traffic flow – supports Option 1. The consultant’s report was extensive and sophisticated. Three stages. It is a good idea to get this underway quickly and the staged approach will give the Council and community a chance to see if the plans are appropriate after the first stage, or if they need changing at all.
- Acacia Bay water supply – in principle supports Option 2, but reservations about how much work Council has done to look at the option of the T plant and connection to the residential area north of the river. Real problems posed by major natural disaster – single pipeline across the bridge and 24 hour capacity in Acacia Bay reservoir – we need to think further ahead. Should we start looking at something bigger in Acacia Bay to support the northern part of town?

- Wastewater spills – supports Option 1. This is a ‘no brainer’ – why was it included in the Consultation Document? The status quo is not an option. Unbudgeted items at Council meetings are more of a concern. Education has to be intensive to get public to understand what they should not put into the system.
- The Consultation Document was glossy and had lovely diagrams, but not a lot of nuts and bolts. Appreciate the need for this type of document to go out to the public, but it is wishy-washy and was only asking for submitter opinion on three things. This is not what consultation is all about – tried to find a link to the complete Long-term Plan, but could not find the document online.
- Increase the UAGC – this would even things out a bit for people on fixed incomes with high value houses. Not certain that senior management’s argument about lower end affordability is right. Provided UAGC figures from neighbouring councils. UAGC reflects the fact that there are base costs applying to all residents and ratepayers. It forms part of the rates demand, not additional to it. If there are services we all have access to, we should all pay an equal amount for those services.

52 – Laurie Burdett

Ms Burdett showed some PowerPoint slides in support of her submission (A2215295).

- Traffic flow – we need to look at the cause of the problems, which is school traffic. Last week (school holidays), there was no queue. What you have done is working. When there is a queue, it is not all that long. It is manageable, and we need to be mindful about the cost of traffic treatments.
- There are no safe routes for children to walk to school – we need to address this.
- Robina on the Gold Coast of Australia has built a walkable environment. Very little traffic for the huge population and everything is interconnected. Photographs shown.
- If there was a safe route across the road to the northern end of the boat harbour, people might just get out of their cars and walk across to town.
- Weeds – wild cherry rum plants are invading many areas around Taupō.
- Please do not extend the footpath on Mapara Road – the locals love the rural environment and do not want horses to be forced onto the road.

The meeting adjourned again at this point (2.58pm) and reconvened again at 3.12pm.

258 – Colin Cockburn and Ted Jones

Mr Cockburn tabled his speaker notes (A2215312).

- All members of Access Taupō are passionate about access for all in the community.
- Mr Cockburn has lived in Taupō for nearly 50 years. In that time, attitudes have improved and barriers have reduced, but there is still so much work to be done.

Cr Maggie Stewart re-entered the meeting at this point (3.13pm).

- Ideal time to remind you of the mobility issues in our community and to make sure practical steps are written into Council’s Long-term Plan to address these issues.
- Accessibility audit report April 2016 – a lot of the mobility parking spaces; kerb ramps; tactile surfaces; crossings; street furniture and so on raised in that audit will come into projects in the Long-term Plan.
- Barrier-free concepts and design principles – take these into account for approach roads and car parks to get to where they are going.
- Traffic lights - will improve safety for pedestrians.
- Buildings must be accessible to ensure people with disabilities can move about freely without assistance.
- True accessibility is only achieved when the physical, the social and the personal are addressed together.
- Common sense is still not prevailing in the administration of sometimes conflicting rules, for example several new retail buildings completed in the last year have a 20mm raised track above the threshold – a trip hazard.
- Disability figures – 2013 survey 24% of the New Zealand population has a disability (1.1m people).
- It is vital we all commit to a vision of the Taupō district as an inclusive community renowned for accessibility.
- Many obstacles are trip hazards and this means a lot of older people do not walk because it is too dangerous.
- Does Council have the power / ability to include the accessibility audit in the building code?

In answer to questions, the representatives advised that:

- The quickest way of raising issues with Council was via the website. Issues could also be raised at Access Taupō meetings, as there was usually a staff member from the roading department there.
- It would be good to be involved in the early part of the design work for the new Council building – important to be involved at the planning stage.

57 – Paul Henson

- Had spent 10 days researching the benefits of traffic lights compared to roundabouts. 33 international reports – all recommended roundabouts as the best option for traffic management.
- Need to use ratepayers' money wisely. The Traffic Design Group report stated that roundabouts are four times the cost of traffic lights, but used the ETA roundabout as an example – not a fair comparison. The Traffic Design Group did not come up with other options.
- A roundabout can be recycled for \$1,500.
- How did this get through to the Long-term Plan? Where is the critical analysis?
- Could spend money saved on a new bridge across the river.
- Solution – come up with a group of local businesspeople; engineers; lawyers etc and obtain their views.
- Around the world, countries are taking out traffic lights and putting in roundabouts. Use traffic lights if roundabouts do not work in a particular situation.
- The Traffic Design Group dismissed a second bridge downstream of the current Control Gates Bridge – why not put a bridge at Waikato Street? Could have two existing lanes northbound; one lane from the second bridge towards the Spa roundabout; and fit three lanes in the existing roadway. Could put up fluorescent poles to separate traffic. Fourth lane up Waikato Street would take traffic away from the Spa roundabout.

In answer to questions, Mr Henson advised that:

- Recycled roundabouts had been used in Australia, similar to judder bars, screwed into the ground.
- Need to look at the big picture – who uses the roads and how they access them. A pedestrian crossing is critical. Bike Taupō is teaching kids to be better road users, roads need to support cycling.
- There should not be a mix of traffic lights and roundabouts. Ridiculous amount of money and none of the 33 reports read online said traffic lights were better. Why suggest it in the first place?

257 – Marion Bright, Jennifer Cook-Battersby and Maggie Dawson – Taupō Art Connection

- Arts play an important part in the well-being and vibrancy of the Taupō district.
- Council has other responsibilities, but remember there is a strong artistic community.
- 230 art lovers on the Taupō Art Connection database.
- The Taupō art trail at Queen's Birthday weekend attracts 1,000 visitors and art buyers.
- The annual exhibition attracted thousands of visitors to the Museum.
- Work in collaboration with Active Arts.
- Part of the mission is to support artists to grow and get their work out into the public domain.
- Membership has grown with recent population growth.
- The facilities available in Taupō to support the arts are not far off capacity in terms of what they can offer. Going forward, more space will be required.
- Grants funding for the arts will also need to be increased in the future.
- Involve groups such as Taupō Art Connection in the planning and development process for the cultural precinct development. Such groups have knowledge of the community and ideas about how to provide for art in the future – this may be exhibition spaces; archives; storage; workshop spaces; studio areas for individuals or groups and so on.

In answer to questions, the representatives advised that:

- Taupō Art Connection supports existing grants and would like them to increase.
- It was difficult to secure funding because Taupō was in 'no-mans-land' in terms of regional funding.

239 – Kyla Jennings

- Council is doing a really good job.
- Traffic – it feels like a lot of money to address an issue that is not really that big.
- Establishing a platform for youth to get their voice heard in Taupō. Meeting weekly to find out what is important for youth in our region and do what we can to address those issues. Will need some funding to support this at some point in the future.

In answer to questions, Miss Jennings advised that:

- The youth group was using a meeting room at the Library.

- She was looking at newspaper advertising to raise the profile of the group.

153 – Stephen Holdsworth and Kerry Edwards – Taupō Cycling Club

- Would like to resurface the velodrome. 30 years old and past its best – velodromes usually have a lifespan of 20 years.
- This is an asset the community utilises regularly, so resurfacing it will benefit the wider community, not just the cycling community.
- Several local athletes (cyclists and triathletes) progress from Taupō to elite professional level. Examples provided.
- Local people use the velodrome for fitness and activity and learners can use it to learn to ride and develop skills.
- Taupō Cycling Club endorses Council's work in making the roads safer for road users.

In answer to questions, the representatives advised that:

- It will cost \$350k to repair the velodrome.
- Money had been put aside in 1997 but nothing happened (i.e. this has been in the pipeline but never actioned).
- It is possible that external funders could contribute to repair costs.

