

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

- PRESENT:** Miss Amanda Maclaren (in the Chair), Mr Ian Ashmore, Mr Clint Green, Mr Te Takinga New, Mrs Donna Searancke, Mr Robert Severne, Cr Tangonui Kingi, Cr John Mack
- IN ATTENDANCE:** His Worship the Mayor, Cr John Boddy, Cr Kathy Guy, Cr Christine Rankin, Cr John Williamson, Chief Executive, Head of Economic Development and Business Transformation, Head of Communications and Customer Relations, Head of Community, Culture and Heritage, Customer Relations Manager – Turangi, District Events Manager, Bookings Facilitator, Senior Compliance Environmental Health Officer, Policy Advisor, Senior Communications Advisor, Democratic Services Support Officer
- MEDIA AND PUBLIC:** 8 members of the public
Taupō Times – Steph Rangi

The Chair welcomed everyone, and Mr Rob Severne opened the meeting with a karakia.

- Notes:
- (i) Items were heard in the following order: 1-4.4, 4.7, 4.5-4.6, 4.8-4.12
 - (ii) Cr John Mack left the meeting at 3.09pm at the start of item 4.7 and re-entered the meeting at 4.09pm. He was not present for resolution TT202008/07.
 - (iii) Ms Amanda Maclaren left the meeting at 4.19pm during item 4.6 and re-entered the meeting at 4.21pm.
 - (iv) Mr Ian Ashmore left the meeting at 4.52pm during item 4.10 and re-entered the meeting at 4.56pm. He was not present for resolution TT202008/08.

1 APOLOGIES

Nil

2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr John Mack - agenda item 4.7 'Community Feedback on Urban HQ Proposal'

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 TURANGI/TONGARIRO COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING - 1 JULY 2020

TT202008/01 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mr Robert Severne
Seconded: Mrs Donna Searancke

That the minutes of the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board meeting held on Wednesday 1 July 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

4 REPORTS

4.1 CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT TO FILL THE TURANGI/TONGARIRO COMMUNITY BOARD EXTRAORDINARY VACANCY

Amendment noted to second paragraph under sub-heading 'Discussion', insert '9 July, 2020' after 'Taupō Weekender on...'

TT202008/02 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mr Clint Green
Seconded: Cr Tangonui Kingi

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board confirms the appointment of Mr Te Takinga New to fill the extraordinary vacancy on the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board.

CARRIED

4.2 DECLARATION BY MEMBER

Mr Te Takinga New made his oral declaration in Te Reo Maori pursuant to clauses 15(4) and 16 of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002.

The Chief Executive congratulated Mr New which was followed by a round of applause from the floor and a personal welcome from the Chair.

4.3 PRESENTATION: LAKE TAUPŌ HARBOURMASTER

Taupō harbourmaster Heath Cairns and deputy harbourmaster Toni Maulder tabled a handout in support of their presentation and showed a timeline of key milestones on the whiteboard.

An update was given in relation to the consultation and engagement process undertaken that ultimately led to the decision by Minister Nanaia in June 2019 to close the Tokaanu Marina for health and safety reasons. Key stakeholders included Genesis as landowner, Ngāti Kurauia as mana whenua hapu, and Tokaanu Maritime Trust on behalf of the lake / berth users. Various technical and engineer experts were also commissioned to report on the condition of the building / structures

The process started in 2011 with the development of an asset management plan by former harbourmaster Philip King, and securing of \$8.3M funding to upgrade assets around the lake, primarily ramps and marinas. The Tokaanu Marina upgrade was initially planned for 2013 however at that time for various reasons Ngāti Kurauia had declined to proceed. Work then commenced on the redevelopment of the Motuoapa Marina which was officially opened in November 2017.

