

TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TURANGI/TONGARIRO COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING
HELD AT THE BOARDROOM, TURANGI SERVICE CENTRE, TOWN CENTRE, TURANGI
ON TUESDAY, 12 FEBRUARY 2019 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

IN ATTENDANCE: Cr Christine Rankin, Chief Executive, Head of Economic Development & Business Transformation, Head of Democracy, Governance & Venues, Head of Operations, Head of Communications & Customer Relations, Head of Risk & Regulatory, Parks Manager Community & Open Spaces, Parks Manager Sports & Horticulture, Economic Relationship Manager, Team Leader Strategic Relationships, Democratic Services Support Officer

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: Seven members of the public
Taupō Times

The Chair welcomed everyone with special acknowledgment to Cr Christine Rankin, who was also in attendance. Mr Te Takinga New then opened the meeting with a karakia.

Notes:

- (i) *An apology was also noted from His Worship, Mayor David Trewavas.*
- (ii) *A schedule was tabled and verbal update given in relation to Turangi projects during item 4.3 'Turangi Operations Report'.*
- (iii) *Miss Holt left the meeting at 2.11pm during item 4.3 and re-entered the meeting at 2.12pm.*

1 APOLOGIES

TT201902/01 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Tangonui Kingi
Seconded: Mrs Pauline Jenkins-Lyons

That the apology received from Mr Wally van der Aa be accepted.

CARRIED

2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 TURANGI/TONGARIRO COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING - 13 NOVEMBER 2018

Minutes of a meeting of the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board held on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 had been circulated (A2369452).

TT201902/02 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mrs Karen Donlon
Seconded: Miss Sharlyn Holt

That the minutes of the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board meeting held on Tuesday 13 November 2018 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

4 REPORTS

4.1 ACTION POINTS UPDATE

The Head of Economic Development & Business Transformation went through the current action points. Key points noted were:

- The Infrastructure Manager had not yet received any further feedback from NZTA on 'no jumping off bridge' signage. Would follow up again for a response.
- Remove 'no bikes' signage and community board workshop items from action sheet.
- A comprehensive building condition report on the Senior Citizens Hall would be provided at the next Board meeting.
- Cr Stewart would provide a response from those people who had approached her about re-establishing the Kate Sheppard Memorial Rose Garden at the next Board meeting.
- The Head of Economic Development & Business Transformation would liaise with Cr Stewart regarding a proposed visit to Kitashiobara. Further information such as preferred dates, costs, proposed itinerary was required to enable a report to be drafted.

TT201902/03 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Tangonui Kingi
Seconded: Mr Te Takinga New

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

CARRIED

4.2 TURANGI ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

The Economic Relationship Manager highlighted key points specific to Turangi within the latest quarterly MarketView report (A2395271). There was a 7.5% increase in card spend, and food and beverage spend was also up. Turangi and Taupō commercial accommodation figures were down, which was primarily due to a rise in Air BnB and Book a Bach accommodation; that data was not captured in the report. Private accommodation had also had a negative impact on the rental market.

Member's noted that the Turangi industrial sector was doing well, and it would be good to see more promotion around shopping locally.

Enterprise Great Lake Taupō (EGLT) had commenced the recruitment process to replace Averill Naumai who had resigned from her position of business advisor for Turangi. Staff from Taupō would oversee business continuity in that role until an appointment was made.

TT201902/04 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mrs Pauline Jenkins-Lyons
Seconded: Mr Te Takinga New

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board receives the information.

CARRIED

4.3 TURANGI OPERATIONS REPORT - NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2018

The Parks Manager Community & Open Spaces went through the operations report (A2392490). Key points noted during questions, answers and related discussion were:

- New heaters with more robust lock systems had been installed in the sports changing facilities to replace those stolen last year, along with decking and some planting completed.
An initial meeting with user groups regarding conditions of use / MOU had been held. Bookings would be

handled online via Council's website and keys would be held at Turangi office.

The facilities were well utilised during the Tuwharetoa marae sports challenge – all ran smoothly. A member noted that they had run out of toilet paper supplies during the event and that a sanitary bin was needed for the women's toilet.

The Parks Manager Community & Open Spaces thanked Mr Te Takinga New for organising the blessing of the containers prior to first time use.

