

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 107 TE HEUHEU STREET, TAUPŌ
ON TUESDAY, 28 MARCH 2023 AT 1.00PM**

PRESENT: Mayor David Trewavas (in the Chair), Cr Duncan Campbell, Cr Karam Fletcher, Cr Sandra Greenslade, Cr Kylie Leonard (via MS Teams), Cr Danny Loughlin, Cr Anna Park, Cr Christine Rankin (via MS Teams), Cr Rachel Shepherd, Cr Kevin Taylor, Cr Yvonne Westerman, Cr John Williamson

IN ATTENDANCE: Acting Chief Executive, General Manager Finance and Environment, General Manager People and Customer, General Manager Operations and Delivery, Executive Manager Mayor's Office, Executive Manager Housing & Property Investment, Project Management Office Manager, Finance Manager, Communications Manager, Legal Risk and Governance Manager, Policy Manager, Senior Policy Advisor, Policy Advisor, Communications Specialist, Senior Solicitor, Governance Quality Manager, Executive Assistant, Senior Committee Advisor

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: Two members of the public

- Notes:
- (i) Cr Duncan Campbell opened and closed the meeting with a Christian song Jesus Walking on the Water.
 - (ii) Crs Kylie Leonard and Christine Rankin joined the meeting via Microsoft (MS) Teams
 - (iii) Mayor David Trewavas advised that this meeting was not being live-streamed but a recording would be made available on Council's website.
 - (iv) Mayor David Trewavas advised that item 5.5 had been withdrawn.
 - (v) A moment's silence was observed for former Mayor Joan Williamson who recently passed away.

1 KARAKIA

2 WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES

TDC202303/01 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anna Park

Seconded: Cr Danny Loughlin

That the apology received from Cr Kirsty Trueman be accepted.

CARRIED

3 NGĀ WHAKAPĀNGA TUKITUKI | CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Yvonne Westerman noted that her business was involved in the sale of Nga Roto. (Item 5.2)

4 WHAKAMANATANGA O NGĀ MENETI | CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 28 FEBRUARY 2023

TDC202303/02 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Danny Loughlin
Seconded: Cr Rachel Shepherd

That the public and confidential portions of the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 28 February 2023 be confirmed as true and correct records.

CARRIED

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

5.1 MEMBERS' PORTFOLIO UPDATES

Elected Members shared the following updates in addition to those provided in the report:

Cr Christine Rankin

- Attended a Waiora House meeting the previous week and reported that they were looking at getting funding for art (external to the Council). The progress on the building of Waiora House was great.
- Kinloch Kindergarten land had been donated, and the developer had talked to Council about resource consents.
- Accepted an appointment to the Board of Lake Taupō Hospice.

Cr Rachel Shepherd

- Attended the Sport NZ hui in Wellington on Monday 13 March and enjoyed meeting people and learning how sport affects the district.
- Attended the Lake Taupō District Sports Advisory Council (SAC) meeting on Tuesday 21 March.

Cr Karam Fletcher

- Had met with organisations for catch ups and advised that rangatahi were excited about youth leadership opportunities coming up.

Cr Kevin Taylor

- CCTV and lighting in the Taupō CBD was being investigated with external government agencies and Council staff.

Cr Anna Park

- Volunteered at Ironman New Zealand on Saturday 4 March and reported that it was great to see so many people in town.
- Attended the blessing of the ground where the Council would be a tenant in the future (the Council Administration Building).
- Attended the Waikato Civil Defence and Emergency Management Joint Committee meeting 27 March and was attending weekly meetings with the National Emergency Management Agency.
- Was meeting with Filipino and Pacific Island groups in the community to engage with them on the Annual Plan process.

Cr Yvonne Westerman

- Attended the Annual General Meeting for the Waipahihi Botanical Society Inc. The event was well attended.

Cr Kylie Leonard

- Attended the Central Plateau New Zealand Dairy Industry Awards on 3 March which celebrated those up and coming in the industry.
- Hosted the Chief Executive of Fonterra on Monday 20 March along with other shareholders.
- Met with the Minister of Agriculture Hon Damien O'Connor 27 March.

Mayor David Trewavas

- The inaugural Pride Picnic at the Tongariro North Domain was well attended on Saturday 25 March.
- The Under 20 Super Rugby teams played in Taupō the previous week which was a great boost for the local motels, and it was great to see the young players.
- Thanked those that joined him in handing over the Chief Executive Gareth Green to the New Plymouth District Council.
- The Age Concern expo last Friday 24 March at the Great Lake Centre was well attended.
- Spoke to students at Taupō-nui-a-Tia College.

Cr Sandra Greenslade

- Attended the inaugural meetings of the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee and Tongariro Representative Group on 1 and 15 March respectively.
- The Tūrangi sports facility had been gifted the name Te Mataapuna by Ngāti Tūrangitukua and would be officially opened the following month.
- Te Kapua Park playground was on track to be completed by mid-July, in time for Matariki.
- Attended a meeting with external stakeholders and government agencies regarding the lake levels and erosion.
- Attended a meeting hosted by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) regarding the Equitable Transitions Strategy.
- Attended a Local Government New Zealand hui in Karapiro last Friday 24 March.
- Attended Tūrangi Business After 5 and learned that the Trout Centre would be funding an education programme for children.

Cr John Williamson

- Acknowledged the passing of Betty Reid who was an Anglican minister and helped to establish netball in Taupō in the 1940s.

Cr Duncan Campbell

- Also attended the blessing of the new boats with Cr Yvonne Westerman at the Taupō Rowing Club on Sunday 5 March.

TDC202303/03 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rachel Shepherd

Seconded: Cr Danny Loughlin

That Council receives the portfolio updates from members.

