

ATTACHMENTS

Tongariro Representative Group Meeting

21 February 2024

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**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TONGARIRO REPRESENTATIVE GROUP MEETING
HELD AT THE OMORI KURATAU COMMUNITY CENTRE, 220 OMORI ROAD, KURATAU
ON WEDNESDAY, 15 NOVEMBER 2023 AT 2.00PM**

PRESENT: Cr Sandra Greenslade (in the Chair), Ms Melanie Albert, Cr Karam Fletcher, Ms Ngaire Grainger

IN ATTENDANCE: Environmental Services Manager (J Sparks), Parks and Reserves Manager (G Hadley), Senior Engineering Officer Transportation Operations (C Dawson), Infrastructure Project Manager Operations 3 Waters (E May), Senior Committee Advisor (K Watts), Committee Advisor (D Periam)

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: Seven members of the public

Notes: (i) Cr Sandra Greenslade opened the meeting with a karakia.

(ii) Ms Melanie Albert was not present for resolution TRG202311/07.

(iii) Chair Cr Sandra Greenslade advised that Mayor David Trewavas had asked Deputy Mayor Cr Kevin Taylor to attend the meeting in his place however he sent in his apology for this meeting.

1 KARAKIA

2 WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES

TRG202311/01 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Sandra Greenslade

Seconded: Ms Ngaire Grainger

That the apology received from Mayor David Trewavas and Mr Dave Potaka be accepted.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the meeting voted in favour of resolution TRG202311/01 above.

3 NGĀ WHAKAPĀNGA TUKITUKI | CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

4 WHAKAMANATANGA O NGĀ MENETI | CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 TONGARIRO REPRESENTATIVE GROUP MEETING - 20 SEPTEMBER 2023

The minutes were amended in the following manner:

Item 5.1 Public Forum – Mr Stuart Grainger was corrected to Mr Stuart Humphrey.

Item 5.5 2024-34 Long-term Plan

This sentence was corrected: Two examples of this was the lack of a fence around the playground at Omori Reserve and the 100km speed limit on Te Puke Road near the intersection with Pihanga Road, Kuratau.

It should have said: ... Two examples of this was a lack of a fence around the Omori Reserve and that cars parked and drove onto the reserve which was a safety risk...

Member Ms Ngaire Grainger also asked that it be reflected that she was spoken to rudely in the meeting during item 5.5.

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TRG202311/02 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Sandra Greenslade
Seconded: Ms Melanie Albert

That the minutes of the Tongariro Representative Group meeting held on Wednesday 20 September 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record, as amended.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the meeting voted in favour of resolution TRG202311/02 above.

5 NGĀ RIPOATA | REPORTS**5.1 PUBLIC FORUM****Peter Britnell – Chair of Omori Kuratau Ratepayers Association**

Mr Britnell explained that he was speaking in connection to Ngaire's presentation. He noted that the communication between Council and community was not enough. The discussion about rubbish collection caused the Omori Kuratau Ratepayers Association to survey their constituents rather than Council. He felt that Council could have spoken with the Omori Kuratau area about these issues and worked together on a survey. He asked that Council speak to the community about these issues. He asked who the main contact from Council for the community to reach out to was, previously the Communications Manager was the main contact for the community. The Chair Cr Sandra Greenslade explained that there was a meeting scheduled on 27 November with all the Chairs of the various Committees across the Taupō District and she would be taking the feedback and comments from the community to that meeting.

Ngaire Grainger – Member of Omori Kuratau Ratepayers Association

Ms Grainger spoke in public forum as a member of Omori Kuratau Ratepayers Association (OKRA) and not as a member of the Tongariro Representative Group. She explained that there was a meet and greet in the winter months with the Environmental Impact Manager who introduced the wheelie bins to the community. OKRA had encouraged residents to complete the survey that Council were conducting. She explained that they decided to do their own survey and asked the community their thoughts. She distributed copies of the survey that OKRA had conducted to Committee members and members of the public present (A3456842). They included information about the size of bins and the cost estimate which would be added to rates. The survey had 447 responses.

