

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE INAUGURAL TŪRANGI CO-GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE TŪRANGITUKUA BUILDING, 130 ATIRAU ROAD, TŪRANGI  
ON WEDNESDAY, 1 MARCH 2023 AT 9:30AM**

**PRESENT:** Mayor David Trewavas (in the Chair), Mr Te Takinga New (Co-Chair), Member Christian Asher, Member Lauren Fletcher, Cr Sandra Greenslade, Member Amanda Martin, Cr Kevin Taylor, Member Amy Walker

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Chief Executive, Deputy Chief Executive, General Manager People and Customer, Environmental Services Manager, Legal Risk and Governance Manager, District Customer Relations Manager, Iwi and Co Governance Manager, Iwi Engagement Partner, Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner, Executive Manager Mayor's Office, Co-Governance Management Partner, Resource Consents Manager, Governance Quality Manager, Team Leader Customer Support Tūrangi, Communications Specialist, Senior Committee Advisor

**MEDIA AND PUBLIC:** Seven members of the public, including Ngāti Tūrangitukua whānau members.

- Notes:
- (i) *Co-Chair Mr Te Takinga New opened the meeting with a mihi on behalf of Ngāti Tūrangitukua followed by a waiata. Co-Chair Mayor David Trewavas responded with a mihi on behalf of Taupō District Council followed by a waiata.*
  - (ii) *Co-Chair Mr Te Takinga New delivered a karakia before handing over to Co-Chair Mayor David Trewavas.*
  - (iii) *Cr Danny Loughlin apologised for not being able to be present due to a prior commitment.*

**1 KARAKIA**

**2 WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES**

Nil

**3 NGĀ WHAKAPĀNGA TUKITUKI | CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Nil

**4 WHAKAMANATANGA O NGĀ MENETI | CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Nil

**5 NGĀ KAUPAPA HERE ME NGĀ WHAKATAUNGA | POLICY AND DECISION MAKING**

**5.1 ELECTION OF CO-CHAIR FOR THE MEETING**

**TCG202303/01 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Mr Te Takinga New  
Seconded: Member Lauren Fletcher

That the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee elects Co-Chair Mayor David Trewavas to Chair this hui.

**CARRIED**

## 5.2 MIHIMIHI - INTRODUCTIONS

The Committee members introduced themselves to all present.

**Deputy Mayor Cr Kevin Taylor** delivered his pepeha and informed the Committee that he lived in the Taupō district by choice and was pleased to be there.

**Cr Sandra Greenslade** delivered her pepeha and informed the Committee that it was a privilege for her to be there and a step in the right direction for Tūrangi.

**Member Amanda Martin** informed the Committee that she lived and worked in Tūrangi for a counselling agency addressing drug abuse. She was looking forward to the development and growth of all and wanted the best outcomes for the community.

**Member Amy Walker** delivered her pepeha and connected the past, present and future with the whakataukī “Kia whakatōmuri te haere whakamua”. As a descendent of Ngāti Tūrāngitukua she was a kaihiaki for them and would assist to guide them forward. She brought perspective to the Committee and would uphold and honour Tūrāngitukua because what was good for them would be good for all.

**Member Lauren Fletcher** delivered her pepeha and informed the Committee that she was born and bred in Tūrangi benefitting from the education system run by her relatives in the township. She now worked for the Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board and was Chair of the Ngāti Tūrāngitukua Charitable Trust.

**Member Christian Asher** felt a sense of responsibility and acknowledged Amy Walker’s comments regarding looking to the past to bring a better future. It was a privilege and honour for him to serve among his community and hapū. He acknowledged his mentors and tutors and was blessed to serve in his community and be trusted by them.

**Co-Chair Te Takinga New** delivered his pepeha and acknowledged in both Te Reo Māori and English the effects of the past on the Ngāti Tūrāngitukua people that had lived in this area. The building where the meeting was taking place had once been where decisions were passed to destroy the hill where it stood. It was therefore appropriate that this meeting took place in the same location in order to begin the restoration process.

While Ngāti Tūrāngitukua had once had the ability to make all decisions relating to their lands, this had been taken from them and then returned in the Te Tiriti o Waitangi Settlement. Regardless of private ownership, Mr New acknowledged the land that had once belonged to them, acknowledged Pihanga and the aunties in the room who had once played there.

Mr New reflected that 11 years ago he had spoken with his grandmother when he was elected to the Tūrangi Tongariro Community Board and that it had taken a long time for Ngāti Tūrāngitukua to have their voice heard. His great-grandmother had stood in front of tractors across the road from where they now stood where Ngātoroirangi had built a settlement. The landscapes had changed and Mr New acknowledged the dreams and aspirations his ancestors had once had for them. Moving forward, there was a big role for this Committee to play to support and empower better outcomes for the people and community of Tūrangi. Leadership was required in the town of Tūrangi by way of this Committee to ensure it was seen and heard.

Mr New acknowledged the effects of the recent Cyclone Gabrielle and thanked the community and staff for coming together to clear roads and make areas safe for others.

This inaugural hui was a big step towards welcoming everyone home. Ngāti Tūrāngitukua looked forward to the induction at Hirangi Marae and sharing their values, including moving forward together.

**Co-Chair Mayor David Trewavas** supported what Te Takinga New had said regarding needing to move forward. He was honoured and proud to be part of this Committee and privileged to Chair the first hui. He thanked all of those attending.

### TCG202303/02 RESOLUTION

Moved: Member Lauren Fletcher

Seconded: Cr Sandra Greenslade

That the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee receives the information provided by members by way of mihi/introduction.

**CARRIED**

### **5.3 PURPOSE, PRINCIPLES AND PROCEDURES OF THE TŪRANGI CO-GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

The General Manager People and Customer introduced herself with a mihi and her pepeha and acknowledged the mahi and all that had been achieved to bring this first Committee meeting into fruition. She confirmed that the principles of the Mana Whakahono ā Rohe would be followed and that the structure outlined in the report helped achieve efficiencies for the Committee going forward. She reiterated that Council staff were available to support the Committee's work, and the success of the Committee.

Co-Chairs Mayor David Trewavas and Mr Te Takinga New agreed that items to go on Committee agendas could be directed to them and they would liaise with Council staff to ensure they were added.

The Governance Quality Manager confirmed that the Standing Orders and the procedures to be appended to them would be for the current triennium (until 2025). She confirmed that each agenda going forward could include an item allowing members of the public to address the Committee. If noone wished to address the Committee, members could move on to the next item on the agenda.

#### **TCG202303/03 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Member Christian Asher

Seconded: Member Lauren Fletcher

That the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee:

1. receives the information provided to support members in their role for the 2022-2025 Triennium; and
2. adopts the procedures to be appended to Standing Orders for the 2022-2025 Triennium.

**CARRIED**

### **6 NGĀ KŌRERO TŪMATAITI | CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**

Nil

**The meeting closed at 10.19am.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee Meeting held on 5 April 2023.**

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**CHAIRPERSON**