

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE - ALCOHOL BYLAW MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 107 HEUHEU STREET, TAUPŌ  
ON MONDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 2018 AT 9.30AM**

**PRESENT:** Cr Maggie Stewart (in the Chair), Cr John Boddy, Cr John Williamson, Mayor David Trewavas

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Head of Finance & Strategy, Policy Manager, Senior Policy Advisors, Policy Advisor, Senior Administrator (Policy), Democratic Services Officer

**MEDIA AND PUBLIC:** Two members of the public

**1 APOLOGIES**

Nil

**2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Nil

**3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Nil

**4 REPORTS**

**4.1 ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON**

Cr John Boddy nominated Cr Maggie Stewart for election as the Chairperson of the Alcohol Bylaw Committee. Cr John Williamson seconded the nomination.

**AHCA201811/01 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr John Boddy

Seconded: Cr John Williamson

That Cr Maggie Stewart be elected Chairperson for the Alcohol Bylaw Committee.

**CARRIED**

**4.2 DRAFT ALCOHOL CONTROL BYLAW - CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS**

The Senior Policy Advisor (H Samuel) passed on apologies from two submitters who had indicated a wish to be heard, but who were unable to be in attendance: Taupō Area Police and the Lakes District Health Board.

The following speakers spoke to their submissions and answered questions, with additional points as noted.

**Messrs Matiu Northcroft and David Loughlin on behalf of Patuiwi Reserve Trust**

- Tangata whenua representatives of the Otumuheke Stream area. The area is very special culturally.
- The recent enhancement project represented great progress working collaboratively to satisfy cultural wants and needs and there had been a positive impact on the wider community as well.
- The long-term sustainability of the Otumuheke Stream taiao (environment) was important to ensure future generations could continue to enjoy and respect this special place.
- Alcohol consumption at Otumuheke Stream has been an issue for a long time, and with no law in place to prevent people drinking at the site, it has been hard to do anything about it.

- The area delineated by the pou is a significant, whanau-friendly area. Prohibiting alcohol is in the best interests of everyone.
- This was a prime example of where Council should meet its legal obligations to protect Māori interests.
- The Patuiwi Trust had been working with Police over the last few years to address issues in the area.
- The concessionaire on Patuiwi Trust land would not be permitted to sell alcohol or cigarettes.
- Without the alcohol ban at Otumuheke Stream, there was a risk that the site would not be preserved as it should be, and that would be to the detriment of the whole community.

**Dr Andrea Julian, Senior Biodiversity Officer on behalf of Waikato Regional Council (via telephone)**

- In favour of the landscaping work and signage directing people to appropriate bathing areas at Otumuheke Stream.
- Waikato Regional Council supports an alcohol ban at Otumuheke Stream. The ban would discourage disorderly behaviour / damage and contribute to a new, more respectful baseline of behaviour in the area.

**AHCA201811/02 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr John Boddy  
Seconded: Cr John Williamson

That the Ad Hoc Committee - Alcohol Bylaw receives the submissions (Attachment 2, Objective reference A2348774) including submission 12 which was received outside the submission period.

**CARRIED**

Members worked through the Summary of Submissions and Officer's Recommendations for the draft Alcohol Control Bylaw 2018 and the Senior Policy Advisor answered questions of clarification.

The Officer's Recommendations in relation to issues 1 – 5 were accepted by the Committee.

In relation to Issue 6 – Otumuheke Stream, members agreed to support the inclusion of the Otumuheke Stream bathing area as a permanent alcohol prohibition area in the Alcohol Control Bylaw. This was because of the evidence outlined and submissions received, in particular the submissions from iwi representatives who had explained their special cultural relationship with the area. The Senior Policy Advisor added that the alcohol prohibition area would apply to the land and water between the pou on site.

**AHCA201811/03 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr John Williamson  
Seconded: Cr John Boddy

That the Ad Hoc Committee - Alcohol Bylaw recommends that Council adopts the Draft Alcohol Control Bylaw with amendments prior to 18 December 2018.

**CARRIED**

**5 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**

Nil

**The meeting closed at 10.24am.**

**The minutes of this meeting were received at the Council meeting held on 27 November 2018.**

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**CHAIRPERSON**