

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 107 TE HEUHEU STREET, TAUPŌ  
ON TUESDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 1.00PM**

**PRESENT:** Mayor David Trewavas (in the Chair), Cr Duncan Campbell, Cr Karam Fletcher, Cr Sandra Greenslade, Cr Danny Loughlin, Cr Anna Park, Cr Christine Rankin, Cr Rachel Shepherd, Cr Kevin Taylor, Cr Yvonne Westerman, Cr John Williamson (via MS Teams)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Chief Executive (J Gardyne), General Manager Community Infrastructure and Services (T Hale), General Manager Organisation Performance (S Matthews), General Manager People and Community Partnerships (L O'Brien), General Manager Strategy and Environment (W Zander), Iwi and Co-Governance Manager (D Rameka), Policy Manager (N Carroll), Legal and Governance Manager (N McAdie), Project Management Office Manager (P Fletcher), Executive Manager Mayor's Office (J Later), Governance Quality Manager (S James), Environmental Impact Manager (B Aitken), Co-Governance Management Partner (C Dempsey), Team Leader Corporate Planning (A Smith), Team Leader Communications (D Beck), Senior Policy Advisor (H Samuel), Senior Policy Advisor (T Wood), Funding and Partnerships Advisor (E Godwin via MS Teams), Senior Solicitor (K Hollman via MS Teams), Policy Advisor (A Wilson), Digital Content Creator (C Hollinger), Senior Committee Advisor (K Watts)

**MEDIA AND PUBLIC:** No members of the public

**1 KARAKIA**

The meeting was opened by all present reciting the Taupō District Council's karakia.

**2 WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES**

**TDC202409/01 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Rachel Shepherd

Seconded: Cr Karam Fletcher

That the apologies received from Crs Kylie Leonard and Kirsty Trueman, be accepted.

**CARRIED**

*Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202409/01 above.*

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

Cr Duncan Campbell stated that he did not have a conflict of interest with item 5.2 and did not want to give that impression.

Cr Danny Loughlin advised that he was a trustee on the Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board, relating to item 5.4.

## 4 WHAKAMANATANGA O NGĀ MENETI | CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

### 4.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 29 JULY 2024

#### TDC202409/02 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anna Park  
Seconded: Cr Danny Loughlin

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 29 July 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 TDC202409/02 above.*

### 4.2 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 27 AUGUST 2024

#### TDC202409/03 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Sandra Greenslade  
Seconded: Cr Anna Park

That the public and confidential portions of the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 27 August 2024 be approved and adopted as true and correct records.

**CARRIED**

*Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202409/03 above.*

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

### 5.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - AUDIO-VISUAL RECORDING OF ALL WORKSHOPS, COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND COUNCIL MEETINGS INVOLVING ELECTED MEMBERS

Cr Campbell supported audio-visual recording of all workshops and meetings held in the Council Chamber for reasons noted below:

- It was a requirement of the Local Government Act 2002 to conduct meetings in an open transparent manner, also a requirement of the Public Records Act 2005.
- Nearly all workshops and meetings took place on weekdays during working hours so many members of the community were not able to attend.

Members did not support the motion because in early 2025 the Council Chamber would move premises and the technology would be available for Council meetings to be livestreamed. The staff time required from the Digital Content Creator and wider Communications team would mean that other work that supported the community with digital and video content would not be able to be completed. Each month a list of upcoming meetings and workshops was provided to the Mayor and Chief Executive for them to decide which needed to be recorded and uploaded to Council's You Tube channel. This included workshops that had a high public interest so was meeting a demand from the community. All workshops were advertised online and usually open to the public unless there was a reason under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for excluding the public.

The motion was not seconded and therefore did not proceed to a debate.

## 5.2 NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCIL OFFICERS UNDERTAKE TO ALWAYS PROVIDE THE FULL RANGE OF REASONABLY PRACTICABLE OPTIONS IN ANY STAFF PAPERS PRESENTED TO ELECTED MEMBERS REQUIRING A DECISION

Cr Campbell referred to the recent Court of Appeal decision regarding a decision made by Wellington City Council. Members in that case had not been presented with all practicable options and the decision was challenged. He highlighted decisions that Taupō District Council had made where he believed that elected members had not been presented with all practicable options which were related to the Motutere Reserve Management Plan review, the Tūrangi Wastewater project and many transport items.

Members disagreed that Council was not provided with all reasonably practicable options and the motion was not seconded.

