

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 107 TE HEUHEU STREET, TAUPŌ
ON TUESDAY, 30 APRIL 2024 AT 1.00PM**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive (J Gardyne), General Manager Organisation Performance (S Matthews), General Manager People and Community Partnerships (L O'Brien), General Manager Strategy and Environment (W Zander), Finance Manager (J Paenga), Property Manager (S Attenborough), Environmental Services Manager (J Sparks), District Customer Relations Manager (T Russell), Project Management Office Manager (P Fletcher), Policy Manager (N Carroll), Legal and Governance Manager (N McAdie), People and Culture Manager (L Nienhuser), Digital Content Creator (C Hollinger), Executive Manager Mayor's Office (J Later), Executive Assistant (M Bennett), Executive Assistant (M Niva), Policy Advisor (H Wood), Senior Funding and Partnerships Advisor (B Forlong), Senior Financial Accountant (A Snell), Senior Emergency Management Advisor (H Nicholson), Commercial Manager (P Handcock), Resource Consents Manager (H Williams), Policy Advisor Resource Management (C Pilkington), Team Leader – Resource Management (E O'Callaghan), Governance Quality Manager (S James), Senior Committee Advisor (K Watts)

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: Three members of the public

Notes: (i) Cr Kevin Taylor opened the meeting with a karakia.

(ii) Cr Kevin Taylor left the meeting at 2.35pm and Cr Anna Park left the meeting at 2.37pm. They were not present for resolutions TDC202404/26-27.

1 KARAKIA

2 WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES

TDC202404/13 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Christine Rankin

Seconded: Cr Danny Loughlin

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 TDC202404/13 above.

3 NGĀ WHAKAPĀNGA TUKITUKI | CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

4 WHAKAMANATANGA O NGĀ MENETI | CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 19 MARCH 2024

TDC202404/14 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rachel Shepherd
Seconded: Cr Sandra Greenslade

That the minutes of the extraordinary Council meeting held on Tuesday 19 March 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 TDC202404/14 above.

4.2 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 26 MARCH 2024

TDC202404/15 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Danny Loughlin
Seconded: Cr Anna Park

That the public and confidential minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 26 March 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 TDC202404/15 above.

4.3 EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 16 APRIL 2024

TDC202404/16 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Sandra Greenslade
Seconded: Cr Yvonne Westerman

That the minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on Tuesday 16 April 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 TDC202404/16 above.

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

5.1 SETTING THE 2024-25 RATES LATE

The General Manager Organisation Performance summarised the report and confirmed the following:

- A communications plan would be carried out to inform the community and encourage voluntary payments between the start of the financial year (1 July) and the first instalment invoice proposed on 1 October 2024.
- While both options proposed came with substantial costs, option 2 required striking the rates twice which was an administration burden and required additional support from the system provider.
- Either option would incur additional administration and 'washup' once the Long-term Plan 2024-34 (LTP) was adopted and rates were set.

- A database showing projected rates increases for properties would be made available during the LTP consultation period but it would not provide the final figure until the LTP was adopted.

TDC202404/17 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Danny Loughlin
Seconded: Cr John Williamson

That Council collects rates for the 2024-25 rating year over three (3) equal instalments with due dates 20 November 2024, 20 February 2025, and 20 May 2025.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202404/17 above.

5.2 APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL CONTROLLERS

TDC202404/18 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anna Park
Seconded: Cr Rachel Shepherd

That Council receives the information regarding the appointment of a Local Controller, Mr Steve Giles.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202404/18 above.

5.3 FUNDING APPLICATION TO NEW ZEALAND COMMUNITIES TRUST - OWEN DELANY PARK

The Senior Funding and Partnerships Advisor summarised the report and confirmed that officers were applying for the maximum amount permitted.

TDC202404/19 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rachel Shepherd
Seconded: Cr Anna Park

That Council resolves to apply for funding from New Zealand Communities Trust for a total of \$100,000.00 (excluding GST) for delivery of phase one of development in the Owen Delany Park project.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202404/19 above.

5.4 WAIKATO REGIONAL COUNCIL DRAFT ACCORD FOR BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY

The Policy Advisor summarised the report and confirmed that Lake Taupō and its waterways would be a main focus for Taupō District Council.

Members expressed that they were not happy with how Waikato Regional Council managed matters concerning property rights and the Minister had put a pause on this workstream for this reason. Both Māori Trust incorporations and privately owned landowners were affected. This accord with Waikato Regional Council signalled that the behaviour would not change and that they were continuing with identifying Significant Natural Areas (SNAs) that impacted landowners.

However, most supported Taupō District Council (TDC) being a signatory of the accord so that TDC would be part of creating and shaping the biodiversity strategy and would be heard at a regional level.

TDC202404/20 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kevin Taylor
Seconded: Cr Rachel Shepherd

That Council

1. receives the Waikato Biodiversity Draft Accord; and
2. agrees to become a signatory to the Waikato Regional Council Biodiversity Accord in preparation for establishment of the Waikato Regional Biodiversity Strategy.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting except for Crs Yvonne Westerman, Sandra Greenslade, Danny Loughlin and Duncan Campbell voted in favour of resolution TDC202404/20 above. Crs Yvonne Westerman, Sandra Greenslade, and Danny Loughlin voted against resolution TDC202404/20 above. Cr Duncan Campbell abstained from voting.

