

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE TURANGI/TONGARIRO COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING  
HELD AT THE BOARDROOM, TURANGI SERVICE CENTRE, TOWN CENTRE, TURANGI  
ON WEDNESDAY, 3 JUNE 2020 AT 2.00PM**

**PRESENT:** Miss Amanda Maclaren (in the Chair), Mrs Donna Searancke, Mr Robert Severne, Cr Tangonui Kingi, Cr John Mack

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mayor David Trewavas, Cr John Boddy, Chief Executive, Head of Economic Development and Business Transformation, Head of Communications and Customer Relations, Customer Relations Manager – Turangi, Co-Governance Manager, Team Leader Strategic Partnerships, Senior Environmental Health Officer, Senior Communications Advisor, Democratic Services Support Officer

**MEDIA AND PUBLIC:** 7 members of the public

Notes: (i) Mr Rob Severne recited a karakia to open the public forum at 1.30pm.  
(ii) Cr John Mack left the table at 2.20pm during item 4.2 and returned at 2.32pm. Although he remained seated in the public gallery, he did not participate in the discussions.

## 1 APOLOGIES

### TT202006/01 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Tangonui Kingi

Seconded: Cr John Mack

That the apologies received from Mr Ian Ashmore and Mr Clint Green be accepted.

**CARRIED**

## 2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr John Mack noted a conflict in relation to item 4.2 – Presentation: Turangi Business Precinct.

## 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

### 3.1 TURANGI/TONGARIRO COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING - 4 MARCH 2020

#### TT202006/02 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Tangonui Kingi

Seconded: Mrs Donna Searancke

That the minutes of the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board meeting held on Wednesday 4 March 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

## 4 REPORTS

### 4.1 PRESENTATION: TURANGI POLICE UPDATE

Community Constable John Malpas gave a brief introduction about himself including his role as the local community constable. He then gave an update on the local policing scene and answered questions of clarification from members.

In reply to a question in relation to an increase in family harm incidents, he noted that police statistical reports were often skewed due to the way the call was coded during the initial contact point. For example, a call initially coded as a domestic violence incident post investigation could in fact have been an argument / disagreement, where no criminal offence had been committed.

#### TT202006/03 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr John Mack

Seconded: Mrs Donna Searancke

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board receives the update and thanks Constable John Malpas for his attendance.

**CARRIED**

### 4.2 PRESENTATION: TURANGI BUSINESS PRECINCT

Mr Zane Cozens tabled documentation (A2704636) in relation to a proposal for a pop-up style retail space comprising 12 repurposed shipping containers. Referred to as 'Urban HQ', the precinct would create a community hub and also offer bespoke food, arts and musical events throughout the year. The proposed site was the Taupō District Council owned carpark situated on the corner of Ohuanga Road and Te Rangitautahanga Road. The site was selected for its high visibility and positioning within an active commercial area. A ground lease with an initial 2-year tenure was sought with further renewal rights. If the venture was successful, developers Comack Properties Ltd would desire to eventually purchase the land outright. A succession plan for reinvigorating the town mall had also been considered in that businesses would be offered limited leases and once well established, would then migrate to the town mall. In closing, Mr Cozens reiterated the importance of having community support for the project as without that, they would abandon the proposal altogether.

Members noted their support in principle for the proposal, which was considered a fantastic idea.

Another member noted that current and absentee shop owners would need to be consulted. In reply, Mr Cozens advised that he had been talking to businesses in town and as expected, there was mixed concerns however, each was ultimately responsible for their own investments.

With the leave of the Chair, local Ngāti Turangitukua kaumatua Mr Jeff Bennett noted that he was happy to take back the information to Ngāti Turangitukua Charitable Trust (NTCT) and discuss the options presented, which were quite positive and aligned with recent discussions amongst the Trust. NTCT administrator Te Wharau Walker concurred noting that he too wished to invite further discussions with the Trust in relation to this proposal.

Officers undertook to provide a report at the July Board meeting to enable further discussion about the proposal.

