

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 107 TE HEUHEU STREET, TAUPŌ
ON TUESDAY, 16 APRIL 2024 AT 10.45AM**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive (J Gardyne), Acting General Manager Operations and Delivery (T Hale), General Manager People and Community Partnerships (L O'Brien), General Manager Strategy and Environment (W Zander), Finance Manager (J Paenga), Environmental Services Manager (J Sparks), Iwi and Co-Governance Manager (D Rameka), Policy Manager (N Carroll), District Customer Relations Manager (T Russell), Property Manager (S Attenborough), Events and Venues Manager (S Giles), Revenue Manager (T Wilkinson), Asset Manager Water (T Swindells), Team Leader – Resource Management / Reserve Planning (E O'Callaghan), Team Leader Corporate Planning (A Smith), Senior Policy Advisor (K Goode), Senior Policy Advisor (P Caruana), Senior Policy Advisor (T Wood), Programme Manager (J Walton), Project Manager Stakeholder Specialist (T Perry), Team Lead Asset Renewals (J Wetherall), Governance Quality Manager (S James), Senior Committee Advisor (K Watts)

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: Ms Ngaire Grainger, Tongariro Representative Group member

Notes: (i) Cr Rachel Shepherd opened and closed the meeting with a karakia.

(ii) The meeting was adjourned at 12.06pm and reconvened at 12.33pm.

1 KARAKIA

2 WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES

TDC202404/01 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anna Park

Seconded: Cr Christine Rankin

That the apology received from Cr Karam Fletcher be accepted.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202404/01 above.

3 NGĀ WHAKAPĀNGA TUKITUKI | CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

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

4.1 CONTRACT CN564 OMORI WATER RISING MAIN

The Asset Manager Water summarised the report and reiterated the need for this project to occur immediately. In answer to questions, the following was clarified:

- This unbudgeted expenditure was required to be brought to Council for approval because it was not

- currently budgeted for in either the Annual Plan 2023/24 or the Long-term Plan 2021-31.
- No other projects were able to be substituted for funding because they did not fit the same expenditure profile.
 - Council's engineering professional consulting firm WSP were investigating the material used in the failed PVC pipes and had noted that there appeared to be manufacturing issues of the PVC pipes from the late 1990s / early 2000s.
 - Asbestos and galvanised pipes at end of life were prioritised for replacement by Council but where possible, PVC pipes would also be renewed.
 - Underground assets were not insured and the TEL fund could not be used to fund this project because it was for disaster recovery, not renewal or replacement of underground assets.

TDC202404/02 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rachel Shepherd

Seconded: Cr Danny Loughlin

That Council

1. approves unbudgeted water expenditure in the 2023/24 financial year of eight hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars \$875,000.00 (excl. GST) for the Omori Water Rising Main project,
2. accepts the Tender for Contract CN564 Omori Water Rising Main submitted by Civtec for the sum of \$821,569.25 [excl. GST] and authorises His Worship the Mayor and the Chief Executive to sign the Contract Document(s) and attach the Council's Common Seal to them.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202404/02 above.

4.2 APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION TO THE FAST-TRACK APPROVALS BILL

The Team Leader Resource Management / Reserve Planning summarised the report and highlighted the concerns that Taituarā had raised in their submission which had been received the day prior to the meeting:

- Concerns that the economic imperative forgot environmental sustainability.
- Recommended that the bill aligned with the sustainable management approach in the Resource Management 1991 (RMA).
- That the inclusion of such a wide range of legislation had not been fully assessed.
- Uncertainty about how the process would work in practice.
- Too much emphasis on speed risked undermining quality decision making.
- Local government involvement in all aspects of the Fast Track Process should be ensured.
- Concerns that there would be a burden on local government resulting from the handover of assets associated with ill-conceived housing or other developments that had not been the subject of usual local government quality control exercised at the Resource Management Act 1991 section 224 subdivision stage.
- Lack of clarity about whether Council-administered reserve land was included.
- Recommended that decisions should sit with Expert Panels not ministers.
- The bill should ensure that ministers declared conflicts of interest and that these were publicly reported.
- Clear criteria should be developed that established significance, including for housing developments.

While elected members supported the purpose of the fast-track bill, they shared concerns raised in the report and by Taituarā. There was potential for local regulations including the District Plan to be overridden.

TDC202404/03 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Danny Loughlin
Seconded: Cr Sandra Greenslade

That Council

1. approves the submission on the Fast Track Consenting Bill (attached to the agenda) with amendments noted at the meeting; and
2. appoints Cr Kevin Taylor to present the submission to the Select Committee.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202404/03 above.

