

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 107 TE HEUHEU STREET, TAUPŌ
ON TUESDAY, 25 JULY 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, Cr Rachel Shepherd, Cr Kirsty Trueman, Cr Yvonne Westerman, Cr John Williamson

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive (J Gardyne), General Manager Operations and Delivery (A Moraes), General Manager People and Community Partnerships (L O'Brien), Communications Manager (L McMichael), Legal Risk and Governance Manager (N McAdie), Environmental Services Manager (J Sparks), Finance Manager (J Paenga), Project Management Office Manager (P Fletcher), Executive Manager Mayor's Office (J Later), Senior Solicitor (K Hollman), Governance Quality Manager (S James), Policy Advisor (A Wilson), Infrastructure Project Manager – Operations (P van Niekerk), Senior Committee Advisor (K Watts)

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: Nil

1 KARAKIA

Cr Anna Park opened the meeting with a karakia.

2 WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES

TDC202307/01 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Christine Rankin

Seconded: Cr Rachel Shepherd

That apologies from Crs Karam Fletcher and Kevin Taylor be received and accepted.

CARRIED

3 NGĀ WHAKAPĀNGA TUKITUKI | CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Rachel Shepherd declared that her employer owned the land concerned in item 5.2 Ministerial Consent to Private Right of Way and Services easements Over Recreation Reserve - 28 County Avenue - Totara Point Properties Limited. She abstained from voting on this item.

4 WHAKAMANATANGA O NGĀ MENETI | CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 27 JUNE 2023

The minutes were amended in the following manner:

Crs Yvonne Westerman and Rachel Shepherd initially abstained from voting during item 5.3 Final Approval to Make Plan Change 37 – Nukuhau Operative. However, after further explanation and once the motion was put again, they voted in favour of resolution TDC202306/05.

TDC202307/02 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Danny Loughlin

Seconded: Cr Anna Park

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 27 June 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record, as amended.

CARRIED

4.2 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 30 JUNE 2023

TDC202307/03 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kirsty Trueman
Seconded: Cr Yvonne Westerman

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on Friday 30 June 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

- Met with the Taupō Council of Social Services along with Cr Yvonne Westerman. It was an interesting meeting and raised a lot of concerns regarding emergency and social housing. It was worthwhile to hear from the community and the struggles experienced.

Cr Rachel Shepherd

- Advised that the Sports Advisory Council meeting was held recently.
- Met with Te Korowai Roopu Tautoko Inc and had lots of interesting discussions. She felt that there were gaps Council could help to fill.

Cr John Williamson

- Met with Kelly from Active Arts Taupō along with Council's Events and Venues Manager and Library and Museum Manager. Active Arts was seeking reassurance for the lease of their building.

Cr Kirsty Trueman

- Attended the induction with Raukawa and learned how the organisation works and how to better engage with them.
- The new toilet block at the lakefront in Mangakino had been installed and looked great.

Cr Yvonne Westerman

- Attended a Waiora Community Trust meeting the previous week, followed by another meeting to ensure the process was established on how to manage and run Waiora House. Some work was still required, and the new manager and coordinator job had been advertised the previous week.
- Attended the recent Sports Advisory Council meeting.
- Met with the Taupō Rowing and Waka Ama clubs regarding their roofing issues and protecting their boats.
- Met with the Waipahihi Botanical Society who were concerned about the flight path and the native trees that needed pruning.
- Invited all interested to attend the Acacia Bay residents Annual General Meeting on 20 August 2023.

Cr Kylie Leonard

- Was watching the global dairy trade with interest. Advised that calving was starting and lambing would begin soon.

Cr Sandra Greenslade

- Attended the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee workshop on 5 July.
- Met with Hon Louise Upston in Tūrangi and visited the services around the town centre. It was the

day after the road had closed so was good timing for the Leader of the National Party Mr Christopher Luxon to experience what locals went through when the road was closed between Tūrangi and Taupō and they had to drive a lot further around the other side of the lake.

- Was pleased that there had been many visitors to Tūrangi in the second week of the school holidays.
- A week of events celebrating Matariki in Tūrangi had finished with the successful Shimmer and Shine event on 14 July.
- Chaired the Tongariro Representative Group meeting on 19 July at the Omori Community Hall.

Mayor David Trewavas

- Held a successful coffee catch up in Tūrangi the previous week. There was lots of engagement with the community and these catch ups were working well.
- The Mayoral Community Awards were open for nominations until 11 August to acknowledge service to the community at a celebration to be held on 18 August 2023.
- Met with the liquidators of Ruapehu Alpine Lifts Limited. The support from Taupō District Council and the Crown was appreciated and enabled the company to get through the winter season. Should the company be purchased, the new entity would take over Taupō District Council's bond.

Cr Anna Park

- Attended the recent citizenship ceremony and was pleased to see the diverse range of ethnicities.
- Attended the site blessing of Lot 20 of the East Urban Lands.
- Attended a couple of draft housing strategy drop in sessions.
- Attended the monthly Economic Development and Business meeting.
- Was interviewed by independent consultants reviewing the Waikato response to Cyclone Gabrielle.

TDC202307/04 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr John Williamson
Seconded: Cr Duncan Campbell

That Council receives the portfolio updates from members.