#### TT202006/04 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mrs Donna Searancke

Seconded: Mr Robert Severne

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board receives the information and thanks Mr Zane Cozens for his presentation.

**CARRIED**

### 4.3 CURRENT ACTION POINTS

The Head of Economic Development and Business Transformation advised that funding for the town gymnasium work had been included in Council's application to the Crown Infrastructure Partners fund. They would await the outcome of that application before proceeding with a workshop.

#### TT202006/05 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Tangonui Kingi  
Seconded: Cr John Mack

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

**CARRIED**

### 4.4 UPDATE IN RESPONSE TO COMMUNITY COMPLAINTS ABOUT UNIDENTIFIED HUMMING NOISE IN TURANGI

Senior Environmental Health Officer Shane Hancock gave an update on findings to date regarding an ongoing investigation to try and identify the source of a humming-type noise that had been heard by several residents who lived at different areas of town – from Gosling Grove to Ringakapo Street and the southern end of Taupahi Road.

An Auckland based consultancy called Detection Services were engaged upon receipt of the initial complaints received last year. Detection Services completed a 3-day investigation primarily of Council's infrastructure to see if knocking valves or pumps etc were the source of the noise but their findings were inconclusive. The matter was then raised again on Facebook in April this year and 170+ comments were received. That feedback provided good information as to where the sound was being heard throughout the community.

Local resident Belinda Pyman had also reached out to Council for assistance with locating the source of the noise, which was creating many issues for her. Mr Hancock would provide equipment for Mrs Pyman to try and capture the noise when she heard it, and would continue to work alongside her.

A member thanked Mr Hancock for his update noting that it was difficult to identify something that was of such a low frequency and only happening intermittently. If the source was still unable to be identified in future, it was important to let the community know that Council had undertaken a thorough investigation so that the process could be finalised.

#### TT202006/06 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Tangonui Kingi  
Seconded: Mr Robert Severne

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board receives the information.

**CARRIED**

### 4.5 UPDATE ON TURANGI PROJECTS AND OPERATIONS

The Customer Relations Manager – Turangi took his report as read and answered questions of clarification.

A member advised that kerb renewals funding for Turangi had increased from \$70k to \$150k. He also acknowledged Mayor David Trewavas and the district councillors' for supporting the sports facility by approving \$2m funding for the project, and congratulated staff on the low number of service requests for the month.

#### TT202006/07 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mr Robert Severne  
Seconded: Cr John Mack

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board receives the update on Turangi Projects and Operations as at

June 3, 2020.

**CARRIED**

#### **4.6 TURANGI/TONGARIRO COMMUNITY BOARD VISION AND COMMUNITY PLAN**

Discussions to finalise the Board's vision and community plan would be included in a future workshop.

#### **TT202006/08 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Tangonui Kingi

Seconded: Mrs Donna Searancke

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

**CARRIED**

#### **4.7 MEMBERS' REPORTS**

##### **Cr John Mack:**

- Thanked the Chief Executive and staff for their hard work during trying times.
- Thanked Mayor David and councillors for the additional kerb renewals funding, sports hub funding, and zero percent rates increase.
- Noted that he had a better understanding of the relationship between Council and Ngāti Turangitukua.
- Commented on the town centre not looking great. Although it was owned by private landlords, it still needed to look good for everyone. The Board would like to window wrap all vacant shops in town. Suggested profiling local people on the wraps and using it as a promotional type tool to showcase Turangi's talented people under the banner of 'This is us'. It was about turning the town centre into a beautiful space and seeing the community reflected back in the town; about community identity and pride.

To conclude, the Co-Governance Manager gave a brief update on the current Board member vacancy. She had met with the marae chairpersons who supported the idea of having a Ngāti Turangitukua nominated person appointed to the position. They would confirm their nominated person by June 22 so the Board could consider the nomination at its next meeting on July 1.

#### **TT202006/09 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Tangonui Kingi

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 3.15pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board Meeting held on 1 July 2020.**

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**CHAIRPERSON**