208 – Kathy Guy and Tom King – Wairakei Tourist Park

- Apologies from a number of the operators unable to attend.
- Representing 14 commercial operators and 1 not-for-profit.
- 255 people employed. Wage bill \$7.7m. Turnover \$46m. Compliance fees \$1.94m. This is a substantial operation which sometimes feels 'unloved'.
- Huka Falls visitor numbers drive operators businesses and marketing.
- A collaborative group is in place. Meets quarterly to discuss signage, improvements etc.
- Thanked Council for work done at the park.
- Major changes proposed for Wairakei Drive are a huge part of the park's collective focus.
- Greening Taupō's work – we are moving forward to create beautiful entrances to Taupō.
- Huka Falls – Council needs to take a lead role to ensure an integrated approach to the area. Looking to Council to coordinate conversations with relevant parties and involve Wairakei Tourist Park.
- Very supportive of DGLT.
- Ruapehu and Taupō district councils contributions to the winter campaign results in huge benefits to the whole district – people stay longer and do more.
- Rooding – visitor safety is a focus.
- Pathway or shared cycle footpath from town to Wairakei Tourist Park.
- Reducing speed to 80km/hr and removing the passing lane outside the resort would calm traffic considerably. Need clear directional signage.
- Increase in walkers and cyclists – we need to think about future proofing our infrastructure to accommodate walkers and cyclists.
- Supports the proposed upgrade of the Airport – important to invest in gateways.
- Supports Bike Taupō.
- Supports Greening Taupō and beautification, including mowing of verges and so on – it is important to keep the area clean and tidy on a regular basis.
- Huka Falls carpark issues – sort these out before the return to Tūwharetoa. Carparking there is totally inadequate.

In answer to questions, the representatives advised that:

- The passing lane is short, but speed is an issue.
- Reducing the speed should not result in visitors bypassing tourist activities in the area. Signage will guide visitors. This is a gateway to our district and people will still come through Taupō.

148 – Shawn Vennell

- Taupō businessman – history provided.
- Debt is of concern generally – major financial crash is coming.
- Destination playground, borrowing money to build these things – but personal approach is: simple is okay when it comes to children at play.
- Traffic – Council is doing a fantastic job. Mr Vennell attended the evening meeting. Changes made already seem to be working. Not sure about a second bridge – wait, be patient.

- Acknowledge Council's support of Greening Taupō and everyone involved in planting days. Last planting day 2,000 plants in 50 minutes – delighted with the results.
- The current mowing by Council staff on Wairakei Drive is not enough. This area looked fantastic in the past. Need to maintain trees and the area generally.

His Worship the Mayor thanked Mr Vennell for the incredible work he does in the community. In answer to a question, Mr Vennell confirmed he had recently bought an electric vehicle for his business and was planning on getting another one – delighted, easy to charge.

205 – Ian Chamberlain, Maree Kendrick and Gaeleen Wilkie – Pathways for Youth Employment

- Pathways for Youth Employment addresses the disconnect between young people and employers. Young people think there is no work around, and employers cannot find the workers they need.
- Trustees represent various industries. They have full-time jobs themselves and the organisation has reached the point where it needs someone 'on the ground' because it cannot do everything it wants to do.
- Taupō district careers roadshow is a biannual event.
- 'Work passport' initiative helps youth get ready to enter the workforce.
- Presentations in schools – vocational pathways – industries in our district and then follow-up with workplace visits.
- Young people do not know the options and possibilities in our community.
- C.V. and job interview workshops and supporting young people with barriers to employment, for example lack of a driver's licence.
- Lots of people in our community doing awesome things – Pathways for Youth Employment wants to be a hub in the wheel.
- Assist employers to take on a young person.
- Thanked Council for support provided to date, including use of facilities. Seeking funding from Council to pay two part-time coordinators to continue these programmes. The expo alone is huge with 2,000 young people attending.

In answer to questions, the representatives advised that:

- They were seeking \$30,000 per annum from Council.
- Young people may go away to tertiary education, but Pathways for Youth Employment would like to encourage them to come back to Taupō and explore initiatives to get them to stay.
- Agricultural sector – yes, presentations around primary industries. One of the Board members is in that sector.
- Pathways for Youth Employment receives some support from the Ministry for Youth Development, along with other government departments.

143 – Jocelyn Reeve – Taupō Lake Care Inc

Ms Reeve tabled and read out a document in support of the submission (A2210074).

The meeting adjourned again at this point (4.58pm) and reconvened again in the Boardroom, Turangi Service Centre, at 10.30am on Wednesday 2 May 2018.

PRESENT ON 2 MAY: Mayor David Trewavas (in the Chair), Cr John Boddy, Cr Rosanne Jollands, Cr Tangonui Kingi, Cr Anna Park, Cr Maggie Stewart, Cr Kirsty Trueman, Cr John Williamson

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive, Head of Finance & Strategy, Head of Democracy, Governance & Venues, Head of Economic Development & Business Transformation, Finance Manager, Senior Policy Advisor, Strategic Relationships Advisor and Democratic Services Support Officer

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: 18 members of the public over the course of the day

Note: Apologies were noted from Councillors Rosie Harvey and Barry Hickling.

287 – Don Richards – Pukawa Property Owners Association

Mr Richards tabled his speaker notes (A2214985).

- Chair of Pukawa Property Owners Association (PPOA).
- Thanked Council for the opportunity to speak and highlight important aspects of the PPOA submission in relation to remediation of the Pukawa wastewater treatment pond area.
- Created in the 1970s, the pond had been an integral part of the Pukawa subdivision with the site chosen because of the surrounding topography.
- In the 1990s, drinking water was sourced from the lake and reticulated through the Omori Treatment Station (OTS) including treated liquids from the Pukawa pond. A special rate was levied on Pukawa property owners to fund this although the Pukawa pond continued to be used for all of Pukawa waste water.
- Fifty years later, all sewerage and wastewater was reticulated to the Omori treatment station and thus bypassing Pukawa however, the pond still remained full of contaminated waste water and sediment.
- At the PPOA AGM held in January 2018, Council representatives advised that remediation works to upgrade Pukawa sewerage and wastewater processing would include pond draining, area profiling. All 40 homeowners in attendance at the AGM supported that remediation. However, by Easter PPOA were advised by TTCB that the draining of the pond and area profiling was no longer part of the remediation works programme.
- In April 2018, PPOA were promised an imminent start to the work and that the pond would be completely redundant upon completion. The pond would remain full and would not be reinstated to its pre-pond state.
- It was the Pukawa community's view that reinstatement of the area to its pre-pond condition was an important part of the decommissioning project.
- Copies of the PPOA submission were distributed to 192 owners. Feedback from 2 owners said a wetback pond could be considered.
- There was no natural freshwater feed or output and unless new things were tried, over time the pond would stagnate and become insect prone.
- After the current housing was decommissioned, the pump would have no other way to control its level but by overflow. As climate change increased, there was a growing risk to aquatic life and increased spills.
- Storing contaminated waste water in a redundant pond would be a risk to the Pukawa environment and surrounding properties. Therefore the pond should be decontaminated and returned back to its previous condition.
- Funding for that work should be included in the 2018 LTP. The PPOA proposal was consistent with Council's position to avoid waste water contaminating waterways and lakes.
- The community had assisted Council over many years and was ready to do so again to complete the disestablishment of pond and required restoration works.

In answer to questions, Mr Richards advised that:

- Council representatives did not give a reason why the scope of work had changed at the time they had advised this.
- Pukawa was developed pre TDC when the area was under the Taumarunui County Council so he had not viewed any resource consents nor was he aware of what the pond was designed to do in the first instance.
- Councillor Stewart thanked Mr Richards on behalf of the TTCB for his work and input on behalf of the Pukawa community.

145 – Jen Shieff

Ms Shieff tabled her speaker notes (A2247366).

- Referred to two recent Taupō Times newspaper articles: 'Council to muse over cultural precinct notion – 24 April' and, 'Council pursues the master plan – 27 April'.
- Supported a master planning process and commended Council for voting in favour of scoping the cultural precinct proposal.

