

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE TŪRANGI/TONGARIRO COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING  
HELD AT THE BOARDROOM, TŪRANGI SERVICE CENTRE, TOWN CENTRE, TŪRANGI  
ON WEDNESDAY, 4 MAY 2022 AT 2.00PM**

**PRESENT:** Mr Robert Severne (in the Chair), Cr Tangonui Kingi, Ms Paula McRae (from 2.03pm), Mr Te Takinga New, Mr George O'Connor Patena, Mrs Donna Searancke

**IN ATTENDANCE:** General Manager - Planning and Strategy, District Customer Relations Manager, Team Leader Customer Support Tūrangi and Mangakino, Infrastructure Project Manager – Operations, Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner, Governance Quality Manager

**MEDIA AND PUBLIC:** Nil

*Notes* (i) Chair Mr Robert Severne opened the meeting with a karakia.  
(ii) Ms Paula McRae entered the meeting at 2.03pm. She was not present for resolutions TT202205/01-02.

**1 WHAKAPĀHA**

**APOLOGIES**

**TT202205/01 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Tangonui Kingi  
Seconded: Mr George O'Connor Patena

That the apologies received from Mr Clint Green and Cr John Mack be accepted.

**CARRIED**

**2 NGĀ WHAKAPĀNGA TUKITUKI**

**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Nil

**3 WHAKAMANATANGA O NGĀ MENETI**

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**3.1 TŪRANGI/TONGARIRO COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING - 6 APRIL 2022**

**TT202205/02 TE WHAKATAUNGA RESOLUTION**

Moved: Mrs Donna Searancke  
Seconded: Mr George O'Connor Patena

That the minutes of the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board meeting held on Wednesday 6 April 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

## 4 NGĀ RIPOATA

### REPORTS

#### 4.1 MONTHLY UPDATE - TŪRANGI REVITALISATION (KERB AND CHANNEL) PROJECT

*Ms Paula McRae joined the meeting at this point (2.03pm).*

Further to the report provided, the Infrastructure Project Manager – Operations advised that from the beginning of the following week replanting to bigger trees would commence in Te Iwiheke, Maria and Mawake Places.

In response to Service Requests received, the stump to a fallen tree in Patikura Place would be removed. The owner of a motel near Raukura Street asked for additional concrete work on their driveway but was advised this was out of scope of the project and given contact details of the construction company.

Following questions by members, the Infrastructure Project Manager – Operations confirmed the following:

- Some of the berms, including those on Mawake Place would be mowed. A lot of weeds have been removed by spraying and those berms which haven't taken would be re-seeded, and kept watered.
- Let downs on Mawake Place had been quoted and approved so would be completed in the near future.
- The Principal of Te Kura o Hirangi had been informed of the work taking place in Mawake Place and supports it.
- The project was currently tracking within budget.

Timing of the remaining packages was confirmed as follows:

Package	Scheduled to finish (month, year)
Three	October 2022
Four	May 2023
Five	December 2023

#### TT202205/03 TE WHAKATAUNGA RESOLUTION

Moved: Mr Te Takinga New

Seconded: Mrs Donna Searancke

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board receives the information on the Turangi Revitalisation Project as presented on 4 May 2022.

**CARRIED**

#### 4.2 MONTHLY UPDATE - TŪRANGI CUSTOMER RELATIONS

##### Visitor Numbers

The Team Leader Customer Support Tūrangi and Mangakino confirmed that the information provided on the report was for April 2022. Omicron affected service levels in the district in April but Tūrangi was able to remain open. Foot traffic had increased due to school holidays and the international borders opening.

There was a good response to the whio blue duck walk with lots of families asking for the forms to complete from the i-Site Tūrangi.

##### State Highway 1 Underpass Light

The Team Leader Customer Support Tūrangi and Mangakino advised that Council had been in contact with Waka Kotahi regarding the lighting in the State Highway 1 underpass. The Contact Centre had been advised that the light was not working and Council were lodging Service Requests to record complaints to provide to Waka Kotahi. Members expressed concern that the community had not been kept informed of progress and

asked that Council get a response from Waka Kotahi especially given the health and safety risks with the lack of light. Bollards had been put in the underpass to stop cars driving through.

### **Autumn Leaves**

The Team Leader Customer Support Tūrangi and Mangakino advised that he and his team are giving the public free bags for leaves collection to be taken to the Tūrangi Transfer Station. They would communicate this to the community. In answer to questions, the Team Leader for Parks and Reserves Tūrangi confirmed that a truck sweeps leaves from the streets but not the berms. The public are notified in the Tūrangi Times regarding the schedule of the truck, and the Customer Support team are also notified.

### **Roaming dogs**

Complaints regarding roaming dogs had increased and as a result the Compliance team had increased their numbers assisting in Tūrangi to three officers, particularly if attending high risk properties. The numbers increased over the school holidays and a member's neighbour left their dog behind which was collected by Compliance Officers.

### **I-Site Tūrangi update**

The Customer Support team intended to get ANZAC flags in time for ANZAC 2023.

The upgrade to the meeting rooms at the Tūrangi i-Site was almost complete and the Board should be able to meet there from June onwards because it was now operational. The boardroom and electrics were being finished, along with the the new signage reflecting that from July onwards it would no longer be part of the i-Site brand.

In response to a query from a member, the District Customer Relations Manager confirmed that members of the public could use the meeting spaces for free as it is a community facility. However, they would need to be mindful of the opening hours of the visitor centre, as well as meet certain criteria to qualify for use of the space.

The General Manager - Planning and Strategy confirmed that the blessing of Tūrangitukua Park would take place on 16 May and that all of the Board were invited. The District Customer Relations Manager advised that the intention was to bless the new meeting space at the i-Site on the day of the next board meeting.

