

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 107 TE HEUHEU STREET, TAUPŌ  
ON TUESDAY, 27 FEBRUARY 2024 AT 1.00PM**

**PRESENT:** Mayor David Trewavas (in the Chair), Cr Duncan Campbell, Cr Karam Fletcher, Cr Sandra Greenslade, Cr Kylie Leonard, Cr Danny Loughlin, Cr Anna Park, Cr Christine Rankin, Cr Rachel Shepherd, Cr Kirsty Trueman (until 1.59pm), Cr Yvonne Westerman, Cr John Williamson

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Chief Executive (J Gardyne), General Manager Organisation Performance (S Matthews), General Manager People and Community Partnerships (L O'Brien), General Manager Operations and Delivery (A Moraes), General Manager Strategy and Environment (W Zander), Legal and Governance Manager (N McAdie), Environmental Services Manager (J Sparks), Project Management Office Manager (P Fletcher), District Customer Relations Manager (T Russell), Communications Manager (L McMichael), Finance Manager (J Paenga), Iwi and Co-Governance Manager (D Rameka), Policy Manager (N Carroll), Property Manager (S Attenborough), Executive Manager Mayor's Office (J Later), Team Leader Resource Management and Reserve Planning (E O'Callaghan), Compliance and Regulatory Manager (R McDonald), Environmental Impact Manager (B Aitken), Resource Consents Manager (H Williams), Project Manager Stakeholder Specialist (T Perry), Communications Team Leader (D Beck), Compliance Team Leader (C Tait), Digital Content Creator (C Hollinger), Senior Policy Advisor (H Samuel), Policy Advisor (H Wood), Policy Advisor Resource Management (F Bramwell), Executive Assistant (M Bennett), Executive Assistant (M Niva), Senior Project Manager (T Delich), Governance Quality Manager (S James), Senior Analyst Business Transformation (T Paget), Business Support Officer (D Cork-Peters), Committee Advisor (D Periam), Senior Committee Advisor (K Watts)

**MEDIA AND PUBLIC:** Two representatives from the Taupō Sculpture Trust, One member of the public, Taupō Times journalist and photographer.

Notes:

- (i) *His Worship the Mayor, David Trewavas welcomed everyone to the meeting and Cr Duncan Campbell opened and closed the meeting with a Christian song Jesus Walking on the Water.*
- (ii) *His Worship the Mayor noted that Cr Kevin Taylor would be joining the meeting late via MS Teams.*
- (iii) *Cr Kirsty Trueman left the meeting at 1.59pm. She was not present for resolutions TDC202402/20-21.*

**1 KARAKIA**

**2 WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES**

**TDC202402/09 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Anna Park

Seconded: Cr Christine Rankin

That the apology received from Cr Kevin Taylor for lateness be accepted.

**CARRIED**

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202402/09 above.

### 3 NGĀ WHAKAPĀNGA TUKITUKI | CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Sandra Greenslade advised that she had a perceived conflict of interest for item 5.1 Notice of Motion – Motutere Top 10 Holiday Park Lease. She abstained from voting on this item.

Cr Yvonne Westerman advised that she had a conflict of interest for item 5.4 Appointment of Commissioners. She was removed from the proposed panel for a possible hearing and abstained from voting on this item.

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

#### 4.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 1 FEBRUARY 2024

##### TDC202402/10 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Yvonne Westerman

Seconded: Cr Kylie Leonard

That the public and confidential minutes of the Council meeting held on Thursday 1 February 2024 be approved and adopted as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

*Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202402/10 above.*

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

#### 5.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - MOTUTERE TOP 10 HOLIDAY PARK LEASE

Cr Duncan Campbell thanked Council staff for their support processing the notice of motion and outlined his reasons for submitting it. He felt that the Motutere Top 10 Holiday Park owner Mr John Tilton had done well for the district and that Council and its constituents owed him by committing to the deadline of 30 July 2024 so that he could remain in business. Mr Tilton had been requesting a revised lease since 2017 and public consultation would be required as part of any new lease, as well as for the new Reserve Management Plan. Cr Campbell wanted to give surety to the current leaseholder to enable him to satisfy Overseas Investment Office requirements and stay in business. Cr Campbell was not aware of a valid reason as to why this timeline could not be met by July 2024. It was separate to the Reserve Management Plan (RMP) and in his view, the lease could still be done with the RMP in mind. He had not been asked by Mr Tilton to put forward this notice of motion.

In response to a question of clarification, the Chief Executive advised that additional information showing options analysis and addressing other Local Government Act 2002 requirements would be brought to the 26 March Council meeting.

Cr Rachel Shepherd seconded the motion to allow debate to proceed.

