

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE TURANGI/TONGARIRO COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING**  
**HELD ONLINE VIA 'ZOOM' AND LIVESTREAMED TO WWW.TAUPO.GOVT.NZ**  
**ON WEDNESDAY, 2 FEBRUARY 2022 AT 2.00PM**

**PRESENT:** Mr Clint Green (in the Chair), Cr Tangonui Kingi, Cr John Mack, Ms Paula McRae (from 2.58pm), Mr Te Takinga New, Mr Robert Severne

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Chief Executive, General Manager Policy and Strategy, General Manager Operations and Delivery, Infrastructure Manager, Community Engagement and Development Manager, Infrastructure Project Manager – Operations, Team Leader Customer Support – Turangi/Mangakino, Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner, Communications Specialist, ICT Support Officer, Executive Assistant, Governance Quality Manager

**MEDIA AND PUBLIC:** Nil

- Notes:
- (i) *Turangi-Tongariro Community Board Chairperson, Mr Clint Green opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Cr Tangonui Kingi recited an opening karakia.*
  - (ii) *Ms Paula McRae entered the meeting at 2.58pm. She was not present for resolutions TT202202/01-06.*
  - (iii) *Livestreaming to Council's YouTube channel stopped at the conclusion of the public part of the meeting (3.12pm). Mr Te Takinga New recited a closing karakia when the meeting closed at 3.33pm.*

## 1 APOLOGIES

### TT202202/01 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mr Te Takinga New  
Seconded: Mr Robert Severne

That the apologies received from Mr George O'Connor-Patena and Mrs Donna Searancke be accepted.

**CARRIED**

## 2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

## 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

### 3.1 TURANGI/TONGARIRO COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING - 1 DECEMBER 2021

#### TT202202/02 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mr Robert Severne  
Seconded: Cr John Mack

That the minutes of the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board meeting held on Wednesday 1 December 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

## 4 REPORTS

### 4.1 ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION - THE TOWN CENTRE EAST CARPARK

A PowerPoint presentation provided by Tesla Motors containing details about the proposed Electric Vehicle (EV) charging station had been circulated to members via email on 28 January 2022 (A3088093). Additional information was provided in confidence via email on 1 February 2022 (A3088096).

The Infrastructure Manager advised that an online Turangi/Tongariro Community Board workshop had been held with Tesla prior to Christmas. In answer to questions, he advised that:

- Taupō District Council did not have a policy or strategy to guide approval of EV charging stations within car parks, but rather dealt with requests on a case-by-case basis.
- Ngāti Tūrangitukua had confirmed acceptance of Tesla's preferred site for the EV chargers.
- Tesla would provide additional lighting at the site.
- Tesla had indicated its preferred location. It was not known if any consideration was given by Tesla to access for the elderly or less mobile members of the community.

### TT202202/03 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Tangonui Kingi

Seconded: Mr Te Takinga New

1. That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board revokes Resolution TT202111/04 dated 3 November 2021.
2. That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board approves Option 2: for Tesla to establish a six bay electric vehicle charging station in the eastern carpark between Tūrangī Town Centre and Turtle Pools, with above ground infrastructure occupying two additional parking spaces for an initial period of 5 years with 2 rights of renewal of 5 years each.

**CARRIED**

### 4.2 TURANGITUKUA PARK COMMUNITY SPORTS FACILITY

This item was considered after the public had been excluded for reasons outlined in resolution TT202202/08 below.

### 4.3 MONTHLY UPDATE - TURANGI REVITALISATION (KERB AND CHANNEL) PROJECT

The Turangi revitalisation (kerb and channel) Project Manager was in attendance and provided a summary of his report attached to the agenda and entitled "Package 2 Update". He answered questions. The following points were noted:

- Package 2 was due to be completed by the first week of March.
- Te Rangitautahanga Road works were scheduled to take place on 14 February, with just a small section of the road being closed in the middle, with vehicle access still available on both sides of the road.
- Tree planting was scheduled to continue in April. A water truck was moving around and watering trees already planted. The watering programme would continue and new mulch would also be added to provide nutrients for the trees. A weed spray would be done once Package 2 had been completed.
- Vandalised trees would be saved wherever possible. An arborist had inspected the trees and would report back on whether any would need to be removed.
- The Project Manager would work with the Communications Specialist to get the message out to the community that their assistance with watering the new trees would be appreciated.

- Package 3 would be able to be completed within budget. Packages 4 and 5 would be considered as part of Council's Annual Plan 2022-23.

#### **TT202202/04 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Mr Te Takinga New  
Seconded: Mr Robert Severne

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board receives the information on the Turangi Revitalisation Project as presented on 2 February 2022.

**CARRIED**

#### **4.4 MONTHLY UPDATE - TURANGI PROJECTS AND OPERATIONS**

The Team Leader Customer Support – Turangi/Mangakino addressed the Community Board, providing an update covering the December 2021 – January 2022 period. The following points were noted:

- Turangi had been busy with domestic tourists and holiday-makers enjoying time at baches.
- There had been reduced staff at the customer and visitor support centre, however the team had managed very well over the busy and challenging period.
- The customer and visitor support centre was undergoing renovations, including:
  - Removal of internal walls;
  - Painting;
  - Establishment of meeting areas;
  - External windows (to be confirmed as part of Stage 2);
  - New Boardroom (to be completed March-April); and
  - External signage, banners and flags.
- In relation to service requests within the Turangi/Tongariro ward, recurring themes included:
  - Issues with dogs, including roaming, barking, rushing and off-lead. The compliance team had dealt with 43 requests about dogs in one day.
  - Rubbish collection delays.
- People were encouraged to lodge service requests, rather than complaining about Council service on social media. An example was complaints about motorbikes; there had been a lot of activity on social media about motorbikes, but only four service requests raised.
- Council's security provider Senjo was working with local Police to address issues with young people congregating in the Turangi town centre to use the wifi by the Library.