Following the decision to close being advised to everyone, Minister Nanaia Mahuta invited Tokaanu Maritime Trust to submit a detailed proposal detailing how they would meet the required health and safety standards and manage the marina going forward. Mr Cairns peer reviewed the Trust's original proposal, which did not adequately address the Minister's concerns. A second proposal was subsequently collated and submitted in November 2019 for consideration by Minister Mahuta, with a final decision expected in March 2020. Although the decision was delayed due to Covid it ultimately remains unchanged.

Minister Mahuta was expected to visit Tokaanu Marae in the next two weeks to discuss Ngāti Kurauia concerns. Tuwharetoa Māori Trust Board had also declined an offer to take-over the marina.

A member expressed disappointment that this was the first time the Board had heard from the harbourmaster given its role in the community.

TT202008/03 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr John Mack
Seconded: Mr Clint Green

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board receives the information and thanks Mr Heath Cairns and Ms

Toni Maulder for attending.

CARRIED

4.4 PRESENTATION: TURANGI FOODBANK

Turangi Foodbank representatives Maggie Stewart and Brenda Sherson were in attendance. An overview of key milestones for the organisation from its inception through to the current day was given along with statistics past / present food parcels distributed. The social, economic and health issues impacted clients such as high essential living costs (power, food, rent) and addictions was also mentioned. A rental shortage in Turangi also meant many people were living in garages and over-crowded housing situations. Referrals for support were received from various social agencies such as Taupō Budget Advisory Services, Tuwharetoa Health, PARS, police, etc. Operational costs were a lot higher due to unprecedented demand on the service. Food donations received from the annual food drive would usually last until September the following year however supplies from the most recent drive had already been used by February.

An 0800 number was used during lockdown which also increased demand on the service through loss of jobs. Although food donations from the community were not allowed, the service continued operating with regular bulk purchases through Turangi New World, and contactless deliveries to clients.

In answer to questions, Ms Stewart advised that:

- Waiting for reimbursement from Civil Defence of over \$10k spent during lockdown.
- Had a recurring weekly purchase order through Turangi New World for \$2-\$2.5k; costs were charged at full retail price.
- Did not apply for the \$24m Ministry of Social Development (MSD) Covid-19 fund as this was for larger areas like Rotorua and Hamilton.
- Had received hundreds of kilos of vacuum packed minced venison from local wildlife biologist Cam Speedy from a Sika deer hunt in the South Island.
- Food parcels contained items that families could make well balanced and nutritious meals from.
- There was a disjoint between local social service providers. Clients were often sent to Taupō Budget Service as this service was no longer available in Turangi.
- Disappointed that the Turangi Foodbank was not approached to be part of the iwi / hapu distribution collective over lockdown. Had raised this during a Zoom meeting with Te Kotahitanga (TK). TK would look into coordinating community agencies and providers together under one collective.

In answer to questions the Chief Executive noted that a positive outcome following lockdown was the new Caring for Communities programme, which outlined the governments post Covid response to communities. The Chief Executive undertook to invite the CEO of the programme to do a study on Turangi's specific needs. Council would also look into whether it could cover the \$12k that the Foodbank was awaiting from central government civil defence reimbursements; Council to be reimbursed by the Foodbank once the funds had been repaid.

TT202008/04 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mr Ian Ashmore

Seconded: Cr John Mack

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board receives the information and thanks Ms Maggie Stewart and Ms Brenda Sherson for attending.

CARRIED

4.5 CURRENT ACTION POINTS

The following points were noted:

- Officers to arrange a workshop to complete the Board's vision work and discuss the Long-term Plan.
- Correction to 'Colin Baker' in action sheet, replace with 'Ross Baker'.
- A member requested that staff notify Ross Baker of the Board's decision to put the T2T trail on hold and wait for landowners to decide what their position was.

- The Customer Relations Manager – Turangi gave an update on the mall window wraps audit, noting that two shop owners had declined to take up the offer. Cr Mack asked if the Customer Relations Manager - Turangi could follow up with those owners and see if they would be willing to share their reasons for not wanting to participate as the wraps were at no cost to them and could be easily removed.
- Mr Rob Severne had compiled a list of past actions that no longer featured in the action sheet but were still unresolved and undertook to go through that list with the Customer Relations Manager – Turangi.