Members did not support the motion for the following reasons:

- They preferred to wait for the report to the 26 March Council meeting;
- There was a concern that Council should not be working so closely with a private investor in commercial matters;
- The notice of motion did not meet mandatory decision-making requirements contained in the Local Government Act 2002 and Standing Orders; and
- The Reserve Management Plan was a separate matter so this notice of motion undermined the objective of the Motutere Recreation Reserve Management Plan Committee.

**MOTION**

That Council directs officers to

1. present to Council for consideration no later than 30 July 2024, the public consultation findings and proposed details for any new lease for the Motutere Top 10 Holiday Park; and
2. include a clause on any new lease that states the lessee will be required to adhere to the recommendations of the Motutere Reserve Management Plan when it is completed and adopted by Council.

Moved: Cr Duncan Campbell

Seconded: Cr Rachel Shepherd

**LOST**

*Note: Cr Duncan Campbell voted in favour of the motion but all other members present except for Cr Sandra Greenslade voted against the motion. Cr Sandra Greenslade abstained from voting on this motion.*

**5.2 APPROVAL FOR SCULPTURES PROPOSED BY TAUPŌ SCULPTURE TRUST**

His Worship the Mayor invited Ms Christine Robb from the Taupō Sculpture Trust to address the elected members. She thanked Council for its support over the years and on behalf of the Taupō Sculpture Trust, assured members that Boom Boom would be a huge asset to Taupō town. It would appreciate in value, be an iconic feature and without it there would be no Sculpture Trail. The sculptor was one of few unique sculptors in New Zealand and she would love for members to embrace the sculpture.

The General Manager Operations and Delivery highlighted that members were not being requested to select the sculpture, the Taupō Sculpture Trust proposed the sculptures. The process was consistent with the Memorandum of Understanding between Taupō District Council and the Taupō Sculpture Trust and aligned with the Arts, Culture and Nga Toi Action Plan. He noted that no further funding approval was sought, the funds were allocated in the 2021-31 Long-term Plan. Council's decision on funding in the future was not being determined now, members would still have the 2024-34 Long-term Plan to determine future funding.

Members wanted to honour decisions and commitments made by previous Councils, and support the Taupō Sculpture Trust who had raised \$100k of funding to match the initial funding allocated. They agreed that if it was for future funding, they would not support it.

The motion was put in two parts and all members present were in favour of the installation of Flip at Riverside Park.

Crs Sandra Greenslade and Anna Park did not support the installation of the destination sculpture given the impact on rates at a time of fiscal pain in the community.

**TDC202402/11 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Danny Loughlin

Seconded: Cr John Williamson

That Council, on the basis of the Memorandum of Understanding with Taupō Sculpture Trust, acknowledging that the Trust has fulfilled its role in selecting a sculpture, approves the installation of a destination sculpture at Riverside Park.

**CARRIED**

*Note: All members present at the Council meeting except for Cr Sandra Greenslade and Cr Anna Park voted in favour of resolution TDC202402/11 above. Crs Sandra Greenslade and Anna Park voted against resolution TDC202402/11 above.*

**TDC202402/12 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Danny Loughlin  
Seconded: Cr John Williamson

That Council approves the installation of 'Flip' at Riverside Park.

**CARRIED**

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202402/12 above.

**5.3 FINAL CONSIDERATION OF PLAN CHANGE 39 (RESIDENTIAL BUILDING COVERAGE)**

The Senior Policy Advisor advised that this was a straightforward mechanical item. Members approved the decision in December 2023 and no appeals were received so this was the next step for final approval before the Plan Change was operative. Any consent requests received in the meantime could be treated as if the Plan Change was already operative.

Members commented that it was great to enable people to do what they wanted on their properties and thanked all staff involved in this work.

In answer to a question from a member, the Senior Policy Advisor clarified that in the second bundle of plan changes to be considered, a full review would be completed of the residential chapter. Coverage would be looked at in a wider context and it was possible that a further increase from 35% coverage could be considered. She confirmed that this Plan Change 39 would become operative from Friday 8 March 2024.

**TDC202402/13 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr John Williamson  
Seconded: Cr Anna Park

That Council

1. Gives final approval of Plan Change 39 (Residential Building Coverage) under clause 17 of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991. This shall be effected by affixing the Taupō District Council seal to the Plan Change; and
2. Pursuant to clause 20 of Schedule 1 to the Resource Management Act 1991, directs officers to publicly notify the date on which the Plan Change will become operative.

**CARRIED**

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202402/13 above.

**5.4 APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER(S): DELEGATION OF PROPOSED LAND USE CONSENT/VARIATION TO CONSENT NOTICE FOR A DWELLING IN KINLOCH (RM230066/230067).**

The Resource Consents Manager summarised the report and noted that Cr Yvonne Westerman had indicated that she had a conflict of interest. Members supported the recommendation to appoint Mr Bill Wasley and also Cr Kevin Taylor should a panel be required.

