

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
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ON TUESDAY, 29 MARCH 2022 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 Yvonne Westerman, Cr John Williamson

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive, Deputy Chief Executive, General Manager Corporate, General Manager Operations and Delivery, General Manager Planning and Strategy, Legal and Governance Manager, Community Engagement and Development Manager, Communications Manager, Finance Manager, Property Manager, Infrastructure Manager, Three Waters Manager, Asset Manager Water and Waste, Health, Safety and Wellbeing Manager, Policy Manager, Senior Policy Advisor, Policy Advisors, Property Advisor, Strategic Partnerships Advisors, Senior Committee Advisor, Executive Assistants, Governance Quality Manager

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: Age Friendly representatives:
Ms Valerie Hoogerbrugge, Ms Shirley Gowdy and Ms Rahapa Rameka

1 APOLOGIES

TDC202203/01 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anna Park
Seconded: Cr Kylie Leonard

That the apology received from Cr Kirsty Trueman be accepted.

CARRIED

2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Tangonui Kingi declared a conflict of interest in relation to agenda item 4.7 – Change of Commencement Resolution for the Taupō District Plan Review. He did not take part in discussion on the item.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 22 FEBRUARY 2022

TDC202203/02 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Christine Rankin
Seconded: Cr Kathy Guy

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 22 February 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

4 POLICY AND DECISION MAKING

4.1 KINLOCH WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE: PROJECT BUDGET INCREASE + CONTRACT TDC/2021/344 VALUE INCREASE

The Asset Manager Water and Waste summarised the report, explaining the reasons for the increase in costs associated with the Kinloch Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade project. He added that the Wastewater Treatment Plant was now fully commissioned and performing very well.

In answer to questions, the Asset Manager Water and Waste advised that:

- It was difficult for design engineers to produce accurate estimates for projects like this.
- At the time of the estimate, all major equipment purchases had been made, so it was thought that the budget would be sufficient.
- \$2m was a significant amount of money, 13% over budget, however it should be noted that this was a complex project due to being on a brownfield site working around the existing plant within tight timeframes.

The General Manager Operations and Delivery added that the technology at the wastewater treatment plant was 'state of the art'. He confirmed that staff always followed a 'lessons learnt' process for projects like this one to ensure continuous improvement.

Members discussed the challenges Council was facing in relation to setting budgets for capital projects in the current economic climate, with construction costs continuing to rise. It was noted that the challenges would continue and that ongoing governance conversations would be required to ensure future projects were delivered within budget to the greatest extent possible.

TDC202203/03 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kathy Guy

Seconded: Cr John Williamson

That Council:

1. Increases the value of Contract TDC/2021/344 Kinloch Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade previously awarded to Spartan Construction to \$11,600,000 [+GST].
2. Approves unbudgeted expenditure of \$2,000,000 [+GST] to cover the increase in cost to deliver Contract TDC/2021/344 and to complete the broader Kinloch WWTP upgrade.

CARRIED

4.2 ENDORSEMENT OF THE COMMUNITY-LED AGE FRIENDLY TAUPŌ DISTRICT PLAN

Age Friendly representatives Ms Valerie Hoogerbrugge, Ms Shirley Gowdy and Ms Rahapa Rameka were in attendance.

The Community Engagement and Development Manager addressed Council, advising that the Age Friendly steering group had been on an exciting journey to develop this Age Friendly Taupō District Plan and that a lot of hard mahi had gone into its production. The Plan was not Council-owned; it belonged to the community and would help shape decision-making across the community.

Cr John Boddy, who was a member of the Age Friendly steering group, thanked the Strategic Partnership Advisor, Veronica King who had been a driving force behind the project since day one. Cr Boddy also thanked Dame Peggy Koopman-Boyden, who had come to Taupō from Hamilton to assist with the Plan's development and gave her time freely, which was much appreciated.

The Strategic Partnership Advisor added her thanks to everyone involved, particularly Ms Valerie Hoogerbrugge who had been very supportive throughout.

Members commended the steering group for producing the Age Friendly Taupō District Plan and looked forward to receiving regular updates on progress implementing initiatives in accordance with the Plan.

His Worship the Mayor advised that a letter of appreciation would be sent to Dame Peggy Koopman-Boyden acknowledging her input.

