

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 107 TE HEUHEU STREET, TAUPŌ  
ON THURSDAY, 1 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, Cr Yvonne Westerman, Cr John Williamson

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Chief Executive (J Gardyne), General Manager Organisation Performance (S Matthews), General Manager Operations and Delivery (A Moraes), General Manager People and Community Partnerships (L O'Brien), General Manager Strategy and Environment (W Zander), Legal and Governance Manager (N McAdie), Executive Manager Housing and Property Investment (P King), Community Engagement and Development Manager (H Tattle), District Customer Relations Manager (T Russell), Infrastructure Manager (R Stokes), Events and Venues Manager (S Giles), Parks Manager – Open Space (A Moor), Property Manager (S Attenborough), Project Management Office Manager (P Fletcher), Executive Manager to the Mayor (J Later), Senior Solicitor (K Hollman), Co-Governance Manager (C Dempsey), Mana Whakahono Intern (M Wanikau), Project Manager Stakeholder Specialist (T Perry), Digital Content Creator (C Hollinger), Committee Advisor (D Periam), Governance Quality Manager (S James)

Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee member, Ms Lauren Fletcher (via MS Teams, for agenda item 5.4)

**MEDIA AND PUBLIC:** Nil

Notes:

- (i) *His Worship the Mayor, David Trewavas welcomed everyone to the meeting and Cr Karam Fletcher recited an opening karakia.*
- (ii) *Everyone present observed a minute's silence in memory of the following local people who had passed away over the holiday period: Richard Izard, Hemi Brunton, Karis Anderson, Diane Noone, Jeannine Ball and Lynda Ball.*
- (iii) *The passing of Sir Michael Hardie Boys, former Governor-General of New Zealand with connections to the southern part of Taupō district, was also acknowledged during the meeting.*

**1 KARAKIA**

Cr Karam Fletcher recited an opening karakia.

**2 WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES**

His Worship the Mayor advised that Cr Kevin Taylor was in the process of joining the meeting via MS Teams. Due to connectivity issues, Cr Taylor was unable to join the meeting.

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

Nil

## 4 WHAKAMANATANGA O NGĀ MENETI | CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

### 4.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 12 DECEMBER 2023

#### TDC202402/01 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rachel Shepherd  
Seconded: Cr Anna Park

That the public and confidential portions minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 12 December 2023 be approved and adopted as true and correct records.

**CARRIED**

*Note: All members present at the Council meeting of the 1 February 2024 voted in favour of resolution TDC202402/01 above.*

### 4.2 EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 19 DECEMBER 2023

#### TDC202402/02 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Christine Rankin  
Seconded: Cr Yvonne Westerman

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 19 December 2023 be approved and adopted as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

*Note: All members present at the Council meeting of the 1 February 2024 voted in favour of resolution TDC202402/032 above.*

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

### 5.1 KEY HIGHLIGHTS AND COMMUNITY FEEDBACK OVER THE CHRISTMAS NEW YEAR PERIOD

The General Manager People and Community Partnerships summarised the report, concluding that overall, it had been a very positive summer in the Taupō district. She thanked staff members for their work during the period.

A member expressed the view that the speed hump installed on Wharewaka Road was not fit for purpose.

Other members commended the Council team, including for the summer activation of the Roberts Street area; and the ambassadors and volunteers who were visible helping people out in the community.

#### TDC202402/043 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Danny Loughlin  
Seconded: Cr Kylie Leonard

That Council notes the content of this report regarding key highlights and community feedback over the Christmas and New Year period 2023/24.

**CARRIED**

*Note: All members present at the Council meeting of the 1 February 2024 voted in favour of resolution TDC202402/053 above.*

## 5.2 REPLACEMENT POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR SIGNING DEEDS ON BEHALF OF COUNCIL

The Senior Solicitor summarised the report.

### TDC202402/04 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anna Park  
Seconded: Cr Rachel Shepherd

That Council:

1. Revokes the existing Power of Attorney dated 4 May 2021 and approves a new replacement Power of Attorney in the form attached to the agenda, effective from the date the deed is signed; and
2. Authorises the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to execute the new Power of Attorney in the form attached to the agenda.