**TDC202402/14 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Danny Loughlin  
Seconded: Cr Kirsty Trueman

That Council as per section 34A of the Resource Management Act, delegates the hearing, consideration and decision-making powers of the Resource Consent for a land use and variation of Consent Notice for a proposed dwelling at 36 Locheagles Rise, Kinloch (reference RM230066 and RM230067) to Mr Bill Wasley, being an Independent Commissioner with the Chairperson accreditation, unless a hearing is required in which case the powers will be delegated to a panel consisting of Mr Bill Wasley as Chairperson and Cr Kevin Taylor.

**CARRIED**

*Note: All members present at the Council meeting except for Cr Yvonne Westerman voted in favour of resolution TDC202402/14 above. Cr Yvonne Westerman abstained from voting on this item.*

**5.5 APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL CONTROLLERS**

The General Manager People and Community Partnerships summarised the report and acknowledged that there was a lot of work for the Local Controllers to go through in terms of training and then appointment. It was clarified that the Local Controller position was for the entire Taupō District and that ideally four controllers would be appointed and spread across the district. Memoranda of Understanding between Taupō District Council and neighbouring councils Ruapehu District Council and South Waikato District Council were in place to spread resource should it be required.

Members thanked the Local Controllers for their hard work and effort to get to this point.

**TDC202402/15 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Anna Park  
Seconded: Cr Sandra Greenslade

That Council receives the information regarding the appointment of Local Controllers.

**CARRIED**

*Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202402/15 above.*

**5.6 ADOPTION OF REPORT ON DOG CONTROL POLICY AND PRACTICES**

The Compliance and Regulatory Manager introduced the report and commented that he was thrilled with the high percentage of dogs registered. He wanted to publicly thank his team who were short staffed for much of the financial year and worked very hard.

Members acknowledged the phenomenal job that the team did and the team's good intentions of working with people.

**TDC202402/16 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Rachel Shepherd  
Seconded: Cr Christine Rankin

That Council adopts the Taupō District Council Annual Dog Control Report 2022/23.

**CARRIED**

*Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202402/16 above.*

## 5.7 EXEMPTION OF LAKE TAUPŌ PROTECTION TRUST AS A COUNCIL CONTROLLED ORGANISATION - SECTION 7(3) LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2002

The Senior Solicitor summarised the report.

Some members were dissatisfied with the direction of travel of the Trust and were concerned that by disestablishing the Lake Taupō Protection Trust Joint Committee, work would be left on a desk and not be completed.

### TDC202402/17 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Danny Loughlin  
Seconded: Cr Rachel Shepherd

That Council:

1. Grants an exemption to Lake Taupō Protection Trust from the definition of council-controlled organisation for the 2023/24 financial year, and the two succeeding years (2024/25 and 2025/26) under section 7(4) of the Local Government Act 2002.
2. Reviews this exemption before, but in anticipation of, the 2026/27 financial year, and three-yearly thereafter.

**CARRIED**

*Note: All members present at the Council meeting except for Cr Kylie Leonard voted in favour of resolution TDC202402/17 above. Cr Kylie Leonard abstained from voting on resolution TDC202402/17 above.*

## 5.8 TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL PERFORMANCE REPORT - JANUARY 2024

The Chief Executive acknowledged that this was Andrew Moraes' (General Manager Operations and Delivery) last Council meeting as he was leaving to take up the role of Chief Executive at Rotorua Lakes Council. Taupō District Council was sad that he was leaving but wished him all the best.

The Finance Manager summarised the financial part of the report and corrected the typographical error in the Capital Expenditure to \$28.9m to match the graph.

The Project Management Office Manager advised that it was month nine of delivery of the financial year for significant projects. She highlighted that the Drinking Water Standards projects were closely linked and were affected by delays to the Kinloch upgrade which was the biggest project. As a result, Omori and Motuoapa were delayed. In answer to a question from a member, the Project Management Office Manager clarified that the contractor was signed on as part of a programme of works. The Drinking Water Standards projects for Omori and Motuoapa were expected to be finished within the following financial year.

The Senior Project Manager provided an update on the Wairakei Drive and Huka Falls Road roundabout. He advised that the site had been established on 12 February and there were currently cones on the road and reduce speed signs. In around the following two weeks, a detour would be required onto Huka Falls Road and all businesses affected would be contacted. He was working with the Council's Communications Team to get messages out to the public as well. The project was expected to go until the end of May but there was a possibility it would be delivered before this.

The Senior Project Manager clarified that the road would be closed for up to 2 days while the centre of the roundabout was completed but that it was a soft closure because the contract stipulated that businesses would be able to remain open.

