

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TŪRANGI CO-GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE TE MATAAPUNA, TŪRANGITUKUA PARK, HIRANGI ROAD, TŪRANGI
ON WEDNESDAY, 6 MARCH 2024 AT 11.30AM**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: General Manager People and Community Partnerships (L O'Brien), Environmental Services Manager (J Sparks), Team Leader Customer Support Tūrangi (J Cathro), Customer Support Officer (A Kereopa), Co-Governance Management Partner (C Dempsey), Iwi Engagement Partner (T Walker), Committee Advisor (N Turnbull), Senior Committee Advisor (K Watts)

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: 2 members of the public

- Notes:
- (i) *The workshop held prior to the meeting was opened with a karakia from Mr Te Takinga New. He also acknowledged those that had passed on in a mihi which was repeated at the start of this hui.*
 - (ii) *Members acknowledged the passing of Mrs Ferne Diack, committee member Amanda Martin's mother.*
 - (iii) *Items were considered in the following order: 1, 5.1, 2, 3, 4.1, 5.2- 5.5*

1 KARAKIA

2 WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES

TCG202403/01 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Sandra Greenslade
Seconded: Member Lauren Fletcher

That the apology received from Mayor David Trewavas be accepted.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TCG202403/01 above.

3 NGĀ WHAKAPĀNGA TUKITUKI | CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

4 WHAKAMANATANGA O NGĀ MENETI | CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 ORDINARY TŪRANGI CO-GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING - 7 FEBRUARY 2024

TCG202403/02 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Sandra Greenslade
Seconded: Member Christian Asher

That the minutes of the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting held on Wednesday 7 February 2024 be approved and adopted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TCG202403/02 above.

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

5.1 ELECTION OF CO-CHAIR FOR THE MEETING

TCG202403/03 RESOLUTION

Moved: Member Amy Walker

Seconded: Member Christian Asher

That the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee elects Co-Chair Mr Te Takinga New to Chair this hui.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TCG202403/03 above.

5.2 PUBLIC FORUM

Mr Alisdair Keucke presented to the Committee regarding the condition of the underpass from Te Arahori Street to the Town Centre. He had originally spoken to the Tūrangi Tongariro Community Board about the underpass, and in particular the lack of lighting. Council emailed to advise new lighting was coming, and a camera would be inserted down the drain to see what the problem was. It was discovered that concrete was in the drain that caused the flooding of the underpass. Lights had been installed in the underpass but had stopped working around 4 months previously. During heavy rain, the underpass filled with water which was evidenced by seeing debris on the handrail once it had drained away. In January 2024 during heavy rain the entire underpass filled with water. Mr Keucke observed that this was probably caused by drains from State Highway 1 above that flowed back to fill up the underpass. He shared photographs showing the tide line in the underpass, the state of the light fittings, and the mud and sludge on the bottom of the underpass (A3512140).

The light fittings installed were weatherproof but not waterproof and he observed in recent days that there was something growing in the light fittings that looked like frog spawn or algae.

The underpass was important to residents and visitors of Tūrangi and he requested that the lights be cleaned and made to operate again, and that the mud and sludge be cleaned from the underpass.

Members commented that the mud and sludge was hazardous and they had seen kids fall off their bikes due to the state of the floor of the underpass. They supported the lighting being fixed and the drains being escalated to a higher level to address the safety of the underpass filling with water during heavy rain.

The Environmental Services Manager confirmed that the engineers were aware that the new lights installed last year had failed. Silicone beads were being put into the fittings to dry them out, then they would look at the condition of the lights. She would take this back to staff to investigate the water and lack of drainage.

TCG202403/04 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Sandra Greenslade

Seconded: Member Lauren Fletcher

That the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee receives comments from members of the public.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TCG202403/04 above.

5.3 PROJECT UPDATES FOR TŪRANGI AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Environmental Services Manager delivered the update on Community Engagement on behalf of the Southern Lake Taupō Engagement partner.

Motutere Reserve Management Plan (RMP) Engagement

The Environmental Services Manager advised that the Motutere Recreation Reserve Management Plan Committee held a workshop on 15 February at the Motuoapa Fishing and Boating Club, Motuoapa and discussed the submissions obtained following the first round of public consultation. The next workshop would be on Thursday 21 March at the Taupō Council Chamber. The next step would be to go back to the community with the draft RMP incorporating feedback from the community where appropriate.

Community Events Hui – 20 February

The Environmental Services Manager advised that the first community hui was held with much positive interest and support from the community. Great ideas were shared amongst a good group of 20-25 people. It was obvious that everyone would like to see a Community Events Calendar created and shared with the community. The next hui was on Tuesday 5 March and would highlight key events and focus on getting some committed people to organise and run the events with support from others such as the Environmental Services Manager.

Angler, Stag and Tūrangi Sign

The Environmental Services Manager advised that after meeting with a member from the Trout Centre, the board had agreed to take ownership of the Angler and would place it in its new home at the bottom pools where the kids had their fishing days. The board asked how Council might support with the relocation and it was suggested they seek a quote from Ray Dempsey Contractors to do the collection from the depot and deliver to the new site. The new site would be a suitable place as it did not require consent from Waka Kotahi.

