

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE KINLOCH REPRESENTATIVE GROUP MEETING
HELD AT THE KINLOCH COMMUNITY HALL , MATA PLACE , KINLOCH
ON THURSDAY, 16 AUGUST 2018 AT 4.27PM**

- PRESENT:** Cr Rosanne Jollands (in the Chair), Mr Tim Brittain, Mr Bruce Campbell, Cr Barry Hickling, Cr Christine Rankin, Ms Belinda Walker
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Chief Executive, Head of Democracy, Governance & Venues, Head of Operational Services, Parks Manager Sports & Horticulture, Building Project Manager, Asset Manager Water & Waste, Projects Manager, Senior Policy Advisor, Democratic Services Support Officer
- MEDIA AND PUBLIC:** Councillor Kathy White (Waikato Regional Council) and 16 members of the public

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed Councillor Kathy White and members of the public.

- Note:
- (i) Cr Hickling left the meeting during item 4.2 at 5.10pm and re-entered the meeting at 5.19pm.
 - (ii) Cr Hickling and Cr Rankin together left the meeting at 5.28pm and were not present for resolutions KIN201808/06, 07 & 08.

1 APOLOGIES

KIN201808/01 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mr Tim Brittain
Seconded: Ms Belinda Walker

That the apology received from Mayor David Trewavas be received and accepted.

CARRIED

2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 KINLOCH REPRESENTATIVE GROUP MEETING - 28 JUNE 2018

Minutes of a meeting of the Kinloch Representative Group held on Thursday, 28 June 2018 had been circulated (A2287095).

KIN201808/02 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Christine Rankin
Seconded: Mr Bruce Campbell

That the minutes of the Kinloch Representative Group meeting held on Thursday 28 June 2018 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

4 REPORTS

4.1 PRESENTATION: OVERVIEW OF WAIKATO REGIONAL COUNCIL ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

Waikato Regional Councillor Kathy White was in attendance to provide a brief overview of Waikato Regional Council business relevant to the Taupō communities. Key points noted were:

- Proposed new regional theatre would be funded by all Waikato region ratepayers. To apportion costs more fairly, ratepayers would be classed as 'primary' and 'secondary'. Primary ratepayers would pay more than secondary ratepayers based on their proximity / access being closer to the theatre and as such, would likely use the theatre more than those who lived further away. Taupō district had been classed as 'secondary' and would contribute towards capital expenditure to build the theatre only, and not ongoing maintenance costs.
- There had been many changes in relation to effluent monitoring at WRC in the last two terms. Many farms were still non-compliant and did not have adequate effluent storage capacity to cope during heavy rain events. WRC had agreed to stop aerial monitoring of farms in favour of onsite visits but recently voted to resume aerial monitoring again, which had caused some controversy due to surveillance / privacy issues. To mitigate those concerns, use of drones and satellite imagery would only be undertaken in known cases of non-compliance and high risk plants.
- Were investigating the source of a broad spectrum pesticide contaminant (possibly used in forestry operations) which was linked to the demise of many freshwater crayfish in Putaruru streams.
- The 1080 pre-freed had already been undertaken on Pihanga and Kakaramea mountains at the southern end of the lake. Eight hapu were opposed to the drop with Ngāti Kurauia leading the 'Organic Tokaanu' movement to use organic methods such as trapping instead of 1080. Poison dropped over dry land often ended up in waterways / streams, therefore it was important that people were aware when the drops were happening, especially those who drew water for personal use from streams. Those affected were entitled to ask for water mitigation.
- Visited the Seven Oaks subdivision with KRG member Bruce Campbell. Confirmed that WRC had received the developer's consent application and DoC had already given affected party approval. Concerned about the ecological values of Okaia Stream being negatively impacted with a culvert being installed over the stream, which was a permitted activity under WRCs plan.

The following was noted during questions, answers, and related discussion:

- Recommended that a deputation attend the next Waikato Environmental Performance Committee September meeting to discuss concerns in relation to Kinloch developments, though conscious that timing of the consent application and next meeting would mean the opportunity to do anything was lost. Alternatively suggested arranging a meeting with Chris McClay, head of consulting team as soon as possible.
- The main concerns from feedback provided in Kinloch community surveys was lack of notification and consultation in relation to developments, and the associated ecological impacts on the Whangamata and Okaia Streams. Also not happy with the way DoC had worked with the developers. Letters from the Kinloch community had been written to both TDC and WRC outlining those concerns, including a request to WRC to intervene in current developments.
- KCA could submit an application to the 2019 WRC Environment Initiatives Fund (EIF) which provided grants up to \$40k for community projects, or the Small Scale Community Initiatives Fund (SSCIF) - up to \$5k.
- Cr Jollands suggested the council public forum on August 28 as an opportunity to present the full Kinloch community survey to Council.