- Lived in Turangi for 17 years and had been publicly involved with a number of key matters that affected Turangi in that time, culminating in chairing the Steering Group for the revitalisation of the Turangi town centre in 2011- 2013.
- Wanted to see both Taupō and Turangi communities strengthened. Her current profession was as a writer with an interest in strengthening the arts communities of the Taupō district.
- Would like a cultural precinct in Taupō to sit alongside a new council building, extend the Great Lake Centre, incorporating a new museum and an extended library.
- Places like Wellington's waterfront, Brisbane's riverbank or London's South Bank housing theatre, galleries and libraries but not council staff, were a success. That is what our cultural precinct should be modelled on – with no council offices anywhere in sight.
- Physical spaces such as Artworks in Turangi and Active Arts in Taupō (and Mangakino as well) deserved to be upgraded and well maintained.
- The web-based community offered by Art Connections should receive Council's financial support.
- For an arts community to thrive, there needed to be a variety of environments in which there was no pressures eg finding building maintenance funds, parking, impending eviction and / or subscriptions to a web-based community.
- A new council building that was closed after hours and on weekends was not the answer. Equally, a cultural precinct was not the right place for council staff.
- The Mayor's current office and other council spaces around Taupō needed not be temporary. Believed council should continue renting and instead spend money on a cultural precinct that added to the Great Lake Centre's facilities, provided a larger theatre, an art gallery, the library and museum, but did not include council offices or facilities for artists.
- Was aware that council has desired a significant new building on prime land for a many years however funding and opposing community views had been a barrier to that occurring.
- Minister Shane Jones had launched a new regional development fund which could provide the source of funding required for a new council building. Housing the arts community under the same roof or as part of the same complex, would make council's application for regional development funding more likely to succeed.
- Attended a presentation by council's cultural precinct project manager Philip King. Understood that once scoping was done and designs had been developed, council would seek philanthropic contributions of up to \$20M for a new cultural precinct combined with facilities for artists, including civic administration offices. In addition, approximately \$40M would be provided by council and the new regional development fund.
- Submitted that if council applied for regional development funding for a cultural precinct that included council offices, council would in effect be using the arts community for its own ends which was neither honest nor an example of transparent decision-making.
- Believed council had a poor history in valuing the arts apart from supporting the Lake Taupō Sculpture Trust, funding a few sculptures for the Taupō town centre, and providing minimal funding for one-off creative ventures and workshops,
- The Taupō Arts Festival went under due to lack of funding. Wanted more funding given to the arts in the district, but that did not mean an expensive and inappropriate new facility for artists.
- In summary, philanthropic funds and regional development funding would be easier to attract for a cultural precinct based on the Great Lake Centre with an expanded theatre, a library, and a gallery / museum, but without offices for council staff.
- As a ratepayer, would like to see a beautiful cultural precinct as the heart of Taupō and a decent budget for the arts in our district.

In answer to a question, Ms Shieff advised that she was aware of the service agreements council had with the School of Music, Creative Taupō and other like minded organisations.

76 – Brian Webber

Mr Webber tabled his speaker notes (A2247367).

- Summarised his submission for seating to be erected in the park and reserve areas at Motuoapa.

- Many people moved to Motuoapa to enjoy the lifestyle, especially with the new marina upgrade.
- Providing seating in the reserves would encourage more residents to be active and increase quality of health, provide a place to talk to others and rest without having to complete long walks (without rest).
- Currently, the Rowena Place, Kahotea and Parekawa Drive playgrounds and the netball courts had one seat respectively.
- There was no seating around the newly upgraded part of the marina.
- Would like two picnic tables placed on the foreshore as illustrated in his submitted plan so people could enjoy their food without sitting in vehicles.
- Surveyed twelve random people while out walking. All agreed seating would be a great asset.
- To conclude, reiterated that parks and reserves were for residents and visitors alike. Seating needed to be put in the newer part of the subdivision – Parekawa Drive and John Norrie Place playgrounds.

In answer to member questions, Mr Webber advised that:

- Off-record discussions had been held in relation to the community sharing costs under a partnership model with council however, would need to seek proper approval.
- It would be great to have the seating as indicated in the harbourmaster's initial plans.
- Understood that the new reserves were developed in the last twelve years. There were nice pathways through them which were well used however, there was no seating for parents and grandparents to watch their children play.

In answer to a question the Chief Executive advised that the marina land was owned by Ngāti Tūwharetoa.

77 – Ross Baker

- Although he was representing his own views, had contacted the majority of motel owners of whom most were in support of his submission, as well as some locals and holiday home owners.
- The Turangi to Taupō (T2T) bike trail was first proposed ten years ago. A DVD was also made at that time which showed strong support and wilderness magazine articles written but nothing happened.
- Studies and statistics to date showed that the T2T trail would be a win for everyone.
- Council recently put in a submission to DOC for the trail to be part of the Great NZ Walks extending from Taupō through Turangi to Whakapapa. Much of the trail south of Turangi was linked to existing DOC tracks. Only the Turangi to Taupō section involved new trails.
- The initial first step would link Turangi via the Tongariro River Trail to Lake Taupō at Stump Bay and on to Motuoapa; it would link existing tracks.
- Although it may not materialise because of political reasons, there was now a blueprint to work from.
- Two years ago a feasibility study was done on the T2T trail at a cost of \$25k. Unfortunately the study was undertaken by a Bike Taupō representative which was not independent.
- Cited other areas that had developed bike trails (eg Hauraki) in the ten years since it was first proposed for Turangi. New motels and accommodation were subsequently built to accommodate the extra users / visitors.
- The Turangi Economic Development Strategy (TEDS) suggested that Go Tongariro should oversee the T2T trail however this did not progress as it was assumed that access through Māori land was impossible. Thanked Cr Kingi for consulting with those owners and local iwi over the past year as it was his understanding that they were also excited with the proposition.
- Another major issue was the cost of the trail.

In reply to a question about progress to date, the Chief Executive advised that the second stage of the feasibility report for the trail had been funded by Bay Trust and was currently underway. Council were managing the process and putting together a business case for government funding. Cr Rankin advised that she and Cr Kingi were part of the working group and gave assurance that the project was being driven.

286 – Lynne Cozens (presented by Mike Cozens)

- There was a lack of facilities for sport. Came to Turangi in 1991 at which time there was three strong rugby clubs and a rugby league club.

- There was no facilities at the sports park for young people. Tongariro rugby was now played at the college which was a disgusting situation as spectators drank and smoked on school grounds.
- Regarding junior rugby, it was not uncommon for boys and girls to be changing in the rain, between cars. Having boys standing around between car doors while older girls (12 years+) are getting changed was inappropriate.
- Recently spoke to a French tourist who said he could not understand how third world NZ rugby was. This was not a good impression to take back overseas.
- Clubs from out of town did not like coming here and others would not come at all. Turangi was considered a rough area and visiting teams were becoming increasingly less because of no facilities.
- Regarding the temporary changing facilities / containers, this would create another eyesore. Was concerned that this would become a long term fix instead of the proposed short term fix.
- About time council did something. Over the last ten years, facilities at the sports park had either collapsed, been removed, or burnt down and nothing had been done about it.
- There was currently around 200 kids playing rugby on weekends. The current situation was a sad state of affairs.

In answer to questions, Mr Cozens confirmed that he was aware a temporary facility had been approved.

94 – Mike Bowie – Omori Kuratau Ratepayers Assn

- Thanked His Worship and councillors for the opportunity to present. Also thanked Council for putting funds aside to deal with erosion issues at Kuratau.
- Had applied for TTCB community grant funds to purchase shade sails for the Omori Recreation Reserve however, was declined and directed to apply the LTP submissions process.
- Had quotes totalling \$30k for three shade sails which were required for the playground adjacent to the Omori hall.
- The community would like to partner with Council and had \$10k to contribute towards costs.
- Noted that the LTP did not discuss health and safety. Melanoma was a significant issue and sun exposure was part of health and safety – children needed to be protected in all ways possible.
- Very passionate about this project and would love to see it included in the LTP. Requested that funds be provided from the \$474k set aside for playground development in the TT ward.
- Concerned about having to wait for the next LTP submissions to get subsequent playgrounds covered with shade sails. Would like work to be ongoing once the first playground was done.

In answer to member questions, Mr Bowie advised that:

- The community partnership arrangement proposed today was not mentioned in their written submission.
- There was no natural shade options. There were some trees nearby however they were planted some distance from the playground.
- The community was happy to contribute further funding so that all three playground locations could be done concurrently.
- Understood that it was too costly to do an entire playground although sails would cover the majority of an area.

The meeting adjourned for a short break at this point (11.22am) and reconvened again at 11.45am.

283 – Jim Thompson (by telecon)

- Mr Thompson was Chair of the Oreti Body Corporate (OBC).
- On behalf of the OBC, had previously contested charging of individual rates.
- The Oreti village apartments were classified as accommodation, yet charged individual rates. There was only one supply of water and sewer services to the boundary. The OBC oversaw and maintained everything inside the overall complex boundary, including roads.
- Owners were being hit twice as there was also a decrease in property values, and people would think why buy there when they could buy a house?

