

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY TAUPŌ RESERVES & ROADING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 107 HEUHEU STREET, TAUPŌ
ON TUESDAY, 22 AUGUST 2023 AT 1.04PM**

PRESENT: Cr John Williamson (in the Chair), Cr Kylie Leonard (from 1.26pm), Cr Anna Park, Mr Te Moananui Rameka, Cr Christine Rankin, Cr Rachel Shepherd

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive (J Gardyne), General Manager – Operations and Delivery (A Moraes), Infrastructure Manager (R Stokes), Communications Manager (L McMichael), Parks Manager – Open Space (A Moor), Senior Solicitor (K Hollman), Co-Governance Management Partner (H Oneroa), Senior Committee Advisor (K Watts)

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: 2 members of the public

Note: Cr Kylie Leonard entered the meeting at 1.26pm. She was not present for resolutions TRARC202308/01 and TRARC202308/02.

1 KARAKIA

Cr Rachel Shepherd opened the meeting with a karakia.

2 WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES

TRARC202308/01 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rachel Shepherd
Seconded: Cr Christine Rankin

That the apologies received from Crs Duncan Campbell, Cr Yvonne Westerman, Cr Kevin Taylor, and Mayor David Trewavas for absence and from Cr Kylie Leonard for lateness be accepted.

CARRIED

3 NGĀ WHAKAPĀNGA TUKITUKI | CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

4 WHAKAMANATANGA O NGĀ MENETI | CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 ORDINARY TAUPŌ RESERVES & ROADING COMMITTEE MEETING - 4 JULY 2023

TRARC202308/02 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Christine Rankin
Seconded: Cr Anna Park

That the minutes of the Taupō Reserves & Roding Committee meeting held on Tuesday 4 July 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

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

5.1 REQUEST TO REMOVE TREES FROM RESERVE ADJOINING 8 WALL STREET, TAUPŌ

The Parks Manager – Open Space summarised the report. In answer to questions from members, he clarified the following:

- The trees located in the stormwater reserve were not accessed regularly by Council operations' teams and so were not maintained. An ongoing programme could be implemented to kill off the jasmine smothering the trees and remove it.
- Removing the jasmine and crown lifting the totara tree could let more light through to the property on 8 Wall Street however no work could be undertaken on the kauri tree.
- The shading was currently affecting the property, not the house.
- The arborist report was dated March 2023 and the arborist had not seen any ongoing issues when he visited the site around two months previously. Once the jasmine was removed, the arborist could monitor the the trees regularly.
- While there was always an element of risk, the arborist noted that there was nothing in the health of the trees to suggest anything was happening above or below ground to compromise them.
- There was a risk of setting a precedent by removing these healthy trees from the stormwater reserve. Given the steepness of the reserve, much of the vegetation was stabilising the bank.

Chair Cr John Willilamson invited Mr Tom and Mrs Lauren Long to address the Committee. They handed out supporting information (A3401760) and photographs (A3402868) to the members of the Committee.

Mr and Mrs Long highlighted the following points in relation to the trees:

- The trees had not been accessed via their house since March 2023 and they failed to understand how the trees could be classed as being in good condition when the trunk had moved.
- A tree on the other side of the bank in the stormwater reserve had fallen over.
- The jasmine climbing the trees would not assist with letting in more light if removed.
- They were concerned with making their property safer overall.
- They were about to begin renovating their house which would include adding solar panels. Currently light was limited due to the trees shading the property and they had not reached maturity.
- They would like to meet with the arborist to show him the lean of the trees and were concerned that the arborist would not have been able to assess the base of the trees due to the overgrown jasmine.
- Kauri tree roots found the closest source of water so there was a safety concern to the foundations of their house because the root systems could travel up to 30 metres.
- If, upon reinspecting the trees, the arborist assessed them to be healthy, they would still be a problem for their house.

Cr Kylie Leonard entered the meeting at this point (1.26pm).

Members decided that the root structure of the trees should be reassessed once the jasmine had been removed.

TRARC202308/03 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rachel Shepherd

Seconded: Cr Christine Rankin

That the Taupō Reserves & Roding Committee declines the request to remove the Golden Totara (*Podocarpus totara* 'Aurea') and a Kauri (*Agathis australis*) from the stormwater reserve adjoining 8 Wall Street, Taupō until another full assessment of the trees has been undertaken.

CARRIED

5.2 OUTDOOR AMUSEMENTS LTD, NORTHCROFT RESERVE – NEW LICENCE TO OCCUPY

The Parks Manager – Open Space advised that there was an error in the report suggesting a five year licence to occupy but that a three year term was sought.

Members noted that while this was a popular activity over summer, the roading had changed significantly since the previous licence to occupy was granted. They were concerned about health and safety risks at this location. In response to concerns around providing an opportunity for others to apply for licences to occupy and/or leases, the General Manager Operations and Delivery confirmed that the team was setting a target of updating the Reserve Management Plan to allow for a systematic approach to be taken when offering licences and leases. It aimed to provide security to those operating and also allow new operators to come in.

TRARC202308/04 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Christine Rankin

Seconded: Cr Kylie Leonard

That the Taupō Reserves and Roding Committee as administering body of Northcroft Reserve, Taupō agrees to grant a new Licence to Occupy to Outdoor Amusements Limited for a term of Three years subject to the terms and conditions of the Tapuaeharuru Lakeshore Reserves Management Plan and the Reserves Act 1977.

CARRIED

5.3 TAUPŌ MINI GOLF, NORTHCROFT RESERVE – NEW LEASE

The Parks Manager – Open Space summarised the report and confirmed that the relationship with the operator was positive.

The General Manager Operations and Delivery clarified that the current Reserve Management Plan allowed two operators longer leases, one of these operators being Taupō Mini Golf. He confirmed that right of first refusal after six years was correct and would allow for Council to negotiate and possibly change the terms. The Parks Manager – Open Space confirmed that Taupō Mini Golf Limited was aware of this requirement after six years. In response to a query regarding the lease fees, he advised that the property would be valued and rental fees would be negotiated in line with the current market.

TRARC202308/05 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr John Williamson

Seconded: Cr Anna Park

That the Taupō Reserves and Roding Committee as administering body of Northcroft Reserve, Taupō agrees to grant a new lease to Taupō Mini Golf Limited for a term of six (6) years with two (2) further rights of first refusal for six (6) years and a final right of first refusal for seven (7) years subject to the terms and conditions of the Tapuaeharuru Lakeshore Reserves Management Plan and the Reserves Act 1977.

CARRIED

5.4 MINISTERIAL CONSENT TO PRIVATE RIGHT OF WAY OVER LOCAL PURPOSE RESERVE (ROAD) FOR 16 & 18 CHAD STREET, RAINBOW POINT

The Senior Solicitor explained that no issues were perceived and asked the members to give consent as per the recommendation.

TRARC202308/06 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anna Park

Seconded: Cr Christine Rankin

That the Taupō Reserves & Roding Committee:

1. gives Ministerial consent to the grant of a private right of way over (local purpose reserve) Lot 69 DP 375151 (shown A and B on Land Transfer Plan 592158) in favour of Lot 1 DP 375151 and Lot 2 DPS 10208 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

6 NGĀ KŌRERO TŪMATAITI | CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil

The meeting closed at 1.48pm with a karakia from Cr Rachel Shepherd.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the ordinary Taupō Reserves & Roding Committee meeting held on 10 October 2023.

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CHAIRPERSON