

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE TURANGI/TONGARIRO COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING  
HELD AT THE BOARDROOM, TURANGI SERVICE DELIVERY CENTRE, TOWN CENTRE, TURANGI  
ON TUESDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 2018 AT 1.00PM**

- PRESENT:** Mr Andy Hema (in the Chair), Cr Tangonui Kingi, Cr Maggie Stewart, Mrs Karen Donlon, Miss Sharlyn Holt, Mrs Pauline Jenkins-Lyons, Mr Te Takinga New, Mr Wally van der Aa
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Head of Economic Development & Business Transformation, Head of Democracy, Governance & Venues, Head of Community & Culture, District Parks Operations Manager, Parks Manager Community & Open Spaces, District Events Manager, Team Leader Strategic Relationships, Senior Policy Advisor, Policy Advisors T Wood & K Goode, Democratic Services Support Officer
- MEDIA AND PUBLIC:** Taupō Times, Taupō Area Commander Inspector Warwick Morehu & Turangi Police Officer in Charge Sergeant Te Reipa Morunga (NZ Police), plus two members of the public

The Chair welcomed all in attendance and Mr Te Takinga New opened the meeting with a karakia.

- Notes:
- (i) Items were heard in the following order: 3, 4.2-4.4, 4.1, and 4.5-4.10.
  - (ii) Member Te Takinga New advised that he would korero Māori / speak Te Reo at today's meeting in support of Te Wiki o te Reo Māori.

**1 APOLOGIES**

Nil

**2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Nil

**3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**3.1 TURANGI/TONGARIRO COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING - 14 AUGUST 2018**

The Chair advised that reapproval for his attendance at an upcoming workshop in Rotorua was required as the workshop date provided (and approved at the 14 August meeting - resolution TT201808/10) was incorrect.

**TT201809/01 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Tangonui Kingi

Seconded: Miss Sharlyn Holt

That the minutes of the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board meeting held on Tuesday 14 August 2018 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

## 4 REPORTS

### 4.1 PRESENTATION: POLICE UPDATE

Taupō area commander Inspector Warwick Morehu and Turangi police officer in charge Sergeant Te Reipa (Tere) Morunga were in attendance to provide an update on police affairs. Mr Morehu noted that this was the first Turangi/Tongariro Community Board meeting he had attended and it was good to be able to engage with the smaller communities like Turangi and (more recently) Mangakino. He looked forward to providing regular quarterly updates at future meetings.

Additional points noted during their presentation, including questions, answers, and related discussion were:

- Police resourcing was challenging, especially providing cover for staff sick leave. Police safety was also compromised due to under resourcing; it was vital that additional staff were recruited as soon as possible.
- Currently trying to recruit new staff into Turangi. Had received some interest but had to be mindful about choosing the right fit for the community. Newly qualified police from police training college were not an option as they were required to undertake initial employment in a 24/7 operated police station, of which Turangi, Mangakino and Putaruru were not.
- There was a reduction in overall crime in Turangi compared to the same time last year.
- Two officers brought in from metropolitan based positions had adjusted well and were doing a great job, as was Turangi police staff overall. However, being understaffed meant staff were often burning the candle at both ends.
- Methamphetamine 'P' was a problem nationwide and though it was not highly reported locally, it was a major driver of a lot of issues police dealt with. It was important to provide support where possible to those services eg non-government organisations (NGO's), Whanau Ora, who were engaged with those families / whanau dealing with P related issues.
- A member commended local police staff for doing an awesome job and agreed that the two police brought in from the metropolitan areas were a great fit for Turangi. Over previous years, had observed that police arrived with the right attitude and intention however, they often struggled to immerse themselves in the social fabric of Turangi. Saw this as an opportunity for the Board to support the integration of new officers into town. Suggested this could be done by way of Board members being part of welcoming proceedings for new constables (meet and greet) and / or providing an introductory pack about the Board members and their role in the community. Mr Morehu agreed that the more police staff felt supported and cared for within a community, the greater their sense of belonging, investment and performance was within that community.
- Driver training programme was currently underway at Taupō-Nui-a-Tia College with Tauhara College next, then Tongariro School.
- In reply to a member comment about the current message displayed on the notice board (sited on berm out front of Turangi police station) portraying a negative connotation, especially to visitors entering town, Mr Morehu replied that police were receptive to make any changes according to the community's wishes. Further noted that police often accented the negative in a bid to promote the positive however, agreed that information should be more strength based.
- In reply to another member question, Mr Morunga advised that there was no local data to support a liquor ban in town; any issues that had arisen during his time in Turangi had been minimal. The local drinking culture was more home based than licensed establishments. Police were not the only authority involved in the liquor control bylaw process.
- The Bay of Plenty region had the largest gang population in New Zealand, mainly Mongrel Mob. Locally, issues involving gang associates overall were minimal and behaviour in general was relatively good. Police had established a good rapport with older patched members with any issues that arose usually involving the younger generation members. Felt that members of the community appeared to be more intimidated by their visual appearance more than anything else.

