

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 107 TE HEUHEU STREET, TAUPŌ
ON THURSDAY, 27 APRIL 2023 AT 1.00PM**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Acting Chief Executive, General Manager Operations and Delivery, General Manager People and Customer, Legal, Risk and Governance Manager, Communications Manager, District Customer Relations Manager, Environmental Services Manager, Community Engagement and Development Manager, Policy Manager, Project Management Office Manager, Infrastructure Project Manager Operations, Executive Manager Housing and Property Investment, Executive Manager to the Mayor, Senior Policy Advisors (4), Senior Advisor – Climate Change, Policy Advisors (2), Executive Assistants (2), Digital Content Creator, Governance Quality Manager

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: Nil

His Worship the Mayor, Mr David Trewavas opened the meeting and welcomed everyone, noting that Crs Christine Rankin and Kevin Taylor were joining the meeting online via MS Teams. Cr Sandra Greenslade recited an opening karakia.

1 KARAKIA

2 WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES

TDC202304/04 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anna Park
Seconded: Cr Rachel Shepherd

That the apologies received from Crs Karam Fletcher, Kirsty Trueman and John Williamson be accepted.

CARRIED

3 NGĀ WHAKAPĀNGA TUKITUKI | CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

4 WHAKAMANATANGA O NGĀ MENETI | CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 28 MARCH 2023

TDC202304/05 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Danny Loughlin
Seconded: Cr Yvonne Westerman

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 28 March 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

4.2 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 4 APRIL 2023

TDC202304/06 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rachel Shepherd
Seconded: Cr Sandra Greenslade

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 4 April 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

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

5.1 MEMBERS' PORTFOLIO UPDATES

Elected Members shared the following updates:

Cr Christine Rankin

- Amplify and Destination Great Lake Taupō had recently reported to Council.
- Taupō district was doing well in terms of the economy and business community; it was hoped this would continue.

Cr Rachel Shepherd

- Presented prizes at the recent 'Racketlon' prizegiving. This was a fantastic tournament featuring national squash, tennis and table tennis players.
- Attended a Sports Advisory Committee meeting held the night before (26 April 2023); advised that Kiwisport was expanding exponentially in schools.

Cr Danny Loughlin

- Attended a Kids Greening Taupō meeting, which was really good.

Cr Anna Park

- Provided Annual Plan 2023-24 information to different ethnic communities around the Taupō district and would follow up with those groups.
- Attended Annual Plan 2023-24 events where possible.

Cr Yvonne Westerman

- Met with Rachel Thompson, Kids Greening Taupō, on 13 April 2023; it was enlightening to see what local kids were doing via Kids Greening Taupō.
- Attended a Waiora House Trust meeting on 12 April 2023.
- Attended the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group meeting on 18 April 2023.
- Attended an Acacia Bay Residents' Association meeting.
- Met with Budget House representatives to discuss the very interesting work they were doing.

Cr Kylie Leonard

- Attended the Rural Leaders Agribusiness Summit in Christchurch on 27 March 2023; an incredible, enlightening event. Key topics included food and fuel security and supply chains.

Cr Sandra Greenslade

- Reported that the Omori-Kuratau Residents' Association erosion committee and Council staff were working closely together.

- Attended the Tongariro Representative Group Annual Plan meet and greet. Attended by local community representatives and some good discussion was had.
- Attended the Amplify event with Infometrics economist Mr Brad Olsen; good news the Taupō district was 'holding its own' in the current economic climate.
- Attended the Tūrangi Co-Governance Annual Plan workshop; thanked staff for their support of the new Committee.
- Attended the ANZAC dawn service at Waihi Marae.
- Together with Deputy Mayor Cr Kevin Taylor, attended the Tokaanu Tūrangi RSA ANZAC service at 11am, including the laying of a wreath on behalf of the Mayor, Councillors and citizens of the district.
- Attended the Omori-Kuratau 5pm sunset ANZAC service.

Cr Duncan Campbell

- Expressed disappointment that a public meeting was not able to proceed at the Great Lake Centre as the booking had not been approved by Council. Related organisations had submitted questions in relation to the booking; Cr Campbell asked for those questions to be answered.

His Worship the Mayor thanked the people who had attended the ANZAC dawn service in Taupō, along with everyone who had helped to organise the event. It was hoped that the mid-morning civic service would be reinstated in 2024.

TDC202304/07 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rachel Shepherd

Seconded: Cr Danny Loughlin

That Council receives the portfolio updates from members.

CARRIED

5.2 DELEGATION FOR HEARING OF TAUPŌ DISTRICT PLAN CHANGES 38-43

The Senior Policy Advisor and the Policy Advisor summarised the report, adding that final approval of Plan Changes 38 – 43 would rest with full Council.

It was noted that the total number of Commissioners to be appointed was four, not three as noted in the report.

TDC202304/08 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anna Park

Seconded: Cr Kylie Leonard

That, pursuant to section 34A of the Resource Management Act 1991, Council:

1. Appoints a panel of four Commissioners to conduct a hearing for Taupō District Plan Changes 38 – 43, with all Commissioners on the panel to be selected from the list of Making Good Decisions certificate holders maintained by the Ministry for the Environment. The proposed Commissioners are:
 - David McMahon – Chairperson
 - Cr Kevin Taylor and Cr Yvonne Westerman for the Taupō District Council (TDC) Commissioners
 - Liz Burge Iwi Independent Commissioner
2. Delegates to the four Commissioners for the hearing, consideration, and recommendation for Taupō District Plan Changes 38 – 43.