- Other accommodation properties were not required to pay rates. Owners considered this unfair, biased against them, and were not happy.

In answer to member questions, Mr Thompson advised that:

- The rates issue had been queried on an individual basis as well and the OBC had made a previous LTP submission. A QC opinion was obtained which was in their favour.
- The number of people letting holiday homes and air BNB for example had soared. Accommodation statistics were available on Council's website. Air BNB was advertised as accommodation yet those providers were not charged rates.
- Differentials were 1.8 plus payment of individual rates.

34 – Nicole Donaldson

- Was in attendance as a parent and committee member of the Dambusters Rugby League which had been in existence for 50-60 years.
- Concerned that there was no facilities at the sports park. Last year, had to drain water that had accumulated over weeks themselves. Having no facilities sent the wrong message to kids in that whatever their efforts in sports, they were not even worth a toilet.
- In support of a feasibility study for an indoor court and events facility at the sports park. Turangi was a great central location. Could host so many events locally, including the biannual Taiopenga o Tūwharetoa festival.
- The catchment area was a lot wider than Turangi as currently 30 kids travel from National Park for swim lessons at the Turangi pools.

In answer to member questions, Mrs Donaldson advised that:

- The club was seeing a definite increase in kids participating in league. Had grown from two teams a few years ago to three this year. Also had many more girls playing.
- BOP league had advised that if the current situation continued eg below par grounds and no facilities, they would not be able to host home games anymore.
- Taupō clubs already refused to travel down here mainly because of the lack of facilities.
- The club was aware that temporary changing facilities were being constructed. League season was due to start the following week.
- The Chief Executive advised that the modular building should be on site within the next few weeks.
- The club undertook a lot of fundraising which was ongoing throughout the year. Teams regularly travelled to Tokoroa, Reporoa and Rotorua.
- As a low socio economic area, the club tried to support their families by keeping fees low, providing required gear and food to host visitors.

The meeting adjourned for lunch break at this point (11.58am) and reconvened again at 12.56pm.

62 – Zane Cozens

Ms Antoinette Kereopa and Mrs Christine Dally were also in attendance with Mr Cozens.

Antoinette Kereopa

- Was in attendance on behalf of all sporting codes that used the sports park.
- Was secretary of the Tongariro Sports club which had a mens, womens and six junior rugby teams.
- Tongariro Sports was the biggest sporting body in town, and had been in existence the longest.
- It made sense to advocate for facilities. The current situation was below standard.
- Tried to take positive action which was demonstrated by proactively seeking funding. However, the fields and fencing were below standard and the club could not afford to resolve those issues themselves. The car park was also prone to frequent flooding.
- Numbers for Turangi Ju Jitsu had dropped because the facility was too small to accommodate everyone. Some days they would have to train outside, which was not ideal especially during winter.

- Ms Kereopa was a current board member with Taupō rugby. Taupō teams would not come to Turangi because of the aforementioned reasons i.e fencing, no facilities, flooding. This meant that every 2-3 weeks Turangi teams had to travel to Taupō.
- Was not aware of any vandalism this year, in particular fences being broken. Believed this was due to the positive influence of the various sporting codes within the community.
- TTCB grants had paid for new flags and goal posts. This gave a good impression for visitors at the field however, it would be a huge help if the kids did not have to travel to Taupō all the time.

In answer to member questions, Ms Kereopa advised that:

- The club had applied to the Rural Travel fund this year, mainly for their Under 13s team who regularly travelled to the King Country towns, Waitomo, Te Kuiti, etc. On a more positive note, had been allocated two games to host in Turangi this year specifically because there would eventually be facilities on site.
- Applied to Sports Advisory Council for funds last year which helped cover power, lines company and water costs. SAC had also funded more training gear for the current year. An application for a new strip had also been submitted to First Sovereign.
- The provision of better facilities including field lights and supporting coaches, managers and volunteers with training opportunities would help increase participation in sport overall locally.
- Ms Kereopa had just started coaching a school girls rugby team. They were looking to combine with Tauhara College as both schools did not have enough players to field an entire side. Other benefits included shared trainings and travel costs.
- A member suggested that Ms Kereopa get in contact with the newly appointed SAC coach developer.

Christine Dally

- Was in attendance to discuss the fact finding trip to Twizel.
- Forward planning created successful towns. Open spaces and sports facilities were important.
- Was impressed with the facilities in Twizel. They had redesigned a town that catered for youth and elderly.
- Upon returning from Twizel had presented a report to the TTCB who agreed in principle that more facilities were needed in Turangi (report tabled – A2247943).
- Felt that vision was lost (in the current LTP) as there was nothing for Turangi to grow, particularly with regard to facilities.
- Submission included an infrastructure spend in town and identified the sports park as a priority, followed by an events centre.
- Luke Boddington had wanted to host a boxing event in Turangi but there was no facilities. Had personally attended a boxing event held a few years ago in the town gym which was a great and successful night but the facility was not up to standard.
- Great to see the Turangi i-Site being rebuilt. With tourism increasing and more people moving to town it was important to build on local infrastructure.

In answer to questions, Mrs Dally advised that:

- Gore had created a massive sports hub so suggested that an analysis report was required to prove the need for a centre.
- Mr Cozens advised that the Turangi facilities report done by Helen Gilbert in November 2013 noted that there was a wide range of facilities in poor condition, including condensation and safety issues in the town gym. Ms Gilbert also recommended that council undertake an annual review on Turangi facilities however, nothing further was done. Council were given line of sight about concerns then but the town had languished since.
- Before the Ministry of Works (MOW) left, the Twizel council at the time started to identify a 10-20 year plan so people could remain there. Buildings and facilities were regularly reviewed and if deemed to be past their use by date, were pulled down and rebuilt or relocated elsewhere. Lots of open spaces were created. The bulk of the funding required was provided by the council and also Mercury Energy.
- Mr Cozens advised that all three attendees had worked collaboratively on the submission. With population and tourism on the rise, private investment nearing levels not seen since 1984, housing in short supply and, many young families returning home, there was a desperate need for capital

expenditure for infrastructure to accommodate that growth. Turangi was a proud community and the infrastructure needed to reflect that. Did not want to wait another three years for this to happen and would like solid assurance that council would invest in Turangi today. Asked that Councillors saw the same value in Turangi as locals did.

146 – Sharlyn Holt and Tongariro School Students

- School leaders wanted Te Kapua Park upgraded as fun outdoor activities were a good way to get young people outside and active.
- Parks were currently very basic and did not offer much, especially to older youth. They should also be well equipped for families to use.
- Suggested installing barbeques, fencing (if needed), water fountains, and planting more trees. Also, relocation of the main activities and equipment closer to the roadside so activities were more visible from the shops and not so hidden away would increase safety and security.
- Would be cool to have mural and art at the playgrounds which would make the park look nice and inspire people.
- Upgrade the basketball court as basketball was one of the most played sports in Turangi. Install cages around the court to keep the ball inside and lights for playing at night.
- Consider putting in a bouldering wall. Student had lived in Bolivia, South America for a period and observed that the bouldering wall had brought the community together.

In answer to questions, Ms Holt and students advised that:

- Bouldering was a form of rock climbing using safety maps and without ropes and harnesses. Participants would climb over tricky bouldering problems.
- The main reason for their submission was to give young people a safe and secure place to hang out.
- Spare time after school and weekends was spent on computers, devices, and just generally hanging out. There was no fun outdoor activities or spaces around town.
- Would like an events centre with four courts to host karate, ju jitsu and other events; give people a place to train and enhance their skills.
- There was many talented sports people in Turangi who could not excel in their chosen sport with the current facilities.
- Affordability was a barrier to people participating in teams out of town.
- An events centre would attract more people and business to Turangi.
- There were quite a few local netball teams that had to travel to Taupō and Taumarunui to play, sometimes twice a week.
- The Tongariro School gym was not suitable to host people.

