

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TURANGI/TONGARIRO COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING
HELD AT THE BOARDROOM, TURANGI SERVICE CENTRE, TOWN CENTRE, TURANGI
ON WEDNESDAY, 4 MARCH 2020 AT 2.00PM**

- PRESENT:** Mr Robert Severne (in the Chair), Mr Ian Ashmore, Mr Clint Green, Mrs Donna Searancke, Cr Tangonui Kingi, Cr John Mack
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Cr John Boddy, Chief Executive, Head of Economic Development and Business Transformation, Head of Communications and Customer Relations, Head of Democracy, Governance and Venues, Economic Relationship Manager, Customer Relations Manager – Turangi, Democratic Services Support Officer
- MEDIA AND PUBLIC:** Six members of the public
Enterprise Great Lake Taupō (EGLT) general manager Kylie Hawker-Green

Deputy chair Mr Robert Severne welcomed all in attendance and recited an opening karakia. A brief outline of health and safety procedures in the event of an emergency and meeting protocols for members.

1 APOLOGIES

TT202003/01 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 - 5 FEBRUARY 2020

TT202003/02 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mrs Donna Searancke
Seconded: Mr Clint Green

That the minutes of the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board meeting held on Wednesday 5 February 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

4 REPORTS

4.1 PRESENTATION: UPDATE FROM TURANGI POLICE

Due Constable Jeremy Poynter no longer being able to attend this item was deferred. A member suggested that an invitation be extended to police area commander Warwick Morehu and Turangi sergeant Te Reipa Morunga to also attend a future meeting.

4.2 PRESENTATION: PROPOSAL FOR TREE OF LIGHT IN TURANGI

Mrs Sandra Greenslade was in attendance to speak to a proposal for the 'Tree of Light' (ToL) in Turangi. Prior to discussing the ToL, Mrs Greenslade outlined her role as the Turangi elected representative on the King Country Electric Power Trust (KCEPT). KCEPT had recently held its elections and Turangi was fortunate to have had another representative elected, Ms Jo Bansgrove, who was also present. This was the first time in the Trust's existence that Turangi had two trustees. The Trust itself was moving forward in a positive direction which was great for the beneficiaries, the majority of whom were from Turangi.

Last year KCEPT had contributed approximately \$170k towards the provision of five free LED bulbs per household, and \$50k to Maru Energy Trust who were insulating eligible homes for free. KCEPT also covered any shortfalls in funding (up to 67% at times) for miscellaneous costs that were discovered during the home being insulated – an average spend of circa \$1k per house. Mrs Greenslade encouraged feedback from members' on any energy saving initiatives or ideas that they considered would be of value for KCEPT to be involved in over the coming year.

Additional key points noted were:

- In 2015, King Country Energy (KCE) was the largest power retailer in the King Country district. At that time, they established a ToL in Te Kuiti, Otorohanga and (immediately prior to being acquired by Trustpower), Taumarunui.
- The concept was to highlight causes that were at the heart of the community, for the community.
- It was envisaged that the Turangi ToL would be managed under a partnership arrangement between KCE, KCEPT, Ngāti Turangitukua (as the landowner), and the community board.
- A site visit to Te Kapua Park was undertaken but none of the trees there met the requirements. Subsequently, a tree centrally located on Taupahi Reserve was deemed the most suitable due to its shape, height and visibility. The foliage was also trimmed quite high off the ground which would help negate vandalism.
- Trustpower had set aside \$20k to light the tree and would take care of ongoing maintenance and costs.
- Systems were currently being developed to be able to programme the tree remotely from Tauranga. This would be the mechanism for the community to choose a colour/s to light the tree for special events being held in town.
- Mrs Greenslade's role was to coordinate and ensure that the appropriate approvals and arrangements were in place pre-installation.

The following comments were noted in relation to questions, answers, and general discussion:

- The ToL opening ceremony in Taumarunui coincided with Matariki so the community opted to have white lights. Light colour preference used to have to be provided to Trustpower six months in advance for programming however once the new system came into effect, the lights could be altered in real time.
- It was great to have this opportunity for a ToL for the community, especially at no cost to Council.
- A member thanked Mrs Greenslade for her earlier acknowledgment of Ngāti Turangitukua and their role in helping make decisions locally.
- Mrs Greenslade suggested that Matariki would be an appropriate time to launch the ToL in Turangi.
- Trustpower was the largest energy retailer in the ward (after taking over KCE).
- The power connection to the tree was underground then would go up the tree in an enclosed conduit through to the LED lights.
- Trustpower would undertake maintenance of the tree under its regular six-monthly maintenance programme.
- The tree was a Spruce tree and could not be climbed up on as the lower branches had been trimmed.

TT202003/03 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Tangonui Kingi

Seconded: Mr Ian Ashmore

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board receives the information and thanks Mrs Sandra Greenslade for her presentation.

CARRIED

4.3 UPDATE ON THE TURANGI ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

Destination Great Lake Taupō (DGLT) general manager Jane Wilson, Enterprise Great Lake Taupō (EGLT) general manager Kylie Hawker-Green, and Taupō District Council economic relationship manager Jessica Simpson collectively gave updates on the Turangi Economic Development Strategy (TEDS), local and district tourism ventures and statistics.

Confirmation of the ultra-fibre broadband rollout had been received from Chorus and would commence in June 2021, with estimated completion date of May 2022.

A marketing campaign - which was in its early stages - had resulted in sign-off for a feature article within a New Zealand franchise magazine to attract new franchises into Turangi; \$15k had also been contracted to MediaWorks to include this same messaging. Staff were going through a list of 30 businesses to try and woo them to Turangi; one consultancy business had already relocated to Turangi with EGLT's support.