### **Rubbish and Recycling**

The Tūrangi Transfer Station had been under a lot of use over the school holidays and following long weekends which was due to a delay in getting a truck and extra bins down from Taupō. This had since been resolved.

Whareroa held their Annual General Meeting at Easter and queries were raised as to who was eligible to use the Whareroa Transfer Station. The General Manager - Planning and Strategy advised that it was open to anyone and keys were provided to people for green waste. He advised he would follow up with the Asset Manager Stormwater & Solid Waste and his team regarding the gate being locked most of the time.

## **TT202205/04 TE WHAKATAUNGA RESOLUTION**

Moved: Ms Paula McRae  
Seconded: Cr Tangonui Kingi

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board receives the update on themes and customer feedback presented on 4 May 2022.

**CARRIED**

## **4.3 MONTHLY UPDATE - COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

The Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner advised that submissions for the Speed Management Plan would close on 13 May and so far there had been close to 200 submissions. Council had received good engagement from Tūrangi at a couple of pop up sessions. The Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner advised that there would be a slight restructure of the Community and Engagement team which the Community Engagement and Development Manger would share with them next month.

The Co-Governance Manager tabled a document (A3128327) outlining the establishment timeframes of the Mana Whakahono up until May 2023. Both Council and Ngāti Tūrangitukua had adopted the Mana Whakahono and the Board had been invited to the signing ceremony on 11 June.

Ngāti Tūrangitukua would undertake their election process in June, and would welcome new members in July. The Board expressed their desire for an informal wananga to share learnings in August. The Board supported an event to acknowledge and celebrate the Tūrangī-Tongariro Community Board past and present members of which details would be discussed at the June meeting.

#### **TT202205/05 TE WHAKATAUNGA RESOLUTION**

Moved: Mr George O'Connor Patena

Seconded: Ms Paula McRae

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board receives the report from the Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner and the update from Co-Governance Manager on Mana Whakahono.

**CARRIED**

#### **4.4 MEMBERS' REPORTS**

The following members' reports were received:

Mrs Donna Searancke:

- The Tongariro School rugby games would commence the following Saturday from 12pm at the school with the First and Second boys' team, and the girls' team. Junior rugby has started up in Taupō and the Tongariro Womens' rugby team played their first game at Owen Delaney Park two weeks ago. The Rangatahi hub in the school holidays was a success and the fitness club weightlifting competitions were going well. Tūrangī fitness were holding five classes per week including weights, high intensity interval training, and boxfit.

Mr George O'Connor Patena:

- The Tūrangī-Tongariro Community Board had been invited to attend the Tūrangī Dambusters Rugby League Carnival from 10am on 15 May at Tūrangitukua Park. This would be a great opportunity for the Board to engage with the community.
- An ANZAC dawn ceremony had been organised by the Omori Kuratau Charitable Trust with around 150 people attending.
- The Board members had been invited to an Omori Kuratau Charitable Trust quiz night in the Omori hall for a cost of \$80 per table of eight people on 14 May. Drinks and nibbles were not provided but could be brought in and dress up was optional.
- At the Whareroa AGM over Easter the issue was raised around freedom camping in Whareroa and the lack of signs apart from at the public toilet. The General Manager - Planning and Strategy advised that best practice is to call the Council so that the after hours team Senjo can move campers on and there is a record.
- In Omori there had been issues with people driving quad bikes during the night which has been reported to the police and needs to be continuously reported if it occurs.
- Funding had been received for an art exhibition over Matariki commencing with a quiet opening on the evening of 23 June. The exhibition would be opened to the public in Whareroa for 9 days and then moved to Tokaanu. The lightboxes represent the stars of Matariki and there are two art pieces representing Kuia and Koroua. Each box contains a brief description of the stars, the connection to the environment and a QR code with more information. Invitations would be sent through to the Community Engagement and Development Manager as well as to the community.

Mr Te Takinga New:

- Acknowledged and congratulated Council for adopting the Mana Whakahono but first Ngāti Tūrangitukua should be acknowledged. As mana whenua they should be able to make decisions on their land but this agreement gives them only 50% of the decision-making. He would like the Board to thank the Mayor and Councillors formally by letter, and also for them to thank Council staff for their work on this Co-Governance agreement.
- Looked forward to education and messages from Council acknowledging Matariki and would

encourage work with Ngāti Kurauia because all the street names in Tokaanu are named after stars and constellations.

Ms Paula McRae:

- Thanked the members' for their contributions and news.

Mr Robert Severne:

- Frisbee golf had their first club day and going forward club days will be from 5pm on Monday nights. The course is near the coffee cart and the old State Highway and has nine par 3 holes. There are three types of frisbees (drivers, mid-ranges and putters) and the aim is to get them in the baskets and record the score. The Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner is assisting the ambassador of the club to seek permission from Ngāti Tūrangitukua Charitable Trust and Waka Kotahi as the owners of the land. Council have given their consent provided there is landowner permission.
- Tautoko member Te Takinga New's comments and thanked Mayor and Councillors for adopting the Mana Whakahono.
- Raukura Road residents had passed on their thanks for the revitalisation project.

The Board would like to thank Tūrangī librarian Pam Quinlan and recognise her contribution to the community. The District Customer Relations Manager advised she would organise something on behalf of the Board and invited them to attend Pam's farewell the following Friday.

#### **TT202205/06 TE WHAKATAUNGA RESOLUTION**

Moved: Mr Te Takinga New

Seconded: Mrs Donna Searancke

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

**CARRIED**

#### **5 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**

Nil

**The meeting closed at 3.22pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board meeting held on 1 June 2022.**

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**CHAIRPERSON**