Recreation Aotearoa Playspace of the Year Award

The Environmental Services Manager advised that Council officers had nominated Te Kapua papa tākaro for the Recreation Aotearoa playspace of the year award and would be putting together an application to support this with media content, soundbites, photographs, and videos from the community and Ngāti Tūrangitukua.

Long-term Plan 2024-34

The Environmental Services Manager advised that the engagement team had been working on identifying and mapping key venues to host the Long-Term Plan 2024-34 (LTP) engagement sessions. This would include new options such as Whareroa, Motuoapa, Hatepe, and Otukou Marae. Community engagement was planned to take place in June 2024 and the group would be updated on developments regarding those engagements.

Te Mataapuna Flooding

The General Manager People and Community Partnerships advised that remedial works were planned for the following week on the sewer. She noted that earthworks may be required for cleaning of the culverts and finding a location for the stormwater to go, and that the next step would be to communicate with an engineer and with hapū about suitable options.

Regional Transport Plan

The Environmental Services Manager advised TDC transport team were working on a submission that would cover the salient points.

Taituara Awards

The General Manager People and Community Partnerships spoke to the group about nominating Te Mataapuna and Te Kapua papa tākaro. Further information would be provided to the group at the April meeting.

Tūrangi Recreation and Activities Centre (TRAC)

The General Manager People and Community Partnerships provided an update regarding the location of the Tūrangi Recreation and Activities Centre and it was noted that there were other projects across the rohe that the community aspired for which meant that the TRAC build would be put on hold until further funding options were explored. Members expressed disappointment at this project being delayed again. The General Manager People and Community Partnerships explained that the decision around the TRAC was not formally made in the LTP, and it would be helpful to look at what the TRAC could bring to the community including other events aside from sport which could help the community work together with TDC to create the best facility to help the community achieve more.

TCG202403/05 RESOLUTION

Moved: Member Amanda Martin

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 Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TCG202403/05 above.

5.4 MANA WHAKAHONO WORKPLAN UPDATE

The Co-Governance Management Partner summarised the report.

Members discussed the need for an Urupa maintenance plan, as the Hirangi side of the Urupa had become overgrown not mowed regularly.

TCG202403/06 RESOLUTION

Moved: Member Amy Walker

Seconded: Member Lauren Fletcher

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

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TCG202403/06 above.

5.5 MEMBERS' REPORTS

The following members' reports were received:

Member Christian Asher

- Attended the community emergency and response plan meeting held with Elected Members and Council staff. He expressed concern regarding the length of time the response plan had taken since Cyclone Gabrielle in February 2022, particularly because Tūrangi is near the mountain, river, and lake. The Iwi Engagement Partner advised the group that progress on the response plan is a priority and updates would be provided at future meetings.
- Attended the Tokaanu-Tūrangi RSA memorial for the South East Asia Veterans.
- Noted concerns regarding younger gang members in the rohe around 17 and 18 years old.

Member Lauren Fletcher

- Noted the upcoming weaving course being run from 9.30 – 5.30pm on Saturday 6 April.
- Concern with children being around small shared driveways at the Kainga Ora houses in areas such as Tureti Place, Te Wharekaihua Grove, and Rangimohia Road.
- Hosted the Bay of Plenty Mini League from Papamoa and Putaruru. Noted that parking logistics during the event had been difficult. The Environmental Services Manager advised that a service request would be raised about about mowing the old dambusters field.
- Mentioned the Te Arawa regionals that were held in Rotorua, a big thanks to the studios in the town centre, some of the members received Tā Moko.
- Expressed a potential idea for QR codes being placed in the area to provide information and knowledge around Tūrangitukua and guidance on looking after the space.

Councillor Sandra Greenslade

- Long-term Plan was taking a majority of Elected Members time.
- Attended a recent blessing for Kainga Ora homes in Tūrangi.
- Attended Ministry of Education workshop, and the Tongariro Representative Group meeting in February.
- Upcoming gardening day being organised by the Parks Operations Manager.

Member Amanda Martin

- Mentioned the potential to have a photo of the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee near Gosling Grove when driving to Taupō, it would be positive.

Mr Te Takinga New

- Tūrangi junior triathlon was to be held on Saturday 9 March. It was positive to see that the Tūrangi Tongariro Sports Foundation supported kids with prizes.
- Upcoming Kapa Haka regional performance on Saturday 9 March. There were groups from Tūrangi performing.
- Noted that it would be good to have a local business or community group to present to the committee when the agenda is light.

TCG202403/07 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kevin Taylor

Seconded: Member Amy Walker

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

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TCG202403/07 above.

6 NGĀ KŌRERO TŪMATAITI | CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil

The meeting closed at 1pm with a karakia from Chair Te Takinga New.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee Meeting held on 3 April 2024.

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CHAIRPERSON