The following comments were noted in relation to questions, answers and related discussion:

- EGLT were targeting home handymen, electricians, plumbers, and courier / freight businesses.
- There was a wide gap between a landlords perspective of how valuable their building was in terms of rental versus the tenants perspective.
- One barrier that EGLT was working on undoing with regard to attracting new business was the negative perception that some people had about Turangi.
- Massive housing challenges were noted within a report that looked at district-wide housing. The Mayor and councillors would receive this report at their 24 March meeting.
- EGLT had been asked to join the MSD Bay of Plenty lead working group to tasked with establishing and mitigating impacts from the Corona virus.
- A database list had been compiled of Turangi businesses both small and large.
- A member was keen to see free broadband for the township as it would help address the inequity that existed.

TT202003/04 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mr Clint Green

Seconded: Cr John Mack

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

CARRIED

4.4 CURRENT ACTION POINTS

The following action point updates were noted:

- Turangi tree maintenance and planting was scheduled to begin in July. The Customer Relations Manager – Turangi would outline the plan regarding leaf fall at the next meeting.
- The gym renewals item had been withdrawn as the Board needed to have more in-depth discussion regarding the long term future of gym.
- A map showing locations for Turangi kerb upgrades had been uploaded on the Board's Facebook page and would also be published in the 5 March 2020 edition of The Weekender.
- There were currently 113 service requests for Turangi, of which 90% concerned tree maintenance.
- Some years ago Council had looked into the potential for free Wi-Fi in the town centre through Spark, which was estimated to cost circa \$30k. Suggested that the pathway for the Board to pursue this if desired was via the Long-Term Plan (LTP).
- Discussion ensued regarding the removal of a berm tree recently which had not been recorded on the list provided to the Board. The Chief Executive noted that tree removal was part of Council's standard operational work, which had not been traditionally communicated to the Board. However, if the Board wanted to be informed of this then it would be appropriate to have some clarity as to what level of detail was required eg leaves, tree roots, etc. In reply, members noted that they would like to have line of sight

of trees that were identified as requiring removal so they could in turn let the public know the rationale applied if / when asked.

TT202003/05 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Tangonui Kingi

Seconded: Mr Ian Ashmore

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

CARRIED

4.5 UPDATE ON TURANGI PROJECTS

The Customer Relations Manager – Turangi went through the report highlighting that there had been an issue with motorbikes and quads going through alleyways. To mitigate this, alleyways would be shut off at both ends with a gap allowance for mobility scooters to get through. The Head of Democracy, Governance and Venues noted that another option was for the Board could hold a workshop and review Turangi alleyways overall.

Future scheduled Board presentations included the Civil Defence Emergency Manager regarding civil defence and marae preparedness and, Department of Conservation Operations Manager Central Plateau Dave Lumley regarding their operations and activities.

TT202003/06 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mr Clint Green

Seconded: Mrs Donna Searancke

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board receives the update on Turangi projects as at March 4, 2020.

CARRIED

4.6 APPOINTMENT TO THE MOTUOAPA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Members' requested that this item be removed as the Board chair Amanda Maclaren had already established an informal liaison with the Association.

TT202003/07 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mr Clint Green

Seconded: Mrs Donna Searancke

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board appoints Ms Amanda Maclaren as its representative to the Motuoapa Residents Association.

CARRIED

4.7 TURANGI/TONGARIRO COMMUNITY BOARD VISION AND COMMUNITY PLAN

The Head of Economic Development and Business Transformation advised that the notes from the recent planning session were being compiled however, there was still further discussion required including formulating a work plan for the current financial year and refining the vision'.

TT202003/08 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Tangonui Kingi

Seconded: Cr John Mack

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board notes the information as discussed.

CARRIED

4.8 MEMBERS' REPORTS

Mr Ian Ashmore

- Working through trees, gardens, town entrances and coming up with ideas.

Mr Clint Green

- Attended REAP board meeting earlier in the week. New REAP manager very interested in meeting the Board, especially given that Turangi was a rural community. Would coordinate this meeting.

Mr Robert Severne

- Had met with local sergeant Tere Morunga. Discussion mainly centred around local youth issues eg roaming around town and a potential half-way home at Tokaanu.
- Attended Ngāti Hikairo hui and spoke about the Board appointments. Attendees at that hui asked why had it taken so long to appoint someone to their (Lake Rotoaira) area.

Mrs Donna Searancke

- Attended hui with Ngāti Turangitukua last week. Really awesome.
- Currently liaising with Rose Prisk on behalf of Turangi/Tongariro Sports Foundation regarding the Rural Travel Fund.
- Received a nice phone call from Mrs Betty Anderson regarding helping them find someone to run aqua sports sessions at the Turtle Pools.
- Tongariro School no longer had a school canteen as the revenue potential was very small. Years 7 to 13 were allowed to go to town to buy food during interval and lunch however, encouraged people to phone the school if they had concerns about students being in town outside of those times.

Cr John Mack

- Ongoing discussions with NZTA regarding Bulli-Point.
- Noted that he was part of a customer focused panel for The Lines Company (TLC) that involved liaising with the community about their services and providing that feedback to TLC.
- Had conversations with the Head of Communications and Customer Relations in relation to Turangi service requests.

TT202003/09 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 with a karakia from Cr Tangonui Kingi at 3.51pm.

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The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board Meeting held on 3 June 2020.

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CHAIRPERSON