CARRIED

5.3 ADOPTION OF DOG FEES

The Senior Policy Advisor explained that the proposed dog fees for 2023-24 were being presented prior to the Annual Plan to enable staff to prepare and send notifications to dog owners as soon as possible. She added that one amendment had been identified since the agenda for the meeting had been produced, being reduction of the proposed Entire Dog fee by \$1, from \$115 to \$114. The reason for this was to keep the figure consistent with the current Dog Policy.

In answer to a question, the Senior Policy Advisor confirmed that the last date for payment of dog fees was 31 July.

In answer to another question, the Environmental Services Manager advised that the Sale of Dog to Rescue Agencies fee related to the transfer of ownership payment between Council and the rescue organisation.

TDC202304/09 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Danny Loughlin
Seconded: Cr Yvonne Westerman

That Council resolves the Dog Control and Impounding Fees in accordance with Sections 37 and 68 of the Dog Control Act 1996 as set out in the schedule attached to the agenda for the 2023/24 year with the exception of Entire Dog fee (if paid on or after 1 August) which will change from \$115 to \$114.

CARRIED

5.4 ADOPTION OF RECREATION AND SPORT STRATEGY

The Senior Advisor - Climate Change and the Policy Advisor presented the report. An updated draft online Recreation and Sport Strategy had been circulated via email on 22 April 2023 (A3323339). Council's amendments following hearings and deliberations had been incorporated into the updated strategy document.

Members thanked the staff and members of the public who had taken time to make submissions.

TDC202304/10 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rachel Shepherd
Seconded: Cr Sandra Greenslade

That Council adopts the attached Recreation and Sport Strategy.

CARRIED

5.5 TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL PERFORMANCE REPORT - MARCH 2023

The Acting Chief Executive introduced the report, summarising her commentary and noting that the General Manager Finance and Environment and the Finance Manager were away at a local government finance event examining changes to 'Three Waters' legislative reform in light of recent Central Government announcements. The Finance Business Partner – Planning and the Finance Business Partner were present to respond to any questions relating to the financial summary and the treasury report.

The Project Management Office Manager advised that completed projects had been removed from the significant projects list, leaving 17 projects. She noted two milestones coming up in Tūrangi, namely the Te Kapua Park Playground upgrade work starting on 1 May and the Tūrangitukua Park community sports facility opening on 13 May.

The Project Management Office Manager then introduced the Infrastructure Project Manager – Operations, who provided a more detailed summary of two of Council's significant projects and answered questions of clarification, with key points noted below:

Kinloch drinking water standards NZ upgrade (Kinloch water treatment plant)

- Significant geotechnical challenges had been encountered.
- Staff had been working with the contractor to work out the best piling system to meet IL4 standards. It was common to build water treatment plants to IL4 standard for resiliency.
- Bigger piles would be required, but it was expected that increased costs would be able to be met within contingencies.
- Construction was planned to start within two months.

View Road stage 2 land disposal expansion

- The five new pivot irrigators would increase Council's capacity to dispose of wastewater to meet Taupō's population growth.
- The project was expected to be completed by October 2023.

In answer to a question about the Waiora House project, the Acting Chief Executive advised that although a fixed-price contract was in place, there had been some variations to the contract. More information would be provided prior to the 30 May Council meeting.

A member queried the inclusion of the EUL development in the report, given the project was currently the subject of consultation via the draft Annual Plan 2023-24 process. The Acting Chief Executive confirmed the proposed expenditure was \$7.5m, not \$12.5m as noted in the report. The General Manager Operations and Delivery advised that the feedback would be taken into account for future reports, which would only include approved projects underway.

TDC202304/11 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Danny Loughlin
Seconded: Cr Duncan Campbell

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

CARRIED

5.6 COUNCIL ENGAGEMENTS MAY 2023, AND TRAINING AND CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES

The Governance Quality Manager advised that:

- Additional workshops would be scheduled on Tuesday 9 May.
- An additional training opportunity had arisen and was presented for members' consideration. The provider was Meeting and Governance Solutions and the topic was chairing meetings, taking place in Hamilton the following day, Friday 28 April.

Members approved the attendance of Crs Duncan Campbell and Rachel Shepherd at the Local Government New Zealand Annual General Meeting and Conference taking place in Christchurch in July.

It was also agreed that Deputy Mayor Cr Kevin Taylor and Cr Yvonne Westerman should attend the Making Good Decisions recertification training.

Approval was also given for Crs Sandra Greenslade and Anna Park to attend the chairperson training in Hamilton the following day.

Cr Kylie Leonard pointed out an additional meeting to add to the list, being the Lake Taupō Protection Project Joint Committee meeting set for the following day, Friday 28 April, in the Council Chamber.

TDC202304/12 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Danny Loughlin
 Seconded: Cr Sandra Greenslade

That Council:

1. Receives the information relating to engagements for May 2023;
2. Approves the attendance of Crs Duncan Campbell and Rachel Shepherd to accompany His Worship Mayor David Trewavas to the Local Government New Zealand Annual General Meeting and Conference taking place in Christchurch on Wednesday 26 July 2023, with costs of attendance, flights and accommodation to be paid by Council; and
3. Approves the attendance of Deputy Mayor Cr Kevin Taylor and Cr Yvonne Westerman at the Making Good Decisions Recertification Training taking place online from 9am to 5pm on Thursday 21 September 2023, with attendance to be paid by Council (\$1375 excl GST per person).
4. Approves the attendance of Crs Sandra Greenslade and Anna Park at the Meeting and Governance Solutions Chairperson training taking place in Hamilton on Friday 28 April 2023 (\$550 per person plus mileage to be reimbursed by Council).

CARRIED

6 NGĀ KŌRERO TŪMATAITI | CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil

The meeting closed with a karakia recited by Cr Sandra Greenslade at 1.35pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the ordinary Council meeting held on 30 May 2023.

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CHAIRPERSON