

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TŪRANGI CO-GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE TE MATAAPUNA, TŪRANGITUKUA PARK, HIRANGI ROAD, TŪRANGI
ON WEDNESDAY, 3 APRIL 2024 AT 10.42AM**

PRESENT: Member Christian Asher (in the Chair from item 4.1), Cr Sandra Greenslade, Member Amanda Martin, Cr Kevin Taylor (via MS Teams), Member Amy Walker

IN ATTENDANCE: General Manager People and Community Partnerships (L O'Brien) (via MS Teams), Environmental Services Manager (J Sparks), Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner (M Isherwood), Co-Governance Management Partner (C Dempsey), Team Leader Customer Support Tūrangi (J Cathro), Senior Committee Advisor (K Watts), Committee Advisor (N Turnbull), Customer Support Officer (A Kereopa)

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: Three members of the public

- Notes:
- (i) Ms Amy Walker opened the meeting with a mihi and acknowledged the recent passing of Mr Kenneth Wall.
 - (ii) The Environmental Services Manager Chaired the meeting for items 2, 3 and 5.1
 - (iii) Items were considered in the following order: 1, 2, 3, 5.1, 4.1, 5.2 – 5.6
 - (iv) Item 5.1 was replaced with a new item Election of a temporary Chairperson.

1 KARAKIA

All present recited an opening karakia.

2 WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES

TCG202404/01 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Sandra Greenslade
Seconded: Member Amanda Martin

That the apologies received from Ms Lauren Fletcher, Mr Te Takinga New and Mayor David Trewavas be accepted.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TCG202404/01 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 - 6 MARCH 2024

TCG202404/02 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Sandra Greenslade
Seconded: Cr Kevin Taylor

That the minutes of the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting held on Wednesday 6 March 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 TCG202404/02 above.

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

5.1 ELECTION OF A TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON

The Senior Committee Advisor explained that due to the absence of Co-Chairs Mr Te Takinga New and Mayor David Trewavas, a temporary Chairperson needed to be elected for the meeting. She recommended System B for the voting system.

TCG202404/03 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Sandra Greenslade
Seconded: Member Amanda Martin

That the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee confirms that System B be used to determine the election process for the Chairperson.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TCG202404/03 above.

TCG202404/04 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kevin Taylor
Seconded: Member Amy Walker

That the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee elects Mr Christian Asher as the Chairperson of this meeting of the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TCG202404/04 above.

5.2 PUBLIC FORUM

Chair Mr Christian Asher welcomed Ms Marion Hall from the Tongariro and Lake Taupō Anglers Club (TALTAC).

Ms Hall thanked members for allowing her to speak to them. She advised that she had been a member of TALTAC for more than 27 years and was also connected to the Tongariro National Trout Centre. She was aware that the Angler was no longer going to be relocated to the Tongariro National Trout Centre and advised that TALTAC was keen and interested to locate it at its building on the corner of Koura and Kokopu Streets, Tūrangi. She advised that it would be in a great position for members of the public to see it given the proximity to the Major Jones Bridge. TALTAC would accept costs and arrange to have the Angler relocated.

The Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner advised that she would follow up with the Tongariro National Trout Centre and include Ms Hall because she was surprised that it was no longer desired to be located there. Ms Hall was happy for the Angler to be located at the Tongariro National Trout Centre if this was possible.

TCG202404/05 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Sandra Greenslade

Seconded: Member Amy Walker

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 TCG202404/05 above.

5.3 PRESENTATION TO TŪRANGI CO-GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE - TŪRANGI EASTER EVENT GROUP

Chair Mr Christian Asher welcomed Dorene Lachnit-Mills who delivered her pepeha.

She had been part of the organising group of the Great Big Tūrangi Easter Egg Hunt held on Saturday 30 March 2024. The organising team of five people had started off as strangers but ended with a debrief that lasted three hours the previous evening where they had also discussed the following year.

The group had ascertained three things:

1. Tūrangi deserved better;
2. A lot of people were longing to get involved; and
3. Passion and vision was catching.

Ms Lachnit-Mills thanked the Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner for asking the community for input. Organising the event had ignited something in her, and she and others had ideas of what more they could do for the community.