4.3 APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT TREASURY MANAGEMENT POLICY FOR CONSULTATION

The Finance Manager summarised the report.

In answer to questions, the following was clarified:

- The total revenue borrowing limit was self-imposed and aligned with the Local Government Funding Agency limit.
- This debt limit was not a target, it allowed for flexibility to fund Long-term Plan projects.
- The revised Treasury Management Policy would be audited by Audit New Zealand.
- The revised Treasury Management Policy incorporated preferences by the Treasury Advisor Bancorp New Zealand and gave more flexibility in interest rates compared with the previous policy.

TDC202404/04 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Danny Loughlin
Seconded: Cr Anna Park

That Council approves the draft Treasury Management Policy 2024 provided in Attachment 1 for consultation as part of the Long-term Plan 2024-34 subject to changes required as a result of the audit process.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting except Cr Duncan Campbell voted in favour of resolution TDC202404/04 above. Cr Duncan Campbell abstained from voting.

4.4 APPROVAL OF SIGNIFICANT ASSUMPTIONS FOR THE LONG-TERM PLAN 2024-34

The Senior Policy Advisor summarised the report. In response to queries raised by elected members, he advised that he would include major events in the peak population assumption which currently only took into account the increased population in the holiday season from mid December to the end of January.

The Senior Policy Advisor confirmed that the figures for the population and growth projections were sourced from the New Zealand Census conducted by Stats NZ. The Chief Executive confirmed that a conservative approach was taken to financial assumptions for planning and that these assumptions were audited. Lake Taupō Bays included Pukawa, Omori and Kuratau.

TDC202404/05 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kevin Taylor
 Seconded: Cr John Williamson

That Council approves the draft significant assumptions supporting the Long-term Plan 2024-34 as proposed in Attachment 1 for consultation subject to any changes required as a result of the audit process.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202404/05 above.

4.5 APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT REVENUE AND FINANCING POLICY FOR CONSULTATION

The Team Leader Corporate Planning summarised the report and highlighted the main changes to the revenue and financing policy.

In answer to questions, he confirmed that the Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC) was not sufficient to cover costs and needed to be adjusted to reflect the percentage changes. This would not change the dollar amount, it would change the funding split between the UAGC and rates.

TDC202404/06 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anna Park
 Seconded: Cr Christine Rankin

That Council approves the draft Revenue and Financing Policy 2024 for consultation subject to changes required as a result of the audit process.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202404/06 above.

The meeting was adjourned at this point (12.06pm) and reconvened at 12.33pm.

4.6 APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT FEES AND CHARGES 2024/25 FOR CONSULTATION

The Team Leader Corporate Planning displayed the proposed fees and charges (Attachments under separate cover 1) and members went through them line by line. The Chief Executive added that the fees and charges had been calculated on the current levels of service.

Members of the community including those people and groups affected by the proposed fees were encouraged to make submissions to the Long-term Plan.

The following proposed fees were amended following discussion:

Fee	Fee description	2024/25 (proposed)	2024/25 (amended at the meeting)	Notes
Mobile Trading Fee	No trading approval penalty	\$100	\$200	
AC Baths, Tūrangi Aquatic Centre	Disability customer's carer entry	n/a	Free	If you need a person in the pool with you because of a disability, entry for the support person is free (the swimmer pays their usual rate)

TDC202404/07 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Danny Loughlin

Seconded: Cr Anna Park

That Council approves the draft Fees and Charges 2024/25 for consultation subject to changes noted at the meeting and required as a result of the audit process.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202404/07 above.

4.7 APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT RATES REMISSION AND POSTPONEMENT POLICY FOR CONSULTATION

The Team Leader Corporate Planning summarised the report. Members supported the amendment to the policy for toilet pan charges, particularly for marae and churches.

TDC202404/08 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Christine Rankin

Seconded: Cr John Williamson

That Council approves the draft Rates Remission and Postponement Policy 2024 for consultation subject to changes required as a result of the audit process.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202404/08 above.

4.8 APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK FOR CONSULTATION

The Senior Policy Advisor summarised the report and reiterated that performance measures for water and transport were set by the Department of Internal Affairs so wording could not be changed. The Chief Executive added that officers monitored performance measures internally and intended to provide quarterly reports to the Risk and Assurance Committee.

TDC202404/09 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Yvonne Westerman

Seconded: Cr Kevin Taylor

That Council approves the draft performance management framework (objective reference A188810) for consultation subject to changes required as a result of the audit process.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202404/09 above.

5 NGĀ KŌRERO TŪMATAITI | CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil

The meeting closed at 2pm with a karakia from Cr Rachel Shepherd.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 30 April 2024.

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CHAIRPERSON