

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 107 TE HEUHEU STREET, TAUPŌ
ON TUESDAY, 4 APRIL 2023 AT 10.15AM**

PRESENT: Mayor David Trewavas (in the Chair), Cr Duncan Campbell, Cr Sandra Greenslade, Cr Anna Park, Cr Christine Rankin, Cr Rachel Shepherd, Cr Kevin Taylor, Cr Yvonne Westerman, Cr John Williamson

IN ATTENDANCE: Acting Chief Executive, General Manager People and Customer, General Manager Operations and Delivery, Community Engagement and Development Manager, Executive Manager Mayor's Office, Policy Manager, Events and Venues Manager, Senior Policy Advisor, Senior Advisor – Climate Change, Policy Advisor, Parks Manager – Town Centres, Policy Advisor, Governance Quality Manager, Senior Committee Advisor

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: 11 members of the public in person, one member of the public via MS Teams.

Note: Deputy Mayor Cr Kevin Taylor opened and closed the meeting with a karakia.

1 KARAKIA

2 WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES

TDC202304/01 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Yvonne Westerman

Seconded: Cr Anna Park

That the apologies received from Crs Karam Fletcher, Kylie Leonard, Danny Loughlin and Kirsty Trueman be accepted.

CARRIED

3 NGĀ WHAKAPĀNGA TUKITUKI | CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Anna Park noted that her son contributed to an idea contained in the Taupō Cricket submission # 92.

4 WHAKAMANATANGA O NGĀ MENETI | CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Nil

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

5.1 HEARINGS AND DELIBERATIONS ON THE DRAFT RECREATION AND SPORT STRATEGY PRINCIPLES

The Senior Advisor – Climate Change introduced the first submitter and explained to the members that each submitter would speak for 5 minutes and answer any questions members had.

Hearing of Submissions

The following submitters spoke to their submissions and answered questions, with key points as noted below:

88 – Melissa Cameron, Hugh Munroe, Sarah Williams from Taupō Rowing and Julie Gordon from Taupō Waka Ama

A Powerpoint presentation (A3312096) was given showing photographs to support the submission.

In answer to questions, Ms Cameron and Mrs Gordon confirmed that both clubs had a good relationship with the Taupō Yacht Club. They advised that the Taupō Yacht Club was keen to collaborate but more conversations were needed going forward. If the two clubs could use the kitchen and toilet facilities of the Yacht Club, a simpler facility would be required by the Taupō Rowing and Taupō Waka Ama clubs.

91 – Belinda Walker, Kinloch Families Trust

A Powerpoint presentation (A3312093) was given.

Ms Walker asked for Kinloch to be considered as a location for community involvement when Council was seeking feedback, in addition to Taupō, Tūrangi and Mangakino. They had a permanent resident population of around 1200-1500. She reiterated that Kinloch Families Trust was concerned about lack of wheelchair access and shade at playgrounds, and safety for the area by the lakefront at Kinloch where pedestrians and cars were close to each other.

92 – Belinda Walker, Taupō Cricket

A Powerpoint presentation (A3312089) was given including ideas for an additional small building at Owen Delany Park to service cricket, rugby and other sports. The structure would include toilets, and scope for a viewing deck to be added. This would help for multiple sports, especially given that nine out of 18 cricket playing times had been cancelled the previous season due to weather.

93 – Belinda Walker and Howard Jones, Taupō Basketball

A Powerpoint presentation (A3312091) was given.

Ms Walker and Mr Jones advised that the facilities in Taupō were fit for basic level use only and that in order to encourage more uptake of the sport, an additional court was required to support senior school competitions and more events. In the long-term, a multi-sport facility was required for the following reasons:

- The current facilities were not up to standard for NBL and senior sport competitions
- There was a need to host more teams
- Basketball could not currently be grown with representative teams because there were not enough courts for practice
- Disadvantaged children were not able to be encouraged to play due to lack of courts and equipment.

