

TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TURANGI/TONGARIRO COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING
HELD AT THE BOARDROOM, TURANGI SERVICE CENTRE, TOWN CENTRE, TURANGI
ON WEDNESDAY, 5 FEBRUARY 2020 AT 2.00 PM

PRESENT: Mr Robert Severne (in the Chair), Mr Ian Ashmore, Mr Clint Green, Mrs Donna Searancke, Cr Tangonui Kingi, Cr John Mack

IN ATTENDANCE: His Worship the Mayor, Cr John Boddy, Cr Kathy Guy, Cr Christine Rankin, Chief Executive, Head of Communications and Customer Relations, Head of Democracy, Governance and Venues, Parks Manager Sports and Horticulture, Asset Manager Transportation, Customer Relations Manager – Turangi, Democratic Services Support Officer

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: Seven members of the public

Deputy Chair Mr Robert Severne welcomed everyone to the meeting, notably His Worship the Mayor - David Trewavas, councillors and members of the public in attendance. A brief outline of meeting protocols and health and safety procedures in the event of an emergency was given, followed by a karakia to formally open the meeting.

Notes: (i) *To accommodate the advised late arrival of NZTA representatives, agenda items were rescheduled and heard in the following order: 1-3, 4.2-4.5, 4.1, 4.6-4.8*

(ii) *His Worship the Mayor updated the Board that a constructive meeting had taken place in Taupō earlier that morning between Taupō District Council representatives, NZTA and first responder emergency services. It was agreed that in the event of an emergency, first responder vehicles would be allowed to pass through at all times. The threshold for engaging the rescue helicopter in a medical emergency had also been lowered during the road closure period, which would provide added comfort to the community.*

In reply, Cr Kingi thanked His Worship for leading the discussions with NZTA, which had resulted in a positive outcome for the community.

(iii) *An apology was also noted from the Head of Economic Development and Business Transformation.*

1 APOLOGIES

TT202002/01 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr John Mack

Seconded: Mr Ian Ashmore

That the apology received from Miss Amanda Maclaren be accepted.

CARRIED

2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 TURANGI/TONGARIRO COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING - 3 DECEMBER 2019

TT202002/02 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mr Clint Green
Seconded: Mrs Donna Searancke

That the minutes of the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board meeting held on Tuesday 3 December 2019 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

4 REPORTS

4.1 UPDATE FROM NZTA: PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURES ON SH1 BETWEEN TURANGI AND TAUPŌ IN FEBRUARY 2020

New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) representatives Steve Griffith, acting systems manager for Waikato region and Grant Tregidga, principal network manager, were in attendance to discuss the proposed road closures on State Highway One (SH1).

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

- Timeline of three weeks for stop / go traffic control and full road closure would be in place from Sunday to Thursday each week (starting on Sunday, February 16) from 7.00pm and reopening at 5.00am.
- Road works would be undertaken in conjunction with construction of a retaining wall and installation of a new culvert.
- NZTA approach was to optimise a single closure over a fixed period of time to avoid adhoc works, having to return at a later date, and keep traffic disruption to a minimum.
- A member commented that there may be an issue with truckies opting to not take the alternative route around the western access and instead parking up overnight in Taupō to await the road reopening at 5.00am. This could result in a convoy of trucks once the road reopened. Mr Griffith noted that this was a valid point which he would take back to NZTA for consideration.
- In reply to a question from Mr Tregidga regarding NZTA sharing future works schedules with the Board, member's agreed that it would be beneficial to do this well ahead of any planned works as member's could better disseminate the information to the wider community in a timely manner and mitigate any angst.
- The current works schedule on the NZTA website had been updated to reflect the new road closure times of 7.00pm-5.00am, Sunday to Thursday.
- There will be mobile signs at various points along SH1 to help ensure the right messages were going out to people.
- Downer contractors would be advised to avoid two sites competing with traffic control in close proximity to the other.
- Communication from NZTA regarding delays and road closures had been unclear and disorganised.
- Mr Griffith undertook to look at some tree stumps on road reserve outside of Turangi ITM which although cleared, a member felt the area still looked unsightly.

