

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 107 TE HEUHEU STREET, TAUPŌ
ON MONDAY, 29 MAY 2023 AT 9.30AM**

PRESENT: Mayor David Trewavas (in the Chair), Cr Duncan Campbell, Cr Karam Fletcher (from 9.35am), Cr Sandra Greenslade, Cr Kylie Leonard, Cr Anna Park, Cr Christine Rankin, Cr Rachel Shepherd, Cr Kirsty Trueman (until 12.17pm), Cr Yvonne Westerman, Cr John Williamson

IN ATTENDANCE: Acting Chief Executive, General Manager People and Customer, General Manager Operations and Delivery, Executive Manager Housing & Property Investment, Finance Manager, Environmental Services Manager, Project Management Office Manager, Executive Manager – Mayors Office, Community Engagement and Development Manager, Property Manager, Policy Manager, Iwi and Co-Governance Manager, People and Culture Manager, Events and Venues Manager, District Venues Manager, District Events Manager, Resource Consents Manager, Senior Community Development Advisor, Events and Contracts Lead, Senior Policy Advisor, Senior Funding and Partnerships Advisor, Senior Project Manager PMO, Governance Quality Manager, Committee Advisor, Senior Committee Advisor

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: 26 members of the public over the course of the day.

Note: Acting Chief Executive Julie Gardyne recited an opening karakia.

1 KARAKIA

2 WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES

TDC202305/01 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anna Park

Seconded: Cr John Williamson

That the apologies received from Crs Danny Loughlin and Kevin Taylor (for absence), and from Cr Karam Fletcher (for lateness) be accepted.

CARRIED

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 TO HEAR AND DELIBERATE ON THE ANNUAL PLAN 2023-24 AND FEES AND CHARGES 2023-24

The Senior Policy Advisor introduced herself to members and recommended that they receive the report, accept the late submissions and receive all of the submissions.

TDC202305/02 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anna Park

Seconded: Cr Christine Rankin

That Council:

1. Receives the report to hear and deliberate on the Annual Plan 2023-24 and Fees and Charges 2023-24, from Kendall Goode, Senior Policy Advisor; and
2. Accepts the late submissions from Bike Taupō Advocacy Group, Sarah Bolt, Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee, Rob Henderson, Patrick Wilson and the Tongariro Representative Group; and
3. Receives, considers, and where requested, hears, pursuant to sections 82 and 95 of the Local Government Act 2002 submissions on the Annual Plan 2023-24, with the written submissions provided in Attachment 1 to the report included on the agenda.

CARRIED

Hearing of Submissions

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

116 – Mr Mark Wynyard, Taupō East Rural Representative Group

The Taupō East Rural Representative Group supported Rachel Canning's submission to link Wairakei village with walking and biking trails by making a safe access across State Highway 5.

136 – Mr Rob Henderson

Mr Henderson clarified that his submission was made in his personal capacity, not commercial. He asked that members weigh up the advantages and disadvantages of the rates remission policy for the entire district when it was reviewed as part of the Long-term Plan process.

The meeting was adjourned at this point (9.44am) and was reconvened at 9.56am.

#58 – Mr Ross McConnon, Kinloch Community Association

The Kinloch Community Association had surveyed approximately 300-400 people for the survey presented in its submission. Mr McConnon clarified that the Kinloch Community Association had previously funded a feasibility study on the Kinloch Community Hall of which he could provide to members. While some of the information might no longer be relevant, members agreed that it would be helpful.

Cr Kylie Leonard left the meeting at this point (10.15am).

#100 – Ms Julie McLeod and Mr Ben Westerman, Town Centre Taupō

The investment in the East Urban Lands would be a step in the right direction to addressing the housing shortage for Town Centre Taupō members whose staff struggled to find housing.

Cr Kylie Leonard reentered the meeting at this point (10.17am).