The survey had the below findings:

- 87 percent did not know that Taupō District Council were intending on introducing wheelie bins
- 84 percent said they would not use the bins
- 62 percent did not normally put rubbish out
- Out of the 38 percent of people who do put rubbish out, 70 percent put rubbish out between one – five times a year
- 63 percent take their rubbish to the transfer station with majority of them (77 percent) taking it to the transfer station between one – five times a year
- 79 percent were happy to take their rubbish to the transfer station
- 57 percent were happy with the current hours of the transfer station
- 89 percent wanted to pay for the service when they used it rather than a flat charge in their rates.

Ms Grainger noted that rubbish was not an issue in the Omori Kuratau area with most people taking it to the transfer station or holiday makers would typically take their rubbish home with them. Residents did not want to pay for a service that they did not use.

There were several concerns about the bins including:

- The rubbish bins blowing over which had been a problem in other districts that had the bins.
- The rubbish bins blocking the streets for people walking, prams and wheelchair users.
- Some residents had to take their rubbish to the main street for collection, concerns were about how

they would get their bins to the main road and back to their house.

- Security risk for holiday homes who left the bins out for a week or more as this could attract people who are looking for empty homes to break into.
- The impact of producing the plastic rubbish bins would have on climate change.
- The increased cost to rate payers when it would be better if Council looked at ways to reduce the rates for residents.

The Chair thanked Ms Grainger and Mr Britnell for their work and speaking on behalf of the community about this. She advised that she had been in contact with the Environmental Impacts Manager and he was open to discussion and alternatives in areas where this type of rubbish collection would not work. The Parks and Reserves Manager reiterated that it was not a done deal and it was in the early consultation process and something that was being considered in the Long-term Plan. He explained that responses like this one would frame the process going forward. Council officers were aware that one size did not fit all and it would be good for larger communities. The Environmental Services Manager confirmed that 40 percent of ratepayers in the rohe were non-residential and there were lengthy conversations happening at Council regarding security as this was a big concern.

TRG202311/03 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Sandra Greenslade

Seconded: Cr Karam Fletcher

That the Tongariro Representative Group receives comments from members of the public.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the meeting voted in favour of resolution TRG202311/03 above.

5.2 OPAWA RANGITOTO 2C INCORPORATION ON HATEPE RECREATION RESERVE – NEW LEASE

The Chair Cr Sandra Greenslade explained to members of the public in attendance that the Hatepe Reserve's lease had come up for renewal and it did not fall under a Reserve Management Plan under the Reserves Act 1977. The Parks and Reserves Manager summarised the report and explained that the first step was to agree that the lease should be reviewed, next it would go for public consultation. In answer to a question he clarified that the timeframe for consultation was a month and feedback would be reported back to the group at the next Committee meeting to then determine next steps. He did not anticipate any negative feedback from the public consultation and confirmed that from a Council perspective officers were supportive of a new lease as Opawa Rangitoto 2C Incorporation maintained and looked after the land well.

TRG202311/04 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Sandra Greenslade

Seconded: Ms Melanie Albert

That the Tongariro Representative Group as administering body agrees to give public notice in accordance with s 54(2) of the Reserves Act 1977 of its intention to grant a new lease to the Opawa Rangitoto 2C Incorporation of part of Lot 72 DPS 12698 for a term of 33 years.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the meeting voted in favour of resolution TRG202311/04 above.

5.3 PROJECT AND OPERATIONS UPDATES

Omori Water Plant Upgrade

The Infrastructure Project Manager – Operations – 3 Waters introduced himself and his role. He explained that due to issues with the Kinloch Water Treatment Plant upgrade, the Omori Water Plant upgrade was delayed. A contractor had been appointed who would design and build the second building as per

requirements, he noted that it needed to be seismically built so it could operate if required after an earthquake. Building was planned to commence in early 2024 with an expectation to be completed in 12 months. He explained that Taupō District Council's plan was to designate the entire site for water treatment, utility and community purpose. He confirmed that the construction should not impact the Omori Kuratau Community Centre with plans to have a ring road with one entry and one exit. He advised he would continue to communicate with all who were expected to be impacted including hall trustees, Fire and Emergency New Zealand, neighbours, and the parks team at Taupō District Council. Mr Britnell confirmed that the Infrastructure Project Manager – Operations – 3 Waters had been great so far at communicating with the hall committee about the construction.