The Senior Project Manager updated members on the Owen Delany Park Upgrade. He advised that the design had been completed and equipment was being procured. The resource and building consents had recently been granted but it was probably about two months before work onsite would be started. He clarified that the Community Engagement and Development team were working on sponsorship for the new poles and that the old poles could not be repurposed so all that could be would be recycled.

**TDC202402/18 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Danny Loughlin

Seconded: Cr Karam Fletcher

That Council notes the information contained in the Performance Report for the month of January 2024.

**CARRIED**

*Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202402/18 above.*

**5.9 COUNCIL ENGAGEMENTS, APPOINTMENTS AND TRAINING/CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES  
- MARCH 2024**

The Senior Committee Advisor advised that the Te Kōpu ā Kānapanapa meeting scheduled for 4 March had been cancelled and a new date would be rescheduled. The Rangitāiki River Fourm on 15 March would now finish at 12.30pm.

Cr Kylie Leonard advised that she would be attending the Dairy Environmental Leaders Forum in Wellington from 11 to 14 March 2024.

**TDC202402/19 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr John Williamson

Seconded: Cr Yvonne Westerman

That Council receives the information relating to engagements, appointments and training/conference opportunities for March 2024.

**CARRIED**

*Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202402/19 above.*

**5.10 MEMBERS' PORTFOLIO UPDATES**

The following members' reports were received:

Cr Christine Rankin

- Had attended meetings with Amplify and Destination Great Lake Taupō and chaired the recent Kinloch Representative Group meeting. She was also meeting with the Kinloch Community Association on 11 March.

Cr Rachel Shepherd

- Attended the first hui of the Sports Advisory Council the previous week.
- Played a wonderful game of petanque at the new piste the previous week.
- Ironman was on at the weekend coming up and she was looking forward to it. There were many opportunities for sports groups to fundraise and 50% of participants were international.

Cr John Williamson

- Would attend the Creative Taupō strategic meeting the following month.

Cr Danny Loughlin

- Noted that Greening Taupō would hold a steering group meeting on 20 March that Cr Yvonne Westerman would attend.
- Greening Taupō day would be held on 7 June 2024.

Cr Anna Park

- Attended an Emergency Management strategy meeting in Hamilton.
- Visited Nukuhau pā which was valuable.
- Attended the Destination Great Lake Taupō meeting.
- Attended the Mangakino Pouakani Representative Group meeting.
- On 10 February celebrated Chinese New Year, the year of the dragon.

#### Cr Kylie Leonard

- Highlighted that Taupō-nui-a-Tia College would be re-zoned which would impact on the district and be of concern to food production in that there would not be a suitable school for families moving to the district. She was concerned that it was a pre-conceived decision even though it had been indicated that community consultation would take place. It was noted that Tūrangi residents and families would also be affected by this.

#### Cr Yvonne Westerman

- Attended a meeting at Waiora House the previous week which was positive.
- Attended an Acacia Bay Residents' Association meeting and noted that they were still missing an entrance sign.

#### Cr Duncan Campbell

- Acknowledged the second anniversary of the vaccine mandate protests in Wellington. Employment mandates were regrettable and shameful and he hoped that they would be acknowledged in the future for the town and nation to move on.

#### Cr Sandra Greenslade

- Attended the opening of Kāinga Ora houses in Tūrangi on 9 February.
- Attended the Motutere Recreation Reserve Management Plan Committee site visit and workshop on 15 February.
- Chaired the Tongariro Representative Group meeting the previous week and also heard from Ministry of Education who advised that Tongariro School was under Statutory Management. A new principal had also been appointed and would work with the Statutory Manager.
- A representative from the Waikato Regional Council attended the meeting and would survey transport from Tūrangi to Taupō.
- Attended a function at the Tokaanu Returned Services Association on 23 February to bless and commemorate a bar leaner with medals inside it. It was in acknowledgement of those who had served in South East Asia from the 1960s to the 1980s.
- It was unacceptable that Waka Kotahi had closed the road between Tūrangi and Taupō in the week that schools opened.
- Advised that Animal Care Tūrangi were not taking in any new dogs because adoption numbers were down and they were at capacity. Animal Care Tūrangi was facilitating dog training and the next two courses were full.

### **TDC202402/20 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Anna Park

Seconded: Cr Karam Fletcher

That Council receives the portfolio updates from members.

**CARRIED**

*Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202402/20 above.*



**6 NGĀ KŌRERO TŪMATAITI | CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**

**TDC202402/21 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Christine Rankin

Seconded: Cr John Williamson

**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>  |
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| <p><b>Agenda Item No: 6.1</b><br/>1-Year Extension of Kerbside Refuse and Collection Contract CN105</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> | <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> |

**CARRIED**

*Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202402/21 above.*

The meeting closed at 2.31pm with a Christian song sung by Cr Duncan Campbell.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26 March 2024.

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**CHAIRPERSON**