

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TURANGI/TONGARIRO COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING
HELD AT THE BOARDROOM, TURANGI SERVICE CENTRE, TOWN CENTRE, TURANGI
ON TUESDAY, 13 AUGUST 2019 AT 1.00PM**

PRESENT: Mr Te Takinga New (in the Chair), Cr Tangonui Kingi, Cr Maggie Stewart, Mrs Karen Donlon, Mr Pauline Jenkins-Lyons, Mr Wally van der Aa

IN ATTENDANCE: Cr John Boddy, Cr John Williamson, Chief Executive, Head of Economic Development & Business Transformation, Head of Democracy, Governance & Venues, Economic Relationship Manager, Asset Manager Transportation, District Parks Operations Manager, Parks Operations Manager Community & Open Spaces, Team Leader Strategic Partnerships, Customer Relations Manager Turangi, Democratic Services Support Officer

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: Enterprise Great Lake Taupō general manager Kylie Hawker-Green
3 New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) representatives
5 members of the public

- Notes:
- (i) *The Chair welcomed everyone in Te Reo and opened the meeting with a karakia. He thanked councillors John Boddy and John Williamson who had remained for the meeting following a catch-up with His Worship, councillors, and community board members before the meeting.*
 - (ii) *Apologies were also noted from His Worship, Mayor David Trewavas and Councillor's Barry Hickling, Kirsty Trueman, Christine Rankin, and Anna Park.*
 - (iii) *Mr Wally van der Aa left the meeting during item 4.3 at 2.32pm and re-entered the meeting at 2.34pm.*

1 APOLOGIES

TT201908/01 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mrs Karen Donlon
Seconded: Cr Tangonui Kingi

That the apology received from Miss Sharlyn Holt be accepted.

CARRIED

2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 TURANGI/TONGARIRO COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING - 9 JULY 2019

TT201908/02 RESOLUTION

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

That the minutes of the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board meeting held on Tuesday 9 July 2019 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

4 REPORTS

4.1 ACTION POINTS UPDATE

The District Parks Operations Manager noted that he had not received any direction from members' when discussing flower hanging baskets at a previous Board meeting whether to approach town mall retailers / shop owners. Subsequently, members requested that the Customer Relations Manager – Turangi now follow this up as it aligned more with his role.

TT201908/03 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mrs Karen Donlon

Seconded: Mr Pauline Jenkins-Lyons

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

CARRIED

4.2 UPDATE FROM ENTERPRISE GREAT LAKE TAUPŌ (EGLT)

Enterprise Great Lake Taupō (EGLT) general manager Kylie Hawker-Green and Taupō District Council economic relationship manager Jessica Simpson jointly presented the item.

The Economic Relationship Manager briefly summarised the roles of Taupō District Council (in relation to EGLT) and EGLT, and gave a progress update on the Turangi Economic Development Strategy (TEDS).

Mrs Hawker-Green then expanded on key points of a power point presentation (A2549191) including a timeline of EGLT activities from 2016-2019.

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

- TEDS projects actions had been delegated and regular reports provided to Turangi/Tongariro Community Board.
- Had completed 6 business improvement programme series, 8 seminars, 4 Turangi business network events. Offered free attendance to Turangi business community for Taupō based events and workshops.
- Turangi mall spring clean. Tried to establish a working group to take ownership of the mall. Had some sessions together but not well supported however any town mall issues were now being overseen by the Customer Relations Manager – Turangi.
- Six active Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) applications submitted for southern end of lake projects. Confident some projects would proceed.
- Fortnightly visits to Turangi by senior business advisor Rick Keehan would continue until the new Turangi vacancy was filled. Mr Keehan was currently assisting 5 local businesses with marketing, financial management, etc.
- Created a new Turangi project lead role to oversee three key projects from the TEDS actions: broadband acceleration, business case for Gateway to National Park, and a new campaign for business attraction specifically for Turangi. Interviews were being held this week, with an immediate start for the appointed employee.
- Continued to run Turangi mentors programme, voucher scheme, and subsidised business growth programmes (\$5k per business).
- EGLT had a new business plan for this financial year which would be refined to include Turangi actions.
- Opportunity for marae to have broadband under the PGF Marae Digital Connectivity project. Ultra-fast Broadband was currently scheduled to be up-and-running in Turangi in 2022. Would seek the Board's advice how best to take that forward.
- The Board would receive regular progress reports on the Turangi Gateway Project. Aspired to have the most sustainable, financially viable commercial enterprise for the Turangi community.
- EGLT board had committed to investing an additional \$25k funding for a marketing campaign for the southern end of the lake.
- Had commissioned Berl researchers to undertake a comprehensive housing study in the district. Had

paid extra for this to be separated into north / south. The study would look at supply and demand, seasonal trends and workers housing, and fit for purpose housing (etc), and help provide factual information and clarity to support informed decision-making..