#133 Mr Rowan Sapsford and Mr Peter Masters, Bike Taupō Advocacy Group

Mr Masters clarified that Bike Taupō Advocacy Group had applied for funding from central government via the Tourism Infrastructure Fund. He and Mr Sapsford thanked Council for their letter supporting the funding application.

#12 Mr Bernhard Chrustowski

Mr Chrustowski asked members to consider the unintended consequences of rates increases and to investigate the methodology for collecting rates to make it fairer.

The meeting adjourned again at this point (10.32am) and reconvened again at 10.37am.

#108 Mr Murray Wallace

Mr Wallace expressed his concern regarding the development of affordable homes on the East Urban Lands because he had not seen this successfully delivered to date and it was a big risk.

Long vehicles such as motorhomes also parked in the herring bone parks on Tongariro Street which added to his health and safety concerns.

#106 Mr Torben Landl, Big Blue View Ltd T/A The Two Mile Bay Sailing Club

Mr Landl reiterated that he would like the Two Mile Bay carpark extension project to be prioritised and that he was happy to work with Council and assist as much as he could.

#111 Mr Glyn Wooller, Waikato River Trails Charitable Trust

Mr Wooller shared a powerpoint presentation (A3341139) which showed photos of various parts of the Waikato River Trails. He advised members that J Swap Contractors Ltd had recently gifted a significant value of products to update the trails. In answer to a question, Mr Wooller confirmed that a post just past the Mangakino Golf Course measured anyone travelling in front of it, and that a conductor measured bicycles. This marker had 4G connectivity so the information was sent to him, and also to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE). Mr Wooller confirmed that he submitted feedback to the recent consultation of the Lake Maraetai Development in Mangakino and identified that a permanent food and beverage offering such as a café would be beneficial to cyclists on the trails.

#104 Mr Patrick Kane, Kinloch Representative Group

In addition to the submission, Mr Kane thanked members for their commitment to Kinloch and signalled that the Kinloch Representative Group would bring a list of projects to be considered in the Long-term Plan.

#109 Mr David Easson

Mr Easson displayed a proposed development for the East Urban Lands (A3341154) instead of the proposed housing development. He asked that this land be reserve land including walking tracks to reduce the carbon footprint. He clarified that he was referring to all the Council owned land in that area, not just the 6ha area of the East Urban Lands.

#112 Mr Terry Kelly and Ms Christine Cheyne

Mr Kelly was supportive of the East Urban Lands development if there was assurance for affordable housing.

Ms Cheyne added that Council could provide leadership to respond to the community needs and make the development climate friendly. She asked Council to increase funding in the Climate Change strategy and demonstrate progress by reporting every three years. In response to a comment from a member, she agreed that Council were doing good work by separating waste but that education in the community was really important. She added that community food composting could be added into the new development of the East Urban Lands.

#77 Ms Sarah Hunt and Ms Jess Nicholas (on behalf of Jo Caira), Taupō Business Chamber

Ms Hunt clarified that the Taupō Business Chamber had looked at the user pays perspective when considering the rates increase by funding depreciation in full.

The meeting was adjourned again at this point (11.50am) and reconvened again at 12.08pm.

#110 Mr Mark Seymour, Mangakino Pouakani Representative Group

Mr Seymour advised that the Mangakino Pouakani Representative Group was concerned about the impact on the rates when the depreciation funding was recovered.

The meeting adjourned again at this point (12.17pm) and reconvened again at 1.14pm.

#129 Ms Belinda Walker, Kinloch Families Trust

Ms Walker presented a powerpoint (A3341136). She clarified that around 60% of the facebook group members had responded to the survey regarding the Annual Plan submission. She would survey the members again to ask for Long-term Plan project ideas and would ask them to define if they were permanent Kinloch residents or owned holiday homes.

#127 Ms Linda Koster

Ms Koster asked members if there was a discount for those that paid their rates one full year in advance. While she was not eligible, she was aware of rates rebates accessible via the Department of Internal Affairs.