A member raised the importance of pro-active Council communications to keep the community informed and encourage a two-way flow of information.

#### **TT202202/05 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Tangonui Kingi  
Seconded: Mr Robert Severne

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board receives the monthly update on Turangi projects and operations as presented on 2 February 2022.

**CARRIED**

#### 4.5 MONTHLY UPDATE - COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Community Engagement and Development Manager greeted members and handed straight over to Mrs Marama (Ma) Isherwood, the new Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner. Ma introduced herself in Te Reo Māori through Pepeha. She summarised the first few weeks in her new role, noting that the key things she had been working on were:

- Meeting and greeting with community, hapū, iwi, whānau – young and old! She had really appreciated the warm welcome she was receiving around the streets of Turangi.
- Meeting with Ngāti Tūrangitukua Charitable Trust.
- Connecting with Marae Chairs via email, raising awareness of good things coming up.
- Te Kapua Park papa tākaro engagement with schools, rangitahi, whānau and other groups. This was good timing, with schools having just started back after the summer break.
- Raising awareness of Council facilities and services available to the people of Turangi.
- Connecting with the Turangi community hub and making herself available to hub users to support them with any concerns they may have relating to Council activities.

Ma advised that she would be based primarily at the Turangi customer support / iSite, but hoped to spend perhaps one day a week at the community hub and a couple of days in Taupō. She was learning a lot in her new role and she was really looking forward to the challenge and supporting the community.

Turangi/Tongariro Community Board Chairperson, Mr Clint Green extended a warm welcome to Ma, noting that the Community Board members were looking forward to working with her.

At the invitation of Community Board member Mr Te Takinga New, Ma performed a waiata with members joining her in song.

#### TT202202/06 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mr Te Takinga New

Seconded: Mr Robert Severne

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board receives the report from the Community Engagement and Development Manager.

**CARRIED**

#### 4.6 MEMBERS' REPORTS

The following members' reports were received:

##### **Mr Te Takinga New:**

- Requested a note be sent to Turangi emergency services who worked tirelessly over the summer break, expressing the Community Board's love and support for their efforts. The community had suffered great tragedy over this time and the work of emergency services and Council staff was appreciated.
- Acknowledged families who had lost loved ones. Acknowledged contributions from community members who had passed on.
- Requested a note be sent to Safe Turangi and the Christmas in the Park team, for their outstanding efforts bringing smiles to peoples' faces during a time of uncertainty. The whole community just loved the 14 days of Christmas events.
- Thanked Council staff teams who worked hard to ensure Turangi town looked good over the Christmas period.

*Ms Paula McRae entered the meeting at this point (2.58pm).*

**Mr Robert Severne:**

- The Christmas in the Park events were awesome and so well received by the people of Turangi.
- Acknowledged people who had lost loved ones.
- Motorbikes had been an issue in the town, especially motorbikes being used in the walkways.
- Requests about frisbee golf, soccer golf and mosaics would be passed on to the Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner. It would be useful to have information about these things outside the iSite.
- Had been speaking with fellow Community Board member Mr George O'Connor-Patena about the need for signage in Whareroa advising people of the rules about consumption of alcohol in the area; and encouraging people to remove all rubbish from reserve land.
- Concerns about the safety of some of the trees at the cemetery would also be passed on to the Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner.
- Had been receiving enquiries about the Rangimohia subdivision.

The General Manager Policy and Strategy advised that queries about the subdivision could be sent to him for a response.

**Ms Paula McRae:**

- Welcomed the Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner.
- Praised the work of emergency services staff in the Turangi area.

**Cr Tangonui Kingi:**

- On behalf of emergency services personnel, thanked the Community Board members for their kind words. It had been the most incredibly difficult time, but all services had worked well together. The Turangi community was resilient and when times are hard, people look after each other.
- The 14 days of Christmas event started as an ambitious goal, but what was achieved by the team was stunning. It was a fast-moving, fluid event which involved engaging with all different parts of the community. The team would provide a report which would include statistics about engagement; and the impacts the event had on people. He thanked the Community Board for its support of the event.

**Cr John Mack:**

- Had informed Councillors about the very successful Safe Turangi and Christmas in the Park event.
- Hoped that the year ahead would be calm, following a hectic summer period.

**TT202202/07 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Mr Robert Severne

Seconded: Cr Tangonui Kingi

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

**CARRIED**

*The livestream stopped at this point (3.12pm).*

**5 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS****TT202202/08 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Tangonui Kingi

Seconded: Cr John Mack

**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: 4.2</b> Turangitukua Park Community Sports Facility	Section 7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable [the Council] to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities	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 with a karakia from Mr Te Takinga New at 3.33pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board meeting held on 2 March 2022.

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**CHAIRPERSON**