

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE TURANGI/TONGARIRO COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING  
HELD AT THE BOARDROOM, TURANGI SERVICE CENTRE, 1 NGAWAKA PLACE, TŪRANGI  
ON WEDNESDAY, 1 JUNE 2022 AT 2.00PM**

**PRESENT:** Mr Clint Green (in the Chair), Ms Paula McRae, Mr George O'Connor Patena, Mr Robert Severne

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Chief Executive, General Manager Planning and Strategy, Community Engagement and Development Manager, District Customer Relations Manager, Parks Manager Open Space, Infrastructure Project Manager Operations, Events and Venues Manager, Governance Quality Manager, Team Leader Customer Support – Tūrangi and Mangakino, Senior Community Development Advisor, Community Development Advisor, Senior Committee Advisor

**MEDIA AND PUBLIC:** 1 member of the public

Note Member Mr Robert Severne opened the meeting with a karakia and asked everyone present to observe a moment's silence for Mr Patena who had passed away that morning.

**1 WHAKAPĀHA**

**APOLOGIES**

**TT202206/01 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Mr Robert Severne

Seconded: Mr George O'Connor Patena

That the apologies received from Cr Tangonui Kingi, Cr John Mack, Mr Te Takinga New and Mrs Donna Searancke be accepted.

**CARRIED**

**2 NGĀ WHAKAPĀNGA TUKITUKI**

**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Nil

**3 WHAKAMANATANGA O NGĀ MENETI**

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**3.1 TURANGI/TONGARIRO COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING - 4 MAY 2022**

**TT202206/02 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Mr George O'Connor Patena

Seconded: Mr Robert Severne

That the minutes of the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board meeting held on Wednesday 4 May 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

**4 NGĀ RIPOATA****REPORTS****4.1 REQUEST FOR TREE REMOVAL, 13 TE HEI PLACE, TŪRANGI**

The Parks Manager Open Space summarised the report and advised that the recommendation was in line with Council's policy and the arborist's assessment.

In answers to questions from board members, the Parks Manager Open Space advised the following:

- Removing this tree would likely set an unwanted precedent and invite more requests for tree removal in the same street and around Tūrangi.
- No infrastructure (powerlines, water pipes) were being affected by the tree branches or roots.
- This tree had not previously been identified as a tree causing issues in the studies completed as part of the Kerb and Channel project.

Board members agreed that this was a significant tree whose removal would negatively affect the canopy of the street. In addition, community engagement had been open and honest about the scope of the Kerb and Channel project so anything outside of this would invite negative public feedback.

**TT202206/03 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Mr Robert Severne

Seconded: Ms Paula McRae

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board declines the request to remove the Red Oak (*Quercus rubra*) from the berm outside 13 Te Hei Place, Tūrangi.

**CARRIED**

**4.2 MONTHLY UPDATE - TŪRANGI REVITALISATION (KERB AND CHANNEL) PROJECT**

In addition to his project update, the Infrastructure Project Manager Operations advised that tree replanting would commence in June. They planned for Council staff to dig holes and prepare sites in order for school children and interested residents to plant the trees.

The Infrastructure Project Manager Operations confirmed the following:

- Firth's batching plant (concrete provider) had reopened and the delays had not impacted the overall timeframe of the project
- Residents of Te Mawake Place were scheduled to receive letters and information regarding letdowns the following week.
- A budget update for the project would be provided at the next board meeting.

**TT202206/04 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Ms Paula McRae

Seconded: Mr Robert Severne

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board receives the information on the Turangi Revitalisation Project as presented on 1 June 2022.

**CARRIED**

**4.3 MONTHLY UPDATE - TŪRANGI CUSTOMER RELATIONS**

The Team Leader Customer Support – Tūrangi and Mangakino advised the board that underpass lighting would be installed around August or September under State Highway 1.

He thanked board member George O'Connor Patena for educating Council staff about Matariki because this

would allow them to promote it to visitors and the community.

The General Manager Planning and Strategy advised the board that they would be invited to a workshop with Council later in June regarding the Tūrangi Recreation and Activities Centre.

