

**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 MARCH 2022 AT 2.00PM**

**PRESENT:** Mr Clint Green (in the Chair), Cr John Mack, Ms Paula McRae (from 2.46pm), Mr Te Takinga New (from 2.06pm), Mr George O'Connor Patena, Mrs Donna Searancke, Mr Robert Severne (from 2.39pm)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Chief Executive, General Manager Policy and Strategy, Communications Manager, Community Engagement and Development Manager, Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner, Senior Engineering Officer-Transportation, Policy Advisor, Infrastructure Project Manager, Team Leader Customer Support Turangi/Mangakino, Strategic Partnerships Advisor, ICT Support Officer, Governance Quality Manager

**MEDIA AND PUBLIC:** Nil

- Notes:
- (i) Chairperson Mr Clint Green opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Mr George O'Connor Patena recited an opening karakia.
  - (ii) Mr Te Takinga New joined the meeting at 2.06pm. He was not present for resolutions TT202203/01-02.
  - (iii) Mr Robert Severne joined the meeting at 2.39pm He was not present for resolutions TT202203-01-04.
  - (iv) Ms Paula McRae joined the meeting at 2.46pm. She was not present for resolutions TT202203/01-05.

## 1 APOLOGIES

### TT202203/01 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr John Mack  
Seconded: Mr George O'Connor Patena

That the apologies received from Cr Tangonui Kingi (for absence) and Mr Rob Severne (for lateness) be accepted.

**CARRIED**

## 2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

## 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

### 3.1 TURANGI/TONGARIRO COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING - 2 FEBRUARY 2022

#### TT202203/02 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mr George O'Connor Patena  
Seconded: Cr John Mack

That the minutes of the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board meeting held on Wednesday 2 February 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

## 4 REPORTS

### 4.1 DRAFT SPEED MANAGEMENT PLAN - CONSULTATION

The Senior Engineering Officer-Transportation advised that consultation on the draft Speed Management Plan would open on 14 March. In answer to a question, he advised that the Consultation Document was 22 pages, however it was designed to be as user-friendly and accessible as possible. When people went online to view the information and make a submission, they could select which parts of the draft Speed Management Plan they were interested in, and only submit on those if they wished.

*Mr Te Takinga New joined the meeting at this point (2.06pm).*

Members made the following suggestions for engaging with people of the Tūrangi-Tongariro ward about the draft Speed Management Plan:

- Make a 1 page summary of proposed speed limits in and around Tūrangi. This could be shared on Facebook.
- Attend the Tūrangi market and pedestrian mall to engage with people face-to-face.
- Make information available at the iSite and service centre, also local petrol stations.
- A stall outside the supermarket on Thursdays or Fridays.

It was noted that Tautahanga Road and Te Tautahanga Road were the same road, although both were used in the consultation material.

The Senior Engineering Officer-Transportation advised that the draft Speed Management Plan would come back to the next Community Board meeting for members to consider making a formal submission.

### TT202203/03 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mrs Donna Searancke

Seconded: Cr John Mack

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board receives the draft speed management plan and the draft consultation document in preparation for consultation.

**CARRIED**

### 4.2 ANNUAL PLAN UPDATE

The Policy Advisor provided an explanation of the Annual Plan process. The following points were noted:

- Council's Long-term Plan 2021-31 (LTP) was adopted last year.
- The current Annual Plan process involved a review of Year 2 of that LTP, i.e. 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.
- Significant or material changes required consultation with the community.
- The Covid-19 pandemic had resulted in project delays due to difficulty sourcing materials. Costs had also increased by up to three times since the LTP was adopted. Therefore Council was consulting with the community on proposed changes in response to these challenges.
- Consultation would be undertaken in March and April, with a closing date for submissions of 14 April 2022.
- Council was proposing to extend the Tūrangi kerb and channel project over two years at a cost of \$4.4m, as the project would cost more than the amount provided by Central Government.
- Fees and charges were also being reviewed, with proposals to standardise entry fees and increase landfill charges as a result of Emissions Trading Scheme- and waste minimisation levy increases. Events and venues charges would also be included in this review.
- The Significance and Engagement Policy was being 'refreshed' in order to make the policy clearer.
- The other proposed change being consulted on was an increase to the targeted rate for the advocacy group, Towncentre Taupō.

Members discussed the Long-term Plan and Annual Plan processes, noting that it was important to explain to the community that most of the challenges facing Council related to capacity, i.e. there was only so much one council could achieve within the annual budget.

