

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 107 HEUHEU STREET, TAUPŌ  
ON TUESDAY, 29 MAY 2018 AT 1.30PM**

- PRESENT:** Mayor David Trewavas (in the Chair), Cr John Boddy, Cr Barry Hickling, Cr Rosanne Jollands, Cr Tangonui Kingi, Cr Anna Park, Cr Christine Rankin (until 2.27pm), Cr Maggie Stewart, Cr Kirsty Trueman
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Chief Executive, Head of Democracy, Governance & Venues, Head of Communications & Customer Relations, Head of Finance & Strategy, Head of Economic Development and Business Transformation, Head of Community, Culture and Heritage, Corporate Solicitor, Facilities Manager, Infrastructure Manager, Group Accountant, Operations Manager Three Waters, Economic Relationships Manager, Policy Manager, Senior Policy Advisor, Policy Advisor, Finance Manager, Facilities Officer, Landscape Architect, Commercial Manager, Strategic Partnership Advisor-Community Grants, Democratic Services Officer
- MEDIA AND PUBLIC:** Taupō Times  
One member of the public

*His Worship the Mayor, David Trewavas welcomed everyone and Cr Tangonui Kingi opened the meeting with a karakia.*

Note: Cr Christine Rankin left the meeting at 2.27pm. She was not present for resolutions TDC201805/09-17 and TDC201805/C01-C02.

## **1 APOLOGIES**

### **TDC201805/01 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Anna Park  
Seconded: Cr Tangonui Kingi

That the apologies received from Crs Rosie Harvey and John Williamson (for absence) and Cr Christine Rankin (for early departure) be accepted.

**CARRIED**

## **2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

*Cr Tangonui Kingi noted an interest in item 5.2, at the time of consideration of that item, due to his position as Chairman of the Lake Taupō Protection Project Joint Committee.*

## **3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

### **3.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 24 APRIL 2018**

In answer to a question, the Chief Executive advised that the item about additional responsibilities allowance for the Chairperson of Kinloch Representative Group was still lying on the table.

Cr Anna Park advised that she was no longer be able to attend the Local Government New Zealand conference.

**TDC201805/02 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Tangonui Kingi

Seconded: Cr Barry Hickling

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 24 April 2018 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

**4 POLICY AND DECISION MAKING****4.1 TAUPŌ CBD INTERSECTION UPGRADE FOR THE RUAPEHU ST AND PAORA HAPI ST INTERSECTION**

In answer to a question, the Landscape Architect advised that the car parks to the north were currently under-utilised, so removal of the six parks as proposed would result in the northern parks being better utilised. The Chief Executive added that the Transport Strategy would examine car parking.

In answer to another question, the Landscape Architect confirmed that St John's had been consulted in relation to accessibility.

**TDC201805/03 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Rosanne Jollands

Seconded: Cr Maggie Stewart

That Council approves the replacement of six (6) carparking spaces with new pedestrian space to improve the safety of the Paora Hapi Ruapehu St intersection as per the plans attached to the report.

**CARRIED**

**4.2 CONTRACT TDC/1718/228 - TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL STREETLIGHT MAINTENANCE 2018-2021**

The Infrastructure Manager answered questions and the following points were noted:

- LED lights would require less maintenance than the current sodium lamps.
- Council had not used Horizon Networks Ltd before.
- The contractor would respond to reports of faulty lamps/lanterns, but neither Council nor the contractor have any influence over network outages where entire sections were out.
- There was a standard response time for responding to individual faulty lamps/lanterns – the Infrastructure Manager would provide this detail following the meeting.

**TDC201805/04 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Tangonui Kingi

Seconded: Cr Barry Hickling

That Council accepts the Tender for Contract TDC/1718/228 Taupō District Council Streetlight Maintenance 2018 – 2021 as submitted by Horizon Networks Ltd for the sum of \$1,016,141.06 [excl. GST] and authorises His Worship the Mayor and the Chief Executive to sign the Contract Document(s) and attach the Council's Common Seal to them.

**CARRIED**

#### **4.3 CONTRACT TDC/1617/191 TAUPŌ AND TURANGI WATER NETWORK RENEWALS**

The Infrastructure Manager answered questions and the following points were noted:

- The contract was identified in the 2018/19 budget and included a contingency amount.
- There was no contract term because this related to construction of defined works.

#### **TDC201805/05 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Anna Park

Seconded: Cr Maggie Stewart

That Council approves the increase in value of Contract TDC/1617/191 for Taupō and Turangi Water Network Renewals by \$100,000 to a total sum of \$1,375,786.40.