TT202008/05 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mr Ian Ashmore

Seconded: Mr Clint Green

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

CARRIED

4.6 INVESTIGATIONS INTO SOURCE OF HUMMING NOISE IN TURANGI

The Senior Compliance Environmental Health Officer highlighted key points of his report noting that only an estimated 5% of the population could hear very low frequency noises.

A member noted that it was evident Council had done all it possible could with trying to identify the source of the noise. With there being no guarantee that spending more money would provide a conclusive result, members subsequently decided to not continue the investigation. It was requested that Mrs Pyman be advised of this decision by letter.

TT202008/06 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mr Robert Severne

Seconded: Cr John Mack

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board is satisfied that Council has undertaken robust investigations into this matter and directs officers to now close off the investigation.

CARRIED

4.7 COMMUNITY FEEDBACK ON THE URBAN HQ PROPOSAL

The Head of Economic Development and Business Transformation advised that the approach undertaken to reach the community was mostly through social media and ratepayer email addresses. There were 400+ positive survey responses in favour of the development. Ten written responses from town mall retailers were also attached. A letter received via email on 3 August 2020 from Mr Te Wharau Walker on behalf of the Ngāti Turangitukua Charitable Trust (NTCT) was tabled (A2743214). The letter expressed the views of both the NTCT and Ngāti Turangitukua hapu, and opposed the granting of a Licence to Occupy (LTO) at the proposed site suggesting instead that the Hub HQ be located to the northern carpark of the town mall.

NTCT representatives Te Wharau and Amy Walker were in attendance to further outline the Trust's response to the proposal. A mihi mihi, waiata and brief overview of the Ngāti Turangitukua ancestral and whakapapa connections to their revered Maunga Pihanga and whenua (land) was given. The hapu felt extremely disappointed and considered that fair consultation and engagement had not occurred with them, Council and the Board. As the original landowners they expected to be able to exercise their decree of kaitiakitanga (guardianship) and rights over what happened with land in Turangi. If the land was leased that would trigger a Right of First Refusal (RFR) back to the hapu to purchase. However, granting a LTO would essentially transfer those rights to the licensee and therefore deny the hapu its right to have that land returned. In reply, the Head of Business Transformation and Economic Development noted that Council was bound by legislation and rules when undertaking this process. The limitations with the carpark status being gazetted legal road and available options to the Board before any Public Works Act RFR activation had been previously discussed with the Board. The suggested recommendation from officers could be changed if the Board chose to.

Cr John Williamson requested an opportunity to speak noting that while he was not defending the proposal or contesting the letter from NTCT, he felt deflated and personally offended at some of the words used in the

NTCT letter when describing Council such as sneaky, misleading and disappointing. Cr Williamson believed Council was absolutely committed to building a partnership and positive relationship with its Treaty partners and was really trying to do the right thing. However, Council was challenged at times by some legislative processes.

Staff answered questions of clarification and members voted on the suggested recommendation by show of hands; all were in favour except Mr Te Takinga New, who voted against as he felt that there had been a lack of engagement from Council with Ngāti Turangitukua on the proposal.

TT202008/07 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mr Ian Ashmore

Seconded: Mr Robert Severne

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board supports a licence to occupy part of southern car park to Comack Properties Limited.

CARRIED

4.8 TURANGI WALK EVENT 2021

In answer to questions the District Events Manager advised that Matua Jeff Benett had spoken to Ngāti Rongomai and Ngāti Kurauia hapu about the walk event and both were supportive of it. As a recreational walk event, the targeted demographic was for all ages, with three walking distance options to choose from.

The District Events Manager would go back to the event organiser seeking a change in date from Waitangi Day to around mid March / April 2021.