Omori Slip

The Senior Engineering Officer – Transportation Operations explained that the traffic lights near Omori had disappeared with everything almost tidied up and the works coming in at or just under budget. The second slip at the bottom of the hill with the uneven footpath had been surveyed to see if there was more movement. The road slumps were caused from two separate issues, one was construction and the other was due to the cliff being made of clay. They were aware of the risk to the utilities, houses and access to the area and would continue to monitor the embankment. There were plans to commence work in the new year but they would escalate if required, the footpath was planned to be fixed before Christmas 2023. Around the district there had been footpath upgrades including Omori, Wairakei and Kinloch with the hope to get this done before Christmas however he noted that finding contractors was challenging. He also explained there was a lot of work being done to ensure the footpaths were more accessible for all users.

Eucalyptus trees at Whiowhio Reserve, Kuratau

The Parks and Reserves Manager confirmed that the bats in the Eucalyptus tree at Whiowhio Reserve were roosting there and not flying over as previously thought. Taupō District Council would be working with Department of Conservation as they had bat tracking systems. He explained that there was hefty fines for disturbing bats. In the meantime they had plans to do some underplanting to keep people from being under the trees.

Members noted there was a large Eucalyptus tree down by the rivermouth in Kuratau. The Parks and Reserves Manager confirmed that it had been assessed and there was deadwood that needed to be removed which Taupō District Council would action, however there was a small historical urupā so he had been in contact with member Mr Dave Potaka to discuss how to complete the work required without impacting the urupā.

Omori Erosion

The Parks and Reserves Manager explained a long term plan for erosion was still being worked on but the beach nourishment was going well. The next step was to spread out the sediment that had been deposited. The area would be a construction site for a long time however he confirmed that construction would stop over the summer period and would be picked up again in the cooler months. He confirmed that they would ensure there was enough room for wheelchair users to get past the construction site but not enough room for quad bikes or cars.

TRG202311/05 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Sandra Greenslade
Seconded: Cr Karam Fletcher

That the Tongariro Representative Group receives the progress updates on projects and operations as at 15 November 2023.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the meeting voted in favour of resolution TRG202311/05 above.

5.4 TONGARIRO - COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND HOT TOPICS

The Environmental Services Manager provided an update on community engagement on behalf of the Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner.

Tree Replanting mail drop

The tree replanting mail drop in Tūrangi had been completed and there was a positive response with very

positive feedback received.

Angler and Tūrangi Signs

The Angler and Tūrangi Signs from State Highway One were discussed at the most recent Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting and it was suggested that Council reach out to Ngāti Tūrangitukua Charitable Trust to discuss where the sign would go. A suggestion of the location from the Committee meeting was to place it outside between the Tūrangi Customer and Visitor Information Centre and State Highway One amongst the trees. A letter was sent to Ngāti Tūrangitukua Charitable Trust for their advice on a location.

Te Kapua Park

There had been a recent motorbike accident at Te Kapua Park where a tree was run over but aside from that the park was getting well used by tamariki and the barbecue and seating area were well used by whānau. There was an issue with the water play area drains being blocked but this was getting looked at by the operations team.

Community Gardens

The community gardens in Tūrangi was flourishing with lots of kai ready. The gardens were a great asset to the community bringing community members together and tamariki learning with their families. A member explained that the gardens were behind the Ariki office in Tūrangi and everyone was welcome to visit and also contribute to the gardens if they wished.

Tūrangi Christmas in the Park

Planning for Tūrangi Christmas in the Park was underway with a meeting scheduled for Friday 17 November that would confirm what the event would look like. The event was scheduled for Saturday 2 December from 12.00pm to 4.00pm and it was planned to have an outdoor movie, a santa float, bouncy castles, local stall holders and fundraising tables.

Motutere Reserve

Cr Sandra Greenslade provided an update as per the report and explained who was on the committee. The Environmental Services Manager explained there were informal drop-in sessions scheduled for community engagement about the Motutere Reserve Management Plan for the following dates:

- Wednesday 6 December 2.00pm – 4.00pm (Motutere Bay Top 10 Holiday Park, 2819 State Highway One, RD 2, Tūrangi).
- Tuesday 12 December 1.00pm – 3.00pm (Tūrangi Customer and Visitor Information Centre, 1 Ngawaka Place, Tūrangi).
- Thursday 14 December 1.00pm – 3.00pm (Taupō Library, Story Place, Taupō).
- Wednesday 20 December 5.00pm – 7pm (Motutere Bay Top 10 Holiday Park, 2819 State Highway One, RD 2, Tūrangi).

