

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY TAUPŌ RESERVES AND ROADING COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 107 HEUHEU STREET, TAUPŌ  
ON TUESDAY, 9 JUNE 2020 AT 1.00PM**

**PRESENT:** Cr John Williamson (in the Chair), Cr John Boddy, Cr Kathy Guy, Cr Anna Park, Cr Kevin Taylor, Mayor David Trewavas, Cr Yvonne Westerman, Miss Janice Wall

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Chief Executive, Head of Operations, Head of Democracy, Governance and Venues, Asset Manager Transportation, Senior Engineering Officer, Senior Communications Advisor, Strategic Relationships Manager, Democratic Services Officer

**MEDIA AND PUBLIC:** Taupō Times  
Five members of the public

Cr John Williamson welcomed everyone to the meeting and made special mention of Committee member Miss Janice Wall, representing the interests of Māori throughout the district.

Note: Items were dealt with in the following order: 3.1, 4.2, 4.1, 4.3.

**1 APOLOGIES**

**TRARC202006/01 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Anna Park  
Seconded: Cr Yvonne Westerman

That the apologies received from Crs Kylie Leonard and Christine Rankin be accepted.

**CARRIED**

**2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Nil

**3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**3.1 ORDINARY TAUPŌ RESERVES & ROADING COMMITTEE MEETING - 10 MARCH 2020**

Chairperson Cr John Williamson provided an update on the Licence to Occupy – Archery at Waipahihi Reserve. He advised that the staff member who had been working on the application had left Council and another staff member assigned to progress the matter. Cr Williamson had spoken with Mr Wilson who was comfortable things were progressing and alternative sites were being investigated. The Head of Operations added that there would be an update to the next Committee meeting.

In answer to a question, the Asset Manager Transportation advised that due to the Covid-19 lockdown, the quote to remove trees on Highland Drive had not been confirmed, nor had work commenced.

**TRARC202006/02 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Kathy Guy  
Seconded: Cr Kevin Taylor

That the minutes of the Taupō Reserves & Roding Committee meeting held on Tuesday 10 March 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

## 4 POLICY AND DECISION MAKING

### 4.1 REQUEST FOR THE REMOVAL OF TREES AT 650 LAKE TERRACE

The Asset Manager Transportation and the Senior Engineering Officer introduced Mr Jamie Keehan, Hard As Development. With the leave of the Chairperson, Mr Keehan addressed the Committee and the following points were noted:

- Half of the trees to be removed were within the property and Mr Keehan was seeking the Committee's approval to remove the other half which were on Council land. Removal of the trees was an important part of the development, and would shape the whole development.
- The mini golf course would have a Central North Island theme and would be developed with thought and care. New trees to be planted within the development would be deciduous exotics.

Members agreed to approve removal of the trees. It was noted that there were no heritage or historically significant trees on the site and removal of the trees would improve security.

### TRARC202006/03 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kevin Taylor

Seconded: Cr Anna Park

That the Taupō Reserves & Roding Committee approves the removal of all trees in road reserve at 650 Lake Terrace at the cost of the developer.

**CARRIED**

### 4.2 PROPOSAL TO LEASE RANGATIRA POINT BLOCK

Department of Conservation (DOC) representatives Mr Dave Lumley, Ms Libby O'Brien and Ms Nina Manning were in attendance and tabled some maps of Rangatira Point Block (A2709617) and Rangatira Point visitor counts 2011-2020 and track signs (A2709619).

Mr Lumley provided a summary of the Department of Conservation's involvement with Rangatira Point. The following points were noted:

- The original lease was entered into to ensure the Rangatira Point Block could not be developed.
- Five years ago, DOC was facing financial difficulties and as a result the lease area and therefore fees were reduced from \$80k per annum to \$63k per annum.
- Last year DOC again faced challenging budget issues, hence the request to Council to take over the lease.
- The lease provides for public access to the 2.9km long Rangatira Point track. The track counter shows that over the past three years between 12,000 and 13,000 people walked the track. The track towards Whakamoenga Point is even busier; that track starts on Rangatira Point Trust land and goes through Council foreshore reserve.
- DOC was asking Council to take over the lease payment, but DOC would continue to maintain the track.

In answer to questions, Mr Lumley advised that:

- DOC was originally planning to continue the lease but could no longer afford to do so.
- DOC maintenance would be ongoing and could easily be incorporated into future budgets.
- Pest control was provided for in the lease. At the moment, the only pest control work being done was by local volunteers.
- DOC had not asked the Trust if they would accept a lower figure for lease of the land.
- The current lease was due to expire on 30 July 2020.

Ms O'Brien added that the site was often used as a 'hero image' for Taupō district and the track was an iconic walk.

Members expressed concern at the possibility that public access to Rangatira Point could be lost. They decided to let the matter lie on the table until further consultation and engagement with all parties had taken place. It was noted that time was of the essence and the Chairperson suggested that the matter may need to come back to Council, rather than the Committee.

A group of Committee members committed to furthering the consultation and engagement with all parties.

**TRARC202006/04 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Kathy Guy

Seconded: Cr Anna Park

That the Rangatira Point Block Inc lease matter **lie on the table** and be brought back to a future meeting of the Taupō Reserves & Roothing Committee to enable Council, the Department of Conservation and Rangatira Point Block Inc Trustees to engage.

**CARRIED**

**4.3 TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE UPDATES**

The Senior Engineering Officer summarised the proposed updates to the traffic control device register.

Taupō Primary School Board representative, Ms Catriona Eagles was present and confirmed that the Taupō Primary School Principal wanted to ensure access in case of emergencies, hence the request for removal of three car parks and installation of a No Stopping At All Times zone on Titiraupenga Street. The updates would be communicated to the school community.

Members supported the requests for installation of P120 minute parking on Northcroft Street; and the No Stopping At All Times to allow access to the Taupō Primary School emergency gate. They did not however support the proposal to install 165m No Stopping At All Times on Rickit Street, as more consultation was required, including with the nearby Kohanga Reo.

**TRARC202006/05 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Anna Park

Seconded: Miss Janice Wall

That, pursuant to the Taupō District Council Traffic Bylaw, Council imposes the following traffic controls and/or prohibitions on roads and/or public spaces in the Taupō District:

**CARRIED**

Sign/Marking	Why	Where
1. Install P120 minute parking on all 13 parks on Northcroft Street	To provide time-controlled parking so that parking is available and accessible to neighbouring activities such as Mini Putt course within the Northcroft reserve.	The in berm Car parks on Northcroft Street outside the Mini Putt Course
2. NSAAT lines to be installed in place of 3 parks	To allow all time access to the emergency gate for Taupō Primary School.	On Titiraupenga Street next to the Kea crossing

**5 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**

Nil

**The meeting closed at 1.51pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the ordinary Taupō Reserves and Roding Committee meeting held on 15 September 2020.**

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**CHAIRPERSON**