

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE TURANGI/TONGARIRO COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING  
HELD AT THE BOARDROOM, TURANGI SERVICE DELIVERY CENTRE, TOWN CENTRE, TURANGI  
ON TUESDAY, 13 NOVEMBER 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 Wally van der Aa

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Chief Executive, Head of Economic Development & Business Transformation, Head of Democracy, Governance & Venues, District Parks Operations Manager, Parks Manager Community & Open Spaces, Economic Relationship Manager, Facilities Manager, Infrastructure Manager, Senior Reserves Planner, Team Leader Strategic Relationships, Facilities Officer, Democratic Services Support Officer

**MEDIA AND PUBLIC:** Enterprise Great Lake Taupō (EGLT) General Manager Kylie Hawker-Green, Destination Great Lake Taupō (DGLT) General Manager Damian Coutts, Enterprise Great Lake Taupō Business Advisor Turangi – Averill Naumai

The Chair welcomed everyone to the final (2018) meeting of the Board and Cr Tangonui Kingi opened the meeting with a karakia.

Notes: (i) Items were heard in the following order: 1-4.1, 4.3, 4.2, 4.4-4.5  
(ii) Ms Holt left the meeting at 2.23pm and re-entered at 2.24pm.

## 1 APOLOGIES

### TT201811/01 RESOLUTION

Moved: Miss Sharlyn Holt  
Seconded: Mrs Karen Donlon

That the apology received from Mr Te Takinga New be accepted.

**CARRIED**

## 2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

## 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

### 3.1 TURANGI/TONGARIRO COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING - 9 OCTOBER 2018

Minutes of a meeting of the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board held on Tuesday, 9 October 2018 had been circulated (A2365886).

### TT201811/02 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mrs Karen Donlon  
Seconded: Mrs Pauline Jenkins-Lyons

That the minutes of the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board meeting held on Tuesday 9 October 2018 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

## 4 REPORTS

### 4.1 ACTION POINTS UPDATE

The Head of Economic Development & Business Transformation undertook to follow up the bridge signage with NZTA.

#### TT201811/03 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mrs Pauline Jenkins-Lyons

Seconded: Cr Maggie Stewart

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

**CARRIED**

### 4.2 TURANGI ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (TEDS) UPDATE

Economic Relationship Manager Jess Simpson and General Manager Enterprise Great Lake Taupō (EGLT) Kylie Hawker-Green were in attendance and tabled documents (A2368420) in support of their update on the Turangi Economic Development Strategy (TEDS). Destination Great Lake Taupō (DGLT) General Manager Damian Coutts was also in attendance to provide a brief update from DGLT. Key points noted were:

- Going forward, would provide regular quarterly TEDS updates and alternate presenters. Members' would receive an updated version of the first page of the tabled documents.
- Broadband roll out – Hon. Louise Upston had committed to bringing the roll out forward to 2022 (originally scheduled for 2024).
- Business attraction marketing – Undertaking a collaborative campaign to profile 60 stories from across the district. Had spent \$50k promoting the district as a great place to relocate business to.
- Customer service training – Collaborated with council organisations to develop a free online basic customer service course which was available to all businesses. Topics covered included how to complete a sale, correct pronunciation of local place names, etc. Certificates were awarded to those who completed the course.
- Partnering with Film BOP to attract film production companies to the district. Hosting an international film company in the next few days. The venture was exciting and potentially very profitable opportunity for the district.
- Turangi clean-up day - EGLT Business Advisor – Turangi Averill Naumai had led a recent Turangi clean-up day which was a great success.
- DGLT had been collaborating with Lake Taupō Forest Trust (LTFT), Ngāti Hikairo and the Department of Conservation (DOC) to upgrade the Tongariro Crossing car park, particularly at the Ketetahi Springs end. Optimistic that funding for that would be approved from the Provincial Growth Fund (PGF).
- Winter signs and flags were left up to support Ruapehu Alpine Lifts (RAL) with sales. These would be taken down within the next few days.
- RAL Turangi based shuttle service - Investigating funding for a subsidised Turangi shuttle service. Hoped that a subsidy would encourage more people to use the Turangi shuttles. In reply to a question about how to support local people to be able to enjoy the mountains offerings, Mr Coutts encouraged members to engage with RAL general manager Jonathan Dean, who was very supportive of Turangi. RAL also had a proven record and strong commitment to the Ngāti Hikairo snow academy.
- Turangi tourism working group – The group was established to work with DGLT to promote and be a voice for Turangi. Group chair was Mike Bowie, with members EGLT Averill Naumai and Turangi i-Site manager Christine Dally. RAL had also agreed to be part of the group.
- Turangi to Taupō (T2T) Trail – In the process of undertaking landowner engagement hui. Planned to hold initial hui in December.
- Showed pictures of various images which were being produced for the promotion of the Turangi-Tongariro region. The Head of Economic Development & Business Transformation noted he had used the imagery during a recent presentation in China which received a lot of positive feedback and looked amazing on the big screen. Mr Coutts advised that the Board could select 2-3 images which he would arrange to be put on canvasses for display in the Boardroom. Ms Hawker-Green also noted that some of the images would be blown up and displayed in vacant shop windows using funds leftover from donations received for the mall clean-up.