CARRIED

5.2 MINISTERIAL CONSENT TO PRIVATE RIGHT OF WAY AND SERVICES EASEMENTS OVER RECREATION RESERVE - 28 COUNTY AVENUE - TOTARA POINT PROPERTIES LIMITED

The Senior Solicitor explained that this item was being brought before Council and not the Reserves and Roding Committee due to the timing and urgency required for processing.

TDC202307/05 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Danny Loughlin
Seconded: Cr Yvonne Westerman

That Council:

1. gives Ministerial consent to the grant of a private right of way and electricity, gas, telecommunications, and water supply services over Part Section 358 Block II Tauhara Survey District (shown B on Land Transfer Plan 583949) in favour of Part Section 67 Block II Tauhara Survey District, and Sections 6 and 8 Survey Office Plan 368596 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 Taupō District Council.

CARRIED

Note: Cr Rachel Shepherd abstained from voting on resolution TDC202307/05 above.

5.3 TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL PERFORMANCE REPORT - JUNE 2023

The Chief Executive reflected that this performance report was an opportunity to look back. She highlighted the awards staff and Council had received, as well as the recognition for long service to Council particularly of those working in the cemeteries. She advised that there was no finance report this month due to it being the end of the financial year.

The Project Management Office Manager advised that there were no changes to significant projects overall other than an increase in delivery. She noted that Project Quantum had been added and would remain on the monthly report going forward.

The General Manager People and Community Partnerships clarified that while this project had commenced five years before, some technology was already being used. The project team had recently taken time to check that it remained fit for purpose and that the scope was correct. The existing technology and improvements needed to be balanced so that progress continued to be made. Other councils were using the new systems so Council was also taking their learnings into consideration. She confirmed that a workshop for Elected Members would be scheduled to give them an overview of the project and its progress.

The Minister of Finance Grant Robertson had approved funding to complete the Tūrangi revitalisation project largely thanks to the mahi of the Infrastructure Project Manager – Operations.

The Infrastructure Project Manager – Operations advised that the Tūrangi street revitalisation project was progressing well despite challenges with concrete supply. Council had met with alternative suppliers who had assisted with this. An independent arborist had come out to see the sites. The community was on board, was excited about work on its streets, the feedback was mostly positive, and nothing had been mentioned on Facebook. The additional funding received enabled Council to work through the costings and produce a plan to see what streets could be included. Should not all streets be able to be included, remaining streets could be added into the Long-term Plan.

The Infrastructure Project Manager – Operations confirmed that thanks to the Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner speaking to residents of Te Whakarau Street, Tūrangi, these residents were now onboard with the development in their street. He clarified that the criteria for trees marked for removal were causing damage to the footpath, road or infrastructure. He would discuss remaining trees which had not been marked but did not appear to be in great condition with the independent arborist.

The Kinloch Drinking Water Standards NZ upgrade project was within budget and the contractor would finalise the last of the work that week.

The footpath in Mangakino leading to the Mangakino Club on Wairenga Road would be completed that week. Following feedback from the community and a survey on accessibility, costings were being sought from contractors to make the town more accessible to mobility scooters and other footpath transport.

The Chief Executive advised that the performance report would be updated to acknowledge the vision and community outcomes once they were finalised. The strategic priorities would subsequently be updated as well.

TDC202307/06 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Danny Loughlin

Seconded: Cr Kylie Leonard

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

CARRIED

5.4 UPDATE ON THE TEL FUND

The Finance Manager summarised the report and clarified that Forsyth Barr would not monitor the investments which could not be transferred to them. Council's Finance team would assess these assets and provide options for how best to manage them.

TDC202307/07 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rachel Shepherd
Seconded: Cr Sandra Greenslade

That Council receives the update on the progress of the investment of the Taupō Electricity Limited (TEL) fund.

CARRIED

5.5 COUNCIL ENGAGEMENTS, APPOINTMENTS AND TRAINING/CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES - AUGUST 2023

The Senior Committee Advisor clarified that the workshops to be held on Tuesday 1 August now also included the closed workshop – update on building designs review.

The Chief Executive advised that the Mayor's travel was required to be approved by Council following a recommendation from Audit New Zealand.

She confirmed that Waiora House would be blessed the following Monday to close the works and open the site to be used. The official opening would occur later this year.

The General Manager People and Community Partnerships confirmed that the opening of Te Kapua Park had not been finalised yet.

TDC202307/08 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Danny Loughlin
Seconded: Cr Christine Rankin

That Council:

1. receives the information relating to engagements, appointments and training/conference opportunities for August 2023; and
2. approves the attendance of His Worship the Mayor David Trewavas at the Rural and Provincial Sector meeting taking place on 2-3 November 2023 in Wellington with the costs of flights and accommodation to be paid by Council.

CARRIED

6 NGĀ KŌRERO TŪMATAITI | CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

TDC202307/09 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Yvonne Westerman

Seconded: Cr Anna Park

RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

I move that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48[1] of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
<p>Agenda Item No: 6.1 Confirmation of Confidential Portion of Ordinary Council Minutes - 27 June 2023</p>	<p>Section 7(2)(b)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information</p> <p>Section 7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable [the Council] to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities</p> <p>Section 7(2)(i) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable [the Council] to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)</p>	<p>Section 48(1)(a)(i)- the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 7</p>

CARRIED

The meeting closed at 1.53pm with a karakia from Cr Anna Park.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 29 August 2023.

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CHAIRPERSON