#130 Mr Anthony Birdsall

Mr Birdsall had concerns about how vulnerable people were protected and in particular, the elderly. His perception was that more importance was put on making the town prettier than on looking after people. He was also concerned about males entering female changing rooms at the AC Baths.

The meeting was adjourned again at this point (1.34pm) and reconvened again at 1.47pm.

#64 Ms Hollie West and Mr Andrew Welch, Creative Taupō

Ms West shared a presentation (A3341161) and thanked Council for funding, support from staff, and the partnership agreement with Creative Taupō. She asked that Council considered increasing the amount of funding provided to the arts, and in particular the actions identified in the Arts, Culture and Ngā Toi Action Plan. Mr Welch added that employment of a community art worker would assist with this.

#81 Mr Chris Johnston and Mr Neil Ward, Waiora Community Trust, with support from Ms Catie Noble via MS Teams

Mr Johnston thanked Council for its support and asked for further support from Council as per the submission.

Ms Catie Noble added that funding provided by Council would be used to employ a general manager with unique skills to manage Waiora House on a lean budget and focus on working together with the members of the House and those in the public that would use its social services. Mr Ward added that the three year under-write that had been requested would enable Waiora House to employ the correct person to draw in tenants and achieve their goal of being financially sustainable.

In answers to questions from members, Mr Johnston clarified that rent charged would be under the market value but enough to cover costs. Commercial use would be charged at higher rates.

#90 Ms Alana Delich, Taupō Climate Action Group

Ms Delich applauded Council for employing a Climate Change Policy Advisor and asked that it progressed further by implementing strategic objectives. Climate solutions would look different across the district and could be implemented by defining the goals, empowering staff and facilitating the community to engage.

A member requested that Ms Delich also provide her comments from her submission to the Ministry of Education in order for them to consider this when looking at schooling in Taupō.

Note: His Worship the Mayor adjourned the meeting again at this point (2.23pm) until the following day.

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT TE MATAAPUNA, HIRANGI ROAD, TŪRANGI
ON TUESDAY, 30 MAY 2023 AT 9.30AM**

PRESENT: Mayor David Trewavas (in the Chair), Cr Duncan Campbell, Cr Karam Fletcher, Cr Sandra Greenslade, Cr Kylie Leonard (from 9.50am), Cr Danny Loughlin, 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, Executive Manager Housing & Property Investment, Finance Manager, Environmental Services Manager, Executive Manager – Mayors Office, Community Engagement and Development Manager, Property Manager, Policy Manager, Iwi and Co-Governance Manager, Events and Venues Manager, Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner, District Venues Manager, Co-Governance Management Partner, Iwi Engagement Partner, Senior Policy Advisor, Senior Committee Advisor, Committee Advisor

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: Seven members of the public

Mayor David Trewavas welcomed everyone back to the meeting.

WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES

TDC202305/03 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Christine Rankin

Seconded: Cr John Williamson

That the apology received from Cr Kirsty Trueman be accepted.

CARRIED

Hearing of Submissions

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

#118 – Amy Walker (on behalf of Lauren Fletcher), Ngāti Tūrangitukua Charitable Trust (MS Teams)

Ms Walker clarified that she was representing the Ngāti Tūrangitukua Māori Committee, the Ngāti Tūrangitukua Charitable Trust, the Ngāti Tūrangitukua Environment Committee and Waipapa 1A Māori Reservation.

She expressed disappointment that decisions had been made in isolation and breached the Mana Whakahono agreement. In answer to a question from a member, she advised that funding was available from Te Taura Whiri I Te Reo Māori (Māori Language Commission) to support the revitalisation of Te Reo and offset costs for making the Taupō Events Centre hireage free of charge for Te Taiopenga o Tūwharetoa.

Cr Kylie Leonard entered the meeting at this point (9.50am).