5.5 ADOPTION OF SUBMISSION ON WAIKATO REGIONAL COUNCIL'S LONG-TERM PLAN

The Policy Advisor reiterated that feedback provided by elected members at the workshop on 18 April had been incorporated into the submission.

Elected members thanked Council officers for reflecting Taupō District Council's position.

TDC202404/21 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anna Park
Seconded: Cr Sandra Greenslade

That Council adopts the attached submission on the Waikato Regional Council's Long-term Plan.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202404/21 above.

5.6 ADOPTION OF THE TRAFFIC BYLAW FOR CONSULTATION

The Policy Advisor summarised the report and in response to a question from a member, agreed to align the definitions of the shared pathways with the definitions provided in supporting legislation.

TDC202404/22 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Danny Loughlin
Seconded: Cr Anna Park

That Council adopts the attached statement of proposal and reviewed Traffic Bylaw for consultation, noting that the bylaw is still the most appropriate way to address the traffic related issues identified.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202404/22 above.

5.7 TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL PERFORMANCE REPORT - MARCH 2024

The Chief Executive highlighted that all the reports from the Executive Team were around the Long-term Plan and that the team were looking forward to the meeting to held on Friday of that week which would have the Long-term Plan Consultation document and supporting information adopted for consultation following a

review by Audit New Zealand.

The Senior Financial Accountant and Finance Manager summarised the Financial Summary and Treasury Report. The Finance Manager explained that there were two non compliant measures in the Investment Management part of the Treasury Report which were explained in the notes underneath. The recommendation reflected this breach and was amended to define that it would be rectified by 30 September 2024.

The Project Management Office Manager advised that four projects in particular had changed status favourably. The Three Waters Reform Activities project was becoming more certain as more detail around the new legislation was provided. The Long-term Plan work was back on track and the Whangamata Road Improvements included a safe crossing of the road at the intersection with Kinloch Road.

The Drinking Water Standards projects were being re-baselined. She explained that this happened when the Project Manager worked with the supplier and eliminated the previous variances. If the variances were externally driven such as economic or geotechnical, this could result in an extension of time. Rather than continuously reporting that a project was behind schedule, re-baselining allowed the status report to reflect the new timeline. She clarified that there was not necessarily a cost implication to Council because funding had been set aside in the Long-term Plan, and there was a bow wave from previous financial years.

In answer to a question, it was confirmed that the structural design for the poles at Owen Delany Park had been completed. From 6 May onwards there would be added fencing and installation of foundations would be commenced. The lighting was scheduled to be completed by the end of September 2024.

The Project Management Office Manager advised that while there had been delays this year to projects, spend and progress usually happened in the last couple of months of the financial year. Delays had been due to geotechnical challenges and to longer than anticipated stakeholder engagement. While more comprehensive stakeholder engagement took longer, it provided better outcomes.

TDC202404/23 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Danny Loughlin

Seconded: Cr Kevin Taylor

That Council

1. notes the information contained in the Performance Report for the month of March 2024; and
2. approves a temporary breach of the Treasury Management Policy performance measure relating to "Financial investment interest/maturity limits" until the amended Policy is adopted as part of the Long-term Plan 2024-34 by 30 September 2024.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202404/23 above.

5.8 204 CROWN ROAD - DECLARATION OF LAND AS SURPLUS UNDER PUBLIC WORKS ACT

The Commercial Manager summarised the report and noted that it was a procedural item under the Public Works Act 1981. He clarified that money raised from the sale of this land (if declared surplus) would go into Council's property reserve and be ring-fenced. The acting Manager Housing and Property Investment confirmed that extensive geotechnical sampling had been done as part of engineering and civil work design. Any thermal and geothermal areas would be identified through the resource consenting process. Local hapū would be informed around what was happening to the land. The land was zoned commercial, not residential so had not been offered to other Government agencies such as Kainga Ora under the Public Works Act 1981.

TDC202404/24 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rachel Shepherd
Seconded: Cr Duncan Campbell

That Council declares as surplus to public work requirements, for the purposes of s40(1) of the Public Works Act 1981, the land at 204 Crown Road (but excluding Section 22 SO 438781 and 6,608 m² (subject to survey) shown proposed Lot 1 on the scheme plan of subdivision 2157-2).

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202404/24 above.

5.9 COUNCIL ENGAGEMENTS MAY 2024, APPOINTMENTS, AND TRAINING AND CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES

The General Manager Organisation Performance confirmed that Audit New Zealand required as long as possible to audit the Long-term Plan 2024-34 Consultation Document and supporting information which is why there were two Council meetings in the last week of May. The meeting on 31 May was to adopt the LTP Consultation Document and supporting information for consultation following a review by Audit New Zealand.

TDC202404/25 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr John Williamson
Seconded: Cr Rachel Shepherd

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

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202404/25 above.

