

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE TŪRANGI CO-GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**HELD AT THE TE MATAAPUNA, TŪRANGITUKUA PARK, HIRANGI ROAD, TŪRANGI**  
**ON WEDNESDAY, 1 MAY 2024 AT 10.30AM**

**PRESENT:** Mr Te Takinga New (in the Chair), Mayor David Trewavas, Member Christian Asher, Member Lauren Fletcher, Cr Sandra Greenslade, Member Amanda Martin, Cr Kevin Taylor, Member Amy Walker

**IN ATTENDANCE:** General Manager People and Community Partnerships, Environmental Services Manager (J Sparks), Executive Manager Mayor's Office (J Later), Iwi and Co-Governance Manager (D Rameka), Co-Governance Management Partner (C Dempsey), Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner (M Isherwood), Iwi Engagement Partner (T Walker), Digital Content Creator (C Hollinger), Iwi and Co-Governance Advisor (A Kereopa), Senior Committee Advisor (K Watts)

**MEDIA AND PUBLIC:** Sue King, Strettons

- Notes:
- (i) *A karakia had already been said at the beginning of the workshop held prior to the meeting by Chair Te Takinga New.*
  - (ii) *Members acknowledged Mrs Dulcie Gardiner who had contributed a lot to the community and recently passed away.*
  - (iii) *Chair Te Takinga New added an additional item for discussion at the beginning of the meeting: Item 5.6 Submission to the Waikato Regional Council Long-term Plan 2024-34.*
  - (iv) *Items were considered in the following order: 1, 2, 3, 5.1, 4.1, 5.2 – 5.6*

**1 KARAKIA**

**2 WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES**

Nil

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

Nil

**4 WHAKAMANATANGA O NGĀ MENETI | CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**4.1 ORDINARY TŪRANGI CO-GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING - 3 APRIL 2024**

Chair Te Takinga New acknowledged and thanked Member Christian Asher for chairing the previous meeting.

**TCG202405/01 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Member Christian Asher

Seconded: Cr Kevin Taylor

That the minutes of the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting held on Wednesday 3 April 2024 be approved and adopted as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

Note: All members present at the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TCG202405/01 above.

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

### 5.1 ELECTION OF CO-CHAIR FOR THE MEETING

#### TCG202405/02 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Sandra Greenslade  
Seconded: Member Lauren Fletcher

That the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee elects Co-Chair Mr Te Takinga New to Chair this hui.

**CARRIED**

*Note: All members present at the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TCG202405/02 above.*

### 5.2 PUBLIC FORUM

Ms Sue King from Strettons thanked the Committee for allowing her to speak. She had been a resident of Tūrangi for over 30 years and had worked at the Tongariro Prison before starting work with Strettons. Her current work was supporting trusts and corporations, including Wharetoto who owned a building in the Tūrangi town centre. The town centre was not doing very well although it was encouraging to see what was done before Easter 2024. Unfortunately the day after it was back to being empty. She was concerned that the mood and feel of the Tūrangi town centre was bad and needed a kick to celebrate the little town and become more vibrant. Businesses on the outer periphery of town were doing well but the town centre was not.

The Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner advised that there had been a lot of kōrero amongst different groups asking what they could do to brighten up the town centre and some had looked at a co-operative to bring more business to the town centre. Unfortunately, a barrier to this was the cost of renting shops in the town centre.

Members commented that many of the town centre buildings were not owned by local residents and/or were not occupied. Tesla charging would soon be available in the town centre which could attract more business.

Ms King also raised with the committee members that she was concerned about the Māori Purpose Zone. She had heard that Council would meet with iwi trusts to identify potential whenua but she had not heard from Council.

#### TCG202405/03 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Sandra Greenslade  
Seconded: Member Amanda Martin

That the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee receives comments from members of the public.

**CARRIED**

*Note: All members present at the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TCG202405/03 above.*

### 5.3 PROJECT UPDATES FOR TŪRANGI AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner updated the Committee on the following:

#### **Civics education and youth engagement**

The elected members had indicated that they would like to hear more from rangatahi during the Long-term Plan (LTP) process and needed to develop the youth knowledge of local government. She had met with the Rangatahi Hub in Tūrangi with Cr Karam Fletcher and the Community Engagement Advisor at the start of the school holidays. The kids aged from 11 to around 17 years knew that Council picked up rubbish and mowed the lawns. Interactive cutouts were used to involve the rangatahi and educate them about what else Council

did and what central government were responsible for. The Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner and her team would continue to engage with youth by talking at schools and with sports groups. They would also support National Youth Week from 20-26 May.

### Long-term Plan (LTP) Engagement

Engagement would commence from 4 June 2024 when submissions opened for the Long-term Plan 2024-34. Cr Sandra Greenslade had made herself available for all of the engagement events and committee members were encouraged to attend if they were available. The engagement events were as follows:

Location	Date	Time
Whareroa Transfer Station	15 June	10am – 12pm
Omori Kuratau (to be confirmed)	15 June	1pm – 3pm
Motuoapa Fishing and Boating Club	16 June	10am-12pm
Hatepe Marae	16 June	1pm – 3pm
Tūrangi – To be confirmed, possibly at St Johns as well as a Saturday market	Between 4 June and 5 July	

### Motutere Recreation Reserve Management Plan Update

A Committee workshop would be held the following evening to incorporate the feedback from the hapū into the draft Reserve Management Plan and check in on policy direction. Engagement would be a two week period and probably at the campsite following the draft Reserve Management Plan being released for consultation.