- Undertaking a cluster of work in the education sector – secondary, tertiary, private and public. Trying to get Toi Oho Mai to deliver programmes in Turangi. Taupō Pathways for Youth had also provided some budget for delivery of their services to Turangi youth.
- Funds allocated for the Turangi business support role which had been vacant for six months had been reallocated to Turangi related activities including the pro-rata of staff time e.g EGLT fortnightly visits to Turangi.
- A member suggested that EGLT also engage with local secondary school students.

TT201908/04 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mr Pauline Jenkins-Lyons

Seconded: Mrs Karen Donlon

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board receives the update from Enterprise Great Lake Taupō.

CARRIED

4.3 PROPOSED SPEED CHANGES TO STATE HIGHWAY 1, SOUTH OF TAUPŌ TO TURANGI

The Asset Manager Transportation introduced New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) representatives Ms Junine Stewart, Waikato Safe Network Programme Area Manager; Mr John Garvich, Principal Safety Engineer; and Miss Gemma Brooks, Senior Communications and Engagement Advisor who presented the item. Feedback was sought from the Board in relation to proposed speed changes on State Highway 1, south of Taupō to Turangi.

Key points noted were:

- Approximately 54 people were injured on New Zealand (NZ) roads each week.
- NZ was in the top four Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) countries for the worst road deaths recorded per capita. To address that, the government had introduced the Safe Network Programme (SNP) to make roads and highways safer. The basic premise of the SNP was that people made mistakes but they did not have to die as a result.
- Speed continued to be a huge problem on roads and increased the likelihood (and severity) of a crash. A vehicle travelling at a speed of 90 km/h was 30% more likely to be in a serious crash than a vehicle travelling at 80km/h.
- The SNP was reviewing all roads and currently focusing on the top 10%.
- Engagement and consultation were an important part of the process when reviewing roads. Once that was completed, the formal submissions phase would follow which would enable people to have a second chance to provide feedback.
- Traffic volumes had increased over the last 10 years from around 5000 users to 6,800.
- If the proposed speed reductions went ahead, it would increase driving time by approximately 1.5 minutes.

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

- The Chair noted that the Board would like to have a stronger relationship with NZTA.
- Another major safety problem particularly around the lake areas was people stopping to take scenic pictures.
- South of Taupō, traffic volumes reduced significantly however, the percentage of trucks increased.
- Speed management was an effective tool to utilise.
- Crashes along the road area concerned also meant that traffic could not get through which also had economic impacts to businesses.
- Lowering speeds through the proposed area would decrease the likelihood for crashes and give drivers more time to react.
- Road surfaces were very poor, with big pot holes regularly appearing after heavy rain. Mr Garvich

acknowledged that this was an issue which was also being looked at by NZTA.

- Heavy trucks generally caused the most damage to roads.
- Reducing speed created improvements in all areas e.g. crashes, road conditions, road safety.
- In reply to question as to why the speed changes were not brought through to the Turangi town entrance off SH1 onto Pihanga Road, Mr Garvich advised that the priority in the first year of the SNP programme was about speed management. Installing a roundabout in that location would require appropriate consultation and engagement, planning and design. N
- For consistency, NZTA would try to keep speed limit changes to a minimum with most highway settlements being either 60km/h or 80km/h.
- Members noted that implementing an 80km/h speed restriction on SH1 adjacent to Hatepe Village would remove the only remaining opportunity to pass vehicles (on the Hatepe straight) in the proposed speed reduction zone.
- A clip-on for pedestrians on the Tongariro Bridge bridge that separated pedestrians from traffic was urgently needed.
- Miss Brooks would keep the Board updated regarding upcoming engagements e.g. community drop-in sessions, consultation and submissions.
- With the leave of the Chair, local resident Mr Bruce Thomas addressed the NZTA representatives with his concerns about the dangers for pedestrians both crossing SH1 over Tongariro Bridge, as well as the road before the bridge which was wider than usual. The allowance for pedestrians on the bridge needed to be widened and access to the bridge (approaching from the north) was too fast for the bend at 80km/h. blind corner. Signage was also confusing and needed to be looked at. In reply, a member noted that the Board had asked NZTA for a pedestrian clip-on on the bridge for many years but had been kicked back.
- A member noted that graffiti under the bridge had been a long-standing issue, which was not a good look for the many fisherman in the area. The Board would like to work alongside NZTA to rectify the problem.