5.10 MEMBERS' PORTFOLIO UPDATES

The following members' reports were received:

Cr Kevin Taylor

- Hearings on the draft Waikato Regional Land Transport Plan 2024-2054 had been held and deliberations were yet to occur.

Cr Rachel Shepherd

- Attended the Sports Advisory Council meeting to distribute community sports grants. Unfortunately there was only \$20k to distribute and it had been oversubscribed so some were disappointed.

Cr Kevin Taylor left the meeting at this point (2.25pm).

- Attended the Waioira Trust meeting to distribute the Social Services Community Grant. Again, this was oversubscribed with over \$186k requested but only \$50k to distribute. Both grants distributions meetings were tough.

Cr Karam Fletcher

- Had been delivering civic education to rangatahi of Taupō schools and also with the Tūrangi rangatahi hub. He was keeping them informed about what Council did and why it was important.
- Congratulated Sharlyn Holt, newly appointed Principal of Tongariro School who had been welcomed onto Hiranui marae the previous day. It was awesome that she was following Whakaaro Māori by connecting with mana whenua and seeking support. It was a nice way for her to start her tenure at Tongariro School.

- Amplify were supporting Tech Week from 20-26 May 2024 and he encouraged people to get in there and upskill. Technology continued to move forward and everyone needed to move with it.

Cr John Williamson

- Attended an online meeting with representatives from Creative Waikato and others from Creative Taupō. Together, they were working towards a collaborative approach going forward.
- Creative Taupō had also distributed community grants that were oversubscribed.
- Taupō Museum and Taupō District Council hosted a Night at the Museum movie screening and representatives from the now disestablished Friends of the Museum had run a sausage sizzle.

Cr Danny Loughlin

- Had met with Cr Jennifer Nickel from Waikato Regional Council to share information with each other.

Cr Anna Park

- The Waikato Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee had approved Mr Steve Giles as a local controller as per item 5.2 on the agenda. A Taupō District Council Emergency Management Committee meeting would be held on 13 May. On 10 May Taupō District Council would hold a Civil Defence exercise which would be a good opportunity to learn what was not done well.
- Attended the integrated intermediate Civil Defence training.
- Hosted an international group from China at a dinner.
- Hosted the Korea National Disaster Association who were made up of representatives from different parts of South Korea and were interested in volcanoes.
- On behalf of Cr Kirsty Trueman, she advised that the Mangakino Pouakani Representative Group distributed community grants which had been oversubscribed but were divided up as well as they could be.
- Supercars was an awesome event and she extended thanks to all the people of Taupō district that had contributed over the four seasons in three days.

Cr Yvonne Westerman

- Attended the Acacia Bay Residents Association monthly meeting.
- Attended the Kids Greening Taupō strategy session on 11 April which had good outcomes.

Cr Duncan Campbell

- Supported Cr Anna Park's comments regarding the recent Supercars event in Taupō.
- Attended the 6am service on ANZAC Day.
- Attended the Climate Change Commission meeting on 24 April.

Cr Anna Park left the meeting at this point (2.37pm).

Cr Sandra Greenslade

- The Tongariro Representative Group held a meeting at the Otūkou Marae on 24 April which was important for the committee and great that locals also attended.
- Attended the dawn service at little Waihi on ANZAC day which was the most well attended that venue had ever had. The new president of the Tokaanu-Tūrangi Returned Service Association conducted the civic ceremony at 11am.
- Amplify would host Tūrangi After 5 the following Friday at Tūwharetoa FM, Tūrangi with a focus on technology.
- The Community Volunteer Group in Tūrangi had created poppies for the roundabout in Tūrangi for ANZAC day.
- Also enjoyed the Supercars event in Taupō from 19 to 21 April.

Mayor David Trewavas

- Attended the Miraka Field Day with Cr Yvonne Westerman.
- Attended the 2024 NZ Veterans Table Tennis Tournament official opening.
- Attended the Omori Kuratau Charitable Trust Easter Market.

- Attended the Teddy Bear Picnic – children's day.
- Attended the Repair Café and last farmers market.
- Attended the combined sector meeting in Wellington with the Chief Executive Julie Gardyne.
- Attended the 20 year celebration at PermaPine along with Sir Buck Shelford. PermaPine's latest export was 200 poles to the Maldives for underwater bures.
- Attended the Taupō 60s Up meeting at the Taupō Bowling Club.
- Attended the Supercars events and noted that the drivers said when they were planting trees with Greening Taupō that they wished they could stay longer in Taupō.
- Attended the dawn service on ANZAC day at little Waihi and then the civic ceremony in Taupō.

TDC202404/26 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Yvonne Westerman

Seconded: Cr Duncan Campbell

That Council receives the portfolio updates from members.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202404/26 above.

6 NGĀ KŌRERO TŪMATAITI | CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

TDC202404/27 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Danny Loughlin

Seconded: Cr Rachel Shepherd

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>Agenda Item No: 6.1 30 Māhoe Street - Declaration of Land as Surplus and Authority to Sell</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 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)</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>

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202404/27 above.

The meeting closed at 3.01pm with a karakia from Cr Rachel Shepherd.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 May 2024.

.....
CHAIRPERSON