289 – Sandra Greenslade – Turangi-Tongariro Residents & Ratepayers Assn

- Thanked Council for their continuing support of the TTRA.
- Recently elected as ward representative on the King Country Energy Trust - 4550 power consumers in area. KCE Trust contributed \$1M across the King Country area of which \$300k was spent in Turangi. KCE gave to the community and did not take anything out.
- Very clear that the community was concerned about lack of facilities.
- Here as an advocate for free pool entry for children in this area. First spoke to Council three years ago when Genesis Energy ceased sponsorship of the Turangi pools.
- Fees went up dramatically - U5s went from free to \$3. Had asked many families why they were not using pool, the response was that they could not afford it. Many families were supported by the foodbank – those are the children you want to use the pool.
- Go to the park any hour of the day or night and children are playing on park. Auckland city had handed most of their pools over to outside management and given free entry for up to under 16 years.
- Genesis provided sponsorship of circa \$30k which worked out to around \$1.84 per rate demand. Was confident majority of ratepayers would not mind subsidising costs to make entry fee free, even if it was doubled to \$4.
- Supported submission from TTRA for T2T trail.

- Fully supported Te Kapua Park upgrades.
- Wanted the temporary changing facility replaced with a permanent facility at sports park after one year.

In answer to questions, Mrs Greenslade advised that:

- Most adults could afford entry fees though children could not. Auckland charged \$1 for spectators so parents watching kids had to pay. Under 16 yrs olds needed to be able to use the pool free of charge also.
- To date had only attended one KCE Trust meeting however, would approach the Trust to see about the potential to provide a sponsorship deal for the pools, especially as the majority of their beneficiaries came from the TT ward.

272 – Andy Hema – Turangi/Tongariro Community Board

Supported by Mrs Pauline Jenkins-Lyons and Mr Wally van der Aa

- Thanked the Council for taking time to listen to their submission today.
- Community was very appreciative of the funds that had been granted to date. Timely to now ask for an increase in TTCB grants funds. Requested a further \$50k in addition to the current \$80k (\$130k in total).
- Heard many submissions today that really supported what TTCB had submitted on as well.
- Supported the Pukawa Property Owners submission for returning their pond back to pre-pond days.
- Supported the Omori Kuratau Ratepayers Association submission for playground shade sails.
- Been proven that Turangi was capable of running very successful events. Asked that \$50k be allocated for a Turangi based staff person to help set up such events. Understood there was a Taupō based person in that role however, seldomly saw anyone from that team at Turangi events setting up and packing down.
- Very keen to hold more events in Turangi. Supported an events centre, needed a place where wins could be celebrated and events held.
- Appreciated upgrades to Turangi i-Site but it was the previous Board's vision that the building be demolished and rebuilt. There was no mention of that in the LTP so would like it put back in the document.
- Requested that \$30k be allocated in year 1 to purchase pool equipment for children.
- Supported councils efforts with civil defence preparedness and working alongside local marae.
- Asked that council enter into a 3-year service delivery contract with Turangi Rangatahi Youth Hub to support administration and programme costs to run three programmes per year. There was 135 children registered for the recently completed inaugural school holiday programme. Most activities took place at the Senior Citizen Hall requiring shared space arrangements, not ideal but okay.
- Supported the allocation of \$737k for upgrades to open spaces including an upgrade to the skate park and playground, relocation of courts closer to roadside, installation of a cycleway for young children, and a concrete pathway rather than a meal track.
- Te Kapua Park would become a destination playground as the location was a good mid way stopping point for travellers.

In answer to questions, TTCB members advised that:

- Te Kapua Park would be an ideal location for an events centre as it would be nearby other matching facilities – keep all in one place.
- Clarified that a staff member was required specifically for events plus an additional \$50k for grants distribution.
- Noted that many people could not make it today due to work commitments. Wanted to support their submissions, particularly Caroline Rafferty. Caroline used to live in Taupō and had moved to Turangi two years before. She was astounded at the level of difference in Council services between the two places.
- Important that Council was aware of what the community wanted so it was documented otherwise concerned that it would get lost in system.
- Any potential sports hub and events centre could be combined. Ideally, a sports hub would be at the sports park and an events centre at Te Kapua Park which was more centrally located. A member noted that both propositions, including any upgrades to the town gym, would require more comprehensive master planning.

164 – Paul Dawson

- Could not make Taupō hearings therefore took opportunity to speak at Turangi hearings as passionate about his submission.
- Regarding the northern entranceway into town, particularly messy around Norman Smith. Worried about proposed plans as there seemed to be a real direction to work towards traffic lights as solving the issues.
- Resided in Noble Street. Road especially busy on weekends and holiday periods.

In answer to questions, Mr Dawson advised that:

- Traffic was so backed up with people trying to get into town. Council needed to get it right for future proofing. Suggested replacing the current Spa Road – Wairakei Drive – Tongariro roundabout with a super roundabout with four lanes to the top of the Control Gates Hill; increase to four lanes on Spa Road from the proposed super roundabout to (at least) Taupō-Nui-a-Tia College; install a new two-lane bridge crossing the Waikato River adjacent to the existing Control Gates Bridge; and build a flyover from Norman Smith Street across the proposed four-lane Wairakei Drive looping around and connecting the southbound traffic.
- Did not think there was any consultation with those people who mattered and were affected the most. Instead spent a lot of funds on getting consultants from Auckland.
- Riverside Park was one of the greatest assets in town. Beautiful to park on the edge of the river, location was central but the park was underutilised. There was much more that could be done in that space.
- Perth would be a benchmark for what Taupō should aspire to achieve. Perth had many walkways for running, walking, riding and recreational use parks.
- The footpath being built from Rainbow Point was only a single lane – could not understand why it was not a double lane.
- A bridge over Wairakei river would help relieve congestion there. People could park there and then walk into town.

In reply to a question, the Chief Executive advised that there was no consent yet though conceptual funding was confirmed. The more people could be encouraged to get out of cars around choke points, the better it would be.

The meeting adjourned at this point (2.16pm) and reconvened again at 2.48pm.

113 – Steve Sanderson

- Sought council support for a playground slide and two bench seats; one to be installed at the tennis court and one on the river mouth side of the village as promised a couple of years ago.
- Couple of issues were raised in the 10-year plan a decade ago. Walking steps along Turangitukua Terrace was one item that disappeared off the then budget / plan.
- Tennis courts were on the 10-year plan in 2002-2003 and built in 2006. Concerned that carpark was never finished.
- Water fountain was also meant to be installed. A water line was put in for it but no fountain followed.
- Some tree planting was done in the reserves around five years ago. Asked contractors doing the job who was going to look after those for the next three years. They advised that a contractor would do it however, a contractor came back once half way through year and had never returned since.
- The public toilets by the boat ramp had an ongoing leaky cistern for two years. Had raised it with council and lodged service requests however it still took a long time to get fixed. This meant a lot of water was wasted down the drain.
- Used to have a good relationship with council staff however this declined when they lost the ability to contact the local manager directly.
- Whareroa was the most remote village around lake. Seemed to get neglected in some ways yet often saw council trucks checking water supplies.
- Public relations wise, council could do better. They were not asking for a lot, just the tennis courts, parking area and drinking fountain (which he understood was stored at the Turangi council depot) to be completed. Got fed up following those matters up.

- No longer chair of Whareroa residents committee.

In reply to questions, Mr Sanderson advised that:

- Had talked to the District Parks Operations Manager numerous times about the issues. However, jobs were still not being completed. Did not expect everything to be done immediately but when things are meant to be done, they should be done. Was happy with the response from the water staff who actioned the repair of the toilets very quickly.
- Whareroa had always had a good relationship with council and appreciated Councillor Maggie Stewart who had always attended their community AGMs.

The meeting adjourned at this point (2.59pm) and reconvened again at 3.05pm.

331 – Turangi Rangatahi Youth Hub

Te Kura o Hirangi students in attendance on behalf of TRYH.

Handout tabled (A2214983)

- Suggested improvements for Turangi included a youth common room (central space where rangatahi could meet), free public wi-fi, upgrading basketball courts.
- Supported what council had set aside for Turangi in the LTP. In addition, requested that Council considered points 1-10 (read aloud from handout) to help ensure that Turangi and Taupō remained a great place to live.
- Playgrounds and sports facilities were very poor in comparison to other places around the country.

In answer to questions, the Turangi Rangatahi Youth Hub representatives advised that:

- Town mall cover / shelter needed improving as elderly people got wet and could get sick when it rained. The surface was also very slippery.
- A youth centre would need to have enough space (eg Senior Citizens Hall) for youth to congregate, socialise and gain new skills instead of being on the streets.
- Turangi rangatahi would like to represent Turangi at various meetings but financial constraints made it difficult to participate in out of town events.
- Turangi was the centre of their universe and turangawaewae – the place they called home. They were saddened that drugs etc were also present in Turangi. They needed a town that embraced the rangatahi, where they could stand proud and grow positively.