TT202002/03 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mr Ian Ashmore
Seconded: Cr John Mack

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board receives the information and thanks Messrs Steve Griffith and Rob Campbell for their attendance.

CARRIED

4.2 PRESENTATION: UPDATE FROM TURANGI POLICE

Due to a call-out, Turangi police were no longer able to attend the meeting. Subsequently, as per their request this item was deferred until the next meeting.

4.3 OVERVIEW OF 2020 TREE MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME

The Parks Manager Sports and Horticulture answered questions.

Additional comments noted were:

- Keeping the public fully informed of plans for Turangi trees was highly important. Future communication would be a lot better than in the past.
- Next scheduled work would be tree pruning in July 2020. This would be communicated through the appropriate channels.
- A replanting schedule to replace (approximately) 80 trees that were removed last year was being compiled. Replanting work would be done during winter.
- Were opting for a mix of deciduous and evergreen trees as these would not cause significant problems in the long-term. Property owners would also be given an opportunity to provide input.
- Deciduous trees provided a splendour of colours during autumn. Consideration would be given to managing the future leaf litter.
- There were opportunities to plant more trees on Turangi reserves and in stormwater gully's.
- Trees recently removed from Waipapa Reserve would be replaced.
- Some planting on Motuoapa reserves had been done already.
- The focus this year was trees in the Turangi township. Flaxes would also be planted in some stormwater treatment areas.

A member noted that it was practical to have been given decision-making powers regarding Turangi trees due to personal knowledge of the area plus it further enhanced the Board's relationship with the community. Equally important was being included in the communications process. In reply, the Head of Customer Relations and Communications noted that her team would develop a communications plan / package specifically around Turangi trees and bring it back to the Board for comment ahead of the maintenance work commencing in July.

TT202002/04 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Tangonui Kingi

Seconded: Mr Ian Ashmore

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board receives the report 'Overview of 2020 Turangi Tree Maintenance Programme.

CARRIED

4.4 PROPOSED LICENCE TO OCCUPY FOR PROPOSED ICECREAM TRAILER OUTSIDE HAMMER HARDWARE, TURANGI

The Asset Manager Transportation spoke to the report, noting that there was two parts. The first part required approval to go against the current policy 'Guide to Mobile Shops' as the preferred location was in a non-permitted area. The second part required finding a suitable location to site the trailer as the legal team had advised that it was illegal to park on a footpath therefore Options 1 and 2 cited in the report were now discounted.

The Asset Manager Transportation then introduced Turangi Hammer Hardware manager Miss Becky Wheeler, who was in attendance to speak to their application and answer any questions. After hearing from Miss Wheeler, members resolved to support the application.

The Board's perspective was to fully support any local business growth and development to the extent practicable, especially those within the town mall.

TT202002/05 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr John Mack
Seconded: Mr Clint Green

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board grants Turangi Hammer Hardware a licence to occupy outside their premises for the operation of an ice cream trailer as shown on the attached map.

CARRIED

4.5 UPDATE ON TURANGI PROJECTS

The Customer Relations Manager – Turangi went through the report. Key points noted were:

- Had spoken to Council's team leader – water maintenance Paul Pettman regarding a purported wastewater breach at Tokaanu. Mr Pettman advised that although they were confident no waste had entered the stream, the process followed was as if there had been a breach ie. testing was still being undertaken.
- The previous Board had approved sealing on the town gymnasium floors but a decision whether to reroof the gym was still required. A report from the facilities team about this would be brought to the next Board meeting.
- Wireless receivers report had been completed. Project estimated to be completed in March 2020.
- Kerb and channel upgrades in Te Iwiheke Place, Parekarangi Grove and Te Wharekaihua Grove should be completed in mid-May. The kerbing on the right-hand side of Te Iwiheke Place where the vacant residential lots was not included in the upgrades. Following completion, would commence upgrades along Te Rangitautahanga Road starting from Patikura Place and ending at the walkway opposite Tureiti Place. In reply to a question, the Head of Customer Relations and Communications advised that kerb upgrades were programmed through infrastructure renewals, and undertook to arrange for the GIS team to create a map showing locations for kerb upgrades so this could be shared to the public on social media and Council's website.