In response to questions from board members, the Events and Venues Manager confirmed that the Tūrangitukua Park Community Sports Facility floodlights had been funded by a lotteries grant. He advised that fencing was planned to be constructed at the same time as building construction and that the contractor had been made aware of security risks in terms of vandalism.

#### **TT202206/05 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Mr George O'Connor Patena

Seconded: Ms Paula McRae

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board receives the update on themes and customer feedback presented on 1 June 2022.

**CARRIED**

#### **4.4 MONTHLY UPDATE - COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

The Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner was unable to attend the meeting so the Community Engagement and Development Manager gave the monthly update on her behalf. She advised that contractors would begin work on 2<sup>nd</sup> June at Tūrangitukua Park. The Steering Group would meet with the Project Manager Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June to further discuss the function of the facility, including how they see it being run.

The Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner had been working alongside Mike Bowie (Tūrangi Development Lead for Amplify) and Doug Wilcox (Operations Manager for Lake Rotoaira Forest Trust) to finalise the job description for the Tūrangi Events Coordinator role. This had been accepted and they had commenced recruitment for someone to fill this part-time position.

Te Kapua Park design plans were in the final stages and the board would be updated on progress at the next meeting.

The Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner had been engaging with Waka Asher (Grants and Scholarships – Lake Taupō Forest Trust) as well as Tanya Stieglebauer (Amplify) regarding Tūrangi rangatahi. Their intention was to set them up for success upon leaving school and included potential apprenticeships, employment and university. They were working with rangatahi and their families from a holistic perspective to discourage rangatahi being out at night.

#### **TT202206/06 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Ms Paula McRae

Seconded: Mr Robert Severne

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board receives the report from the Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner.

**CARRIED**

#### **4.5 MEMBERS' REPORTS**

The following members' reports were received:

Ms Paula McRae:

- Ms McRae had met with Tūrangi police who raised operational concerns including lighting, CCTV and graffiti. Council staff made Ms McRae aware that she could escalate these on behalf of the police via Service Requests.

Mr George O'Connor Patena:

- Met with various businesses operating around the Tūrangi industrial area to encourage submissions

to the traffic management consultation.

- Had engaged with staff at Tongariro School to learn how they were involved with the community providing a holistic approach to connecting with rangatahi. This included providing a safe space designed by youth, for youth, to talk about suicide with LGBTQ+, queer, and Māori.
- Taught students at both Kuratau and Marotiri schools about Matariki, the stars, and where they were. The students were making birds out of recycled material to support his art display for Matariki.
- Engaged with Paukeno Pa, a settlement on private land near Whareroa, to look at partnership opportunities with Council because the majority of their services were not supplied by Council.
- Met with Tūwharetoa who had expressed their desire to meet with new members once elected and encouraged a relationship similar to the Mana Whakahono going forward.
- Apologised to the members and Council that he would not be able to attend the Mana Whakahono signing ceremony. He thanked all of those involved and supported the agreement.

Mr Clint Green:

- He was on the steering group for the Tūrangi Recreation and Activities Centre and advised they were making great progress.
- He sat on the Tongariro Taupō Conservation Board and advised that there was a likelihood the numbers of walkers on the Tongariro Alpine Crossing would be reduced to 800 per day, and that walkers would require permits. Tourism and transport providers in Tūrangi and the wider area would be impacted by the reduction of walkers.

Mr Robert Severne:

- Residents of Patikura Place had reported that they were happy with progress of the kerb on their street.
- Businesses in the industrial area were concerned that trucks were parking on both sides of the road and were very close to oncoming traffic.
- Congratulated Ngāti Tūrangitukua and Council on winning the Taitarā Buddle Findlay Award for Māori-Council Partnerships.
- Advised his upcoming retirement from Council on 24 June and was thanked by the Chair and members for his work in Tūrangi.

## **TT202206/07 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Ms Paula McRae

Seconded: Mr Robert Severne

That the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board receives the members' reports.

**CARRIED**

## **5 NGĀ KŌRERO TŪMATAITI**

### **CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**

Nil

**Board member Mr George O'Connor Patena closed the meeting with a karakia at 2.52pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Turangi/Tongariro Community Board Meeting held on 6 July 2022.**

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**CHAIRPERSON**