- A ladder which had come loose at the Whareroa pontoon over the weekend was being repaired today. The Chief Executive added that Council had received a complaint about the pontoon being second-hand from Taupō, and clarified that this was not factual. The pontoon was purchased new, and Taupō did not have any council supplied pontoons.
- A missing grate and rock work repairs on the town mall water drinking fountain had been completed.
- In reply to a question, the Parks Manager Community & Open Spaces advised that the Turangi team consisted of 5 reserves rangers, 2 environmental rangers, and 1 ex-employee on a contractor basis. Operations staff worked district wide, and Taupō and Mangakino staff had assisted locally over the Christmas / New Year holiday period. Operationally that worked well and also enabled other areas to benefit from those staff who had more specialised knowledge and equipment eg Taupō sportsfield staff from Owen Delany Park maintaining Turangitukua Sports Park fields. The Parks Manager Community & Open Spaces also thanked the Turangi team for their efforts during that time, especially given that the team was one staff member down (due to injury).
- There were weeds in the garden out front of Hong Kong Takeaways and Turangi i-Site.
- A member congratulated Turangi librarian Rikki Hargreaves for her work in running the summer reading programme, which was well enjoyed by children. However, there was a delay with information about the programme going out to local schools resulting in some children missing out due to the positions being already filled.
- The Turangi Kindergarten 'hedgehog' garden would be attended to over the following week, and prepared for autumn planting.
- The Head of Operations would look into a water leak and large hole on Taupahi Road.

The Head of Operations then tabled a spreadsheet of current Turangi capex projects in the 2018-28 Long-Term Plan (A2413031). He noted that the report had been compiled at short notice therefore commentary was brief and formatting would be better in future. The Head of Operations then went through each of the (36) projects, highlighting that 6 were ongoing; 5 were in the design phase; 6 were out for tender; 10 were in construction phase, and 5 were completed. Projects included were -

- Wastewater operations equipment renewals - *ongoing*
- District wide sewer renewals (including Turangi) - *ongoing*
- Turangi wastewater balance pond – *design*
- Turangi wastewater sewer renewals - *tender*
- Turangi wastewater AC rising mains renewals (Tokaanu rising main and pump station) - *tender*
- Reticulation / network renewals (Turangi water reticulations renewals) - *tender*
- Omori intersection - *completed*
- LED lighting upgrade – *construction though 50% completed*
- Turangi kerb and channel renewals – *construction*
- Reseals 2.8km – *construction*
- District wide park rugby goal posts including Turangi – *construction*
- Turangi open space upgrades – *construction*
- Turangi parks equipment rationalisation – *construction*
- Kuratau erosion – *construction*
- Turangi RTS – *construction*
- District haulage bins – *construction*
- Landfill capping – Turangi – *construction*
- Turangi wood recovery pad and wall - *tender*
- Kohineheke Reserve improvement device – *design*
- Pool plant renewals - *ongoing*
- Equipment renewals - *ongoing*
- Building renewals - *ongoing*

- Turangi Aquatic Centre – play equipment - *design*
- Whareroa toilet block – new stain – *design*
- Turangi Library interior renewal repaint – *design*
- Turangi Library upgraded security – *completed*
- New PTZ CCTV camera (ANZ corner) – *to be completed in 2 weeks time*
- Clean canopies in Turangi town centre – *completed*
- Turangi Senior Citizens – repaint foyer, toilets, new oven, gutter pipes – *completed in November 2018*
- Turangi i-Site reroof and remove internal gutting – *on hold*
- Turangi Library seal Butanol roof – *design*
- Turangi Arts and Craft building – new roof and interior paint – *on hold*
- Turangi Town Centre canopy and pavers – *investigation*
- Building renewals Turangi – housing for elderly (HFE) – *ongoing*