Ms Walker advised that she understood that there was not enough funding for every single project but that the Tūrangī Recreation and Activity Centre was not a new project. It had been in the 2021-31 Long-term Plan and any increases in costs would continue to rise if it was delayed further.

#94 - Nicole Grey

Ms Grey shared her professional background working with youth and encouraged Council to employ a staff member in the Tūrangī community to connect with youth. She encouraged collaboration in the youth space to connect the services and promote long-term relationships.

#137 Mr Eric Wilson, Mrs Lorraine Wilson and Mr Alasdair Keucke

Mr Wilson talked through his submission and highlighted the health and safety issues connected to the SH1 underpass and the leaf litter in autumn. Deputy Mayor Cr Kevin Taylor reassured Mr Wilson that the road

between Tūrangi and Taupō was a priority for the Waikato Regional Council's transportation projects in the region.

#51 – Ms Margaret Sagar, Pukawa Property Owners Association

Ms Sagar presented a powerpoint (A3341129) and handed out an accompanying document (A3341847).

#52 Mr Josef Sidler, Pukawa Property Owners Association

Mr Sidler showed some videos (A3347736, A3347742, A3347746, A3347750) of the stream into the lake, lack of drainage, and contamination to support his submission and Ms Margaret Sagar's submission. He also showed two images (A3348629, A3348630).

Mr Sidler was not able to provide costs for the proposed solution to the drainage and contamination problems in Pukawa but was confident that Council could work collaboratively with others. The Pukawa Property Owners Association and others residing in Pukawa had also offered to assist.

#135 Mr Te Takinga New, Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee

Mr New advised that while the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee supported the investment in the East Urban Lands, the tangata whenua would have a name for these lands and it would be significant to them. Their stories and history should be understood.

He encouraged the use of Te Reo in Council communications and appreciated the efforts of staff and elected members. He thanked the members of the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee and the elected members and advised that the committee would like to put in a lot of effort to the Long-term Plan process to aspire to achieve what their ancestors foretold of their future.

The meeting was adjourned again at this point (11.07am).

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBER, 107 TE HEUHEU STREET, TAUPŌ
ON WEDNESDAY, 31 MAY 2023 AT 9.33AM**

PRESENT: Mayor David Trewavas (in the Chair until 1.56pm), Cr Duncan Campbell, Cr Karam Fletcher, Cr Sandra Greenslade, Cr Kylie Leonard (until 11.43am), Cr Danny Loughlin, Cr Anna Park, Cr Christine Rankin (from 10.33am), Cr Rachel Shepherd, Cr Kevin Taylor (in the Chair from 2.20pm), Cr Kirsty Trueman (from 9.44am), Cr Yvonne Westerman, Cr John Williamson

IN ATTENDANCE: Acting Chief Executive, General Manager People and Customer, General Manager Operations and Delivery, Executive Manager Housing & Property Investment, Finance Manager, Environmental Services Manager, Executive Manager – Mayors Office, Community Engagement and Development Manager, Communications Manager, Property Manager, Policy Manager, Senior Policy Advisor, Governance Quality Manager, Senior Committee Advisor, Committee Advisor

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: Nil

TDC202305/04 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anna Park
Seconded: Cr John Williamson

That the apologies received from Cr Christine Rankin and Cr Kirsty Trueman for lateness be accepted.

CARRIED

The Senior Policy Advisor asked members to assist her by working through the report to make decisions.

Development of the East Urban Lands

The Executive Manager Housing & Property Investment summarised the Business Case for the East Urban Lands proposed development.

Councillor Kirsty Trueman entered the meeting at this point (9.44am).

He stressed that there were economic benefits to Council completing the earthworks, as well as a timing advantage. If this was approved, work could start in July or August 2023 but if it was sold to a developer, the sale process would mean that earthworks could not be started until one year later. He clarified that the earthworks development included the infrastructure and roading, everything but the house itself. There was no intention for Council to build houses but if it could deliver differing typology and lot sizes, it would influence and encourage affordable homes. This included apartments and duplexes. Council was in a unique position in that they owned land that could be used for residential housing.