TDC202203/04 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr John Boddy
Seconded: Cr Kevin Taylor

That Council endorses the Community-led Age Friendly Taupō District Plan 2022-2024 and notes that it will receive annual progress reports from mid-2022.

CARRIED

4.3 TAUPŌ / TAUPŌ EAST RURAL COMMUNITY GRANT DISTRIBUTION

The Community Engagement and Development Manager summarised the report and members agreed to establish the Taupō/Taupō East Rural Community Grant Allocation Committee with the following membership: Taupō East Rural Representative Group Chairperson; Kinloch Representative Group Chairperson; Taupō Reserves & Roding Committee Chairperson; Taupō ward councillor Cr Yvonne Westerman; and the Mayor (ex officio).

TDC202203/05 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr John Mack
Seconded: Cr Anna Park

1. That Council establishes a committee, to be named the Taupō/Taupō East Rural Community Grant Allocation Committee, with terms of reference and delegated functions (in accordance with the document attached to the agenda).
2. That Council appoints the following members to the Committee:
 - Taupō East Rural Representative Group Chairperson;
 - Kinloch Representative Group Chairperson;
 - Taupō Reserves & Roding Committee Chairperson;
 - Cr Yvonne Westerman; and
 - The Mayor (ex officio).

CARRIED

Note: Cr John Boddy requested his dissent to resolution TDC202203/05 above be recorded.

4.4 RECEIPT OF DRAFT STATEMENTS OF INTENT - COUNCIL CONTROLLED ORGANISATIONS

TDC202203/06 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anna Park
Seconded: Cr Kathy Guy

That Council receives the draft Statements of Intent from Council Controlled Organisations and directs officers to review these documents.

CARRIED

4.5 CLASSIFICATION OF RESERVES

The Policy Manager summarised the report and advised that a key step in future reserve management planning work would be checking that the appropriate land classification processes had been followed.

In answer to questions, the Policy Manager advised that:

- Correction of the land classification as proposed was procedural and would have no effect on the current consultation on proposed amendments to the Tapuaeharuru Bay Lakeshore Reserves Management Plan.
- It was impossible to confirm that all reserve land in the district had been correctly classified, however classifications would be checked as Council considered its reserve management plans in future.
- There was no additional public process associated with Council's classification of these reserves.

TDC202203/07 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kevin Taylor

Seconded: Cr John Boddy

That pursuant to section 16(1) of the Reserves Act 1977 and to a delegation from the Minister of Conservation, Taupō District Council classifies the reserve land described in the Schedule as recreation reserve subject to the Reserves Act 1977.

Schedule

<i>Area (ha)</i>	<i>Legal Description</i>
2.3260	Section 1 SO 59764, NZ Gazette 1994 p926
3.1641	Section 312, Block II Tauhara Survey District. NZ Gazette 1972 p.1014. SO 44672

CARRIED

4.6 FINAL APPROVAL OF THE WHAREROA NORTH PRIVATE PLAN CHANGE

The Senior Policy Advisor confirmed that the plan change was already operative, however the final procedural step was Council's approval and affixing of the common seal.

TDC202203/08 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr John Mack

Seconded: Cr Anna Park

That Council gives final approval of Plan Change 36 under Clause 17(1) of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991, and that accordingly the Council common seal is affixed as per Clause 17(3).

CARRIED

4.7 CHANGE OF COMMENCEMENT RESOLUTION FOR THE TAUPŌ DISTRICT PLAN REVIEW

The Senior Policy Advisor summarised the proposal to move to a series of plan changes, rather than a full review of the Taupō District Plan. She confirmed that Council's Joint Management Agreement partners were in support of the new approach.

TDC202203/09 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Yvonne Westerman

Seconded: Cr John Williamson

1. That Council revokes the resolutions of 26 May 2020 which stated:

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 these sections approaching 10 years of operation.*
 3. *That Council 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. *That Council notes the recommendations from Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board, Te Arawa River Iwi Trust and Raukawa Settlement Trust to commence the review and instructs officers to work with the iwi partners on the content of the District Plan Review.*
2. That Council instructs officers to undertake plan changes, as part of the ongoing rolling review process, to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the District Plan.

And

3. That Council notes the support from Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board, Raukawa Settlement Trust and Te Arawa River Iwi Trust to move to a series of Plan Changes.