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

- Wastewater sewer renewals in Turangi and Tokaanu had been through tender assessments with some work due to start in March. Most breaches to date were due to issues with the Tokaanu rising main, age, and the thermal (heat) environment, which had exacerbated issues. Nitrate levels would decrease (to at least current Waikato Regional Council (WRC) limits). A technical advisory group (TAG) were looking at alternative potential locations for wastewater discharge and ways of treating water. The TAG was responsible for providing that information to the steering group which comprised representatives from Council and Ngāti Turangitukua.
- A programme was in place to identify and remove trees with root system intrusions affecting water pipes. The Parks Manager Sports & Horticulture noted that autumn was the best time to remove trees following leaf loss – aimed to coordinate tree removal work alongside transportation renewals.
- Approximately 400 metres of new kerb and channel was planned, with letters going out to affected properties last week. The process to identify those areas that needed upgrading was similar to that of reseals. Engineers did on site assessments (looked at cracks, chips, traffic loading etc.), with the resulting data then put through a prioritisation process (using a 10-year window). NZTA provided 50% of funding required and were therefore part of the decision-making process.
- The entrance to Z service station on Pihanga Road was continuously being damaged by trucks. The Head of Operations advised that patches were often used to buy time whilst further investigation was done eg design, contract tender. He also noted that the design phase was a critical step with ensuring longevity and structural integrity. Would add this item to the works matrix and look at later today.
- The Head of Operations to look into a tree root causing lifting in the carpark.
- The Head of Operations would look at the latest kerbing work completed at Te Hei Place which a member considered sub-standard.
- Rugby goal posts had been ordered and would be installed in time for winter sports.
- Turangi playground upgrades were part of the Reserve Management Plan. The RMP was on hold while a Mana Whakahono agreement was being agreed with (reserve landowners) Ngāti Turangitukua. In the interim, Ngāti Turangitukua were happy for officers to continue with planning work for a proposed destination playground adjacent to the skate park. Cr Stewart and Ms Jenkins-Lyons had also signalled their interest in being part of those discussions.
- After years of negotiation and discussion with local hapu, community, and Tuwharetoa Trust Board, an agreement had finally been reached in relation to erosion work at Kuratau. Currently in consenting phase to do work at the Kuratau River mouth.
- A paper would go to Council to seek funds for a stormwater improvement device at Kohineheke Reserve. The Chief Executive noted that this was a really worthy project; the outflow from town currently ran through to Hirangi stream. There were initial complexities around ownership however those had since been sorted with the appropriate whanau.
- The Chief Executive reminded the Board that the Turangi i-Site re-roof was currently on hold at member's direction to allow discussions on a potential new building. He suggested that it would be prudent to make a decision in favour of putting on the new roof to avoid risk of further deterioration and damage, and also increased repair costs. For added context, the Head of Operations explained that even if a new building

was approved (today), the lead in time for works commencing was lengthy (much of the work being tendered for now was started in July last year). General discussion ensued and concluded with members agreeing that further discussion in relation to catalyst projects – eg permanent sports facility, public toilet, events centre etc - was needed to narrow down scope, and put together a more comprehensive plan.

- Had received quotes for glass canopy repairs from structural engineers / consultants. Would be a future agenda item.
- Town centre verandas would be looked at as part of an initial assessment. Any health and safety issues that arose in the interim would be attended to immediately.
- In reply to a member suggestion about sharing projects information on the Board's Facebook page, the Chief Executive advised that the Head of Communications & Customer Relations would look into a plan for how best to present and promote the information on an ongoing basis.
- Seed funding for the Gateway Project had been allocated in the second year of the LTP.
- In reply to a question regarding availability of renewal funds to replace the cooling/heating units in the town gym, the Chief Executive advised that condition assessments were undertaken on all council assets. Assets were depreciated then put in the renewals budget. The Head of Business Technology would look into sun strike / visibility issues noted in the town gym, as well as exterior cladding on the Senior Citizens Hall.
- A member noted that it would be useful for the Board to have oversight of all Turangi facilities. The Head of Operations explained that buildings were managed within council's Asset Management Plan over a 30 year life cycle. Each building was broken down into various separate components, and depreciated at different times.
- The town centre paving surface would be completed at the same time as the canopy.

TT201902/05 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mr Te Takinga New

Seconded: Miss Sharlyn Holt

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board receives the Turangi Operations Report as at 12 February 2019.

CARRIED

4.4 UPDATE ON THE TURANGI/TONGARIRO COMMUNITY BOARD 2018/19 COMMUNITY PLAN

The Team Leader Strategic Relationships tabled the quarterly update on the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board 2018-2019 Community Plan for the period October to December 2018 (A2405706) and gave apologies for the late circulation of the report.