TT201908/05 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mr Wally van der Aa
Seconded: Mrs Karen Donlon

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board receives the report and notes that feedback on any of the proposed speed limit changes can be provided to the New Zealand Transport Agency during its submission process.

CARRIED

4.4 MONTHLY UPDATE ON TURANGI PROJECTS

In answer to a question, the Customer Relations Manager Turangi advised that the town mall glass canopy cleaning was scheduled to commence around mid-September. A member also advised that one of the panels near the old ANZ building was damaged.

TT201908/06 RESOLUTION

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

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board receives the update on Turangi projects as at August 13, 2019.

CARRIED

4.5 TURANGI OPERATIONS REPORT - JULY 2019

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

- Operations staff work routines were reverting back to individual rounds and interviews were underway to

fill a vacancy based in Turangi.

- Plants to replace Magnolias damaged in the town centre were being planted at the end of the week.
- Communications would shortly be disseminated to residents where trees were scheduled for removal in their street, followed by wider communication to the whole community. Removal work would start around mid-September.
- Wood from trees removed at the Motuoapa Wastewater Treatment Plant would be brought into town for distribution once all the Turangi trees were down.
- A member acknowledged all local volunteers, especially long-standing swimming coach Mr Henare Whaanga, and also the generation donation of lego from the Coburn whanau to the Turangi Library.

TT201908/07 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mr Pauline Jenkins-Lyons

Seconded: Mr Wally van der Aa

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board receives the Turangi Operations Report as presented on August 13, 2019.

CARRIED

4.6 MEMBERS' REPORTS

The following verbal reports were received:

Cr Maggie Stewart

- Spoke about local government and councillors role at Tauhara College last week; awesome, kids were really engaged. Next year same discussion would happen at Taupō-Nui-a-Tia College. Coordinating engagements with Tongariro School and Te Kura o Hirangi as well.

Mrs Pauline Jenkins-Lyons

- Would try to connect with Blue Light regarding sausage sizzle for 'The Block' final community event being held at the Turtle Pools. Attendee numbers would be restricted in accordance with health and safety rules applicable to venue size. Thanked Council staff who had helped with organising the event, especially Hellmuth Hartung (Team Leader Strategic Partnerships) for overseeing compliance requirements.

Mr Te Takinga New

- Great having meetings with Ngāti Turangitukua - very important relationship. Incoming Board would be invited to develop partnership straight away.
- Lakes District Health Board and Tuwharetoa Health were developing a strategic plan. Asked members' how they could contribute to that process. Suggested having a workshop with the new Board.
- Tokaanu Maritime had organised a meeting with the Taupō harbourmaster and stakeholders, partners and berth holders to discuss the future of the building. The meeting was well attended. Tokaanu Maritime Trust presented their report which stated that all 12 piles of the building were "as good as the day they were installed". The Trust was happy to take over ownership but did not want to invest any resources if ownership stayed with the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA). Any closures would affect water sports programmes run by the Trust.
- Attended PGF meetings and met with various groups.
- With September being the last meeting of the current Board, suggested member's get together for lunch. In reply, the Head of Democracy, Governance & Venues advised that there was some budget available for this.

Wally van der AA

- Attended Mr Guy Ngaiterangi Smallman's tangi. Mr Smallman was the husband of former long-standing community board member, Mrs Mary Smallman.

TT201908/08 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Tangonui Kingi

Seconded: Mr Pauline Jenkins-Lyons

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

CARRIED

5 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil

The Meeting closed with a karakia by Cr Tangonui Kingi at 3.21pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board Meeting held on 10 September 2019.

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CHAIRPERSON