His Worship thanked the students for their attendance. He further advised that they would deliberate and discuss all requests, and hopefully come back with some solutions whether it be done by Council alone or in partnership with the community.

The meeting adjourned again at this point (3.33pm) and reconvened again in the Council Chamber, 107 Heuheu Street, Taupō, at 9.30am on Monday 14 May 2018.

PRESENT ON 14 MAY: 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, Cr Kirsty Trueman, Cr John Williamson

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive, Head of Finance & Strategy, Head of Operations, Head of Democracy, Governance & Venues, Head of Community, Culture and Heritage, Head of Economic Development & Business Transformation, Head of Communications & Customer Relations, Infrastructure Manager, Policy Manager, Finance Manager, Financial Analyst, Asset Manager Stormwater & Solid Waste, Senior Policy Advisor, Cultural Precinct Project Manager, Contracts & Procurement Specialist, Business & Operations Manager, Economic Relationship Manager, Parks Manager Sports & Horticulture, Senior Reserves Planner, District Parks Operations Manager and Democratic Services Officer

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: Destination Great Lake Taupō General Manager, Mr Damien Coutts

In answer to a question, the Chief Executive advised that it was up to individual members who had missed some or all of the hearings to decide whether or not they could deliberate. All original submissions had been provided and a link to a recording of all hearings sessions had also been made available.

Cr Christine Rankin read out additional submission notes received from Mr Richard Hoadley (submitter #147). The Chief Executive explained that due to a system error Mr Hoadley had not been scheduled to speak during the hearings. He had been invited to speak prior to deliberations on 14 May, but was unable to attend, hence the additional notes presented by Cr Rankin, points noted as follows:

- Mr Hoadley supports the sale of 72 Lake Terrace.
- A committee of local people should be appointed to be involved in the cultural precinct project to ensure community input.
- Transport projects – not given the attention they need.
- Annual Plan 2015-16 Council had built a footpath at the wrong time and for the wrong reason based on one person's suggestion which has since been lost.
- The Consultation Document focused on traffic lights and was poorly done. Second bridge investigations scheduled for 2028-29 – stop procrastinating and deal with this.
- Sell shares to reduce borrowing.
- Do not increase delegations to the Chief Executive.
- Control spending – unbudgeted expenditure is not a good look and must affect the progress of critical projects.

The Chief Executive and the Head of Finance & Strategy addressed the Council and the following points were noted:

- The draft Long-term Plan proposed an average rates increase of 3.4% in year 1. Council had set a limit of 3.5% and would need clear reasons if at the end of deliberations it was proposed to go above that limit.
- Additional pieces of work would have an impact not just on capital spend, but also on staffing.

The Senior Policy Advisor tabled additional information received from submitter #39, Mr Graeme Chisholm (A2225704).

Members had before them deliberations reports for both the Long-term Plan 2018-28 and the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018, including proposed responses to submissions.

The Asset Manager – Storm Water and Solid Waste advised that there was nothing raised in submissions to suggest Council was going down the wrong route in relation to waste management and minimisation.

TDC201804/27 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anna Park

Seconded: Cr John Williamson

That Council makes no amendments to the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018 and instructs staff to bring the final document back for adoption alongside the Long-term Plan 2018-28.

CARRIED

Members worked through submissions and proposed responses to submissions, updating the responses where appropriate and making amendments to the draft Long-term Plan 2018-28 (LTP), as detailed below.

Water

Taupō Golf Club

It was noted that the water allocation was currently within the budget and the Taupō Golf Club was submitting in support of that and had advised that if the allocation was confirmed they would increase free golf to under 16s (currently under 13s). It was suggested that the response should include a suggestion for the club to investigate other measures to save money on water, for example harvesting rain water for irrigation. Members agreed to continue with the Taupō Golf Club's water arrangements as proposed.

Five Mile Bay

It was agreed to continue with the proposal to connect Five Mile Bay water in the year 2020-2021. It was also suggested that responses should include a sentence explaining that the Waitahanui water project was partially funded by the Ministry of Health.

Waihi Marae Trust's request for Council to contribute funds to water and wastewater solution

Note Cr Tangonui Kingi declared a conflict of interest in relation to the Waihi Marae Trust's request and did not participate in discussion.

In answer to questions, staff advised that the current funding shortfall was \$1.5m and approximately 30 properties would benefit from the project.

Members agreed to include \$1.5m in year 4 of the LTP for the Waihi water project. This would give the Waihi Marae Trust time to confirm other funding, including Lotto funding. Council would also have completed its water strategy and another Long-term Plan by then.

Whakamaru drinking water

Members agreed to include \$200,000 in year 4 of the LTP for Whakamaru drinking water.

Kinloch water treatment plant

The Chairperson of the Kinloch Representative Group, Cr Rosanne Jollands asked for timings to be included in the response to the Group's submission.

Acacia Bay water supply

It was noted that 2/3 submitters supported Council's preferred option to connect Acacia Bay to the Taupō water supply in year 1 (upgrade of local plant) and year 2 (construction). The Head of Operations confirmed that the Taupō plant could handle the extension, with the proposed upgrades. The Chief Executive added that Council still had to investigate water demand management as part of development of its water strategy. Members agreed to proceed with the Acacia Bay water supply project as proposed.

Pukawa wastewater pond

In answer to a question, the Infrastructure Manager advised that there was currently a project underway to bypass the Pukawa wastewater pond, but there was still a need to investigate what will happen to the pond once bypassed. It would not be left as an effluent pond. Members decided to continue to identify the project in the LTP until further details were available.

Wastewater spills

Members confirmed the proposals for wastewater spills, noting that the vast majority of submitters had supported the proposals.

Stormwater – Kinloch Marina

Members accepted the response proposed by staff.

InfrastructureNew Zealand Motor Caravan Assn's request for public dump station facilities

It was noted that there were currently two dump stations on public land and several others on private land. In answer to a question, the Head of Operations advised that staff would confirm that existing dump stations meet NZ standards and include that detail in the response.

Paul Dawson – request for a walking bridge

Members asked for the response to include reference to the upcoming Transport Strategy review.

Towncentre Taupō – request for increased budget for CBD upgrades

Members accepted the response proposed by staff.

Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board – request for Council to address unlicensed/unconsented structures

Members accepted the response proposed by staff.

TransportBelinda Walker – request for a bike path connecting Kinloch with Taupō

Members accepted the response proposed by staff and suggested adding reference to the upcoming Transport Strategy review.

Jan Harding – request for the ETA cycleway to be sealed

Members accepted the response proposed by staff.

Rural road sealing

In answer to a question, the Chief Executive advised that Spencer Road would be examined post-logging and appropriate treatments put in place at that time. In answer to another question, the Head of Finance & Strategy advised that the harvesting would be finished in approximately three years.

In response to a question about the Tirohanga – Forest Road intersection, the Infrastructure Manager confirmed that staff would work with Miraka in relation to improvements.

Members decided to increase the budget for road seal extensions by \$50K each year from year 2, so that year 1's budget would be \$400k and subsequent years would be \$450K per annum.

It was noted that there was also a project in years 1 and 2 of the LTP for Tirohanga Road widening. This would be communicated to submitters who had raised concerns about the road.

Speed limits

It was noted that submitters who commented on speed limits in their LTP submissions would be referred to the Speed Bylaw review process.

Taupō Motorsport Park - request for widening on Broadlands Road

Members accepted the response proposed by staff.

Cameron Henson – request for wider entries to car parks in Turangi

Members accepted the response proposed by staff.

Janet Hird – request for traffic island at Napier Road – Lake Terrace intersection

Members accepted the response proposed by staff.

Bike Taupō requests

Members accepted the response proposed by staff.

Requests for bus services between Turangi and Taupō

Members accepted the response proposed by staff.

Taupō Parents Centre – request for funding for Kidz in Cars programme

Members accepted the response proposed by staff.

The meeting adjourned again at this point (11.40am) and reconvened again at 11.50am.

Community engagementGrants and partnerships

The Head of Community, Culture & Heritage advised that there was currently \$537K in the budget for grants and partnerships. Members set the total fund for all community engagement grants and partnerships at \$600K per annum, noting that several existing recipients were requesting increased amounts and a new 'environmental' category had been added. The split between independent distributors and partnership agreements would be determined at a later date.