In answer to a question, the Policy Advisor confirmed that more information would be provided to the Community Board once the consultation period opened on 14 March. The Community Engagement and Development Manager added that teams would be working together to support the community to understand what is proposed through the Annual Plan and, in turn, how to express their views on those proposals.

#### **TT202203/04 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Mr George O'Connor Patena

Seconded: Cr John Mack

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board receives the update on Taupō District Council's Annual Plan.

**CARRIED**

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

The Tūrangi revitalisation (kerb and channel) Project Manager advised that he had been contacted by the contractors the day prior to the meeting about an incident involving a member of the community who had tripped over one of the string lines. The contractor was investigating the incident and staff would make contact with the person involved and deliver some flowers to them.

The Project Manager then provided a summary of his report and answered questions. The following points were noted:

- Issues continued to be addressed as they arose, to ensure the work was finished to a high standard.
- Weed spraying was underway, as was mulching and composting around the new trees.
- The tree removal and selection processes were still working well, with people asking for timeframes for removal and information about how to vote for their preferred trees. Planting would begin again in April.

At the conclusion of the Project Manager's presentation, members discussed the future in relation to the remainder of Tūrangi's kerb and channel infrastructure, once the current project had been completed. This would need to form part of Council's long-term planning process in due course.

*Mr Rob Severne joined the meeting at this point (2.39pm).*

#### **TT202203/05 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr John Mack

Seconded: Mr George O'Connor Patena

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

**CARRIED**

### **4.4 MONTHLY UPDATE - TURANGI CUSTOMER RELATIONS**

The Team Leader Customer Support Turangi/Mangakino made a PowerPoint presentation (A3105789). The following points were noted:

- Renovation work was progressing well at the Tūrangi customer and visitor support centre. The new meeting rooms had been named 'Tokaanu' and 'Pihanga'. Artwork would be displayed in the rooms. The emphasis was on 'Tūrangi pride'. Exterior signage would be installed in front and on the side of the centre.
- A display centre from the volcanic centre had been re-homed at Mind Junction Taupō.

- Foot traffic through the Tūrangi customer and visitor support centre had increased, with dog registrations and rates due.
- Service requests included barking dogs and damaged footpaths.
- The customer support team was back at full capacity, serving the Tūrangi community.

A member noted that the Tūrangi community sports facility project status was now 'green'. The General Manager Policy and Strategy advised that the scoping work had been completed and a consultant engaged to complete a feasibility study for the project by June 2022.

The General Manager Policy and Strategy added that the Te Kapua Park playground upgrade was progressing well, with signage and communications keeping the community informed.

*Ms Paula McRae joined the meeting at this point (2.46pm).*

Members discussed the iSite and expressed the hope that it would become the main place for people to visit, in order to obtain information and find out about Council's key projects in Tūrangi. People needed a welcoming, 'feel good' space to engage with Council representatives. A member added that infographs showing progress with the various projects would be a great way of sharing information with the community.

A member asked whether Tūrangi residents contacting Council's call centre could receive callbacks from Council staff based in Tūrangi, because staff based in Taupō were not always familiar with Tūrangi street names and places. The Team Leader Customer Support Turangi/Mangakino advised that he would discuss this with the contact centre team.

#### **TT202203/06 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Mrs Donna Searancke

Seconded: Mr Robert Severne

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board receives the update on themes and customer feedback presented on 2 March 2022.

**CARRIED**

#### **4.5 MONTHLY UPDATE - COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

The Community Engagement and Development Manager addressed the Community Board briefly, explaining that the engagement team tried to connect with people *kanohi ki te kanohi* wherever possible and that Council wanted to make it as easy as possible for people to provide feedback in whatever way they felt comfortable, either in person or in writing.

The Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner then provided an update on her mahi since the last meeting, with points noted as follows:

- It had been a busy five weeks, with lots of people visiting the iSite, including senior citizens expressing support for the new Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner role.
- Te Kapua Park engagement was well underway. Had visited three of the four *kohanga reo* and Tongariro School. The kids were so excited and full of ideas for Te Kapua Park – a lot of information had been gathered. Due to visit Te Kura o Hirangi the following week and collated feedback would then be provided to the project manager. Water play and barbeques were top of the list of items requested.
- The support she had received from Mr Jeff Bennett from Ngāti Tūrangitukua was invaluable and truly appreciated.
- The Tūrangi Recreation and Activity Centre project discussions had commenced. The consultant had been invited to the monthly meeting at Hirangi Marae and would then start conducting meetings with groups and people in the community to develop a clearer picture of what the facility could and should look like.
- She was enjoying spending Wednesdays at the Safetea HQ in Tūrangi town centre; a nice place to come and have a cup of tea and some fresh baked *rēwena* bread!