Council declined funding from the Infrastructure Acceleration Fund from Kāinga Ora because the requirement for a high percentage of housing to be social was inappropriate. The position Council was in right now allowed it to influence the outcome of the development of the land. If it was sold to developers before lot sizes and infrastructure was developed, Taupō would continue to get the larger market housing it had previously. Members commented that there was a continuum of submissions and those against the development expressed concern over the perceived high risks. Council could provide assurance that the earthworks development was not high risk and would provide ratepayer benefits. Council would develop the land according to their design and strengths and also control the timeframes. The proposed earthworks development would be for 80 sections initially and a builder consortium would be engaged to input into design.

The Finance Manager confirmed that funding for this project would come from Council's Strategic Property Reserve and would not use ratepayer funds. The Strategic Property Reserve was established to fund specific strategically based property purchases and associated projects, and had a separate line on the balance sheet in order to track its use. Since the 2018 Long-term Plan, the focus of the fund was to pay down supplementary debt. It was also used to repay the capital costs incurred for the East Taupō Arterial.

Cr Christine Rankin entered the meeting at this point (10.33am).

Most recently, funds from this reserve had been used for Taupō Airport. The balance at the close of June 2022 was just over \$10 million.

This reserve was not funded from rates, only from property sales. For stage one of the East Urban Lands project, a loan would be raised and interest would be paid from the reserve. When the land was sold, the cash proceeds would go back into the reserve. The Finance Manager clarified that Council borrowed from the Local Government Funding Agency. She also clarified that the Revenue and Financing Policy stipulated what revenue from the sale of assets could be used for and that it did not currently include subsidising rates.

The meeting was adjourned again at this point (10.44am) and reconvened again at 10.59am.

Proposed Average Rates Increase

Members were concerned that there would be a negative impact on ratepayers by not funding 8% depreciation. However, it was acknowledged that many in the district were not in a position to pay large increases in rates, particularly in Mangakino. Members asked that policies such as the revenue and finance policy, and rating policy be reviewed in the Long-term Plan 2024-34 in order to soften the impact on ratepayers in future. They decided to reflect the positive outcome of funding 92% of depreciation in the resolution, rather than expressing the decision as a delay in funding of depreciation of 8%. The Acting Chief Executive added that there would be more certainty around Three Waters reform in 2024 when the Long-term Plan was consulted on with the community. All members present with the exception of Cr John Williamson agreed to fund 92% of depreciation.

Cr Kirsty Trueman left the meeting at this point (11.33am).

Cr Kylie Leonard left the meeting at this point (11.43am).

Capital Works Programme

Members agreed that a robust process had been followed when considering the capital works programme in the draft Annual Plan so no new projects would be added. Projects suggested by submitters would be referred to the long-list of Long-term Plan projects to be considered in 2024.

The meeting was adjourned again at this point (11.59am) and reconvened again at 12.37pm.

Funding and Grants

Waiora Community Trust

While members had some concerns about including additional funding for Waiora House, they agreed that it needed to be supported as an important community facility providing social services.

Bike Taupō Advocacy Group

The Senior Policy Advisor clarified that Bike Taupō was not seeking additional funding from Taupō District Council.

Te Taiopenga o Tūwharetoa venue hire

The General Manager People and Customer confirmed that many applicants for Creative Taupō grants were used to fund the venue hire for the Taupō Events Centre and included the Ngāti Tūwharetoa Taiopenga Kapa Haka Festival. Members requested that Council staff supported those seeking funding for venue hire and were consistent.

Creative Taupō

Members were supportive of a staff member for Creative Taupō to implement actions from the Arts, Culture & Ngā Toi Action Plan and suggested this be considered through the Long-term Plan process.