### TT201809/02 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Tangonui Kingi

Seconded: Miss Sharlyn Holt

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board receives the police update and thanks Commander Warwick Morehu and Sergeant Te Reipa Morunga for their presentation.

**CARRIED**

#### **4.2 ACTION POINTS UPDATE**

The following action points updates were noted:

- The Head of Economic Development & Business Transformation had emailed examples of appropriate signage for 'no jumping off bridge' to NZTA – awaiting response.
- Further workshops would be scheduled as appropriate.
- Cr Kingi had discussed streetlight maintenance / service issues in relation to clusters of lights in entire streets not working with transportation staff and management. Requested that this be noted in the minutes.
- Cr Kingi had forwarded an email received from the Turangi Tongariro Residents & Ratepayers Group to the Head of Economic Development & Business Transformation regarding new tables and chairs for the Senior Citizens Hall and an interior makeover. Subsequently requested a comprehensive report on the building that also looked at the acoustics and heating issues to be presented at a future meeting. In response to a further query (same email) regarding renaming of the hall, the Head of Community & Culture suggested that this could be included as part of the Mana Whakahono a Rohe agreement with Ngati Tūrangitukua. It was also previously mooted to run a competition for Turangi youth to put forward potential names.

#### **TT201809/03 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Mr Wally van der Aa

Seconded: Mrs Karen Donlon

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

**CARRIED**

#### **.3 DISTRICT PLAN REVIEW - ISSUES IDENTIFICATION PROJECT**

Senior Policy Advisor Hillary Samuel advised that the District Plan Review was underway therefore it was timely to touch base with the Board and provide some information as there would be a lot of community engagement and consultation over the next few years. Key points noted were:

- The District Plan (DP) was the 'rule book' for the district for building a home, subdividing land, etc. The DP also determined growth around district, for example where commercial / industrial land would be developed.
- A DP review was required every 10 years under the Resource Management Act (RMA).
- The plan would be developed under various work streams over the next 3 years. Forecast that 'hazards' and 'rural' issues would take considerable time to review due to the complexities involved, length of time since last review, and many trend changes noted in RMA applications.
- Currently in phase 1 of 3, with the formal phase of notifications, submissions, etc. being undertaken over a 2 year period (2021-2022).
- Would come back to the Board in relation to those parts of the plan that concerned the Turangi community.
- The Draft National Planning Standards (NPS) had just been released and would be formalised next year. NPS were a template that informed how a DP must be written throughout the country.

Policy Advisor Kendall Goode then discussed the 'Issues Identification Project'. Key points noted were:

- Step one of the plan involved researching and identifying those areas of the DP that had worked

well and conversely, those that had not. Had sourced feedback from stakeholders, primarily those using the DP on a daily basis both internally - Taupō District Council building and infrastructure teams, and externally – resource management consultants.

- Research had shown some trending issues. In rural environments many people were wanting to increase the current allowance of one dwelling per 10 hectares for various reasons, eg bed and breakfast accommodation, more family could live with them.
- Looked at resource consents submitted in the last 5 years to give an indication of where / why the DP was too restrictive, and also where it could be freed up. An example was people applied for resource consent because their building coverage exceeded the current site coverage allowance (of 30%) by 2% - Council would have to decide whether to stay with the status quo or slightly increase the allowance.
- The DP was influenced by various Council strategies and plans, eg LTP, Annual Plan, Infrastructure Strategy.
- The project had identified 11 strategic issues which sat under 5 strands: Management of urban growth; Tangata Whenua; Management of industrial and commercial areas; Management of residential land; Management of rural land.
- Technical issues were another consideration eg some people did not like current building height restrictions.

In answer to questions, the Senior Policy Advisor advised that DP's varied dramatically between districts however, there was a clear driver from government to bring consistency through the NPS. Council was fortunate that the timing of its DP review aligned with the release of these new standards.

The community could submit feedback and make general comments on the DP through Council's website.