- Inbound arrivals to New Zealand from Australia, United Kingdom and Germany were down. Taupō district however was tracking better than the national trend.
- Ms Hawker-Green had recently met with New Zealand First deputy leader Fletcher Tabuteau who was especially interested in raising the profile of Turangi, and working in with EGLT to investigate ways to raise community outcomes.

#### **TT201811/04 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Tangonui Kingi

Seconded: Miss Sharlyn Holt

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board receives the update on the Turangi Economic Development Strategy (TEDS).

**CARRIED**

### **4.3 UPDATE ON TURANGI PROJECTS**

The Infrastructure Manager Denis Lewis showed a powerpoint titled 'Operations Projects Capex & Renewals'. Mr Lewis managed Council's transportation team, and looked after various contracts including streetlights, roading, water and wastewater. Key points noted were:

- First slide covered Turangi 2018/19 and Long-Term Plan (LTP) projects such as wastewater renewals and reseals for the Turangi/Tongariro ward. LTP funds of \$6.9m - 22% of the overall spend for district - had been set aside for those renewals and capital projects.
- Capex projects percentages for various work streams over the next ten years were water 25%, wastewater 30%, transport 15%, stormwater 2%, solid waste 9%, parks 9%, and facilities 10%.
- Turangi capex project spending for the current 2018/19 financial year percentages were wastewater 50%, water 22%, facilities 8%, parks 4%, solid waste 1%, stormwater 2%, and transport 13%. Wastewater spend would reduce significantly in later years. The Motuaopa WWTP was upgraded three years ago therefore would not require any significant maintenance work for some time.
- Transport projects included construction of the Omori Road intersection; reseals at Waihi Road, Humu Street, Pukawa Road and Te Kuru Lane; upgrading kerb and channel on Te Rangitautahanga Road, and metalling unsealed roads as required. In reply to a question, the Infrastructure Manager advised that kerbing on highways was managed by NZTA. The State Highway One kerbing (that ran parallel to Turangi township) was installed on the left-hand side so that water could drain on to the rural side of the road. There was a significant amount of kerb and channel in Turangi that had deteriorated which the Infrastructure Manager considered was likely due to the standard of concrete used at the time of installation. In reply to a second question regarding the roundabout located out front of the police station being damaged with large trucks driving over it, the Infrastructure Manager advised that the kerbing and channel could be reinforced in those parts where trucks traversed.

The Facilities Manager Garreth Robinson then spoke to the next slides in relation to Turangi facilities. Key points noted were:

- Mr Robinson was responsible for Turangi buildings and CCTV.
- There were no outstanding capital projects for the remainder of this year.
- The maintenance budget spent this year was \$450k, which included an interior paint (renewal), Butanol seal of the roof and upgraded security at the Turangi Public Library, repaint of the foyer and toilets at the Senior Citizens Hall as well as a new oven and gutter pipes, new stain applied at the Whareroa toilet block, re-roof and removal of internal guttering at the Turangi i-Site, and new roof and interior paint of the Turangi arts and crafts building located on Te Rangikahekeiwaho Place.

In reply to questions, the Facilities Manager advised that there was currently 18 cameras located around the town centre. Low lighting levels at night were a problem however, consultants had been engaged to assess CCTVs across the district; that report would be shared with the Board once received. Had previously investigated upgrading the mall lighting however, there were substantial costs involved of which the majority were the responsibility of shop owners. Cameras were a Council asset though footage belonged to the police.

The Infrastructure then spoke to further slides in relation to water renewals. Key points noted were:

- \$1.5M had been set aside in the 2018/19 budgets for pipeline renewals in Turangi, and \$100k for Motuoapa.
- There were some consent renewals / revisions in Turangi and Motuoapa.
- \$300k had been set aside for pre-treatment of the Omori water scheme which was subject to high turbidity in inclement weather (making the water difficult to treat).
- Turangi sewer cleaning and maintenance - Undertook recent cleaning and inspection of 19.5 kilometres of pipes. \$200k renewals budget currently allocated in 2018/19 financial year. Processing of discharge consent replacement lodged December 2017 however, deferred pending Turangi Wastewater Steering Group decisions.
- Tokaanu wastewater pump station and rising main – Plans included modifying pump station to better manage pump reliability and renewal of rising main - a significant piece of work. Currently in investigation and design stage with tender process for construction planned for early 2019.
- Turangi WWTP balance pond and screen renewal – New inlet balance pond to be installed, future pond remediation, screen renewal improvements to reduce ongoing maintenance. Cost estimate for that work was \$2M.
- Whareroa discharge consent replacement – Change to operational controls and limits were lodged in 2017. Other work included replacing lucerne to rye grass crop, staged irrigation area, nitrogen loading limits.
- Omori discharge consent placed had been lodged. Tangata whenua feedback would be appreciated.