In answer to a question, Ms Walker confirmed that Taupō Basketball had a good relationship with the squash, volleyball and badminton clubs but had not progressed any plans for a multi-sport facility with them.

81 – Jane Arnott

A Powerpoint presentation (A3312094) was given.

Ms Arnott asked Council to classify Besley Park as an off-leash dog exercise area as per her submission. She also asked that reserve land including Te Kopua Reserve be monitored more closely to ensure neighbouring residents did not encroach upon the reserve land.

83 – Evan Erstich, Kashif Shuja, Taupō Squash Rackets Club Inc. and Tony Smith, Taupō Table Tennis

A project plan and preliminary design for a new multi-sport facility was presented (A3312099).

Mr Shuja advised that a new multi-sport indoor facility would solve problems for many sports during winter including squash, table tennis, badminton, and basketball. Interest in squash had risen over the past few years in New Zealand as well as globally.

The project team consisting of Evan Erstich, Vicki Beker, Andrew McCullough and Kashif Shuja investigated other locations in New Zealand that had created multi-sport facilities. Two years ago they surveyed members, talked to community groups and received a \$30,000 grant to engage an independent consultant from Christchurch. Following a long list of interviews and engagement across the community, they now had a feasibility study for a new facility proposed at Hickling Park, Taupō.

Multi-use space would relieve the stress on the Taupō Events Centre and ensure events could take place in a range of sports, and be increased to include existing venues. A new facility would also provide a home for some of these sports in order for them to grow their membership.

If the right facility existed in Taupō, it could provide the opportunity to co-host with other sports and attract national and international events generating room nights for local accommodation suppliers as well.

Mr Erstich advised that their next steps were to apply for a Lottery Community Facilities Grant of \$250k and proceed to detailed design. Following this they would meet with corporates for funding opportunities and other sporting codes to understand their requirements.

89 – Jane Penton, Lakes and Waterways Action Group Trust (LWAG)

Ms Penton summarised the submission made on behalf of the LWAG and confirmed that LWAG had also made a submission to the Three Waters Reform and the Nukuhau Plan Change regarding stormwater gullies. She provided information regarding Green and Blue Infrastructure (A3312687).

85 – Laurie Burdett

Ms Burdett supported the presentations made in the hearing and summarised the main points of her submission. She asked that consultation from Council be more thorough, not just a notice in the paper.

96 – Kevin O’Hara, Omori Kuratau Ratepayers Association

Mr O’Hara talked to a few key points made in the submission and added that the Omori Kuratau Ratepayers Association would continue to work with Council staff and maintain a good relationship.

Members requested additional time to reconvene for deliberations in order to be able to consider submissions carefully. They asked the Senior Advisor – Climate Change and the Policy Advisor for submitter themes to be collated so that they could work through these.

The meeting adjourned at this point (12.02pm) and reconvened on Thursday 13 April at 9am.

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL
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HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 107 TE HEUHEU STREET, TAUPŌ
ON THURSDAY, 13 APRIL 2023 AT 9.00AM**

PRESENT: Cr Kevin Taylor (in the Chair), Cr Duncan Campbell, Cr Sandra Greenslade, Cr Danny Loughlin, Cr Anna Park, Cr Christine Rankin, Cr Rachel Shepherd, Mayor David Trewavas (from 9.37am), Cr Yvonne Westerman, Cr John Williamson (9.24am)

IN ATTENDANCE: Acting Chief Executive, General Manager People and Customer, General Manager Finance and Environment, Community Engagement and Development Manager, Executive Manager Mayor’s Office, Policy Manager, Senior Policy Advisor, Senior Advisor – Climate Change, Policy Advisor, Policy Advisor, Senior Committee Advisor

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: Nil

TDC202304/02 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Danny Loughlin
Seconded: Cr Rachel Shepherd

That the apologies received from Crs Karam Fletcher, Kylie Leonard, and Kirsty Trueman (for absence) and from Cr John Williamson (for lateness) be accepted.

CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Cr Kevin Taylor reconvened the meeting as the Chair in Mayor David Trewavas’ absence.

The Senior Advisor – Climate Change explained to the members that he would go through the summary of submissions and provide advice and/or options for addressing the feedback received. He clarified that Council staff would need to start preparing business cases and looking at particular investment opportunities to inform the Long-term Plan so would look at a long list of opportunities towards the end of the meeting.

Points raised: Parks and Reserves	Deliberations
More shade at playgrounds	Members agreed that this should be included as an objective for the reserve network across the district and asked that Council staff use best practice and lessons learned from other councils and organisations.
More pathways	Members agreed that the principles capture the desire for improvement to the shared path network but asked for accessibility to be incorporated into this.
Recreation is broader than reserves and sportsgrounds	Members were concerned that many footpaths were not accessible. The Senior Advisor – Climate Change confirmed that the strategy includes a footpath improvement programme.
More stuff for older kids	The Principles regarding the shared network of reserves have been amended to include a range of ages and activities to incorporate this feedback.
Skatepark	The Senior Advisor – Climate Change confirmed that this was expected to be part of the network.
More / better maintenance and mowing	The Senior Advisor – Climate Change confirmed that this feedback came under operations and service level agreements which would be addressed in the Long-term Plan. He confirmed that this information would be shared with submitters.

Members agreed that the feedback below was already captured in the draft Recreation and Sport Strategy Principles:

- Improve accessibility

- More toilets in reserves
- Natural weed management
- Enhancing the environment
- More community participation
- More dog areas
- Erosion protection
- More and better playgrounds

Cr John Williamson entered the meeting at this point (9.24am).

The Parks and Reserves points raised below were not in scope and would be dealt with as part of operations by the appropriate Council departments:

- More rubbish bins
- Private encroachment onto council reserves is a problem

In answer to questions, the Senior Advisor – Climate Change confirmed that specific information received from submissions as it related to operations and/or asset management plans would be fed back to the appropriate Council departments. This included the feedback listed in the Other and Area Specific comments categories.

Sportsgrounds and Facilities

Members agreed that points raised regarding Sportsgrounds and Facilities were projects to be considered for input into the Long-term Plan. The Events and Venues Management team would be provided the feedback regarding event and local sport balance.

Supporting Recreation and Sports Club and Organisations

Members agreed that these points raised were captured in the draft Recreation and Sport Strategy Principles:

- Support for clubs and organisations
- Fees and charges
- Taupō model Rail Clubs' hobby expo

There was a lot of interest in hubbing but this was not included in the current strategy. Members agreed that existing Council policies encouraged collaboration between different sports clubs and codes.

Mayor David Trewavas entered the meeting at this point (9.37am).

The Senior Advisor – Climate Change clarified that this strategy was for 10 years and worked in conjunction with asset management plans. Investment decisions would be brought before Council via the Long-term Plan process.

Following feedback from members, it was agreed that Principle 2 would be amended to include recreation facilities / amenities to support a range of ages and abilities which would allow for recreation for older people.

The Senior Advisor – Climate Change clarified that Action 2 regarding leases referred to land maintenance costs rather than the land itself. He added that wording for this and other parts of the strategy could be amended at the Council meeting 27 April prior to the strategy being adopted.

Following discussion, projects were added to a list for Council to look at through the Long-term Plan process and would be provided for members to approve and agree upon at the Council meeting on 27 April.

TDC202304/03 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rachel Shepherd

Seconded: Cr Anna Park

That Council:

1. Receives the submissions on the Draft Recreation and Sport Strategy Principles.
2. Directs officers to make amendments to the Strategy in accordance with the recommendations in the Summary of Submissions attached to the agenda, and additions as agreed to at the meeting.
3. Directs officers to report back with a final draft strategy for adoption.

CARRIED

6 NGĀ KŌRERO TŪMATAITI | CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil

The meeting closed at 9.58am.

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

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CHAIRPERSON