Taupō Leisure Marchers

The Events and Venues Manager clarified that the Taupō Leisure Marchers had requested significantly more in terms of venues and time required compared with previous years. Members agreed that they should be directed to apply for funding through community grants.

Taupō Connector Bus Service

The Senior Policy Advisor confirmed that staff had been in touch with submitter 21 Joanie Young regarding the Taupō Connector bus service to AC Baths.

Waikato River Trails

Members agreed that Council staff should work with Waikato River Trails to help them find a funding solution

for the \$10-30k required for an extra path in Mangakino.

Fees and Charges

Members agreed with the staff recommendation to adopt the fees and charges as detailed in the draft Annual Plan. The Events and Venues manager clarified that the private pools at the AC Baths were not being used as they should so a reduction in the fee would increase the usage. The Policy Advisor confirmed that free of charge entry into the Turtle Pools Tūrangi was not consulted on with the community but could be looked at as part of the Long-term Plan 2024-34.

The Policy Manager advised that the Finance team would work through the figures and take into consideration that the solid waste costs were higher than originally forecasted.

Council staff confirmed that the following items raised in submissions were being considered as part of operations and/or grants funding:

- Pukawa flooding
- Underpass in Tūrangi under State Highway 1
- Leaf sweeper in Tūrangi
- Donation of \$5k to Tūrangi
- Mower for the Mangakino Golf Club

The meeting was adjourned again at this point (1.56pm) and reconvened again at 2.20pm with Deputy Mayor Cr Kevin Taylor in the Chair.

TDC202305/05 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rachel Shepherd

Seconded: Cr Danny Loughlin

That Council:

1. Pursuant to sections 12, 83 and 150 of the Local Government Act 2002, adopts the proposed fees and charges for 2023-24, as set out in the document Taupō District Council Schedule of Fees and Charges 2023-24, to be effective from 1 July 2023; and
2. Approves preparation of the Annual Plan 2023-24 to incorporate the following direction and/or changes to the draft Annual Plan 2023-24 arising from the consideration of submissions:
 - a. Investment of \$7.646 million in the 2023/24 year to undertake stage one of the earthworks and civil infrastructure delivery in the East Urban Lands; and
 - b. Funding depreciation at ninety-two percent (92%) of the ordinarily funded depreciation across all asset classes for the 2023/24 year. Note that this is not a departure from current policies as the intent is to smooth increases in depreciation and reinstate to 100% of ordinarily funded depreciation over the next two years; and
 - c. Supports a one-off grant of \$120,000 to Waiora Community Trust on the basis that an injection of funding is required to help the Trust establish a new way of operating in Waiora House, and that the existing grant pool for social services is insufficient to meet that need. Council recognises that this would be inconsistent with the Grants and Partnerships Policy, which signals that Council will not approve funding requests through the Annual Plan. There is no intention to amend the policy as a result of this decision.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned again at this point (2.32pm) and would reconvene again at 11am on Tuesday 6 June.

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 107 TE HEUHEU STREET, TAUPŌ
ON TUESDAY 6 JUNE 2023 AT 11AM**

PRESENT: Cr Kevin Taylor (in the Chair), Cr Duncan Campbell, Cr Karam Fletcher, Cr Sandra Greenslade, Cr Anna Park, Cr Christine Rankin, Cr Rachel Shepherd, Cr Kirsty Trueman, Cr Yvonne Westerman, Cr John Williamson

IN ATTENDANCE: Acting Chief Executive, General Manager People and Customer, General Manager Operations and Delivery, General Manager Finance and Environment, Executive Manager Housing & Property Investment, Finance Manager, Environmental Services Manager, Executive Manager – Mayors Office, Community Engagement and Development Manager, Policy Manager, Senior Policy Advisor, Communications Advisor, Governance Quality Manager, Senior Committee Advisor, Committee Advisor

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: Nil

TDC202305/06.1 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anna Park

Seconded: Cr John Williamson

That the apologies received from Crs Kylie Leonard, Danny Loughlin, and His Worship the Mayor David Trewavas be accepted.