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

- There were no issues found with tree roots when doing kerbing in the Te Iwiheke Place.
- Under veranda lighting in the town mall was the shop owners' responsibility.
- The Head of Customer Relations and Communications explained Council's service request (SR) system. The SR timeline was two weeks for a job to be completed, with staff entering updates at each stage an action was completed. The customer services team were currently going through all outstanding SRs and closing off those - which for various reasons e.g. double-ups in the system, staff overlooking closing them off properly etc – had not been closed.
- A member requested that an overview of the top five key SR issues for Turangi in the previous month e.g. dogs, trees, building be provided at future meetings. In reply, the Head of Customer Relations and Communications noted that weekly reports on Turangi related matters were being compiled by the Customer Relations Manager – Turangi; these could also be shared with the Board.
- The Customer Relations Manager – Turangi undertook to find out whether wireless connectivity could be extended to include the Turangi mall vicinity.
- The Customer Relations Manager – Turangi advised that a request had been received from a Department of Conservation (DoC) staff member seeking permission to do large chalk stencils in the town mall to promote Whio Awareness Month during March 2020.

TT202002/06 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mr Ian Ashmore
Seconded: Mrs Donna Searancke

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board receives the update on Turangi projects as at February 5, 2020.

CARRIED

4.6 TURANGI/TONGARIRO COMMUNITY BOARD APPOINTMENTS

The Head of Democracy, Governance and Venues explained that the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board appointments were standard appointments done at the beginning of each triennium.

The current list of organisations was confirmed by the Board during previous discussions however, additional organisations could still be added in future.

TT202002/07 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr John Mack

Seconded: Mrs Donna Searancke

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board makes the following appointments:

1. Kitashiobara Co-ordinator

Appointee: Mr Robert Severne Alternate: Mr Clint Green

2. Ngati Turangitukua Liaison

Appointee: Mrs Donna Searancke

3. Safe Turangi

Appointees: Cr Tangonui Kingi and Mr Ian Ashmore

4. Turangi Tongariro Sports Foundation

Appointee: Mrs Donna Searancke

5. Taupō Local Welfare Committee

Appointee: Mr Ian Ashmore

6. Southern Lake Taupō Health Trust

Appointee: Mr Clint Green

CARRIED

4.7 TURANGI/TONGARIRO COMMUNITY BOARD VISION AND COMMUNITY PLAN

The Head of Customer Relations and Communications presented the item, highlighting that the purpose was to provide the Board with an opportunity to review the previous Board's community plan and decide whether to continue with that plan or, rework the plan to align with the current member's objectives and vision.

Discussions ensued and concluded with members opting to have a workshop planning and vision setting session.

The Chief Executive noted that the community plan fed into the long-term (LTP) and annual plans, therefore it was advantageous to complete this ahead of those relevant consultation processes.

TT202002/08 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Tangonui Kingi

Seconded: Mr Clint Green

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board receives and reviews the 2018/19 Community Action Plan.

CARRIED

4.8 MEMBERS' REPORTS

Cr John Mack

- Holds Council's environment portfolio. Council had implemented smoke and vape free bans in public spaces and signed up to the Zero Carbon Bill.
- Spent considerable time liaising with NZTA and keeping community informed of relevant updates.

Cr Tangonui Kingi

- Suggested that going forward this (Members' Reports) item would be ideal to also provide feedback / reports in relation from members community appointments.

Mr Robert Severne

- Board members were doing a great job connecting with the community on a vast range of topical issues, e.g. trees, highways, and disseminating information accordingly.
- Personally had been working with youth. Looking into housing for troubled youth and somewhere for them to go during holidays. Local police were being more proactive in their approach rather than reactive by being more visible, walking and patrolling streets.
- Thanked the members for their commitment to the community, including His Worship, councillors, members of the public, and staff.

TT202002/09 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mr Clint Green

Seconded: Cr John Mack

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board receives the members' reports.

CARRIED

5 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil

The meeting closed at 3.28pm with a karakia from Mr Clint Green.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board Meeting held on 4 March 2020.

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CHAIRPERSON