**CARRIED**

#### **4.4 TENDER FOR CONTRACT TDC/1718/219 ROAD MAINTENANCE & RESEALING 2018 - 2024**

The Infrastructure Manager answered questions and the following points were noted:

- An exhaustive tender process had been undertaken. Referees had been spoken to. Morrison Low had completed a probity audit of the process.
- This was a measure-of-value contract including provision for some emergency works. It was impossible to say how much work would be required as a result of emergencies; if this amount was significant staff may have to come back to Council for additional funding in future.
- The length of contract was typical for this type of contract. The period enabled contractors to get established and develop a relationship with the district. Inframax would be setting up a depot in Taupō.
- Inframax had not been specific about innovation / value added services.

#### **TDC201805/06 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr John Boddy

Seconded: Cr Maggie Stewart

That the tender received from Inframax Construction Ltd for Contract TDC/1718/19 for Road Maintenance & Resealing 2018 - 2024, be awarded to Inframax Construction Limited for a five year and nine month period commencing 1 October 2018 for the sum of \$26,700,092.34 [excl. GST] and that His Worship the Mayor and the Chief Executive be authorised to sign the contract documents and attach the Common Seal to them.

**CARRIED**

#### **4.5 ADOPTION OF FEES AND CHARGES 2018/19**

#### **TDC201805/07 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Christine Rankin

Seconded: Cr Maggie Stewart

That Council adopts the Fees and Charges 2018/19.

**CARRIED**

#### **4.6 ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT LONG-TERM PLAN 2018-28 FOR AUDIT**

The draft Long-term Plan 2018-28 document had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Senior Policy Advisor advised that Audit New Zealand had suggested the performance measures target period be changed to 10 years, which was reflected in the latest version of the document.

Members made an amendment to the draft Long-term Plan document to include a story box to highlight the Lake Taupō Protection Project.

It was also noted that there were inconsistencies between some of the figures cited in the Long-term Plan and the District Economic Strengthening Strategy. These would be checked and may result in some corrections to figures in the Long-term Plan prior to final adoption.

#### **TDC201805/08 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Anna Park

Seconded: Cr Christine Rankin

That Council adopts the draft Long-term Plan 2018-28 (as amended) for audit (A2222861).

**CARRIED**

#### **4.7 COUNCIL'S APRIL PERFORMANCE REPORT**

The Chief Executive summarised his covering report and added that he had travelled to Wellington with His Worship the Mayor and the Head of Economic Development and Business Transformation to meet with the Minister of Regional Development, Hon Shane Jones. The meeting went well and the Minister is fully aware of the economic development aspirations of Taupō district.

Heads of department summarised their respective parts of the monthly report and answered questions. The following points were noted:

- Standard & Poor's had reaffirmed Council's credit rating as AA.
- Management were continually monitoring staff stress levels and providing support where appropriate.
- Staff were congratulated by Audit New Zealand for the way in which they worked on recent audits from different locations.

The Operations Manager Three Waters made a PowerPoint presentation showing photographs of recent sewer inspections and details of progress made with these inspections. He also advised that Waikato Regional Council had informed staff that a formal warning was coming in relation to a recent overflow near Hyde Avenue. In answer to a question, the Infrastructure Manager advised that Mangakino's wastewater system had recently been inspected and a renewal programme had commenced. A member asked for inspections to be undertaken in Turangi.

- The footpath between Wharewaka and Rainbow Point would be completed in 2-3 weeks.

*Cr Christine Rankin left the meeting at this point (2.27pm).*

- Clarification of the change in budget for the Turangi wastewater treatment plant would be provided following the meeting.

#### **TDC201805/09 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Barry Hickling

Seconded: Cr Anna Park

That Council notes the information contained in the Council Performance report for the month of April 2018.

**CARRIED**

#### **4.8 REQUEST TO ENABLE RESERVE LAND TO BE DECLARED ROAD - WAIPAHIHI RECREATION RESERVE**

#### **TDC201805/10 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Tangonui Kingi

Seconded: Cr John Boddy

1. That Council revokes resolution number 1 of item 6.3 of 28 March 2017.

2. That, in relation to the area shown in orange (subject to survey) being part of Section 67 SO 49356 Blk VI, Tauhara SD being the Waipahihi Recreation Reserve:
  - a. Council as administering body of the Waipahihi Recreation Reserve consents to the declaring of that area as road pursuant to Section 114(2)(b) of the Public Works Act
  - b. Council, as territorial authority consents to the declaring of that area as road pursuant to Section 114(2)(h) of the Public Works Act
  - c. Council formally requests approval from the Minister of Conservation to consent to the declaration of the area shown in orange as road.
3. That upon receipt of the approval requests the Minister, and upon survey of the land, by way of notice in the Gazette declare the land to be road.
4. That Council authorises the Chief Executive to execute the necessary approvals on behalf of Council in order to enable the vesting.

