

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE TŪRANGI CO-GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE TE MATAAPUNA, TŪRANGITUKUA PARK, HIRANGI ROAD, TŪRANGI  
ON WEDNESDAY, 7 FEBRUARY 2024 AT 11.00AM**

**PRESENT:** Mayor David Trewavas (in the Chair), Mr Te Takinga New, Member Christian Asher, Member Lauren Fletcher, Cr Sandra Greenslade, Member Amanda Martin, Cr Kevin Taylor, Member Amy Walker

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Cr Karam Fletcher, General Manager People and Community Partnerships (L O'Brien), General Manager Strategy and Environment (W Zander), Environmental Services Manager (J Sparks), Iwi and Co-Governance Manager (D Rameka), Property Manager (S Attenborough), Co-Governance Management Partner (C Dempsey), Team Leader Customer Support Tūrangi and Mangakino (J Cathro), Customer Support Officer (A Kereopa), Mana Whakahono Interns (M Wanikau and M Staples-Fletcher), Senior Committee Advisor (K Watts)

**MEDIA AND PUBLIC:**

- Notes:
- (i) *The workshop held prior to the meeting was opened with a karakia from Mr Te Takinga New.*
  - (ii) *Items were considered in the following order: 1, 2, 3, 5.1, 4.1, 5.3 – 5.5*
  - (iii) *Item 5.2 was withdrawn.*
  - (iv) *Members acknowledged the passing of Sir Michael Hardie Boys, Mrs Lois Bennie, Mrs Claire Tonks and Mrs Waiehurangi Hakopa. A moment's silence was observed for them.*

**1 KARAKIA**

**2 WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES**

Nil

**3 NGĀ WHAKAPĀNGA TUKITUKI | CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Nil

**4 WHAKAMANATANGA O NGĀ MENETI | CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**4.1 ORDINARY TŪRANGI CO-GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING - 6 DECEMBER 2023**

**TCG202402/01 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Kevin Taylor

Seconded: Member Lauren Fletcher

That the minutes of the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting held on Wednesday 6 December 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

Note: *All members present at the meeting voted in favour of resolution TCG202402/01 above.*

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

### 5.1 ELECTION OF CO-CHAIR FOR THE MEETING

#### TCG202402/02 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mr Te Takinga New

Seconded: Cr Sandra Greenslade

That the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee elects Co-Chair Mayor David Trewavas to Chair this hui.

**CARRIED**

*Note: All members present at the meeting voted in favour of resolution TCG202402/02 above.*

### 5.2 PUBLIC FORUM

Item **withdrawn**.

### 5.3 PROJECT UPDATES FOR TŪRANGI AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Environmental Services Manager advised that the Infrastructure Project Manager – Operations was unable to attend the meeting but had provided an update regarding the Tūrangi Revitalisation (Kerb and Channel) Project. Further to a question raised at the previous meeting, a design had been completed for the possibility of adding six parking spaces adjacent to the new playground, Te Kapua Park. A schedule of quantities had been issued to the contractor to price and from there a meeting would take place to see if there were any available funds to add this into the programme of works. Once a decision was made, feedback would be given to the Committee at its next meeting.

The Environmental Services Manager advised that the recommendations regarding the Tūrangi Kiwi Holiday Park had been adopted by Council at the 1 February meeting. Members thanked Council for its decision in supporting the recommendation from the Committee.

The Environmental Services Manager advised that no significant resource consents had been granted apart from the Lake Rotaira Trust. The Trust was relocating the caretaker / ranger dwelling and establishing a new office before continuing work with development of tent sites, cabins, replacement of ablution block and communal kitchen at the campground.

The General Manager People and Community Partnerships provided an update regarding the Tūrangi Recreation and Activities Centre (TRAC) in the absence of the Project Manager. Feasibility work had been done at the end of 2023 to explore possible alternative locations for the facility. A few different sites had been identified which prompted a need to look at the town planning, and what was needed for Tūrangi. There was a pause on constructing the building to ensure that it was in the right location and conversations were continuing with hapū and landowners. Consultation would also be carried out regarding the town centre and the mall in Tūrangi. Spatial planning was being proposed to be brought forward to year one of the Long-term Plan 2024-34. This would look into what the community wanted and the TRAC would be included in this work. The policy team would also engage with other entities in Tūrangi such as the Foodbank and Health Centre in order to future proof the town development. The Long-term Plan 2024-34 would be considered by the Elected Members and while it was noted that the Tūrangi Recreation and Activities Centre had been in the LTP for some time, there were large financial pressures across the district. Council was looking at the order of completing projects over the next ten years, including the pace of building, in order to not burden ratepayers.

Members expressed disappointment at this project being put off again because it was likely that the costs would only increase further. Competitions involving more teams from out of town were not able to be held in Tūrangi with only one court.

The General Manager People and Community Partnerships clarified that the operating cost of the new facility was estimated at around \$500,000 per year which was a significant cost that would need to be covered by rates or a targeted rate for Tūrangi. When the draft Long-term Plan 2024-34 was published for public consultation in May it would explain these financial pressures affecting all capital projects. Members asked if

funds could be raised to support this outside of Council funding. The General Manager People and Community Partnerships confirmed that the option of partnership approaches to funding would be explored at workshops with Elected Members to fund projects.