It was noted that any changes to the Grants & Partnerships Policy would have to be made outside the Long-term Plan process.

New Zealand Memorial Museum request for funding

Members decided not to contribute to the New Zealand war memorial in Le Quesnoy, France.

Fees and chargesPool entry

Members asked staff to investigate the financial impact of waiving entry fees for local children five years of age and under at district pools. They decided on the basis of submissions received not to increase entry prices as proposed in the Consultation Document. *Note: Staff subsequently advised that the cost of waiving entry fees for local children five years of age and under was approximately \$70K per annum.*

Pet therapy dogs

Members agreed to waive registration fees for pet therapy dogs. The Chief Executive advised that staff would work with the Canine Friends Pet Therapy organisation to identify qualifying dogs. It was understood that only approximately one dozen dogs would qualify for the waiver.

The meeting adjourned again at this point (12.35pm) and reconvened again at 1.03pm.

Economic developmentTurangi I-site / shared service hub

Members accepted the response proposed by staff and asked that additional reference be made to the Turangi Economic Development Study and the work of the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board in terms of strategic planning.

Turangi to Taupō cycle way

The Economic Relationship Manager provided an update on the Turangi to Taupō cycle way project. It was noted that no financial investment from Council was required.

Job creation / economic development in Turangi

Members accepted the responses proposed by staff and asked that reference be made to the massive opportunities coming for Turangi and indeed the entire district. It was suggested that the responses to school students should not be too technical.

Taupō Lake Care

The Economic Relationship Manager advised that responses would clarify the fact that funding was to Tourism New Zealand, not direct to Ruapehu Alpine Lifts.

Electric vehicles

The Chief Executive advised that Council would be purchasing a trial electric vehicle in the near future. Having a fleet of electric vehicles was still too expensive at this stage. The Infrastructure Manager added that there were 45 plug-in stations around the district, eight of which were on Council land and of those, six were Tesla.

Enterprise Great Lake Taupō funding

Members decided to increase Enterprise Great Lake Taupō funding by \$40K in year 1, \$20K of which would be tagged for the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board to implement solutions from the Turangi Economic Development Study. It was also agreed that EGLT funding would be increased by \$60K per annum from years 2 to 10 of the LTP.

Destination Great Lake Taupō – comments about Huka Falls and Wairakei Tourist Park

Members accepted the response proposed by staff.

Submissions requesting a park and ride facility for Turangi

In answer to a question, the Economic Relationship Manager advised that there were a lot of private operators providing access to the Tongariro crossing. A park and ride facility had been identified as a project in the Turangi Economic Development Study. This was an opportunity which did not require Council funding.

Turangi/Tongariro Community Board – request for events budget for Turangi-specific events

The Chief Executive advised that Turangi would get a reduced level of service if there were dedicated Turangi-only events staff. The current approach was district-wide and Turangi received more focus proportionate to population than anywhere else in the district. Members agreed to continue with the status quo in terms of events.

Paetiki shopping centre

Members agreed to include \$100K in years 2 and 3 of the LTP for Paetiki suburban shopping centre enhancements. The following discussion points were noted:

- It was hoped that the local business community could contribute to the project as well.
- The upcoming Transport Strategy review should be mentioned in the response to the submitters.

Taupō Sculpture Trust – request for funding for a sculpture

Members agreed to include \$100K in year 3 of the LTP for a sculpture. The location of the sculpture would be determined at a later date.

Parks, reserves and playgrounds

Members agreed to add \$20K in year 1 for shade sails for Omori and Kuratau. It was noted that the local community were contributing to the cost of the shade sails.

Requests from submitters 31, 33, 34,

Members accepted the responses proposed by staff.

Request from submitter 54 – basket swing in Atiamuri

Members agreed to add \$13K in year 1 for a basket swing in Atiamuri.

Requests from submitters 76, 113, 127, 130

Members accepted the responses proposed by staff.

Shawn Vennell – request for increased mowing and maintenance Wairakei Drive

Members agreed to increase the number of mows for Wairakei Drive and Lake Terrace (from roundabouts on SH1 back towards the town boundary). It was noted that the area was currently mown eight times per year by contractors. The area from Huka Falls Road to control gates bridge was currently mown fortnightly by Council staff.

Requests from submitters 158, 164, 167, 168, 186, 189, 201, 217

Members accepted the responses proposed by staff.

Request from submitter 193

Members requested that the last sentence of this response be 'softened'.

Mangakino open space upgrades

Members agreed to add \$100K in year 1 for Mangakino open space upgrades (changing facilities), taking the total budget in that year to \$200K.

Requests from submitters 272, 274, 303, 336

Members accepted the responses proposed by staff.

Tauhara Community Support Initiative – basketball court

Members agreed to bring \$37K forward from year 4 to year 2 for a basketball court at Brice Street playground.

Kinloch Representative Group – sporting facilities

Members asked for the response to be updated to reflect recent developments relating to the Hillary Outdoors Centre.

Sportsgrounds

Proposed responses were noted.

The meeting adjourned again at this point (4.58pm) and reconvened again in the Council Chamber, 107 Heuheu Street, Taupō, at 9.30am on Tuesday 15 May 2018. When the meeting reconvened, Cr Rosie Harvey was in the Chair.

PRESENT ON 15 MAY: Mayor David Trewavas (from 12.49pm and in the Chair from that point onwards), Cr Rosie Harvey (in the Chair from 9.30am to 12.49pm), Cr Barry Hickling, Cr Rosanne Jollands, Cr Tangonui Kingi, Cr Anna Park, Cr Christine Rankin, Cr Maggie Stewart, Cr Kirsty Trueman, Cr John Williamson

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive, Head of Finance & Strategy, Head of Operations, Head of Democracy, Governance & Venues, Head of Community, Culture and Heritage, Head of Communications & Customer Relations, Economic Relationships Manager, Infrastructure Manager, Asset Manager Transportation, Finance Manager, Financial Analyst, Policy Manager, Senior Policy Advisor, Facilities Manager and Democratic Services Officer

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: Traffic Design Group representative, Mr Grant Smith
Turangi/Tongariro Community Board Chairman, Mr Andy Hema
Taupō Times
One member of the public

Apologies were noted from His Worship the Mayor, David Trewavas (for lateness) and Cr John Boddy (for absence). Deputy Mayor, Cr Rosie Harvey was in the Chair.

Members had before them a document entitled "Council amendments as at 14 May, to be included in draft LTP" (A2225721). This was a summary of proposed amendments from the previous day's deliberations.

District toilets

Members agreed that the public toilets in the Turangi town centre were in need of replacement. They asked staff to provide an estimate for this project.

Turangi Aquatic Centre – request from the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board for play equipment

Members agreed to include \$30K in year 1 for pool equipment at the Turangi Aquatic Centre.

Development Contributions Policy

Members accepted the responses proposed by staff.

Rates Remission & Postponement Policies

Members accepted the responses proposed by staff.

In answer to a question, the Head of Finance & Strategy advised that the cost of administering processes to monitor airbnb- / bookabach-type properties in order to rate such properties commercial could be higher than the rates obtained. He added that central government and some councils were considering the issue and it would be prudent for Taupō District Council to await the outcome of those reviews. This would be mentioned in the response to submitters.

The meeting adjourned again at this point (10.15am) and reconvened again at 10.22am.

Transport – Northern outlet and CBD study

Mr Grant Smith, Traffic Design Group made a PowerPoint presentation explaining findings of the Northern Outlet and CBD study (A2220567). This included videos of modelled traffic flows for different scenarios. He answered questions of clarification. He confirmed that traffic lights (signals) at Norman Smith Street would work with or without another bridge. A roundabout in that location would cost significantly more and would not solve the merge issue.

Members agreed that it was important to take a long-term view and complete strategic planning prior to committing to particular traffic treatments. They therefore decided to add \$200K in year 1 of the LTP for a Transport Strategy; and move the \$125K in year 1 for bridge investigation to year 2 and increase that amount to \$200K. There was still a need to address the community's concerns about congestion on Norman Smith Street, so members agreed to confirm the installation of traffic lights at Norman Smith Street / Wairakei Drive in year 1 of the LTP. All other proposed capital works identified to improve the traffic flow through the Taupō central business district, as identified in the Consultation Document, would be removed.

The meeting adjourned again at this point (11.54am) and reconvened again at 12.30pm.

Community halls – Rangitaiki Community Hall Association

Members accepted the response proposed by staff.