- Southern lakes communities including Pukawa, Kuratau, Whareroa and Omori – amazing mahi was happening in these communities and it was great to be meeting the local people and starting to build relationships with them.

In answer to a question, the General Manager Policy and Strategy advised that he would find out what happened to the suggested barbeque trials at Omori and Motuoapa.

A member suggested exercise stations for Te Kopua Park; the Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner advised that some of the children spoken to had suggested that too, along with soft seats.

Another member added that the donation given to Council years ago for the children of Tūrangi could be used as part of the Te Kapua Park project.

Mr Te Takinga New advised that Ngāti Tūrangitukua's monthly meeting would not be taking place in person now, due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

#### **TT202203/07 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Ms Paula McRae

Seconded: Mr Robert Severne

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board receives the Community Engagement update.

**CARRIED**

#### **4.6 MEMBERS' REPORTS**

The following members' reports were received:

**Cr John Mack** commented on the three major projects happening in Tūrangi – it could not be overstated how important these projects were for the community.

**Mrs Donna Searancke** reported that she and Chairperson Mr Clint Green had met with Sergeant Te Reipa Morunga. Issues discussed included the wifi at the Library and the use of motorbikes around the town centre. She asked staff to investigate alternative areas for people to safely use dirt bikes. **Mr Clint Green** added that the issue of missing or damaged bollards on walkways had also been discussed at that meeting.

**Mr George O'Connor Patena** reported that:

- The Community Engagement and Development Manager and the Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner had met with him and Mr Steve Sanderson in Whareroa. It was a three-hour meeting and concerns were raised, but the staff members' attendance and willingness to sit down and meet face-to-face was appreciated.
- He had met with Omori, Kuratau and Pukawa residents, who were keen to meet with the Team Leader Customer Support Turangi/Mangakino and the Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner.
- The Omori Kuratau Residents' Association had indicated a wish to discuss hall tenure.
- The new Tokaanu stream committee had secured funding from Genesis Energy and Waikato Regional Council to kill willow trees from Perepeka to Oasis bend. This work would continue until April, then recommence October to May 2023.
- Kanohi ki te kanohi engagement was certainly appreciated.

**Mr Te Takinga New:**

- Requested letters be sent as agreed at the last meeting.
- Expressed appreciation for Council's leadership and support of the build at Tūrangitukua Park.
- Reported on his attendance at a recent hui with UCOL and the Ministry of Social Development, the aim of which was to support young people working in the building and trades industries. A 'big picture' approach was needed, with collaboration between agencies. One of the biggest issues was transport for young people.
- Thanked staff for changing the clause in Council report templates relating to Māori engagement.
- Acknowledged and called for celebration of women as part of International Women's Day, 8 March.

**Mr Robert Severne** reported on the following:

- A meeting with the frisbee golf whānau would be held to work through possible solutions to support the activity in these challenging times.
- Had discussed problems with motorbikes at an informal meeting with Police. It was hoped that the bollards solution could be implemented.
- Had conducted a survey of shop keepers / people in the town centre to obtain views about the electric vehicle charging station. Approximately 70% of the people surveyed were in favour.
- Would work with fellow Community Board member, Mr George O'Connor Patena, to plan something for Matariki.
- Had responded to resident enquiries, especially relating to trees. The watering trucks were appreciated.
- Re-barking in Motuoapa had been well received by residents there.
- Omori – Kuratau children had asked for the tennis courts to be repainted; he would investigate and follow up with them.
- Various groups in the community had been collaborating to support young people from Tūrangi to attend training in Taupō; this was positive and would result in a reduction in the number of beneficiaries.

At the conclusion of the members' reports, the Team Leader Customer Support Turangi/Mangakino advised that Amplify's wifi was turned off between midnight and 5.30am to discourage people congregating in the town centre. The General Manager Policy and Strategy added that the Library wifi was turned off earlier than midnight for the same reason.

#### **TT202203/08 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Mr George O'Connor Patena

Seconded: Mrs Donna Searancke

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

**CARRIED**

## **5 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**

#### **TT202203/09 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Mr Clint Green

Seconded: Mrs Donna Searancke

#### **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
<b>Agenda Item No: 5.1</b> Confirmation of Confidential Portion of Turangi/Tongariro Community Board Minutes - 2 February 2022	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 Rob Severne at 3.41pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board meeting held on 6 April 2022.

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**CHAIRPERSON**