On the day of the event the Tūrangi town centre was pumping with the car boot sale and market also on at the same time as the easter egg hunt. Approximately 230 kids participated in the easter egg hunt which meant that it was at capacity. A rangatahi category was added at the last minute. Many hours were spent painting eggs and the organisers had three weeks to plan the event.

Ms Lachnit-Mills advised that many had supported the event including Property Brokers for the chocolate, Ms Carol Harwood for the bunting and paint for the eggs, and the Tūrangi Rotary Club with a cash donation. Others had donated their time and materials.

Members congratulated Ms Lachnit-Mills and her team for a successful event. It was understood that more people were needed to organise events so that it was not always the responsibility of a few people. It was great that this was already changing with more of the community wanting to be involved. Tūrangi town centre had a great vibe on Saturday 30 March.

TCG202404/06 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Sandra Greenslade

Seconded: Member Christian Asher

That the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee receives the information presented by the Tūrangi Easter events group.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TCG202404/06 above.

5.4 PROJECT UPDATES FOR TŪRANGI AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner updated members on the following and added information not included in the report:

- Motutere Reserve Management Plan (RMP) Engagement
- Community Events
 - o Hui had been organised for Christmas and Matariki planning.
- Angler, Stag and Tūrangi Sign
 - o She would follow up with the Tongariro National Trout Centre following the feedback from Ms Marion Hall during the Public Forum item.
- Te Kapua Papa Tākaro up for Recreation Aotearoa Playspace of the Year Award as well as Landscape Architect Award
 - o Te Kapua Papa Tākaro was a finalist for the Landscape Architect Award.
- Long-term Plan (LTP) Engagement
 - o Engagement in June would include Hatepe, Whareroa plus Omori, Kuratau and Tūrangi. They were also keen to engage with youth across the rohe.

In response to a question from a member, elected members and the General Manager People and Community Partnerships summarised discussions from the Elected Member Long-term Plan workshop held the previous day:

- Items that would be included in the Consultation Document for the Long-term Plan 2024-34 were discussed to try and make the language succinct for consultation.
- Elected members had advocated for Tūrangi. They encouraged community members to read the Consultation Document in detail once it was published, make notes, and make a submission to Council.
- A 13% average rates increase was expected for year one of the LTP.
- Cost savings could be made by delaying projects and spreading costs over the coming years. Some funding was proposed to be reduced to Destination Great Lake Taupō and Amplify.
- The Capital Works Programme was being scrutinised to understand which projects were affordable and could be delivered.
- The LTP would be adopted at the end of September instead of June which would mean that rather than four installments of rates invoices, there would likely be three. This would result in higher invoices to ratepayers so careful management of the communications and engagement would be required to assist ratepayers.
- Valuations did not affect the rates increases this financial year. The main causes of the rates increase were due to interest rates and depreciation reserves.

Members asked that the messaging around the rates increases be communicated so that the community understood the percentage increase relative to what they were paying. It was not good news for the community, rates increases would affect those renting as well as those that owned their own home. Families were already at struggle point so this was a scary time.

Community members were encouraged to ask if they were eligible for a rates remission.

TCG202404/07 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Sandra Greenslade

Seconded: Cr Kevin Taylor

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 TCG202404/07 above.

5.5 MANA WHAKAHONO WORKPLAN UPDATE

The Co-Governance Management Partner advised that the Strategic Planning session would be deferred to Wednesday 1 May. The facilitator Christal Morrison would seek feedback from the committee members on design of the aspiration document.

The Co-Governance Management Partner advised that clauses 37.3 and 37.4 would be discussed at the Mana Whakahono Joint Working Group hui in April. Member Amy Walker confirmed that this would also be discussed at the next hapū hui.

The General Manager People and Community Partnerships confirmed that a recruitment process was currently underway to replace the General Manager of Destination Great Lake Taupō (DGLT) Ms Jane Wilson who had retired. The role would be recruited by the DGLT board but had not been advertised yet because the job description was being finalised. She advised that an iwi representative was on the DGLT Board, Mr Tom Loughlin. He had been selected following requests to hapū and iwi entities the previous year to nominate representatives to be interviewed.