## 5.3 ADOPTION OF THE WASTE MANAGEMENT AND MINIMISATION PLAN

The Environmental Impact Manager summarised the report and added that in the food rescue space, the Foodprint app had just been launched which helped to reduce food waste. Council was also talking with the foodbank to see how they could support it, and those in the construction and demolition space. They had started to book hui to discuss what would happen at the Broadlands landfill.

In answer to questions, the following was clarified:

- The closing of the Penrose Paper Processing Mill in Auckland would not affect Taupō.
- The increase in waste of tonnes per capita was significant compared with 10 years previously because the increase reflected the high visitor tonnage but the population was not included in the statistics of those residing in Taupō.

The Environmental Impact Manager added that any new developments within the Waste Management fund could be accommodated within the fund and would not impact rates. This meant that if Council could find more ways of diverting waste, ratepayers would not bear the costs.

### TDC202409/04 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Danny Loughlin  
Seconded: Cr Rachel Shepherd

That Council:

1. Receives and deliberates on submissions received on the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2024 during the Long-term Plan 2024-34 process; and
2. Adopts the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2024 (objective reference A3602769) including recommended changes following the Long-term Plan 2024-34 consultation.

**CARRIED**

*Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202409/04 above.*

## 5.4 TŪWHARETOA MĀORI TRUST BOARD - TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL JOINT MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT [JMA]

The Co-Governance Management Partner highlighted key items from the report.

In answer to questions, the following was clarified:

- The Joint Management Agreement (JMA) for this agenda item related to the Ngāti Tūwharetoa, Raukawa, and Te Arawa River Iwi Waikato River Act 2010 whereas the previous Joint Management Agreement with Ngāti Tūwharetoa was established under the Resource Management Act 1991 in relation to notified resource consents and private plan changes affecting multiply owned Māori land.
- The purpose of that JMA and this new one were quite different.

- The final Joint Management Agreement would come back to Council and the Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board (TMTB) for final approval. Both parties would also be kept informed of progress along the way.
- The proposed additional matters to be included in the negotiation scope (recommendation three of the report) incorporated how Council already engaged with its iwi partners. It would formalise what happened in practice.
- The other Joint Management Agreements formed with Te Arawa River Iwi Trust and Raukawa also had similar scope provisions added.
- The benefit of supporting the recommendation in principle now meant that the joint working group comprising of TMTB and Council officers and legal advisors could start drafting the details of the JMA. The joint committee would make recommendations on the scope and final contents of the JMA to Council and TMTB for approval.

Some members were not comfortable with recommendation three of the report and felt that by agreeing to it, it could damage the relationship further down the track if changes were made.

The Policy Manager summed up by saying that the River Act legislation required Council to set up this committee. The practice was consistent with Raukawa and Te Arawa River Iwi Trust as per the River Act. The recommendation relating to the scope of the JMA was also consistent with the JMAs Council had with Raukawa and Te Arawa River Iwi Trust where there were elements that went beyond the minimum requirements. It was a starting point for negotiation and allowed for off-ramps throughout the negotiation process.

#### **TDC202409/05 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Yvonne Westerman

Seconded: Cr Sandra Greenslade

That Council re-establishes the Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board [TMTB] – Taupō District Council [Council] joint committee.

**CARRIED**

*Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202409/05 above except for Cr Duncan Campbell who abstained from voting.*

#### **TDC202409/06 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Christine Rankin

Seconded: Cr Kevin Taylor

That Council appoints Crs Karam Fletcher, Kylie Leonard, Kirsty Trueman as members, and Cr John Williamson as an alternate to the Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board [TMTB] – Taupō District Council [Council] joint committee.

**CARRIED**

*Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202409/06 above except for Cr Duncan Campbell who abstained from voting.*

#### **TDC202409/07 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr John Williamson

Seconded: Cr Yvonne Westerman

That Council approves in principle, that additional matters requested by TMTB may be included under section 54 of the River Act in the negotiation scope of the Joint Management Agreement (JMA).

**CARRIED**

*Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202409/07 above except for Crs Duncan Campbell, Sandra Greenslade, Anna Park, Christine Rankin and Rachel Shepherd who*

voted against resolution TDC202409/07.

### **TDC202409/08 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Sandra Greenslade

Seconded: Cr Kevin Taylor

That Council agrees to complete the Joint Management Agreement by 30 June 2025.