### Tūrangi Events

ANZAC day was the week prior to the meeting, the amazing volunteer group had made a huge poppy display out of 650 plastic bottles and put it on the roundabout in Tūrangi in secret. The Department of Corrections made 30 wooden poppies for the Returned Services Association which were then taken to Omori Kuratau for their sunset service. Working with the Department of Corrections was great, they were happy to make event props if materials were dropped to them in advance.

The volunteer group was now planning for Matariki where there would be a gala day at Tongariro High School, a night market with Carol Harwood and supporters, plus a ball at the Returned Services Association. They also wanted to organise something in conjunction with Ngāti Tūrangitukua for the beginning of the week.

### Angler Statue

Following the hui the previous month and the public forum speaker Marion Hall, the statue would be erected outside the Tongariro and Lake Taupō Anglers Club (TALTAC) building on the corner of Koura and Kokopu Streets, Tūrangi. The Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner was meeting with Marion later in the day to arrange this.

### Community Gardens

These were now almost in hibernation and would be cleared later in the week and planted for winter. The Rotary Club of Tūrangi had been amazing. Many community members had benefited from the gardens, including the Tūrangi foodbank.

### Long-term Plan 2024-34

The General Manager People and Community Partnerships gave an update on the Long-term Plan 2024-34.

She advised that the Long-term Plan provided an opportunity to connect and engage with the community and wanted to update members on key messages so they could answer questions.

The Long-term Plan set priorities and explained how they would be funded over the next 10 years. Council wanted the best for communities, however there were cost pressures. While there was a focus on essential services, rates increases were not avoidable if services were kept the same such as libraries and pools. Council had heard that the community wanted it to focus on cool things that brought people together but the elected members had tasked officers with keeping the rates as low as possible.

Three key things would be consulted on with the community which included kerbside rubbish collection, housing and wastewater. Council was required to state its proposed approach and ask for the community's feedback. Also in the consultation document would be questions regarding feedback on fees and charges, community funding changes, rates differentials, a second bridge over the Waikato awa and the Tūrangi Recreation and Activities Centre (TRAC). The formal engagement period was 1 month as dictated by the legislation and Council was asking whether it was on the right track with what had been proposed.

*Mayor David Trewavas left the meeting at this point (11.16am).*

In answer to questions from members, the General Manager People and Community Partnerships clarified the following:

- The TRAC was listed as being proposed to be delayed and submitters would be asked to provide feedback on that process.
- All prior work around budgets and costs for the TRAC was not lost, it was on hold only.
- The Consultation Document set out the proposals but was not confirmed. Some parts were non-negotiable such as depreciation and interest on assets.

### **Te Kapua Papa tākaro**

The papa tākaro was a finalist in two awards (Recreation Aotearoa and the New Zealand Architecture Awards) and had been nominated for a Taituarā (Local Government Professionals) award. The General Manager People and Community Partnerships was confident that recognition would be given and recognised for what was not just a playground but showed the partnership and togetherness of the community.

### **TCG202405/04 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Member Lauren Fletcher

Seconded: Cr Kevin Taylor

That the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee receives the updates on current projects and community engagement in Tūrangi.

**CARRIED**

*Note: All members present at the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TCG202405/04 above.*

### **5.4 MANA WHAKAHONO WORKPLAN UPDATE**

The Environmental Services Manager introduced the report on behalf of the Co-Governance Management Partner.

Member Amy Walker advised that regarding clause 44.2 Urupā Maintenance, she had spoken with a member of Waipapa 1A Trust. They had held a hui and discussed some things that would be need changing in the urupā plan which would also go into the maintenance plan.

Members were keen to refine the scope of some of the actions such as 9.1 inductions for staff to state that one marae visit per year was required.

### **TCG202405/05 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Member Christian Asher

Seconded: Cr Kevin Taylor

That the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee receives the update on the Mana Whakahono workplan update.