**CARRIED**

#### **4.9 UPDATE TO THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR TURANGI WASTE WATER WORKING GROUP**

In answer to questions the Head of Community, Culture & Heritage advised that:

- The reason for the proposed increase in membership of the working group was to include Ngāti Kurauia.
- The working group had an operational focus, therefore it was not considered necessary to increase Council's elected member representation. The group would report back to Council in due course.

#### **TDC201805/11 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Maggie Stewart

Seconded: Cr Anna Park

1. That Council revokes part 1 a) i) and ii) of resolution TDC201804/17 dated 24 April 2018 and:
2. That Council directs officers to establish a working group to identify a preferred option for the discharge of wastewater for the Turangi Community which will assess the engineering, environmental and cultural aspects associated with the discharge of wastewater. Further, it is anticipated that:
  - a) the working group shall be made up of:
    - i) Four hapu/iwi endorsed tangata whenua representatives of Ngāti Tūrangitukua (2), Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board (1) and Ngāti Kurauia (1); and
    - ii) Four Council representatives, with Cr Williamson and three Council representatives.
  - b) The working group shall be required to report back to Council in accordance with the agreed Terms of Reference for the Working Group.
  - c) The Terms of Reference for the Working Group shall be as outlined in Attachment 1;

**CARRIED**

#### **4.10 ADOPTION OF DISTRICT ECONOMIC STRENGTHENING STRATEGY**

In answer to a question, the Economic Relationship Manager confirmed that the District Economic Strengthening Strategy would be a living document.

The following points were raised by members:

- The comment about the energy and geothermal sectors not working well together could not be further from the truth.
- There needs to be more focus on Mangakino in future iterations of the strategy document.
- Council's Standard & Poor's credit rating was AA, not AA+.

- The reference to local government index percentage was now 1.5%, not 1%.
- The reference to population decline should state “only marginal decrease”, not increase.
- Population growth figures would be checked for consistency between the strategy document and the Long-term Plan 2018-28.
- The reference to Mighty River Power would be changed to Mercury in future iterations of the document.

**TDC201805/12 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr John Boddy

Seconded: Cr Kirsty Trueman

That Council adopts the District Economic Strengthening Strategy, to be the document for economic direction to achieve the long term vision for the Taupō District.

**CARRIED**

**4.11 ADOPTION OF FORMS FOR GRANTS AND PARTNERSHIPS**

A member asked for clarification of next steps in relation to grants and partnerships 2018-19. The Head of Community, Culture & Heritage advised that Council would advertise for partnerships / independent distributors for one month beginning 8 June, following a conversation with current distributors. The Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group and Turangi/Tongariro Community Board were the only organisations which did not have to re-apply to become a distributor. Final arrangements as determined by Council would be notified at the end of July.

In answer to another question, the Head of Community, Culture & Heritage advised that the questions about partners the applicants have collaborated with were included so applicants could show the extent of collaboration and how wide a reach the activity would have.

**TDC201805/13 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Rosanne Jollands

Seconded: Cr Maggie Stewart

That Council adopts the following:

- Independent Grant Distributor Application Form
- Partnership Agreement Application Form
- Partnership Agreement Accountability Form

**CARRIED**

**4.12 REPRESENTATION REVIEW - INITIAL PROPOSAL FOR CONSULTATION**

The Head of Democracy, Governance & Venues answered questions of clarification.

**TDC201805/14 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Anna Park

Seconded: Cr Rosanne Jollands

That Council in accordance with section 19H of the Local Electoral Act 2001, adopts as its initial proposal for the review of representation arrangements:

- a) Taupō District Council comprising 11 councillors elected under the ward system, plus the mayor elected at large
- b) Taupō District Council be divided into five wards, these being:

**Mangakino/Pouakani Ward** 1 councillor comprising Mangakino, Marotiri, Tatua, and incorporating six meshblocks from Oruanui, the proposed boundaries of which are shown on Attachment 3.