TT202008/08 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Tangonui Kingi

Seconded: Mr Te Takinga New

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board receives the information regarding the Turangi Walk Event 2021.

CARRIED

4.9 UPDATE ON THE TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL DISTRICT PLAN REVIEW

This item was no longer required as an update on the District Plan had been included as part of a Board workshop held on 20 July 2020.

4.10 DRAFT TRANSPORT STRATEGY FOR CONSULTATION

The Policy Advisor gave a brief outline of the purpose of the Transport Strategy, which was primarily to provide Council with clear guidance from the community about its needs regarding roading infrastructure, road and road user safety, cycle trails, walkways, transport services, roundabouts, speed limits, bypasses, etc. The Strategy was a powerful tool which Council could use to advocate to NZTA and conversely the community could hold Council to account.

Members requested support to draft a submission before the 4 September closing date. Council's community engagement team would facilitate the workshop for this.

TT202008/09 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mr Clint Green

Seconded: Cr Tangonui Kingi

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board

1. receives the attached draft Issues Paper and draft Transport Strategy.

2. agrees to make a submission to ensure that the Transport Strategy (and associated issues paper) reflects the key areas of importance to the local community and will provide an effective document for giving Council direction on priorities for the delivery of the Council's transport services and infrastructure.
3. notes the attached draft communications plan and draft engagement plan and advises of any additional groups that should be notified, or directly engaged.

CARRIED

4.11 MONTHLY UPDATE ON TURANGI PROJECTS AND OPERATIONS

Key points noted were:

- Noise complaint service requests at times went overdue due to the afterhours contracted company not providing the information to Council so that it can be closed.
- Discussions ensued regarding the completion of an audit of outstanding maintenance / repairs in the mall. The Head of Business Transformation and Economic Development advised that this could be included in the LTP workshop along with the playground, Turangitukua Park sports hub and Turangi gateway project discussions. Also suggested that half of the \$500k LTP funds could be allocated to the gateway project and the other half (\$250k) towards toilets for the playground.

TT202008/10 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Tangonui Kingi

Seconded: Mr Ian Ashmore

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board receives the monthly update on Turangi projects and operations as presented on August 5, 2020.

CARRIED

4.12 MEMBERS' REPORTS

In response to some member comments, the Head of Communications and Customer Relations reminded members that reports of an operational nature needed to be lodged via customer services or online through Council's website.

There was some confusion amongst members about what types of tree issues would be brought to the Board for a decision. The Customer Relations Manager – Turangi undertook to follow up on this with the parks manager sports and horticulture to arrange a workshop.

In reply to a request for training lights at Turangitukua Park, Cr John Mack advised that King Country Electric Power Trust (KCEPT) were not averse to funding infrastructure however, Council as the owner would need to contact them and provide consent. Cr Mack undertook to let the committee know at the next KCEPT on 21 August that an application to fund this would be forthcoming.

Mr Te Takinga New

- Attended Senior Net meeting. Lack of heating in the hall was noted.
- Advised that he would speak in Te Reo at the next Board meeting in celebration of Te Wiki o te Reo Māori. Requested that the agenda contain bilingual headings as per the previous year.
- Thirty four rugby teams at Turangitukua Park last week. Fantastic event. Thanks to staff involved in ensuring the park looked great.
- Commended Hare and Copper Eatery on their recent Matariki festival. Disappointed that Council did not have anything in place to observe Matariki this year.
- Attended the Department of Corrections Matariki event – awesome performance to conclude celebrations.

Ms Amanda Maclaren noted that a presentation was meant to have taken place today to Mr Ken Drummond for his act of bravery but did not go ahead as he did not want any fanfare. Ms Maclaren would instead write a

letter on behalf of the Board along with a small gift.

TT202008/11 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mr Ian Ashmore

Seconded: Mr Robert Severne

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

CARRIED

5 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil

The meeting closed with a karakia from Mr Te Takinga New at 5.25pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board Meeting held on 2 September 2020.

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CHAIRPERSON