**CARRIED**

*Note: All members present at the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TCG202405/05 above.*

## 5.5 MEMBERS' REPORTS

The following members' reports were received:

### Cr Sandra Greenslade

- Met with Mike Fox, Chief Executive of the Lines company regarding the placement of Tesla charging. These were likely to be by the angle parks that were rarely used by patrons during the day. She advised that Ngāti Tūrangitukua would hear from Mr Fox soon regarding the transformer located on Ngāti Tūrangitukua whenua.
- She had attended the V8 Supercars during April and noted that the Mayor had indicated that the following year buses would be provided for Tūrangi kids to travel to Taupō to be part of the hype leading up to the event such as the Track to Town.
- Met with the General Manager Strategy and Environment, and gave a tour of Tūrangi. She intended to catch up with him once a month and encouraged members to let her know of anything that should be raised.
- The Tongariro Representative Group meeting was held at Otūkou Marae on 24 April. Members of the public that had attended the meeting were very interested.
- Attended the dawn service at Waihi village on ANZAC day which was the largest turnout in years. She laid a wreath on behalf of the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee and the Deputy Mayor laid a wreath on behalf of Council.
- The new president of the Returned Services Association (RSA) Grant Smith was all about the community. The Lake Taupō Hospice would hold a fundraiser on 17 May at the Tokaanu Tūrangi RSA where Le Pine would provide free wills and Enduring Power of Attorney provided that something was left for the Hospice in the will. In the evening there would be a quiz night. The RSA would also be holding a Pink Ribbon breakfast to raise money for Breast Cancer.
- Oreti Village were holding a fundraising event the following weekend.
- Amplify Business After 5 in Tūrangi on Friday 3 May was launching a new digital platform.
- The Motutere Recreation Reserve Management Plan Committee would hold a workshop the following day in Taupō followed by another in Tūrangi at the end of May.

### Member Amanda Martin

- Met with the new regional contracts manager for Work and Income New Zealand (WINZ), Kelly Kuru. WINZ were keen to educate its staff on how to be more approachable due the rise in mental health issues.

### Member Christian Asher

- Thanked those that helped on ANZAC day at the various services including elected members, committee members, Tūrangi Community Patrol and the whānau at Waihi marae.
- Thanked the Tūrangi fire brigade and noted that unfortunately road accidents had increased over the school holidays.
- Thanked the Department of Corrections for the poppies supplied for ANZAC day that represented a soldier from the area.
- Thanked Steve Hollis, pastor at River of Life church who fed whānau at a community dinner every fortnight. It was a good time to sit with members of the community.
- Thanked the Community Volunteer Group for their work on ANZAC Day and looked forward to Matariki.
- Advised that the National Karate championships would be held in Tūrangi on 12 May.
- National Commissioner for Scouts Aotearoa Raani Kelderman had asked if Tūrangi could be used to host the Jamboree over the Christmas break at the end of 2024.
- Also enjoyed the V8 Supercars event and had fundraised for Tūrangi karate.

### Te Takinga New

- Asked for thank you letters to be written to the Tūrangi Rotary Club and the Waihi Marae, and acknowledgement letter to the new principal of Tongariro School, Ms Sharlyn Holt.

- Acknowledged that committee member Amy Walker had recently been appointed as the new Chair of the Ngāti Tūrangitukua Marae Committee.

Lauren Fletcher

- The Ngāti Tūrangitukua Charitable Trust had put in a submission to the Fast Track Approvals Bill which acknowledged and supported the Taupō District Council's submission.
- Te Kura o Hirangi asked how they could put a pedestrian crossing or barrier from the school across the busy Te Rangitautahana Road and a slow down sign. She also asked if the nearby Council reserve Mawake Place Reserve between Mawake Place and Te Aonini Road could be used for car parking.
- The Ngāti Tūrangitukua Charitable Trust was looking at papakāinga development and would conduct a survey with whānau which would inform the needs assessment and strategy.
- Tongariro Junior Rugby would host a competition on Saturday 11 May followed by the Dambuster juniors on Sunday 12 May, the same weekend as the karate championships.

Cr Kevin Taylor

- He was part of the Waikato Regional Council Transport Committee which heard submissions regarding the draft Waikato Regional Land Transport Plan 2024-2054, one of which had been an impassioned plea regarding the road between Tūrangi and Taupō and was well received.

Member Amy Walker

- Hirangi Marae had held graduation ceremonies for teachers of kōhanga reo.
- Hirangi Marae had held a pōwhiri for the new principal of Tongariro School, Ms Sharlyn Holt.
- A restoration project for the waka at Hirangi Marae would start soon.
- Hirangi Marae would hold a Matariki celebration at the marae 28 and 29 June.

#### **TCG202405/06 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Mr Te Takinga New

Seconded: Member Lauren Fletcher

That the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee receives the reports from members.

**CARRIED**

*Note: All members present at the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TCG202405/06 above.*

#### **5.6 SUBMISSION TO THE WAIKATO REGIONAL COUNCIL LONG-TERM PLAN 2024-34**

Chair Te Takinga New asked for input into a submission to the Waikato Regional Council Long-term Plan 2024-34.

He supported the submission made by Taupō District Council and added that Hirangi Stream Reserve and Hangarito Stream should be beautified and planted.

#### **TCG202405/07 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Mr Te Takinga New

Seconded: Member Lauren Fletcher

That the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee submits to the Waikato Regional Council Long-term Plan 2024-34 as drafted by Co-Chair Mr Te Takinga New.

**CARRIED**

*Note: All members present at the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution*

*TCG202405/07 above.*

**6 NGĀ KŌRERO TŪMATAITI | CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**

Nil

**The meeting closed at 12.11pm with a karakia from Te Takinga New.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee Meeting held on 5 June 2024.**

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**CHAIRPERSON**