Long-term Plan 2024-34

Cr Sandra Greenslade provided an update as per the report and explained that there was a lot of work involved for both councillors and staff. The wider Tūrangi district had put a lot of submissions in which was great. Water regulation had come down heavy on all councils and this would have an impact on the Long-term Plan. She also noted that District Plan change hearings had been completed and that Council would hear further from the hearings panel in early 2024.

TRG202311/06 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Sandra Greenslade

Seconded: Ms Ngaire Grainger

That the Tongariro Representative Group receives the information contained in the Tongariro – Community Engagement and Hot Topics report.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the meeting voted in favour of resolution TRG202311/06 above.

5.5 MEMBERS' REPORTS

The following members' reports were received:

Cr Karam Fletcher

- Reminded the public that he was the portfolio holder for rangatahi and technology. He asked the public to reach out if they had any ideas for youth, for example holiday programmes or anything related to technology that would be beneficial to the community.

Ms Ngaire Grainger

- Advised Huihui a Wai Street had spelling corrected and the new sign was up, she thanked Mr Dave Potaka for getting this actioned.
- Thanked Committee Advisors for putting staff names and positions on minutes.
- Thanked the Senior Engineering Officer - Transportation Operations and team for repairing the road slip.
- Advised that the Omori/Kuratau area had a new fire engine which was four wheel drive and it was a huge plus to the community.
- A big drive was held in August to find people interested in becoming first responders and/or fire fighters and there was a lot of interest with members of the fire brigade doubling. The following Monday responders had their first four day first aid course at the Omori Kuratau Community Centre. There were members who were doing a dual role as first responder and fire fighter which meant the community would be well-serviced over the summer months. She thanked the members who provided a lot of their time for these roles and acknowledged the members who did the role in Omori Kuratau and also Tūrangi.
- Explained there would be five defibrillators in the community from the upcoming Friday. The locations of these would be the Omori Kuratau Community Centre, the Omori Store, at the Kuratau rivermouth, near the boat ramp and next to the steps at Floating Rock Café. Friends of the First Responders had agreed to pay for the ongoing maintenance of the machines.
- She had previously discussed that Kuratau School's rubbish was not being collected and a month later this was still the case. She asked why it had not been followed up with after the previous Tongariro Representative Group meeting but advised that after Cr Sandra Greenslade emailed, this had been resolved.
- Greenwaste was not being dealt with promptly on a regular basis and she had made suggestions in the past for Council to contact a local contractor but this had not been done.
- Showed the Connect Newsletter and explained that Omori and Kuratau was not mentioned. She read out the upcoming events in the area including:
 - The Christmas Eve Carols at the Omori Kuratau Hall
 - 31 December 2023 enrollment for the Fishing Competition
 - 1 and 2 January 2024 for the weigh in and fishing competition
 - 3 January 2023 the Omori Kuratau Ratepayers Association meeting, and
 - There would be a fun run but no date was confirmed at the time.

Ms Melanie Albert

- The coffee cart at Whakapapa was very busy with mostly tourists as customers. She explained that the tourists loved our country in particular the people of New Zealand.
- Attended Te Kapua Park opening which was amazing. She had spoken with the Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner who had explained that some people were driving onto the curbs or parking opposite the gym instead of using the carpark.
- Advised she was a part of the Safe Tūrangi Committee who were planning the Christmas in the Park. She explained they also did community patrols including the Omori Kuratau area and also to Rotoaira and Motuoapa.
- Summer sport in Tūrangi had begun with eight weeks of touch and netball with a total of 12 teams.
- A briefing was due to be held the following night at Tongariro School for the Lake Taupō Cycle Challenge on Saturday 25 November 2023. She was coordinating the Tūrangi length cycle challenge

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starting at Tūrangitukua Park.