The following comments were noted during questions, answers, and related discussion:

- Contractors were currently digging up front berms to look at water / wastewater lines.
- Wastewater was funded district wide; water was funded on a scheme by scheme basis eg Turangi was separate to Motuoapa; Omori funded its own capital works.
- Previous breaches out front of Tongariro School were due to a combination of issues: pipe infiltrations from tree root intrusion, solidified cooking fat, and objects being placed in the system. Currently in the process of determining future cleaning programme. Had also lodged a discharge consent for the Turangi WWTP and would work alongside the Turangi Wastewater Steering Group to develop that further.
- Under a plan change in 2005, Taupō District Council was required to achieve a 20% reduction on 2005 discharge limits year by year.

The Chair thanked the Infrastructure and Facilities Manager's for their respective updates. Going forward, requested that the Board receive regular quarterly / six monthly infrastructure updates.

#### **TT201811/05 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Maggie Stewart

Seconded: Mrs Karen Donlon

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board receives the update on Turangi projects.

**CARRIED**

#### **4.4 TURANGI OPERATIONS REPORT - OCTOBER 2018**

The Parks Manager Community & Open Spaces took the report as read and introduced parks and reserves team members Ian Brown (Team Lead Horticulturalist – from Turangi), Sheila Little (District Landscaper, from Mangakino), and Tania Hendry (Horticulturalist, from Turangi). Each member gave a brief update about their respective roles and current, recently completed, and future projects in Turangi.

The following comments were noted during questions, answers, and related discussion:

- Cr Stewart advised that she had received emails from members of the public seeking reinstatement of the Kate Sheppard Memorial Rose Gardens that were removed when the library was renovated. The Parks Manager Community & Open Spaces undertook to follow up on the matter.
- Mr Brown advised he had been liaising with DOC regarding a potential urban pest trapping route.

- The deck for the sports changing facility at Tūrangitukua Sports Park was ready to be uplifted from Taupō. Needed to align the crane hire with local contractors being on site.
- Yet to meet with sports groups users to develop an MOU for use of the changing facilities. Member suggested putting on Board Facebook page.
- The Head of Economic Development & Business Transformation advised that the installation of the tunneller sculpture was delayed due to contractor unavailability. Initial feasibility study discussions for a permanent sports facility at Turangitukua Sports Park had been held with consultants XYST Ltd.
- All Turangi playgrounds would be compliant with cushion fall surface for the summer holiday season.

#### **TT201811/06 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Mrs Pauline Jenkins-Lyons

Seconded: Miss Sharlyn Holt

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board receives the Turangi Operations Report as at 13 November 2018.

**CARRIED**

#### **4.5 MEMBERS' REPORTS**

The following verbal reports were provided:

##### **Ms Sharlyn Holt**

*Attended*

- TTSF sports awards. Good to be back at The Delta (formerly Tongariro Workingmens Club).

##### **Ms Pauline Jenkins/Lyons**

*Attended*

- Turangi Business After 5.
- Various meetings with Council.
- Turangi Halloween party – amazing event. Organisers did a really good job.
- Requested letter from the Board be sent to Craig Lyons in recognition of 20 years service as a skipper for Coastguard (also add to Facebook page).

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

- Advised members of conversations held with Toshka from Kitashiobara, sister city to Turangi. Kitashiobara delegates were keen to host a visit in Japan next year around the same period as the Rugby World Cup was being held. Toshka would appreciate early indication of plans. Cr Stewart signalled her desire to attend should the visit go ahead. The Chief Executive noted that he and two other council senior leaders would be in Japan at that time, and would therefore make the time to visit Council's sister cities whilst there. The Head of Business Transformation & Economic Development would present a report on the item at the next Board meeting.

*Other comments*

- Requested contact details of all third tier manager's and senior leadership team, including their respective roles so that members would have a point of reference of who to contact with any issues / questions (should they need to).

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

*Attended*

- TTSF annual sports awards. Thirty plus nominees from various sports – many martial arts members.

##### **Mr Andy Hema**

*Attended*

- TTSF annual sports awards.
- Turangi clean-up day.
- Annual Turangi Foodbank drive.

- Turangi Halloween party.

**Mrs Karen Donlon**

*Attended*

- Turangi Halloween Party.
- Turangi Business After 5.
- Annual Turangi Foodbank drive.

*Other comments*

- Congratulations to Tau Thompson, recipient of the Harcourts Good Fellow award; Cr Tangonui Kingi, recipient of the Fire Emergency New Zealand (FENZ) Region 2 2018 Leadership Award; and ex-Turangi student Tipene Paranihi for his selection in the NZ Mixed Martial Arts team currently competing in Bahrain at the International Mixed Martial Arts Amateur World Championship (add to Facebook page).

*Note: The Team Leader Strategic Relationships advised that meeting invites would be sent out to members to recommence the regular fortnightly Board catch-ups which had been put on hold.*

**TT201811/07 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Mr Wally van der Aa

Seconded: Mrs Karen Donlon

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board receives the members' reports and community plan updates.

**CARRIED**

**5 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**

Nil

**The Meeting closed at 2.57pm with a karakia by Cr Tangonui Kingi.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board Meeting held on 12 February 2019.**

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**CHAIRPERSON**