#### **TT201809/04 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Mrs Pauline Jenkins-Lyons

Seconded: Miss Sharlyn Holt

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board receives the information on the Issues Identification Project.

**CARRIED**

#### **4.4 DRAFT ROAD ENCROACHMENT POLICY**

Policy Advisor Tanya Wood explained that there were different types of road encroachments, eg over bridge, underpass, berm. A common complaint received in the Taupō district concerned people driving on footpaths and parking on berms, resulting in requests to erect bollards on residential berms.

Currently, Council did not have many regulatory tools to deal with parking on berms. Though it would be easier to have a bylaw to deal with those issues, erecting signs in residential areas was not ideal. Therefore a Road Encroachment Policy had been developed to deliver a consistent approach to deal with the aforementioned issues district wide. The Board could provide feedback directly to the Policy Advisor by phone or email.

#### **TT201809/05 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Tangonui Kingi

Seconded: Mrs Karen Donlon

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board receives the information on the Draft Road Encroachment Policy.

**CARRIED**

#### **4.5 EVENTS UPDATE**

The District Events Manager gave a mihi in Te Reo and showed a powerpoint presentation (A2178078),

highlighting key points in relation to events as follows:

- Aimed to make Taupō district New Zealand's events capital.
- Events aligned with both the Taupō District Council vision 'Kia kotahi mai – Unite – Connect – Deliver (making a better life for you and your family) and the Councillor's vision 'To be the most prosperous and liveable district in the North Island by 2022'.
- Events sat within the economic development and business transformation team.
- Events mission statement was *"That the Great Lake Taupō District be known as the events capital of New Zealand by retaining and/or attracting a diverse range of industry leading events throughout the district"*.
- Events had a district focus – Turangi, Mangakino, Kinloch and Taupō. Enabled growth.
- Economic impact – Council contributed funds and investment in events which was returned by way of economic spend throughout the district. Invested in events for various reasons including economic impact; positioning profiling – inspiration; social and community benefits; enhanced vibrancy, liveability, and intrinsic values; opportunities for business to business interactions; and optimisation of venues.
- Bylaws and the DP set the framework for the events team to work in.
- The events team provided support by way of mentoring, feasibility, monitoring, regulatory advice, relationship managers, infrastructure services, equipment, marketing, venues, and financial support. However, all events needed to be community led and owned.
- 2017/18 statistics reported included 44 events financially supported; 95 events directly supported; 434 events held in the Taupō district; 130k participants and spectators engaged; \$34m estimated value of the events industry.
- Turangi had 9 events over the past year, with \$7.5k event support investment (not including fixed infrastructure, personnel resource, marketing, etc).
- Engaged Marketview to provide spend from figures from Turangi Christmas in the Park and the open pig hunting event (\$42.5k).
- Needed to understand the value of events to the community – what did they want?
- Thirty two teams from around the country would compete in the inter-council sports games to be hosted in Turangi on March 9, 2019.

Member comments included that the inter-council games would provide a good opportunity to strengthen Iwi relationships; Iwi / marae were experienced and equipped to host larger crowds for both accommodation and catering; volunteers, rangatahi etc. would be needed to help run the event; communications about the event should be shared with the hospitality sector well in advance.

#### **TT201809/06 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Mrs Karen Donlon

Seconded: Mrs Pauline Jenkins-Lyons

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board receives the events update.

**CARRIED**

#### **4.6 SCULPTURE PROPOSAL - THE TUNNELLER**

The Head of Economic Development & Business Transformation went through his report, highlighting that there was no funding available to cover installation costs for the sculpture as the current \$25k public art fund had been exhausted. If the Board wished to support the proposal, a formal recommendation to Council to approve unbudgeted expenditure of up to \$5,500 towards the sculpture installation costs and the site location would have to be agreed.

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

- Council had traditionally funded similar requests.
- Installation costs included building consent fees, engineers reports, etc. Council were liable for any

issues pre and post installation and therefore needed to ensure that potential issues were factored in eg the structure could withstand people climbing on it.

- An MOU would be undertaken between Council and the sculpture donor, Mr Zane Cozens.
- A member strongly supported the proposal noting that the story behind the sculpture acknowledged and represented well part of the history of Turangi.
- The correct address for the site location was Te Rangitautahanga Rd and not Ohuanga Road as stated in the report.

#### **TT201809/07 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Tangonui Kingi

Seconded: Miss Sharlyn Holt

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board recommends to Council to approve unbudgeted expenditure up to a maximum of \$5,500 (excl GST) for the installation of 'The Tunneller' statue and, the location of the preferred site as identified in Attachment 3.