**Kinloch/Oruanui Ward** 1 councillor comprising Kinloch, Wairakei-Aratiatia and Oruanui (excluding six meshblocks to be included in the Mangakino/Pouakani Ward), the proposed boundaries of which are shown on Attachment 4.

**Taupō Town Ward** 7 councillors comprising Acacia Bay, Maunganamu, Taupō East, Wharewaka, Rangatira Park, Rangatira, Lakewood, Nukuhau, Taupō Central, Tauhara, Hilltop, Waipahihi, Richmond Heights, the proposed boundaries of which are shown on Attachment 5.

**Southeast Rural Ward** 1 councillor comprising Broadlands, Rangataiki, Waitahanui, Tongariro, Motuoapa, Tokaanu, Rangipo, Te More, Taharau, Omori, Kuratau, the proposed boundaries of which are shown on Attachment 6.

**Turangi Town Ward** 1 councillor comprising (Turangi), the proposed boundaries of which are shown on Attachment 7.

c) one community board being;

**Southeastern Community Board** 6 members elected with three elected the Turangi Town Ward and three elected from the Southeast Rural Ward plus two councillors, one representing Turangi Town Ward and one representing Southeast Rural Ward, the boundaries of which are shown on Attachment 8.

d) The reason the total number of councillors is proposed to increase to 11 (plus the mayor) is to provide effective representation to Taupō residents and ratepayers.

e) The reasons for the ward boundary alterations are to better reflect the communities of interest and fairer representation.

f) The above initial proposal be submitted for formal public consultation, in the period 7 June to 3 August 2018.

**CARRIED**

#### **4.13 COUNCIL ENGAGEMENTS JUNE 2018 AND CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES**

The Head of Democracy, Governance & Venues advised that two additional engagements had been added to the list on Wednesday 6 June 2018 – a closed extraordinary Council meeting and a closed workshop with grants distributing agencies.

Cr Barry Hickling advised that he may be able to attend the Zone 2 meeting on Friday 1 June.

#### **TDC201805/15 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Rosanne Jollands

Seconded: Cr Kirsty Trueman

1. That Council receives the information relating to engagements for June 2018.
2. That Council approves the attendance of Cr Barry Hickling at the LGNZ Zone 2 meeting taking place on Friday 1 June 2018 at the ASB Baypark, Mount Maunganui.

**CARRIED**

#### **4.14 MEMBERS' REPORTS**

The following report was received:

**Cr Anna Park (A2234571):**

- ANZAC Day Civic morning tea and ceremony
- Stella Awards launch
- Citizenship Ceremony
- NZNP Taupō Electorate AGM
- Various workshops

- Emergency Management Committee meeting
- Sport Waikato catch up (Sport & Recreation)
- Waipahihi School Discovery Centre opening (Youth)
- Harcourts Pink Ribbon Breakfast
- Bike Taupō meeting (Sport & Recreation)
- Hotlaps with Targa NZ at Bruce McLaren Motorsport Park (Sport & Recreation)
- Sport NZ elected members forum – Wellington (Sport & Recreation)
- Sports Advisory Council Wall of Fame inductions and grant distributions (Sport & Recreation)
- Hydro & Geothermal generation tour with Mercury

**Cr Anna Park** reported on her attendance at the inaugural elected members forum with Sport New Zealand. It was fascinating to get together with councillors who have similar portfolio areas. Topics of discussion included the decline in sports participation over the past 6-7 years and programmes being developed with teachers to address this; the changing face of sports; and central government's approach.

#### **TDC201805/16 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Maggie Stewart  
 Seconded: Cr Rosanne Jollands

That Council receives the reports from members.

**CARRIED**

Cr Tangonui Kingi led a karakia at the end of the public part of the meeting.

#### **5 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**

#### **TDC201805/17 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Rosanne Jollands  
 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:

<b>General subject of each matter to be considered</b>	<b>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</b>	<b>Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</b>
<b>Agenda Item No: 5.1</b> Confirmation of Confidential Portion of Ordinary Council Minutes - 24 April 2018	Section 6(a) - the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences, and the right to a fair trial	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 6
<b>Agenda Item No: 5.2</b> Lake Taupo Protection Trust: extension to project agreement	Section 7(2)(i) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable [the Council] to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage,	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



	negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)	of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 7
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**CARRIED**

The meeting closed at 3.16pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the ordinary Council meeting held on 26 June 2018.

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**CHAIRPERSON**