

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY TAUPŌ RESERVES AND ROADING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 107 TE HEUHEU STREET, TAUPŌ
ON TUESDAY, 19 MARCH 2024 AT 1.00PM**

PRESENT: Cr Yvonne Westerman (in the Chair), Cr Duncan Campbell (Via Microsoft Teams), Cr Kylie Leonard, Cr Anna Park, Cr Christine Rankin, Cr Rachel Shepherd, Cr Kevin Taylor, Cr John Williamson (Via Microsoft Teams)

IN ATTENDANCE: General Manager Strategy and Environment (W Zander), General Manager Operations and Delivery (T Hale), Infrastructure Manager (R Stokes), Parks Operations Manager – Taupō (A Moor), Governance Quality Manager (S James), Executive Assistant (M Niva), Parks Advisor – Planning and Operation (B Vi), Committee Advisor (N Turnbull)

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: Four Taupō Art in the Park representatives

Notes: (i) Cr Kevin Taylor opening the meeting with a Karakia

(ii) Items were considered in the following order: 1, 2, 3, 4.1, 5.2, 5.1, 5.3

1 KARAKIA

2 WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES

TRARC202403/01 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Christine Rankin

Seconded: Cr Rachel Shepherd

That the apologies received from Mayor David Trewavas and Mr Te Moananui Rameka be accepted.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Taupō Reserves and Roding Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TRARC202403/01 above.

3 NGĀ WHAKAPĀNGA TUKITUKI | CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

3 WHAKAMANATANGA O NGĀ MENETI | CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 ORDINARY TAUPŌ RESERVES & ROADING COMMITTEE MEETING - 5 DECEMBER 2023

TRARC202403/02 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anna Park

Seconded: Cr Rachel Shepherd

That the minutes of the Taupō Reserves & Roding Committee meeting held on Tuesday 5 December 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Taupō Reserves and Roding Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TRARC202403/02 above.

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

5.1 REQUEST TO REMOVE TREE FROM THE RESERVE ADJOINING 19 SUSAN LANE, KINLOCH

The Parks Operations Manager summarised the report, explaining that the arborist had assessed the tree and it was in good health with no signs of instability around the base. It was currently 20m tall and would grow to approximately 30m.

Members discussed how the surrounding trees had previously failed and that there was a potential risk for the Mexican Pine to fail, particularly if bad weather occurred. They decided to approve the request for removal, subject to neighbouring residents paying the difference between what Council would have paid for remedial works and the costs of removal, so that removal would be 'cost neutral' to Council.

TRARC202403/03 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kylie Leonard

Seconded: Cr Rachel Shepherd

That the Taupō Reserves and Roding Committee:

1. Approves the request to remove the Mexican Pine (*Pinus patula*) from the reserve adjoining 19 Susan Lane, Kinloch; and subject to an agreement being reached with the applicants to cover the difference between the cost of the proposed remedial works, full removal of the tree and remediation.
2. Directs officers to plant three (3) Kowhai (*Sophora tetraptera*) to provide additional amenity to the reserve. **[CARRIED]**

Note: All members present at the Taupō Reserves and Roding Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TRARC202403/03 above.

5.2 ART IN THE PARK ON TAPUAEHARURU - NEW LICENCE

The Taupō Art in the Park (TAP) secretary, Ms Rosemary Stocker, spoke to the committee. She mentioned that the Art in the Park was a popular exhibit and had been well enjoyed by locals and tourists.

In answer to a question, the Parks Operations Manager explained that granting a permit would ensure flexibility to allow the Art in the Park activity to be positioned either on the grass or paved areas, depending on the weather and other activities in the area. The map would be updated to reflect this flexible approach.

Members decided to grant a permit to Taupō Art in the Park for a three year term, given the fact that any review of the reserve management plan would take three years, and the permit would enable flexibility and an opportunity to see how the Art in the Park activity worked alongside other activities and events on the reserve.

TRARC202403/04 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kylie Leonard

Seconded: Cr Rachel Shepherd

That the Taupō Reserves and Roding Committee, as administering body of Tapuaeharuru agrees to grant a new permit for a term expiring on 31 August 2027 to Taupō Art in the Park for a weekly display, demonstration and sale of arts and crafts by Taupō residents.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Taupō Reserves and Roding Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TRARC202403/04 above.

5.3 PROPOSED UNISON EASEMENT OVER LOCAL PURPOSE RESERVE TO SUPPLY 16-18 CHAD STREET, RAINBOW POINT

The Infrastructure Manager presented the item on behalf of the Senior Solicitor. He summarised the report and answered questions of clarification.

In answer to a question about if it would be more suitable to link Chad Street to Pukenuamu Road and connecting to the Maunganamu Drive roundabout, the Infrastructure Manager explained how that was an expensive option and the recommended option with a pathway through the area was feasible to undertake with little risk.

In answer to further questions, the Infrastructure Manager advised that the parcel of land was discrete, achieving its objective and therefore the proposal was unlikely to set a precedent. The proposed conditions requiring Unison to only lay facilities that it reasonably requires and to obtain Council’s prior approval would protect Council’s position in the future.

TRARC202403/05 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anna Park
 Seconded: Cr Kevin Taylor

That the Taupō Reserves and Roding Committee:

1. Exercises (under sub-delegation of Council) the Ministerial power of consent to the grant to Unison Networks Limited of rights to convey electricity under Lot 69 DP 375151 (Record of Title 302612), being local purpose reserve (road), pursuant to section 48(1) of the Reserves Act 1977; and
2. authorises the Chief Executive and Mayor to sign the requisite certificate on behalf of Taupō District Council, as delegate of the Minister of Conservation for the purposes of s48(1) of the Reserves Act 1977.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Taupō Reserves and Roding Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TRARC202403/05 above.

5 NGĀ KŌRERO TŪMATAITI | CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil

The meeting closed at 1.45pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Taupō Reserves and Roding Committee Meeting held on 21 May 2024.

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CHAIRPERSON