**CARRIED**

*Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202409/08 above except for Cr Duncan Campbell who abstained from voting.*

### **5.5 CLASS 4 GAMBLING REPORT BACK TO COUNCIL**

The Policy Advisor summarised the report and reiterated that the recommendation was for members to receive the information.

### **TDC202409/09 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Danny Loughlin

Seconded: Cr Sandra Greenslade

That Council receives this update on the state of Class 4 Gambling in the Taupō District.

**CARRIED**

*Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202409/09 above.*

### **5.6 TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL PERFORMANCE REPORT - AUGUST 2024**

The Project Management Office Manager highlighted that the Airport Apron project was an extension of the parking lot for the planes and was using the last of the Provincial Growth Fund from central government.

The Local Water Done Well project was at risk due to the time, and the massive amount of work required for the legislative water services delivery plan.

The Whangamata Road improvements contract was being finalised and construction would commence in October.

The increased risk for the View Road project had reduced over the previous week because compliance data had been received.

The following month, more information would be provided regarding the life budget spent for individual projects. Around \$13m had been spent on capital works projects.

In answer to questions, the following was clarified by the General Manager People and Community Partnerships, and the General Manager Community Infrastructure and Services:

- Phase 3 of Project Quantum had progressed in order for Council to strike rates. Customers would see a new system when they paid online.
- Council staff were working with the New Zealand Transport Agency around mitigating impacts on local roads during January when State Highway 1 between Tūrangi and Taupō was proposed to be closed.

**TDC202409/10 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Anna Park  
Seconded: Cr Karam Fletcher

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

**CARRIED**

*Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202409/10 above.*

**5.7 PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE TAUPŌ / TAUPŌ EAST RURAL COMMUNITY GRANT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The Senior Committee Advisor explained that this item was before Council following deliberations of the Long-term Plan 2024-34. In answer to a question, she confirmed that the two community members would be appointed by Council at a future meeting, in the same way that community and Māori representatives were appointed to committees of Council at the start of the triennium.

**TDC202409/11 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr John Williamson  
Seconded: Cr Rachel Shepherd

That Council amends the Terms of Reference for the Taupō / Taupō East Rural Community Grant Distribution Committee (A3617182) to increase the membership by including two community representatives for the 2022-25 Triennium.

**CARRIED**

*Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202409/11 above.*

**5.8 COUNCIL ENGAGEMENTS OCTOBER 2024, APPOINTMENTS, AND TRAINING AND CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES**

The Senior Committee Advisor advised that two additional workshops had been added on Thursday 10 October:

- 11.30am-12.30pm Lake Terrace / Maunganamu Drive New Roundabout - connection to Pukenamu Road
- 1.30pm – 2.30pm Simplifying Public Transport Investment: Waikato regional rating model

The Chief Executive confirmed the process that would be followed for the workshop regarding the new roundabout because there were many interested members of the public. They would be given the opportunity to submit their questions in advance of the workshop and were welcome to attend in person. The workshop was for elected members to receive information. The interested members of the public would be given an opportunity to address Council when the item was brought to the October Council meeting.

**TDC202409/12 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Rachel Shepherd  
Seconded: Cr Karam Fletcher

That Council receives the information relating to engagements for October 2024.

**CARRIED**

*Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202409/12 above.*

**6 NGĀ KŌRERO TŪMATAITI | CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**

**TDC202409/13 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Karam Fletcher  
 Seconded: Cr Christine Rankin

**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:

| General subject of each matter to be considered   | Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter  | Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution  | Plain English reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter   |
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| <p><b>Agenda Item No: 6.1</b><br/>                     Delegation for Settlement of Appeals on Plan Changes 38, 42 and 43</p> | <p>Section 48(1)(d) - the exclusion of the public from the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting is necessary to enable the Council to deliberate in private on its decision or recommendation where a right of appeal lies to any court or tribunal against the final decision of the Council in these proceedings</p> | <p>Section 48(1)(d)- the exclusion of the public from the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting is necessary to enable the Council to deliberate in private on its decision or recommendation where a right of appeal lies to any court or tribunal against the final decision of the Council in these proceedings</p> | <p>Council needs to deal with this item with the public excluded because there is a right of appeal to the Environment Court in relation to the Council's decision.</p> |

**CARRIED**

*Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202409/13 above.*

**The meeting closed at 2.50pm with a karakia recited by all present.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 29 October 2024.**

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**CHAIRPERSON**