CARRIED

The Senior Policy Advisor asked members to highlight by exception any of the submitter responses that they would like to be changed.

The below table shows what was added to submissions to give a more detailed response:

Submitter No/Name	Point No	Submitter Comments	Staff Comments	Additional member feedback
72 Tracy Phillips	72.18	How much money	Council has no	The Community Engagement and Development team were leading work regarding CCTV and number plate recognition in Taupō town. The number plate recognition could be connected to police networks.
75 Sheila Hancox	75.18	has Taupō	specific budget to	
76 Harry van Vliet	76.18	allocated to	implement a smart	
78 Rebekah Lipp	78.26	prepare for a	cities programme	
96 Elisa McLean	96.17	smart city, like	within the district.	
130 Anthony Birdsall	130.18	CCTV cameras, footpaths, etc.		
50 Richard Hoadley for Taupō Marina Ltd	50.21	Staffing at Council is another big concern. Salaries have been increasing and staffing numbers increasing when both need to be audited by Council. Savings could be made that will have a significant impact and savings for the budget	Thank you for your comments, we continually review our operating costs in order to deliver our services in the most cost effective way.	Council had voted they will pay the equivalent of the living wage (as opposed to the minimum wage) and prudently reviewed operating costs.

2023—2024.				
118 Ngati Tūrangitukua Charitable Trust	118.10	Recent rates have increased on some Tūrangitukua lands by around 800 per cent, yet these Ohuanga land blocks remain largely undeveloped. The land use hasn't changed in almost 25 years. What justification is there for the significant increase and how can this be significantly reduced?	<p>The average change in rating valuation across all properties within the district between 2019 and 2023 was 54% with the residential sector increasing by 72%. Revaluations are undertaken every three years as a requirement under legislation and is run independently from Council for the purpose of setting rates. The CV's derived through this process must then be used in the rates process. Because residential values have increased proportionally more than other types of land, residential properties now need to cover more of the overall rates bill.</p> <p>We appreciate that this revaluation impact has been exacerbated by the need to find more money to deliver the Council services and infrastructure. In response we have worked hard to find savings, including the decision to fund 92 percent of our depreciation costs.</p>	More information would be provided around objecting to a revaluation. It would also be explained that the rating process was separate to the Annual Plan process.
Eric Wilson on behalf of Lorraine Wilson & Alasdair Keucke	137.1	Children's Playground. As a result of this horrendous crime money was raised: Around \$62,000 was raised for the family including \$13,000 by Tūrangī	The money in question is still being held by TDC. A discussion with the Tūrangī Co-Governance Committee is required and a decision will be made.	Council staff were working on this and looking to spend the funds in an appropriate way.

		residents. The parents donated \$20,000 of the funds back to a number of organisations including \$5000 to TDC for a "piece of equipment that young people in Tūrangi can enjoy. We would like to know how, and whether, this money has been distributed. After 11 years there should be some visible acknowledgement of this donation.			
24	Greg Harris	24.13	You have traffic jams which is very unusual for a small town a big focus on this would be top priority in my thinking, Maybe some redirection of expenditure is required?	Noted	This would be expanded to provide more information to the submitter.

The Senior Policy Advisor asked members to contact her for the remainder of the week if they had further feedback to be included in responses to submitters.

Members agreed that it was positive that a large number of submissions had been received, and the range of subjects and the depth of submissions was encouraging. The Acting Chief Executive advised that a media release would be published at the conclusion of the meeting to inform the community of the decisions. The Annual Plan 2023-24 document would be finalised and brought back to Council on 30 June to be adopted.

6 NGĀ KŌRERO TŪMATAITI | CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil

The meeting closed at 11.38am with a karakia from Cr Karam Fletcher.

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

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CHAIRPERSON