

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 107 HEUHEU STREET, TAUPŌ
ON THURSDAY, 31 JANUARY 2019 AT 1.30PM**

PRESENT: Cr Rosie Harvey (in the Chair), Cr John Boddy, Cr Barry Hickling, Cr Tangonui Kingi, Cr Anna Park, Cr Christine Rankin, Cr Maggie Stewart, Cr Kirsty Trueman, Cr John Williamson

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive, Head of Operations, Head of Democracy, Governance & Venues, Head of Communications & Customer Service, Head of Finance & Strategy, Head of Regulatory & Risk, Head of Economic Development & Business Transformation, Infrastructure Manager, Policy Manager, Manager Legal & Compliance, Legal Counsel, Building Project Manager, Commercial Manager, Democratic Services Officer

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: Four members of the public
Taupō Weekender
Taupō Times

Deputy Mayor, Cr Rosie Harvey welcomed everyone and Cr Tangonui Kingi opened the meeting with a karakia.

1 APOLOGIES

TDC201901/01 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Christine Rankin
Seconded: Cr Tangonui Kingi

That the apologies received from His Worship the Mayor, David Trewavas and Cr Rosanne Jollands be accepted.

CARRIED

2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 11 DECEMBER 2018

TDC201901/02 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Christine Rankin
Seconded: Cr John Boddy

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 11 December 2018 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

4 POLICY AND DECISION MAKING

4.1 PETITION - LOWER SPA ROAD

Ms Jil Richardson presented the petition and addressed the Council. The following points were noted:

- Ms Richardson had made several telephone calls to Council staff to discuss the state of Spa Road and the amount of traffic. The communications had been unsuccessful and after several weeks a staff member rang back to advise that it was not possible to put a pedestrian crossing on Spa Road. This was not helpful, so Ms Richardson organised the petition.
- Signatures were obtained from visiting eight retailers (not 60) in the shopping area above Countdown supermarket. Approximately ¾ hour was spent visiting these shops at around 4pm.
- Signatories included retailers (staff, customers), Police officers, people endeavouring to cross the road, and Taupō Primary School representatives.
- Ms Richardson had watched with horror as little children ran across two lanes of traffic to get across Spa Road.
- There were 10 side roads between Taupō-Nui-a-Tia College and Countdown, and only one legal crossing outside the College.
- The long median strip in the middle of Spa Road was incorrectly used as a third lane by turning traffic – this made it even more difficult to negotiate traffic and cross the road safely.
- Spa Road is Taupō's busiest street. It is unsafe and Council has an obligation to provide a legal, safe place for pedestrians to cross.
- One solution could be to reduce the speed on Spa Road; another could be to put a zebra crossing just down from Repco across to the park. The other alternative was to put traffic lights at the end of Ruapehu Street to slow the flow of traffic.

In answer to a question, the Infrastructure Manager advised that a 'pedestrian crossing warrant' was required prior to installation of crossings. Certain criteria had to be met, relating to the number of pedestrians crossing the road; the number of vehicles on the road; and other site restrictions, for example proximity to intersections.

The Chief Executive advised that the matter would be brought to the 26 February 2019 Council meeting for further consideration.

TDC201901/03 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anna Park

Seconded: Cr John Williamson

That Council receives the petition relating to lower Spa Road, Taupō (A2392603).

CARRIED

4.2 TENDER FOR CONTRACT TDC/1718/240 POIHIPI & TIROHANGA ROAD SEAL WIDENING 2019

In answer to a question, the Chief Executive advised that approval for unbudgeted expenditure was not required, as the projects were already in the Long-term Plan. The proposal was to take the loan for the projects slightly earlier, by a matter of months, which would have a small financial impact. The Head of Finance & Strategy added that this was in effect the reverse of the bowwave and made sense in this particular situation.

TDC201901/04 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr John Williamson

Seconded: Cr Christine Rankin

1. That Council accepts the Tender for Contract TDC/1718/240 for Poihipi & Tirohanga Road Seal Widening 2019 submitted by Schick Civil Construction Ltd for the sum of \$926,800.97 [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.

