

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 107 HEUHEU STREET, TAUPŌ  
ON TUESDAY, 26 MAY 2020 AT 1.00PM**

- PRESENT:** Mayor David Trewavas (in the Chair), Cr John Boddy, Cr Kathy Guy, Cr Tangonui Kingi, Cr Kylie Leonard, Cr John Mack, Cr Anna Park, Cr Christine Rankin, Cr Kevin Taylor, Cr Kirsty Trueman, Cr Yvonne Westerman, Cr John Williamson
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Chief Executive, Head of Finance and Strategy, Head of Regulatory and Risk, Head of Operations, Head of Economic Development and Business Transformation, Head of Communications and Customer Relations, Head of Democracy, Governance and Venues, Policy Manager, Policy Advisors, Economic Relationship Manager, Construction Programme Manager, Democratic Services Officer
- MEDIA AND PUBLIC:** Taupō Times

His Worship the Mayor, David Trewavas opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Cr Tangonui Kingi recited an opening karakia.

**1 APOLOGIES**

Nil

**2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Nil

**3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**3.1 EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 14 APRIL 2020**

**TDC202005/03 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Kathy Guy  
Seconded: Cr John Boddy

That the minutes of the extraordinary Council meeting held on Tuesday 14 April 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

**3.2 EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 5 MAY 2020**

**TDC202005/04 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Anna Park  
Seconded: Cr Kylie Leonard

That the minutes of the extraordinary Council meeting held on Tuesday 5 May 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

## 4 POLICY AND DECISION MAKING

### 4.1 CONSIDERATION OF TAUPŌ RESERVES & ROADING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION - 10 MARCH 2020 - LICENCE TO OCCUPY - PAKEKE LIONS

#### TDC202005/05 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr John Williamson

Seconded: Cr Kylie Leonard

That Council adopts Taupō Reserves & Roothing Committee recommendation TRARC202003/07 and therefore approves a six month trial Licence to Occupy to the Taupō Pakeke Lions for the purpose of holding a car sale on Council road reserve on Rifle Range Road adjacent to 72 Lake Terrace.

**CARRIED**

### 4.2 ENDORSEMENT OF COUNCIL OFFICERS' SUBMISSION TO THE PROPOSED NATIONAL POLICY STATEMENT FOR INDIGENOUS BIODIVERSITY

The Policy Advisor summarised the main points of the officers submission to the proposed National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity. The submission had already been lodged, but additional comments could be forwarded to the Ministry for the Environment for consideration as part of their process.

Cr Kylie Leonard expressed concerns about the potential massive financial and environmental impact the National Policy Statement would have on the country and more particularly on farmers in the Taupō district. Of particular concern was health and safety and landowner access. She added that energy providers might find themselves excluded or the subject of special criteria.

The Policy Advisor answered questions of clarification. In relation to energy providers, she explained that officers supported the proposal to create specific framework within the National Policy Statement for indigenous geothermal ecosystems.

It was agreed that the concerns mentioned should be reinforced when confirmation of the submission was provided to the Ministry.

#### TDC202005/06 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kylie Leonard

Seconded: Cr John Williamson

That Council endorses the TDC officers' submission to the proposed National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity (A2637720).

**CARRIED**

### 4.3 SUBMISSION ON PLAN CHANGE 2 TO THE WAIKATO REGIONAL PLAN

The Policy Advisor summarised the main points of the draft submission on Plan Change 2 to the Waikato Regional Plan. She answered questions of clarification.

#### TDC202005/07 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Christine Rankin

Seconded: Cr Kathy Guy

That Council adopts the submission on Plan Change 2 to the Waikato Regional Plan.

**CARRIED**

*Note: Cr John Boddy requested his dissent to resolution TDC202005/07 above be recorded.*

#### 4.4 COMMENCEMENT OF THE DISTRICT PLAN REVIEW

The Policy Manager advised that confirmation had been received from Raukawa Settlement Trust that morning that they were in the process of seeking support from Trust Board members. Elected members agreed to include reference in the resolution to Raukawa Settlement Trust's agreement in principle to the commencement of the District Plan review.

##### TDC202005/08 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kevin Taylor

Seconded: Cr Anna Park

That Council:

1. commences the review of the Taupō District Plan under section 79(1) of the Resource Management Act 1991.
2. instructs officers to incorporate the Natural Values sections of the Plan within the review under 79(1) due to the these sections approaching 10 years of operation.
3. instructs officers to investigate remaining sections to which 79(1) does not apply (includes sections relating to Flood Hazard and sections changed through Plan Changes 28-33) as to whether these should be also incorporated within the review.
4. notes the recommendations from Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board and Te Arawa River Iwi Trust, and the agreement in principle from the Raukawa Settlement Trust, to commence the review and instructs officers to work with the iwi partners on the content of the District Plan Review.

**CARRIED**

#### 4.5 REVIEW OF DRAFT STATEMENTS OF INTENT

##### TDC202005/09 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Tangonui Kingi

Seconded: Cr Christine Rankin

1. The Council receives the draft SOIs and instructs staff to undertake a review of these documents for 2020 from the:
  - (i) Taupō Airport Authority (TAA)
  - (ii) Waikato Local Authority Shared Services (WLASS)
  - (iii) Bay of Plenty LASS (BOPLASS)
  - (iv) New Zealand Local Government Funding Agency Limited (NZLGFA)
2. That Council also extends the deadline for the board of the CCOs to consider Council's comments on the draft statements of intent from 1 May 2020 to 1 June 2020 in accordance with clause 4 of Schedule 8 of the Local Government Act 2002.