**CARRIED**

*Note: All members present at the Council meeting of the 1 February 2024 voted in favour of resolution TDC202402/064 above.*

## 5.3 NUKUHAU BOAT PENS

The Parks Manager – Open Space summarised the proposal, the benefit of which would be a more streamlined method of dealing with the Nukuhau boat pens via permits, rather than licences to occupy allocated by the Taupō Reserves and Roding Committee every three years. In answer to questions, he advised that:

- Boats were coming in and out of the pens all the time.
- The relevant Reserve Management Plan (RMP) specified that boats cannot be worked on within the pens, nor could they just sit there for years without being moved.
- Under the RMP, boats could occupy the pens for three years, with one right of renewal (six years in total). After that point, the boats were moved off the reserve land and stored on private property.

Members agreed to change the approach to allocation of the Nukuhau boat pens, by delegating authority to the Chief Executive to issue permits. It was noted that fees would be set through Council's Long-term Plan process.

### TDC202402/05 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Danny Loughlin  
Seconded: Cr Anna Park

That Council delegates authority to the Chief Executive to allocate short term [up to three (3) year] permits for occupation and use of Nukuhau boat pens, pursuant to s 53 of the Reserves Act 1977.

**CARRIED**

*Note: All members present at the Council meeting of the 1 February 2024 voted in favour of resolution TDC202402/05 above.*

## 5.4 TŪRANGI KIWI HOLIDAY PARK

His Worship the Mayor welcomed Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee member, Ms Lauren Fletcher, who was present online via MS Teams.

The Executive Manager Housing and Property Investment summarised the report, which contained recommendations from the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee. He answered questions and the following additional points were noted:

- Council would determine how any monies received via the Public Works Act 1981 offer-back process would be spent.
- The offer-back process was expected to take up to 24 months. The original owners would need to be identified; meetings held; and negotiations completed.
- A process would be set up to ensure the land was maintained during the offer-back period.
- The land was currently zoned residential, so could be used for housing in future.
- Current market value would be the starting point for offer-back negotiations.
- Wider consultation was not required.
- If the original owners did not want the land, then the Council would be guided by Māori Land Court processes.
- A lot of buildings had already been removed from the site, however some buildings still remained and people were living on site. There would need to be further discussions about removal of remaining buildings in future.

The Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee's recommendations were adopted.

### TDC202402/06 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anna Park

Seconded: Cr Sandra Greenslade

That Council adopts the recommendation TCG202312/05 by the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee and directs officers to:

1. delegate authority to the Chief Executive to sign the Sale and Purchase Agreement to purchase the STS Holidays Ltd lease of the land at 13 Te Reiti Tamara Grove, Tūrangi on which the Tūrangi Kiwi Holiday Park is located, with no money exchanging hands.
2. close the Campground permanently;
3. declare the Land surplus for the purposes of s40 of the Public Works Act 1981; and
4. comply with any offer-back obligations it has under s40(2) of the Public Works Act 1981 and seek a recommendation from the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee regarding the terms of any offer-back.

**CARRIED**

*Note: All members present at the Council meeting except Cr Duncan Campbell voted in favour of resolution TDC202402/06 above. Cr Duncan Campbell abstained from voting.*

**5.5 OVERVIEW OF COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA ITEMS FOR 2024**

The Chief Executive answered questions and the following points were noted:

- Taupō Sculpture Trust sculpture decisions would be required, hence the inclusion of those items on the list.
- The next six months would be busy, in particular with key Long-term Plan 2024-34 decisions to be made.
- Meetings with the Waikato Regional Council Taupō-Rotorua ward councillor; the local Member of Parliament; and other partners including Police and the Ministry of Social Development would be diarised.

**TDC202402/07 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Karam Fletcher  
 Seconded: Cr Christine Rankin

That Council receives the overview of Council meeting agenda items for the 2024 calendar year.

**CARRIED**

*Note: All members present at the Council meeting of the 1 February 2024 voted in favour of resolution TDC202402/07 above.*

**6 NGĀ KŌRERO TŪMATAITI | CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**

**TDC202402/08 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Anna Park  
 Seconded: Cr Yvonne Westerman

**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
<p><b>Agenda Item No: 6.1</b>                      Confirmation of Confidential Portion of Extraordinary Council Minutes - 19 December 2023</p>	<p>Section 7(2)(b)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information</p> <p>Section 7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable [the Council] to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities</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>

	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)	
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**CARRIED**

*Note: All members present at the Council meeting of the 1 February 2024 voted in favour of resolution TDC202402/08 above.*

**The meeting closed at 1.40pm with a karakia recited by Cr Karam Fletcher.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 27 February 2024.**

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**CHAIRPERSON**