2. That Council approves \$200,000 [excl. GST] from the allocated 2019/20 Poihipi Road Seal Widening funding to be brought forward to the 2018/19 financial year to enable the full completion of the contracted length in one site establishment.

CARRIED

4.3 PLAN CHANGE 34 - FLOOD HAZARD UNBUDGETED EXPENDITURE

In answer to a question, the Policy Manager advised that the practice of not budgeting for expenditure incurred for hearing, deliberating and preparing a recommended decision for plan changes had been in place for several years. There were inherent dangers in trying to forecast such expenditure. The approach to this varied between councils.

TDC201901/05 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Maggie Stewart
Seconded: Cr Barry Hickling

That Council approves unbudgeted expenditure of \$60,000.00 exclusive of GST for the purpose of hearing, deliberating and preparing a recommended decision for Plan Change 34 – Flood Hazard.

CARRIED

4.4 COUNCIL ENGAGEMENTS FEBRUARY 2019 AND CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES

The Head of Democracy, Governance & Venues made the following changes to engagements for February 2019:

- Add Local Government Commission representation review hearing – Thursday 21 February 2019, 9am-10am in the Council Chamber.
- Cancel the closed Performance Monitoring Group meeting – Tuesday 19 February 2019.

Cr John Williamson offered to attend the Zone 2 meeting being held on 1 March 2019.

Members agreed to take some time after the workshop on Tuesday 5 February 2019 to prepare Council's submission to the Local Government Commission hearing.

TDC201901/06 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anna Park
Seconded: Cr John Boddy

1. That Council receives the information relating to engagements for February 2019.
2. That Council approves the attendance of Cr John Williamson at the Zone 2 meeting being held on 1 March 2019, 1pm-4pm.

CARRIED

4.5 MEMBERS' REPORTS

The following verbal reports were received from members:

Cr Rosie Harvey reported that she had attended several meetings, one of which involved driving around the streets looking at vegetation.

Cr John Williamson advised that he had attended Damian Coutts' farewell along with several other councillors.

Cr Anna Park congratulated Greenstone Entertainment on the Summer Concert held in Taupō on 26 January 2019.

Cr Maggie Stewart reported back on her attendance at a recent Pukawa Ratepayers Association meeting, which was a very pleasant experience. She was also lucky enough to have ‘cut the ribbon’ at the opening of the re-vamped library at the Whareroa transfer station. Another meeting attended was the Omori-Kuratau AGM – there had been a change of chair; the old chair was still on the committee; and the group was looking forward to continuing to work with the Council.

Cr John Williamson advised that he had visited His Worship the Mayor, David Trewavas in Auckland following his recent operation and he was doing well. **Cr Rosie Harvey** added that His Worship had looked great during his interview on the AM show the day before.

Cr John Boddy advised that staff were investigating mobility access to the Otumuheke hot pools. He had attended a site visit with Access Taupō representatives and the angle and type of metal surfacing on the road down to the coffee cart made it very difficult for people in wheelchairs to access the area.

Members asked for an update on access to the Lion’s walk near the Mobil station.

Cr Kirsty Trueman reported that the Mangakino summer concert was amazing this year and \$2,900 had been raised for the local youth holiday programme. The Waikato River Trails Summer Sizzler was also highly successful. Both events would run again in the future.

TDC201901/07 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anna Park
 Seconded: Cr Christine Rankin

That Council receives the reports from members.

CARRIED

5 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

TDC201901/08 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr John Williamson
 Seconded: Cr Maggie Stewart

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: 5.1 Confirmation of Confidential Portion of Ordinary Council Minutes - 11 December 2018</p>	<p>Section 7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons</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,</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>

	without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)	
Agenda Item No: 5.2 Consideration of update to Area B EUL Land Area and Purchase Price	<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>	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
Agenda Item No: 5.3 Legal update- Cultural Precinct	Section 7(2)(g) - the withholding of the information is necessary to maintain legal professional privilege	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

CARRIED

Cr Tangonui Kingi closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 2.40pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the ordinary Council meeting held on 26 February 2019.

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CHAIRPERSON