CARRIED

4.8 HEALTH, SAFETY & WELLBEING REPORT

In answer to questions, the Health, Safety and Wellbeing Manager advised that the refuse truck incident referred to in the report occurred in the vicinity of the corner of Spa Road and Tauhara Road, not Taharepa. The truck was not overloaded and the incident had been appropriately investigated.

TDC202203/10 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anna Park

Seconded: Cr Tangonui Kingi

That Council receives the Health, Safety & Wellbeing Report – March 2022.

CARRIED

4.9 TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL PERFORMANCE REPORT FEBRUARY 2022

The Chief Executive introduced the item, noting that critical Council operations had continued in spite of the Omicron Covid-19 'wave' affecting the organisation. He thanked the whole Council team for their commitment and flexibility, working across the organisation, helping to distribute rapid antigen tests (RATs) and generally keeping services going for the community.

The General Manager Corporate advised that the Mangakino lakefront upgrade project had been added to the significant projects list; and that detailed financial information was now available to all Elected Members on a monthly basis via a new Finance Library in Diligent.

The Finance Manager summarised the financial information for the period to end of February 2022 and answered questions of clarification.

In answer to a question, the General Manager Corporate advised that there had been no transactions relating to the 'TEL' investment fund for several months. Transfer of the management of the fund to an external provider was being considered and further information about this would be brought to Elected Members in due course.

In answer to another question, the General Manager Planning and Strategy advised that Project Quantum would continue into the new financial year and had been incorporated into the draft Annual Plan budget. The General Manager Corporate added that the rating module would be one of the last modules to go live. The external costs associated with the project were fixed, however internal labour costs would increase as timeframes were extended. These labour costs would be capitalised onto the balance sheet.

TDC202203/11 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Christine Rankin
Seconded: Cr John Williamson

That Council notes the information contained in the Council Performance Report for the month of February 2022.

CARRIED

4.10 TRIENNIAL ELECTIONS 2022 - ORDER OF CANDIDATES' NAMES

TDC202203/12 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anna Park
Seconded: Cr Kylie Leonard

That pursuant to clause 31(1) Local Electoral Regulations 2001, Council hereby determines that the surnames of the candidates in the 2022 Taupō district elections and any by-elections during the 2022-2025 Triennium shall be arranged on the voting documents in random order.

CARRIED

4.11 COUNCIL ENGAGEMENTS APRIL 2022

The following updates were noted:

- The Taupō Airport Authority Committee meeting which was to have been held on 28 March had been moved to 4 April 2022.
- The Taupō East Rural Representative Group meeting originally scheduled to take place on 21 April would now take place on 28 April 2022.

TDC202203/13 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kylie Leonard
Seconded: Cr John Boddy

That Council receives the information relating to engagements for April 2022.

CARRIED

4.12 MEMBERS' REPORTS

The following members' reports were received:

Cr John Mack thanked the Chief Executive and senior leaders for keeping the Elected Members well informed of the review and lifting of vaccine mandates for Council facilities.

Cr Kylie Leonard congratulated Todd and Renee Halliday who had recently won the 2022 Central Plateau Share Farmers of the Year title. She also congratulated Maria Nepia who had been appointed Executive Director, Three Waters Iwi/Māori at Te Tari Taiwhenua Department of Internal Affairs.

Cr Yvonne Westerman reported on her attendance at a Taupō Sculpture Trust presentation of the proposed sculpture to be installed on the corner of Taharepa Road and Lake Terrace.

TDC202203/14 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Christine Rankin
 Seconded: Cr Yvonne Westerman

That Council receives the reports from members.

CARRIED

5 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

TDC202203/15 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anna Park
 Seconded: Cr Kathy Guy

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:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
<p>Agenda Item No: 5.1 Confirmation of Confidential Portion of Ordinary Council Minutes - 22 February 2022</p>	<p>Section 7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable [the Council] to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>Agenda Item No: 5.2 Contact Energy Land Transactions - Approval To Proceed</p>	<p>Section 7(2)(i) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable [the Council] to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>Agenda Item No: 5.3 Human Rights Commission Mediation - Delegation</p>	<p>Section 7(2)(g) - the withholding of the information is necessary to maintain legal professional privilege</p>	<p>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</p>

CARRIED

The meeting closed with a karakia from Cr Tangonui Kingi at 3.11pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the ordinary Council meeting held on 26 April 2022.

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CHAIRPERSON