**CARRIED**

#### **4.7 LAKESHORE EROSION PLAN UPDATE**

The District Parks Operations Manager went through the attached report from Tonkin & Taylor (T & T) highlighting key points in relation to the lakeshore erosion plan. Short term (3 years), medium term (10 years) and long-term options (50 years) were provided with T & T recommending that erosion management continue indefinitely.

In reply to member questions, the District Parks Operations Manager advised that:

- Hapū representative Mr Dave Potaka had been involved in discussions to date.
- The foreshore becoming a slurry of sand and water could cause the manhole to sink and, deformation of pipes.
- T & T felt comfortable with the controls noted in the current plan however, an extreme weather event could change things dramatically.
- \$600k funding had been set aside for erosion work over the next 10 years.
- Gaining consent was relatively straight forward if all parties were in agreement.
- Ngati Tūwharetoa was the landowner.

A member encouraged Council to undertake any consultation with hapū / iwi from the outset rather than later in the process.

#### **TT201809/08 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Maggie Stewart

Seconded: Mrs Pauline Jenkins-Lyons

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board receives the information on the Lakeshore Erosion Plan.

**CARRIED**

#### **4.8 TURANGI OPERATIONS REPORT - AUGUST 2018**

The Parks Manager Community & Open Spaces went through the operations report highlighting that the sports containers were installed onsite on Monday, August 27. Electrical and plumbing work was currently being completed. User agreements with local sports groups were yet to be done.

#### **TT201809/09 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Mrs Pauline Jenkins-Lyons

Seconded: Mrs Karen Donlon

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board receives the Turangi Operations Report as at 11 September 2018.

**CARRIED**

#### **4.9 DRAFT TTCB COMMUNITY PLAN 2018/2019**

The Team Leader Strategic Relationships had circulated the draft community plan by email prior to the meeting. The Chair proposed that the Board receive the plan (and not adopt today) as further work was still required.

#### **TT201809/10 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Tangonui Kingi

Seconded: Miss Sharlyn Holt

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board receives the tabled draft Turangi/Tongariro Community Board Community Plan 2018/2019.

**CARRIED**

#### **4.10 MEMBERS' REPORTS**

The following verbal reports were noted:

##### **Mrs Pauline Jenkins-Lyons**

- Advised that Mrs Kim Gosman had received New Zealand Health Volunteer of the Year for being a champion of Māori health. Requested that this be acknowledged on the Board Facebook page and a letter of congratulations sent.
- Asked that members advise other members if they were no longer able to attend an event. Rafting NZ had received an award at the Stella Awards however noone was there to support them from the Board.
- Attended Business After 5 events.

##### **Mr Te Takinga New**

- Acknowledged everyone who had been involved with and contributed to Te Wiki o te Reo Māori.
- Had been researching old newspaper articles – would like to use some items to shape and inform the Board's work going forward. One item was around bilingual street signage, which he would like to see implemented around the township. The Head of Economic Development & Business Transformation advised to be consistent, any bilingual signage would have to be looked at district wide.
- Requested a letter of support from the Board for Papakai marae's funding application for Parakore – a recycling scheme.
- Acknowledged the Head of Community & Cultures previous work promoting and encouraging correct pronunciation of te reo amongst staff. Encouraged that staff continue to be supported in this area.

##### **Cr Maggie Stewart**

- Attended Bay Trust AGM in Taupō. Bay Trust were looking at doing 3-year service funding arrangements which was great news for organisations. NZ Lotteries also did 3-year service agreements.

##### **Mr Wally van der Aa**

- Attended Go Tongariro meeting at Tokaanu Hotel, which was reopen for business with 12 rooms available.
- Attended TTSF meeting – currently doing planning for sports awards in October.

**Mr Andy Hema**

- Advised of upcoming Turangi business network lunch on Friday, September 14 and town centre clean up (pick up rubbish) on Saturday, September 29.

**TT201809/11 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Mr Te Takinga New

Seconded: Miss Sharlyn Holt

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board:

1. receives the members' reports and community plan updates; and
2. approves Mr Andy Hema's attendance including applicable costs at the LGNZ 'The Chairing Practice Workshop' in Rotorua on 12 September 2018.

**CARRIED**

**5 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**

Nil

**The Meeting closed at 3.40pm with a karakia from Cr Tangonui Kingi.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board Meeting held on 9 October 2018.**

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**CHAIRPERSON**