CARRIED

5.2 MINISTERIAL CONSENT TO UNISON NETWORKS LIMITED EASEMENT OVER LOCAL PURPOSE (ACCESS) RESERVE - NGA ROTO STAGE 11

The Senior Solicitor noted that this item would usually be brought to the Taupō Reserves and Roding Committee but due to the timing was brought to Council.

TDC202303/04 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kevin Taylor
Seconded: Cr John Williamson

That Council

1. gives ministerial consent to the grant of easements in favour of Unison Networks Limited for right (in gross) to convey electricity and right (in gross) to convey telecommunications over Lots 612 and 613 DP 586492 (Local Purpose Reserve - Accessway) pursuant to section 48(1) of the Reserves Act 1977; and
2. authorises the Chief Executive and Mayor to sign the requisite certificate on behalf of Council.

CARRIED

5.3 HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELLBEING REPORT

The Health, Safety and Well-Being Manager highlighted that this report included the serious near miss on 13 February following the extreme wind gusts associated with Cyclone Gabrielle.

In answer to a question, she confirmed that an electrical audit was taking place at all of the waste water and water treatment plants across the district. The audit was focussing on earthing, and reporting on age and operational defects of equipment.

TDC202303/05 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Danny Loughlin
Seconded: Cr Anna Park

That Council receives the Health, Safety & Wellbeing Report – February 2023.

CARRIED

5.4 ADOPTION OF CONSULTATION DOCUMENT FOR ANNUAL PLAN 2023-24

The Senior Policy Advisor drew the members' attention to the amended recommendations to reflect the changed names of the supporting documents.

The Acting Chief Executive and General Manager Operations and Delivery advised they would clarify the fees for adults using the Climbing Wall at the Taupō Events Centre, and what would happen to the current playground equipment in Tūrangi once the new Te Kapua Park playground was completed.

TDC202303/06 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Yvonne Westerman

Seconded: Cr Kevin Taylor

That Council:

1. adopts the following supporting information for the draft Annual Plan 2023-24:
 - a. Draft prospective Financial Statements and Capital Expenditure 2023-24 statements
 - b. Taupo District Council Capital Expenditure Programme
 - c. Draft changes to Fees and Charges 2023-24.
2. adopts the consultation document for the Annual Plan 2023-24.

CARRIED

5.5 ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMITTEE TO OVERSEE THE MOTUTERE RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW

Item **withdrawn**.

5.6 TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL PERFORMANCE REPORT - FEBRUARY 2023

The Acting Chief Executive was proud of the support given by Council staff and the community in response to Cyclone Gabrielle.

The Finance Manager advised that net wage costs would exceed budgets by \$1.5m due to market inflation which was much higher than expected. She also advised that interest cost would exceed budget by \$1.34m and that interest revenue on general funds would be at least \$1.37m.

The Project Management Office Manager thanked members for their support at the openings of the Town Centre Taupō and Taupō Airport. She advised the following:

- the play equipment in the Te Kapua Park Playground included a waka with kōwhaiwhai patterns
- the community consultation for the Mangakino Lakefront Upgrade Project had been completed.

In answer to a question, the Project Management Office Manager confirmed that extensions to the Tūrangi Street Revitalisation Project had been approved by MBIE. The challenges encountered due to concrete supply had gone in a business case to MBIE to be approved for stage five of the project.

TDC202303/07 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Sandra Greenslade

Seconded: Cr Danny Loughlin

That Council notes the information contained in the Performance Report for the month of February 2023.

CARRIED

5.7 ADOPTION OF TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2022-2025 TRIENNIUM

The Acting Chief Executive advised members that this was a standard document which was required to be adopted at the beginning of each triennium.

The following motion was put to the meeting:

MOTION

Moved: Cr Duncan Campbell

Seconded: Cr Rachel Shepherd

That Council adopts the Taupō District Council Local Governance Statement for the 2022-2025 Triennium, with the following amendment:

- Deletion of the words “following engagement with the community” in clause 5.3 Māori Wards and Constituencies.

MOTION LOST

The majority of members disagreed with this motion and highlighted that engagement regarding establishing Māori wards had been extensive with the community, including iwi and hapū, since 2016.

TDC202303/08 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Yvonne Westerman

Seconded: Cr Karam Fletcher

That Council adopts the Taupō District Council Local Governance Statement for the 2022-2025 Triennium [A3284364].

CARRIED

5.8 COUNCIL ENGAGEMENTS APRIL 2023

The Senior Committee Advisor advised the following changes to engagements for April 2023:

ENGAGEMENT	CHANGES
Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting (Tūrangi Customer and Visitor Information Centre, 1 Ngawaka Place, Tūrangi)	Would now take place on the same day (Wednesday 5 April) but at 2pm.
Closed Workshop: Taupō Airport Authority Committee Landing Fees	Would now take place on Monday 24 April from 9.30am – 10.30am.

She advised the following additional engagements:

ENGAGEMENT	DAY	DATE	TIME
Mangakino Pouakani Representative Group Induction / Operations training (Mangakino Library, Rangatira Drive, Mangakino)	Monday	3	4pm-5pm
Ngāti Tūrāngitukua-led induction for all Taupō District Council Elected Members (Hirangi Marae, 29 Hirangi Road, Tūrangi)	Wednesday	5	9am-1pm
Taupō Airport Authority Committee Induction (Conference room, Taupō Airport, ANZAC Memorial Drive, Taupō)	Friday	28	11.30am-2.30pm

TDC202303/09 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rachel Shepherd

Seconded: Cr Danny Loughlin

That Council receives the information relating to engagements for April 2023.

CARRIED

6 NGĀ KŌRERO TŪMATAITI | CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil

The meeting closed at 1.46pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 27 April 2023.

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CHAIRPERSON