Turangi public toilets

The Head of Operations advised that based on recent projects, new public toilets for Turangi would cost \$500K. Members decided to include that project in year 2 of the LTP.

Requests from submitters 123, 246 (rating policy)

Members accepted the responses proposed by staff.

His Worship the Mayor, David Trewavas re-entered the meeting at this point (12.49pm). Cr Rosie Harvey vacated the Chair and His Worship the Mayor assumed the Chair again.

AC Baths – hydroslide and private pools

The Head of Democracy, Governance & Venues advised that the lifeguards were checking the hydroslide at the AC Baths daily due to safety concerns. In relation to the private pools, a different method of upgrade had been identified (not reliant on the piping method), so this project could be reconsidered.

Members decided to bring \$571K forward from year 2 to year 1 for hydroslide replacement at AC Baths; and to move \$1.155m from year 1 to year 2 for private pools upgrade at AC Baths. The number of private pools to be upgraded would be determined at a later date.

Turangi

In answer to a question, the Chief Executive advised that everything included in the draft LTP remained and several new projects had been added. A list of everything in the LTP relating to Turangi would be provided to the Turangi/Tongariro ward councillors.

A member asked for consideration to be given to a new name for the Senior Citizens Hall in Turangi (used by Rangatahi hub).

Kinloch Community Hall

Members decided to add \$200K in year 3 for Kinloch Community Hall redevelopment. A feasibility study for the project had already been included in the LTP.

Taupō Winter Festival

Members decided to add \$8K to the events budget for venue hire to support the Taupō Winter Festival.

Taupō youth hub

In answer to a question, the Head of Democracy, Governance & Venues advised that the Taupō youth hub project had been included in an early draft of the LTP, but removed prior to consultation. Members agreed that the project should be put back into the LTP, in year 3.

The meeting adjourned again at this point (1.51pm) and reconvened again at 2.20pm.

In answer to a question, the Head of Finance & Strategy advised that if all amendments proposed thus far were made to the draft Long-term Plan 2018-28, then the average rates increase would be 3.44%.

Amendments requested by members during deliberations were presented on the screens in the Council Chamber (A2218322).

That Council directs officers to make the following amendments to the draft Long-term Plan 2018-28:

TDC201804/28 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Maggie Stewart
Seconded: Cr John Williamson

1. Add \$1.5M in year 4 for water and wastewater upgrades in Waihi Village

CARRIED

Note: Cr Tangonui Kingi abstained from voting on resolution TDC201804/28 above.

TDC201804/29 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kirsty Trueman
Seconded: Cr Tangonui Kingi

2. Add \$200K in year 4 for water upgrades to the ring main on Forest View Road in Whakamaru

CARRIED

TDC201804/30 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kirsty Trueman
Seconded: Cr Anna Park

3. Add \$50K (making total \$450K) per annum from years 2 through to 10 for seal extensions (currently budgeted \$400K per annum)

CARRIED

TDC201804/31 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Maggie Stewart
Seconded: Cr Christine Rankin

4. Add \$20k in year 1 for shade sails for Omori and Kuratau

CARRIED

TDC201804/32 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rosie Harvey
Seconded: Cr John Williamson

5. Increase the grants and partnerships pool to \$600k per annum

CARRIED

TDC201804/33 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor David Trewavas
Seconded: Cr Maggie Stewart

6. Local children 5 and under free at pools, and proposed increases not be introduced (approx. \$70K per annum for children 5 and under being free) and investigate a wider scale of local discounts to be considered at the next Annual Plan.

CARRIED

Note: When the above motion was put,

His Worship the Mayor, David Trewavas and Crs Barry Hickling, Tangonui Kingi, Maggie Stewart and Kirsty Trueman voted in favour of the motion;

Crs Rosie Harvey, Anna Park, Rosanne Jollands, Christine Rankin and John Williamson voted against the motion; and

Cr John Boddy was absent from the meeting.

His Worship the Mayor used his casting vote in favour and declared the motion carried.

TDC201804/34 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Christine Rankin
Seconded: Cr Rosanne Jollands

7. Include a fee waiver in the Fees & Charges schedule for dogs registered with Canine Friends Pet Therapy (Taupō)

CARRIED

TDC201804/35 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Christine Rankin
Seconded: Cr Rosie Harvey

8. Add \$40K in year 1 to increase in funding for EGLT (\$20K of which will be used specifically for implementation of the TEDS in partnership with the TTCB), increasing to additional \$60K per annum from year 2.

CARRIED

TDC201804/36 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr John Williamson
Seconded: Cr Rosanne Jollands

9. Add \$100K in year 2 and add \$100K in year 3 (making total \$200K) for Paetiki suburban shopping centre enhancements

CARRIED

TDC201804/37 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rosie Harvey
Seconded: Cr Christine Rankin

10. Add \$100K in year 3 for a sculpture (location to be determined)

CARRIED

TDC201804/38 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anna Park
Seconded: Cr Kirsty Trueman

11. Add \$13K in year 1 for a basket swing in Atiamuri

CARRIED

TDC201804/39 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rosanne Jollands
Seconded: Cr Barry Hickling

12. Increase the number of mows for Wairakei Dr and Lake Terrace (from roundabouts on SH1 back towards town boundary) to 12 (currently 8 mows per years at \$4,500)

CARRIED

TDC201804/40 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kirsty Trueman
Seconded: Cr Tangonui Kingi

13. Add \$100K in year 1 (making total \$200K) for Mangakino open space upgrades (changing facilities)

CARRIED

TDC201804/41 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anna Park
Seconded: Cr John Williamson

14. Bring \$37K forward from year 4 to year 2 for Brice St playground basketball court

CARRIED

TDC201804/42 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anna Park
Seconded: Cr Rosie Harvey

15. Add \$180K in year 1 to resurface the Taupō velodrome (currently \$170K in 2017/18)

CARRIED

TDC201804/43 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Christine Rankin
Seconded: Cr Rosanne Jollands

16. Add \$400K in year 1 for master planning and business case planning for the Cultural Precinct Project

CARRIED

TDC201804/44 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Maggie Stewart
Seconded: Cr Tangonui Kingi

17. Add \$500K in year 2 for new public toilets in Turangi

CARRIED

TDC201804/45 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anna Park
Seconded: Cr Rosie Harvey

18. Add \$30K in year 1 for play equipment at Turangi Aquatic Centre

CARRIED

TDC201804/46 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anna Park
Seconded: Cr Maggie Stewart

19. Move the \$125K in year 1 for bridge investigation to year 2 and increase to \$200K

CARRIED

TDC201804/47 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rosanne Jollands
Seconded: Cr John Williamson

20. Add \$200K in year 1 for a Transport Strategy

CARRIED

TDC201804/48 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anna Park
Seconded: Cr Rosie Harvey

21. Bring \$571K forward from year 2 to year 1 for hydroslide replacement at AC Baths

CARRIED

TDC201804/49 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Barry Hickling
Seconded: Cr John Williamson

22. Move \$1.155m from year 1 to year 2 for private pools upgrade at AC Baths

CARRIED

TDC201804/50 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Barry Hickling
Seconded: Cr Rosanne Jollands

23. Add \$200K in year 3 for Kinloch Hall redevelopment

CARRIED

TDC201804/51 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Christine Rankin
Seconded: Cr Maggie Stewart

24. Add \$8K to Taupō Winter Festival increase to events budget

CARRIED

TDC201804/52 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anna Park
Seconded: Cr John Williamson

- 25. Add \$450K in year 3 for a Taupō youth hub

CARRIED

TDC201804/53 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anna Park
Seconded: Cr Tangonui Kingi

- 26. Confirm the installation of traffic lights at Norman Smith Street / Wairakei Drive and associated threshold treatments in year 1, and remove all other proposed capital works identified to improve the traffic flow through the Taupō central business district, as identified in the consultation document, pending the development of the transport strategy and second bridge crossing investigation.

CARRIED

TDC201804/54 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rosanne Jollands
Seconded: Cr John Williamson

- 27. Confirm option 2 in the consultation document to connect Acacia Bay and Mapara Road to the Taupō water treatment plant.

CARRIED

TDC201804/55 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anna Park
Seconded: Cr Christine Rankin

- 28. Confirm option 1 in the consultation document to undertake additional work to prevent wastewater spills from our network.

CARRIED

5 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil

The meeting closed at 3.08pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the ordinary Council meeting held on 26 June 2018.

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CHAIRPERSON