#### **TCG202402/03 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Sandra Greenslade  
Seconded: Member Christian Asher

That the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee receives the updates on current projects in Tūrangi.

**CARRIED**

*Note: All members present at the meeting voted in favour of resolution TCG202402/04 above.*

#### **5.4 MANA WHAKAHONO WORKPLAN UPDATE**

The Co-Governance Management Partner thanked Ngāti Tūrangitukua and Taupō District Council staff for a successful first Joint Working Group hui for the Mana Whakahono. She noted that it was an extensive agenda which highlighted the scope of the Mana Whakahono and that there had been good engagement from all members.

The strategy session held by the Committee earlier that day had also been fruitful. It was a great opportunity to grow this mahi and share it with the community.

Ngāti Tūrangitukua members agreed that the Ngāti Tūrangitukua Advisory Group for the Tūrangi Recreation and Activities Centre should merge with the Mana Whakahono Joint Working Group to take this mahi forward.

The Co-Governance Management Partner thanked the Mana Whakahono Summer Interns Maia Fletcher-Staples (Auckland University) and Matakaatea Wanikau (Waikato University) for their contribution and mahi.

#### **TCG202402/04 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Sandra Greenslade  
Seconded: Member Amy Walker

That the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee receives the update on the Mana Whakahono workplan.

**CARRIED**

*Note: All members present at the meeting voted in favour of resolution TCG202402/5 above.*

#### **5.5 MEMBERS' REPORTS**

The following members' reports were received:

Member Christian Asher

- ANZAC day was fast approaching and he asked for the support of Taupō District Council Councillors and Committee members at the dawn service at Waihi, and at the 10am service in Tūrangi.

Mr Te Takinga New

- Thanked the Taupō District Council groundstaff for mowing the grounds at Te Mataapuna in time for the Tūwharetoa Marae Sports Challenge.
- Thanked all involved for the support of the Waitangi Day event and noted that the event was at the weekend rather than on Waitangi Day itself to allow time for pack in and pack out of equipment. He advised that the following year it would be held in the southern end of the district and that Dave Potaka would guide this.
- Waitangi Day was a good reminder for all to strive to engage, inform and consult with hapū and the

community to bring everyone along together because everyone was stronger together.

#### Member Amy Walker

- Thanked everyone for the flowers she received when her mother passed away.
- Noted that in April 2024, a new executive committee would be elected for the Ngāti Tūrangitukua Māori Committee.
- Acknowledged and thanked Council staff for attending the wānanga at Hirangi Marae in November 2023. The participation of the Council staff was appreciated. The Iwi and Co-Governance Manager in turn acknowledged Ngāti Tūrangitukua representatives that had contributed to the wānanga at the marae and thanked them for the positive experience.

#### Cr Sandra Greenslade

- Attended Te Mataapuna Collective sport group meeting and acknowledged the hard work and after hours commitment of those involved.
- Acknowledged the appointment of Sharlyn Holt as the Principal of Tongariro School.
- Would attend the opening of 10 new Kainga Ora homes in Tūrangi later in the week.
- Had contacted the regional manager of Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency to express the frustrations felt by so many due to the roadworks on State Highway One between Tūrangi and Taupō. She had requested that the website be updated more frequently with changes to the road closures.
- The next Tongariro Representative Group meeting would be held at Te Mataapuna on 21 February 2024.
- Acknowledged the support of the staff over the summer break. It was great to know that there were people helping the community.

#### Member Amanda Martin

- Suggested that Tūrangi residents could be incentivised to beautify their properties by a competition being held for most beautiful yard or garden. She asked for a weekend of free greenwaste dumping to allow residents to do this.

#### Member Lauren Fletcher

- Attended Te Mataapuna Collective sport group meeting along with Cr Sandra Greenslade. The collective had requested support for maintaining Tūrangitukua Park such as keeping cars off the pitch. She would bring an update to the next meeting.
- Ngāti Tūrangitukua Charitable Trust had a new operations manager Sharon Mariu.
- In November, Ngāti Tūrangitukua would be commemorating 25 years since its Treaty Settlement.

#### Cr Kevin Taylor

- The Waikato Regional Council Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP) 2021-2051 was open for consultation until 4 March 2024. Of the 10 priorities for the region, one of them was the route between Tūrangi and Taupō. He would forward the link to the RLTP to members. The Environmental Services Manager offered to coordinate a joint submission from the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee.

#### Mayor David Trewavas

- Welcomed General Manager Strategy and Environment Warrick Zander who greeted the Committee. He spoke of his previous work experience at Ruapehu, Whanganui and Auckland Councils, and prior to that in the New Zealand Police. He had moved into a new home in the district two weeks prior and was looking forward to spending more time with his family now that he was working closer to them.

**TCG202402/05 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Kevin Taylor

Seconded: Member Lauren Fletcher

That the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee receives the reports from members.

**CARRIED**

*Note: All members present at the meeting voted in favour of resolution TCG202402/06 above.*

**6 NGĀ KŌRERO TŪMATAITI | CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**

Nil

The meeting closed at 12.25pm with a karakia from Mana Whakahono Intern Matakaatea Wanikau.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee Meeting held on 6 March 2024.

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**CHAIRPERSON**