**CARRIED**

#### 4.6 COUNCIL'S APRIL PERFORMANCE REPORT

The Chief Executive introduced the report, which was the first official performance report since the Covid-19 pandemic hit and the country went into lockdown. The following points were noted:

- Council had continued to maintain critical infrastructure and services throughout the lockdown.
- In addition to those services, Council had activated its Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) early on and had up to 50 staff working in the EOC per day over the period.

- A number of staff had worked hard from home over Easter to prepare Council's application to Crown Infrastructure Partners for 'shovel-ready' projects. All but one of those projects had progressed to the next stage and were currently being considered by Cabinet.
- The Annual Plan 2020/21 was in the process of being re-written as a result of Covid-19.
- Staff were now catching up on work that could not be done during the lockdown period; working hard to bring the district back up to expected standards.
- As Chief Executive he was very proud of how the team had come together.

Cr Kevin Taylor suggested, and members agreed, to record a formal vote of thanks to the Chief Executive and all Council staff.

#### **TDC202005/10 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Kevin Taylor

Seconded: Cr Anna Park

That Council formally thanks the Chief Executive, Senior Leadership Team and all staff for their outstanding efforts during the Covid-19 pandemic lockdown period.

**CARRIED**

The Head of Finance and Strategy had circulated via email prior to the meeting an updated version of the two page Financial Statement Measures (A2693563).

Heads of department summarised their respective sections of the report and answered questions. The following additional points were noted:

- A forecast had been completed showing Council was on track to finish the financial year within budget. The organisation was in a strong position going into the 2020/21 financial year.
- Five councils had joined together to form a combined EOC in Taupō. Some costs would be recovered from Central Government agencies, otherwise costs would lie where they fall.
- The District Sportsground and Recreation Strategy work had been put on hold for the time being due to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Theme-based consultation was underway to obtain community views on what type of equipment should be included in the Taupō destination playground design.
- The lockdown had affected the transportation capital expenditure programme and several projects would be delayed until after winter.
- Air New Zealand would be operating in Taupō from June.
- The Airport development project would be out to tender soon. A letter had been received confirming Central Government funding and this would be circulated to elected members.
- Council's recent investment in technology had enabled staff to move quickly to work from home during the lockdown and serve the community in different ways.
- A district recovery plan was an important work in progress, being led by His Worship the Mayor.

#### **TDC202005/11 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr John Williamson

Seconded: Cr John Boddy

That Council notes the information contained in the Council Performance report for the month of April 2020.

**CARRIED**

#### **4.7 COUNCIL ENGAGEMENTS JUNE 2020**

The following engagements were added to the list:

- Workshop – draft Transport Strategy – 2 June

- Turangi/Tongariro Community Board public forum prior to the meeting – 3 June
- Rangitaiki River Forum meeting – 5 June
- Extraordinary closed Council meeting – 16 June

#### **TDC202005/12 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Kevin Taylor  
Seconded: Cr Anna Park

That Council receives the information relating to engagements for June 2020.

**CARRIED**

#### **4.8 MEMBERS' REPORTS**

The following reports were received from members:

**Cr John Williamson** advised that he had attended a Lakes and Waterways Action Group meeting. He referred to the closed Lake Taupō Protection Project workshop held on 22 May 2020 and thanked colleagues who had attended that. He also advised that the Turangi wastewater treatment plant mitigation consultation was progressing.

**Cr Anna Park** reported that in addition to supporting the district's emergency management response to the Covid-19 pandemic, she was pleased to be a part of the project to regenerate Taupō. She commended Anamata Café for the fantastic job they had done engaging with the youth of the district over the lockdown period.

**Cr Kirsty Trueman** advised that the Pouakani Marae had done a great job supporting families in the Mangakino community during lockdown.

**Cr John Mack** reported that along with Cr Tangonui Kingi he had met with Tūrāngitukua representatives the day prior to the meeting. He looked forward to continuing to meet regularly with Tūrāngitukua.

**Cr Kylie Leonard** reported that an informal catch up had been held over Zoom with members of the Taupō East Rural Representative Group; it was good to get underway. She advised that the rural sector was facing a nationwide feed shortage and this would have a huge effect over the next few months.

**Cr Tangonui Kingi** advised that the Police had done a wonderful job in Tūrāngi during lockdown. The first Safe Taupō meeting would be held in the near future.

**Cr Kathy Guy's** economic development portfolio work had included supporting businesses and the regenerate Taupō project. An informal catch up had been held over Zoom with members of the Kinloch Representative Group; Cr Guy was looking forward to the next meeting which would be 'face to face'.

**Cr John Boddy** advised that some older people in the community had had no access to banking during lockdown; and doing the supermarket shopping had also been challenging, especially as online grocery bookings had been taken by others less in need.

#### **TDC202005/13 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Yvonne Westerman  
Seconded: Cr Kirsty Trueman

That Council receives the reports from members.

**CARRIED**

#### **5 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**

#### **TDC202005/14 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Anna Park  
Seconded: Cr Tangonui Kingi

**RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC**

I move that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48[1] of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

<b>General subject of each matter to be considered</b>	<b>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</b>	<b>Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</b>
<b>Agenda Item No: 5.1</b> Destination Great Lake Taupo Draft Statement of Intent	Section 7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons	Section 48(1)(a)(i)- the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 7
<b>Agenda Item No: 5.2</b> Destination Great Lake Taupo Board - Continuation of Appointments	Section 7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons	Section 48(1)(a)(i)- the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 7
<b>Agenda Item No: 5.3</b> Appointment of External Representatives to the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group	Section 7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons	Section 48(1)(a)(i)- the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 7

**CARRIED**

**The meeting closed at 2.38pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the ordinary Council meeting held on 30 June 2020.**

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**CHAIRPERSON**