- She explained she was on the Tongariro School Board of Trustees and their last meeting was the previous week. The school also held their senior prizegiving and had Cr Karam Fletcher as the guest speaker which was very motivating for the children and she thanked Cr Karam Fletcher for speaking.
- Noted that she was supportive of the new lease for Hatepe Recreation Reserve and stated it was a positive move for the Hatepe community.

Cr Sandra Greenslade

- Advised that a meeting with all the Chairs from the Committees around the district was scheduled for 27 November 2023.
- Te Arawa River Iwi Trust meeting had been held the previous day and she noted that the gold clams were of concern.
- The Tūrangi Artworks group had an exhibition in the Taupō Museum from 21 October to 3 December 2023.
- Distributed community grants at the Tūrangi Tongariro Community Grant Distribution Committee where money was contributed to the defibrillators and some community summer events.
- Waikato Regional Council had refused a consent hearing for the lake levels.
- Attended the Tūrangi Fire Brigade Awards where Tangonui Kingi was acknowledged for 25 years of service and Reuben Kahu was awarded fire fighter of the year.
- On 9 November, she attended the Keep New Zealand Beautiful awards in Wellington along with Te Takinga New and four Council staff members, it was held in the banquet hall at Parliament. Tūrangi was a runner up to Arrowtown for Most Beautiful Small Town Award. Taupō won the Supreme Towns and Cities Award.
- There had been ongoing conversations with Destination Great Lake Taupō (DGLT) about their branding and this would be drawn to a conclusion soon.

Cr Sandra Greenslade thanked the public for coming and providing their feedback and welcomed the community to reach out if they wished to speak at a public forum in future meetings.

TRG202311/07 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Sandra Greenslade

Seconded: Cr Karam Fletcher

That the Tongariro Representative Group receives the reports from members.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the meeting voted in favour of resolution TRG202311/07 above.

6 NGĀ KŌRERO TŪMATAITI | CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil

The meeting closed at 3.28pm with a karakia from Cr Sandra Greenslade.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Tongariro Representative Group Meeting held on 21 February 2024.

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CHAIRPERSON

Extracts from Standing Orders 2022-2025

15. Public Forums | Ngā Matapakinga a te Marea

Public forums are a defined period of time, usually at the start of an ordinary meeting, which, at the discretion of a meeting, is put aside for the purpose of public input. Public forums are designed to enable members of the public to bring matters of their choice, not necessarily on the meeting's agenda, to the attention of the local authority.

In the case of a committee, subcommittee, local or community board, any issue, idea, or matter raised in a public forum, must fall within the terms of reference of that body.

15.1 Time limits | Ngā tepenga wā

A period of up to 30 minutes, or such longer time as the meeting may determine, will be available for the public forum at each scheduled local authority meeting. Requests must be made to the chief executive (or their delegate) at least one clear day before the meeting; however this requirement may be waived by the chairperson. Requests should also outline the matters that will be addressed by the speaker(s).

Speakers can speak for up to 5 minutes. Where the number of speakers presenting in the public forum exceeds 6 in total, the chairperson has discretion to restrict the speaking time permitted for all presenters.

15.2 Restrictions | Ngā Herenga

The chairperson has the discretion to decline to hear a speaker or to terminate a presentation at any time where:

- A speaker is repeating views presented by an earlier speaker at the same public forum;
- The speaker is criticising elected members and/or staff;
- The speaker is being repetitious, disrespectful or offensive;
- The speaker has previously spoken on the same issue;
- The matter is subject to legal proceedings; and
- The matter is subject to a hearing, including the hearing of submissions where the local authority or committee sits in a quasi-judicial capacity.

15.3 Questions at public forums | Ngā pātai i ngā matapakinga a te marea

At the conclusion of the presentation, with the permission of the chairperson, elected members may ask questions of speakers. Questions are to be confined to obtaining information or clarification on matters raised by a speaker.

15.4 No resolutions | Kāore he tatūnga

Following the public forum, no debate or decisions will be made at the meeting on issues raised during the forum unless related to items already on the agenda. (See the LGNZ Guide to Standing Orders for suggestions of good practice in dealing with issues raised during a forum).

15.5 Application of restrictions | Te hāngaitanga o ngā Herenga

Clause 15.2 above applies to members of the public addressing meetings at any time, not just as part of a scheduled public forum session.