KIN201808/03 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mr Tim Brittain

Seconded: Cr Barry Hickling

That the Kinloch Representative Group receives the information and thanks Ms Kathy White for her presentation.

CARRIED

4.2 ACTION POINTS UPDATE

- Cr Jollands reported on the following:
 - Discussions held with the Asset Manager Transportation. KRG would set up a working group to feed into the development of the Transportation Strategy. Plans were being developed for the Eastern esplanade.
 - Pete Masters advised that repairs at Boojum Dell would be completed by end of August. Bike Taupō had also submitted a funding application to lay metal on the track.
 - Needed to confirm transfer station trial hours so the Asset Manager Stormwater & Solid Waste could implement. Some upgrade work at station also scheduled.
 - Representation Review hearings on submissions was being held on Monday, August 20 - 28 submissions received, with 5 to be heard. Following hearings, Council had to publicly notify their proposal by September 7 which was open to appeal from public.
 - Would meet with the communications team to develop a communications plan for Kinloch. Ms Walker asked if KCA could receive notification of future KRG meetings by email – kinlochcommunity@gmail.com and if a notice could also be placed at the roundabout.
- Huge pot holes reported outside the store.
- Mr Brittain was dissatisfied with the response in relation to his concerns about stormwater being the conduit for nitrogen and phosphorous entering the lake. In reply, the Chief Executive advised that Council had approved \$2k for monitoring through Downers; test results would be made available to the Group once completed.

KIN201808/04 RESOLUTION

Moved: Ms Belinda Walker

Seconded: Mr Tim Brittain

That the Kinloch Representative Group receives the current action points update.

CARRIED

4.3 REVIEW OF THE TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL LIQUOR CONTROL BYLAW 2013

The Senior Policy Advisor showed the current Liquor Control Bylaw ban areas in the Kinloch area (A1186427). Additional key points noted were:

- Legislative changes required that the current bylaw needed to be updated by December 2018.
- The bylaw would be renamed - Alcohol Control Bylaw.
- The current liquor ban areas needed to be reviewed to see if they were still relevant.
- Currently two bans in place that covered district town centres during weekends - Mangakino, Turangi, and Taupō - and another for the New Year period – from 12noon December 27 until 7am January 4. Other bans were in place throughout district lakeside settlements.
- This part of the review process was preconsultation phase. Bylaws were required to go through formal consultation, hearings and submissions process.
- There were strict guidelines about where liquor bans could be imposed. Any new proposed ban areas had to be substantiated with appropriate evidence. Suggested reporting any alcohol related issues to both council and police and providing photographic evidence (if able).
- The proposed amendments would be presented at the September council meeting then followed by public consultation in October / November.
- Police would take a pragmatic approach when assessing a particular situation. For example, a couple enjoying a glass of wine with a picnic on the lakefront would be acceptable whereas a car load of youth drinking and playing rowdy music from inside their car would not.

In answer to a question, the Senior Policy Advisor advised that TDC were responsible for collating and implementing the bylaw which was a legal tool for police to enforce (if necessary).

KIN201808/05 RESOLUTION

Moved: Ms Belinda Walker

Seconded: Mr Tim Brittain

That the Kinloch Representative Group receives the update on the Taupō District Council Liquor Control Bylaw 2013 review.

CARRIED

4.4 CULTURAL PRECINCT UPDATE

The Building Project Manager was in attendance to provide an update on the proposed Cultural Precinct building. A powerpoint presentation was shown (A2299822) and key points highlighted as follows:

- There was an opportunity to tap into the new government's Provincial Growth Fund of up to \$1b per year. Other potential funding avenues were crowd funding, philanthropist funds, Iwi, donor / sponsorship funding, etc.
- There was a need for a civic administration to house 162 staff and councillors.
- \$15.7m had been set aside in the LTP for the new building.
- The majority of feedback received following public consultation on the 2017/18 Annual Plan and whether to rebuild at 72 Lake Terrace was that the building should be located in the central business district (CBD) to create vibrancy.
- Options to address the issues of either restoration or a new build were presented to Council and a new building was chosen as council's preferred option. Staff then looked into and presented site options for the new building. 72 Lake Terrace went from being the first preferred option to third, with Tuwharetoa Street carpark (between Burger King and Liquor King) second, and the Great Lake Centre (GLC) area first / most preferred.
- The GLC was TDC managed land plus there were opportunities to make efficiencies and create a main focal point for Taupō. Its central location also meant it was easily accessible to the community and would add vibrancy to the CBD. However, while this site was the favoured option of the three, the other two sites (72 Lake Terrace and the carpark located on Tūwharetoa Street) had not been dismissed and would be revisited if the project did not go ahead.
- Council approved the development of a masterplan for the area to look at what areas could be capitalised on, and to future proof development going forward. That included opportunities to include new cultural, arts and heritage facilities to replace the existing Taupō Museum.
- Two master planners / project advisory teams were selected. One had a strong background in architecture, the other in urban, street and landscape design, and had done a great deal of work in similar smaller communities like Taupō.
- Public consultation commenced on the proposed GLC site with various groups and stakeholders, the community at large, and Ngāti Tuwharetoa. Feedback would assist the master planners to extract what was important to the district.
- Showed an aerial shot of the Tongariro Domain area. The courthouse land site was owned by Ngāti Tuwharetoa and the Taupō Police Station site by NZ Police, so both were out of scope. Redoubt Road vicinity was under treaty claim by Ngāti Rauhoto / Tapuaeharuru.
- Council had confirmed some out-of-bound areas such as the cenotaph, and the Tongariro North Domain area.
- It was known for some time that the museum building was below par with a large part of it not having adequate insulation. Insulation issues combined with open spaces and poor environmental controls created a high risk of deterioration and / or damage to artefacts due to seasonal variances in temperature and humidity. This limited the district's opportunities for receiving and displaying touring exhibitions and precious artefacts / taonga therefore it was logical to include the museum in the master planning process.

- The harbourmasters office land block had been part of a long-standing treaty claim. Understood there would be a co-management agreement upon settlement therefore unlikely that much would change there.
- The bowling club had asked if they could extend their lease from 2028 to 2040. Council had delayed any response pending completion of the master planning process.
- Both the transportation and sports and recreation strategies would impact the overall scope of the area when considering Tongariro Street traffic (and car / bus parking) and the current location of the tennis and bowling clubs.
- Stage 1 of the initial phase was nearing completion. Hoped to have some plans ready to present to the community by Christmas.
- Stage 2 included procuring designers to draft a concept design, and later a construction contractor.
- Stage 3 involved construction of the building, fit out, moving and handover. Approximate timeframe was 30 months away.

A member noted that the final building had to define the districts identity and be driven from the community if it was to be a success.

The Building Project Manager advised that he would be happy to talk to any interested groups and individuals if wanted.

KIN201808/06 RESOLUTION

Moved: Ms Belinda Walker

Seconded: Mr Tim Brittain

That the Kinloch Representative Group receives the update on the Cultural Precinct.

CARRIED

4.5 PLANTING PLANS FOR KINLOCH

The Parks Manager Sports & Horticulture advised that:

- Most of the planting undertaken to date had been reactive – remove / replace.
- There was no long term plan for planting in Kinloch however, would like to work in with what the community wanted. For example, what type of trees were preferred and the reason why eg shade, to attract more bird life, etc.
- Council had a tree and vegetation policy which set out what could / could not be done.
- The first step would be for the Arborist to complete a trees inventory logging species, health, location, other considerations eg impacting views, etc, to provide a snapshot of the current situation and inform future work. The survey process would take a few months, then could look at options for a collaborative planting project with TDC working alongside the community and Greening Taupō.
- 75-80% of public requests were complaints about trees obstructing views. Noted that trees could not be removed for this reason under the current policy.

The following was noted during questions, answers and related discussion:

- Cr Jollands and Ms Walker to meet with the Parks Manager Sports & Horticulture and Senior Reserve Planner to discuss items that could be addressed short-term eg Taupō cricket had offered to fund turf at the domain – concerned that this opportunity would be lost if delayed too much longer.
- The Landscape Architect was developing the planting plans for the Kinloch WWTP, which would be implemented by the parks operations team.
- Twelve new plants to be planted for the current season. Would do more substantial planting next autumn / winter.
- Request to communicate to staff involved with developing overall plan for the domain that the trailer parking area (which was in the 2007 plan) to remain.

KIN201808/07 RESOLUTION

Moved: Ms Belinda Walker

Seconded: Mr Tim Brittain

That the Kinloch Representative Group receives the information.

CARRIED

4.6 MEMBERS' REPORTS

Mr Brittain advised that he had been contacted by an early settler Kinloch family about the possibility of a remembrance wall in Kinloch, and asked what could be done. The Head of Democracy, Governance & Venues noted that there were guidelines in relation to memorials and undertook to look into the matter further and report back.

Cr Jollands raised that she was unavailable for the next scheduled KRG meeting on September 27. Members subsequently decided to change the next meeting to 3.30pm on Thursday, September 20 (public forum at 3pm).

KIN201808/08 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rosanne Jollands

Seconded: Ms Belinda Walker

That the Kinloch Representative Group receives the reports from members.

CARRIED

5 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil

The Meeting closed at 6.13pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Kinloch Representative Group Meeting held on 27 September 2018.

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CHAIRPERSON