Key points noted during questions, answers and related discussion were:

- The Board needed to have more certainty around its preferred direction in relation to significant projects eg an events centre. The Chief Executive concurred noting that the community had signaled their desire for an events centre through the LTP however, to progress that aspiration, further detail was required so that Council could undertake the necessary due diligence and put together a business case eg where would it be located? Another member reminded the Board to include Ngāti Turangitukua in any discussions, including looking at potential plans, and also encouraged each member to take steps towards developing their own informal relationship, which could only help.
- Summer was busy with events and youth programmes. The Team Leader Strategic Relationships acknowledged Mr Hema, Mr New and Cr Kingi for their input and support during that time.
- Occupancy was full on all Rangatahi Hub programmes. Thanked Mr New for his input and support with the hub programmes.
- The Rangatahi Hub had put considerable investment into growing capacity and developing their leaders. They had made huge progress in the last six months, including becoming fully independent from Council and YouthTown. Future plans included six part-time paid positions.
- Economic / tourism space was looking positive as per latest MarketView Report and Gateway Project seed funding had been secured.

- Iwi were now lead champions on the Turangi to Taupō (T2T) trail, and a working group had been formed. Council continued to offer support on that project.
- Thanked the Turangi parks and reserves team for their help with summer events.

TT201902/06 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mrs Pauline Jenkins-Lyons

Seconded: Mrs Karen Donlon

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board receives the update on the 2018/19 Community Plan.

CARRIED

4.5 MEMBERS' REPORTS

The following verbal reports were noted.

Cr Maggie Stewart

Attended

- Pukawa ratepayers meeting.
- Opening of new library and upgraded transfer station at Whareroa.
- Omori/Kuratau ratepayers AGM and ordinary meeting.
- Pukawa ratepayers AGM to represent His Worship.
- Council meetings.

Mr Te Takinga New

Attended

- Turangi Christmas in the Park. Thanked the Team Leader Strategic Relationships and Council's summer student Miss ParekawaTuria for their contributions, and also the parks and reserves team. The event was well attended and kept increasing each year.
- Tuwharetoa Marae Sports Challenge. Thanked the parks and reserves team for preparing the sports fields and ensuring the facilities were of a good standard. Noted that it was good to be back in the town gym again. Only issue was rubbish bins in gym were a bit small however, managed to deal with that.
- Interesting visit with Sherpa people from Nepal. Thanked Head of Community & Culture for his work in that space.
- Requested letter of acknowledgment to coordinator Hepi Ferris-Bretherton for his leadership and input in delivering successful programmes for the Rangatahi Hub. Hepi recently celebrated his 21st birthday and was a great role model for youth.

Mr Andy Hema

- Thanked Mr New for his work throughout the community with various groups and activities, including rangatahi and waka ama.
- Attended 'This is Me' event. Although the event was targeted at women, it was amazing to learn how many different community groups were led by women.
- Met with Southern Lake Taupō Health Trust (SLTHT) and Turangi-Tongariro Sports Foundation (TTSF) to discuss their aspirations regarding the TTSF building. In response, the Chief Executive noted that Council was still conversing with SLTHT but did not however gift (council owned) buildings.

Ms Pauline Jenkins-Lyons

- Local events were awesome! Excellent summer reading programme, fishing competitions around the lake. Thanked Council for their support of Christmas in the Park and Waitangi ki Pukawa festival, especially the free bus transport to / from venue so that Taupō and Mangakino residents could attend.
- Going forward would like regular quarterly get togethers with His Worship and councillors.

Miss Sharlyn Holt

- Attended local summer events. Thanked everyone involved with those events.

Mrs Karen Donlon

- Attended local summer events. Thanked everyone involved with those events.

TT201902/07 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Tangonui Kingi

Seconded: Miss Sharlyn Holt

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board:

1. Receives the members' reports and community plan updates.
2. Approves the attendance of Mr Andy Hema and Mr Te Takinga New at the New Zealand Community Board's Conference 2019 in New Plymouth on April 13-15, 2019.

CARRIED

5 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil

The Meeting closed with a karakia by Cr Tangonui Kingi at 3.18pm.

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

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CHAIRPERSON