Members confirmed that they would like to continue to see this item on the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee agenda because the updates were valuable, particularly presented in the Dashboard Report.

TCG202404/08 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Sandra Greenslade

Seconded: Member Amy Walker

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

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TCG202404/08 above.

5.6 MEMBERS' REPORTS

The following members' reports were received:

Cr Sandra Greenslade

- The Long-term Plan 2024-34 was taking a lot of time up and she appreciated the support from Council staff to provide explanations in detail, answer questions, and provide opportunities for elected member feedback.
- Attended the opening of the new aquaponic vegetable farm at the Tongariro National Trout Centre and encouraged people to go there to visit.
- Following the arson attack at the old pavilion in Tūrangi, she had reached out to request a secure facility for sports teams to store their uniforms.
- Other successful events over Easter included the Easter Fair at Kuratau and Omori and the working bee at Pukawa.
- Commended the Council Parks and Reserves team for the gardening around Tūrangi and mentioned that she would be touring around the community to identify other areas that needed attention.
- Encouraged people to get in touch with Maru Energy Trust for free home insulation and heating. The eligible area had been extended and people could apply on behalf of someone else.

Cr Kevin Taylor

- Acknowledged the sad passing of a Western Bay of Plenty District Councillor Richard Crawford.

Ms Amy Walker

- Attended Kura Taiao ki Tūwharetoa in Waitahanui 23-24 March which was a well attended wānanga facilitated by Poipoia. Many rangatahi under 35 years were involved, included a panel. Lots of aspirations were talked about for the waterways and the whenua. It was hoped that marae would

- improve the whenua with the taiao aspirations.
- Attended the Great Big Easter Egg Hunt event which was wonderful. There were a lot of people visiting from out of town which was good to see.
- The Ngāti Tūrangitukua Charitable Trust held a strategy meeting and would be in touch with Council for assistance to effect big milestones which could require changes in zoning.
- Following the recent Mana Whakahono Joint Working Group meeting, she was interested in understanding more about Māori purpose zones and how they worked.
- The Ngāti Tūrangitukua Māori Committee were meeting the following weekend and would make changes to its executive committee. Details would be shared with Council once sorted.

Cr Kevin Taylor left the meeting at this point (12pm).

Ms Amanda Martin

- Had travelled to the South Island recently and visited event centres which had information centres and local exhibits in each of them.
- She also visited walking tracks which had exercise equipment on them and were free for anyone to use.
- Asked where the stag statue was going to be relocated (that had been at the same place as the Angler). The Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner advised that it was in disrepair and would not be relocated.
- Asked if both sides of the entrance from the car park to the ground at Te Mataapuna could be paved.

Mr Christian Asher

- Was concerned about the fire at the pavilion, lots of things were stored there. Youth were involved in the fire and had also tried to light the old playground on fire. The pavilion building was continually falling into disrepair. Cr Greenslade confirmed that it was owned by Taupō District Council and had been marked for demolition but this had been put off due to costs that would be incurred. This and other buildings would be discussed further at a future Mana Whakahono Joint Working Group meeting.
- The Volunteer Committee for ANZAC day services was underway. Mr Grant Smith was the President of the Tokaanu – Tūrangi Returned Services Association and they were grateful to have him onboard. He served in the army for 27 years and had a lot of experience. Safe Tūrangi would be assisting with road and traffic management on ANZAC day.
- Matariki planning was underway.
- The rescue dog that the Tūrangi Tongariro Community Grant Distribution Committee had provided funding to had assisted in over 11 different missions.
- Sergeant Asher encouraged community members to be vigilant because car theft was on the rise.
- Encouraged people to stay home if they were unwell to protect their family and friends.
- Encouraged people to look out for young and older people as the weather got colder.
- Reminded everyone that the school holidays were coming up and that Tongariro School was fundraising for students to travel to Thailand.
- Acknowledged the sad passing of young person Billie Flight.

TCG202404/09 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Sandra Greenslade
Seconded: Member Amanda Martin

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 TCG202404/09 above.

6 NGĀ KŌRERO TŪMATAITI | CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil

The meeting closed at 12.19pm with a karakia from all present.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee Meeting held on 1 May 2024.

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CHAIRPERSON