

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 107 TE HEUHEU STREET, TAUPŌ
ON TUESDAY, 28 MAY 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 (via MS Teams), Cr Rachel Shepherd, Cr Kevin Taylor, Cr Kirsty Trueman (until 2.04pm, then via MS teams from 2.16pm onwards), Cr Yvonne Westerman, Cr John Williamson

IN ATTENDANCE: Acting Chief Executive (S Matthews), General Manager Strategy and Environment (W Zander), General Manager People and Community Partnerships (L O'Brien), Acting General Manager Operations and Delivery (T Hale), Legal and Governance Manager (N McAdie), Infrastructure Manager (R Stokes), Finance Manager (J Paenga), Environmental Services Manager (J Sparks), Policy Manager (N Carroll), Project Management Office Manager (P Fletcher), Community Engagement and Development Manager (H Tattle), Iwi and Co-Governance Manager (D Rameka), Resource Consents Manager (H Williams), Team Leader Corporate Planning (A Smith), Co-Governance Management Partner (C Dempsey), Co-Governance Management Partner (H Oneroa), Team Lead Transportation Operations (I Cruz), Communications Team Lead (D Beck), Senior Financial Accountant (A Snell), Policy Advisor Resource Management (C Pilkington), Community Development Advisor (A Hendricks), Senior Engineering Officer Transportation Ops (B Ferguson and W Holland), Senior Project Manager (T Delich), Procurement Manager (S Rugg), Senior Funding and Partnerships Advisor (B Forlong), Senior Policy Advisor (H Samuel), Senior Policy Advisors (T Wood, P Caruana, K Goode), Iwi and Co-Governance Advisor (A Kereopa), Funding and Partnerships Advisor (E Godwin), Senior Solicitor (K Hollman), Digital Content Creator (C Hollinger), Senior Committee Advisor (K Watts)

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: Three members of the public

- Notes:
- (i) *Mayor David Trewavas acknowledged the sad passing of former Taupō District Councillor Andrew Welch who had contributed greatly to the district. A moment's silence was observed to honour him.*
 - (ii) *An urgent late item was added as per the Supplementary Agenda: Submission to the Local Government (Electoral Legislation and Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Bill Select Committee.*
 - (iii) *Items were considered in the following order: 1, 2, Urgent late item, 3, 5.6, 4.1 – 5.5*
 - (iv) *The meeting was opened and closed with a karakia by all present.*
 - (v) *Cr Kirsty Trueman left the meeting at 2.04pm and re-entered at 2.16pm via MS Teams. She was not present for resolution TDC202405/16.*

1 KARAKIA

2 WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES

TDC202405/09 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Yvonne Westerman
Seconded: Cr Rachel Shepherd

That the apology received from Cr Kylie Leonard be accepted.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202405/09 above.

URGENT LATE ITEM

Chairperson His Worship the Mayor David Trewavas requested that the item be added to the agenda.

TDC202405/10 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Danny Loughlin
Seconded: Cr Yvonne Westerman

That, pursuant to section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, the following item be added to the agenda and dealt with at the meeting as it was not available at the time the agenda was circulated, and consideration of the item is a matter of urgency, requiring a decision without delay.

- Submission to the Local Government (Electoral Legislation and Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Bill Select Committee.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202405/10 above.

3 NGĀ WHAKAPĀNGA TUKITUKI | CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

4 WHAKAMANATANGA O NGĀ MENETI | CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**4.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 30 APRIL 2024****TDC202405/11 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Rachel Shepherd
Seconded: Cr Anna Park

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 30 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 TDC202405/11 above.

4.2 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 3 MAY 2024**TDC202405/12 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Sandra Greenslade
Seconded: Cr John Williamson

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on Friday 3 May 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 TDC202405/12 above.

4.3 EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 23 APRIL 2024

TDC202405/13 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anna Park
Seconded: Cr Kirsty Trueman

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 23 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 TDC202405/13 above.

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

5.1 ADOPTION AND APPROVAL OF PLAN CHANGE 38 AND 40-43 DECISIONS FOR NOTIFICATION

The Senior Policy Advisor clarified that the reporting planners made amendments to the Plan Changes throughout the hearings process and the commissioners made additional changes during deliberations. The changes listed captured all changes made throughout the entire process. If this was approved, public notification would occur 14 June and the appeal period would be through to the end of July 2024.

In answer to questions, the Senior Policy Advisor clarified the following:

- While it was preferable that new fault lines information was included in the District Plan, the plan change scope was to remove old fault lines that were incorrect. It was difficult for the panel to go beyond this but in the meantime, the subdivision process and Building Act 2004 mitigated risks to life and property. The fault lines could be revisited in the next bundle of District Plan changes.
- The removed fault lines were incorrect due to the technology at the time that they were mapped. Aerial photography had been used and was not always accurate whereas there was now advanced technology available.

Members acknowledged all of the work that had gone into the process and thanked the Senior Policy Advisor.

TDC202405/14 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Danny Loughlin
Seconded: Cr Anna Park

That Council:

1. adopts the independent panel's recommended decision on the following plan changes, as attached, and directs officers to notify the decisions pursuant to clauses 10 and 11 of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991 (including associated and attached Index Report) as soon as practical:
 - (a) Index Report
 - (b) Plan Change 38 (Strategic Directions),
 - (c) Plan Change 40 (Taupō Town Centre),
 - (d) Plan Change 41 (Removal of Fault Lines),
 - (e) Plan Change 42 (General Rural and Rural Lifestyle) and
 - (f) Plan Change 43 (Taupō Industrial Environment).
2. delegates authority to the Policy Manager to authorise any minor editorial changes prior to notification.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202405/14 above.

5.2 ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT COMMUNITY FUNDING POLICY 2024 AND DRAFT ELIGIBILITY AND ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORK 2024 FOR CONSULTATION

The Senior Funding and Partnerships Advisor summarised the report and highlighted that the policy could be refined as required.

Members supported this change to the policy because it would continue to support those individuals and groups who applied for funding to become more sustainable.

In answer to questions, the Senior Funding and Partnerships Advisor and Senior Policy Advisor clarified the following:

- No funding could be committed past three years.
- Council officers would assess the applications and provide recommendations to Council based on their assessment.

TDC202405/15 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Sandra Greenslade

Seconded: Cr Anna Park

That Council approves the draft Community Funding Policy (2024) in Attachment 1 and the draft Community Funding Eligibility and Assessment Framework (2024) in Attachment 2 for consultation alongside the Long-term Plan 2024-34.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202405/15 above.

5.3 CN000527 - ROAD MAINTENANCE, RENEWAL AND NETWORK MANAGEMENT OF TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL ROAD CORRIDOR

The Team Lead Transportation Operations shared a presentation (A3559015) which gave more context and information around the new contract.

The presentation showed the parts of the complex contract and how they were important.

Cr Kirsty Trueman left the meeting at this point (2.04pm).

In answer to questions, the Team Lead Transportation Operations clarified the following:

- The incumbent supplier Inframax had chosen not to re-tender for this contract.
- The preferred contractor HEB Construction had committed to using local crews for sub-contracting, as well as local materials and resources.
- The tender also included a strong emphasis on training for youth.
- Council officers would work collaboratively with the contractor to be more proactive and refocus spending.
- Due to the delay of the Long-term Plan, the timing was not in line for the end of the current contract. The contract documentation had made it clear that there was no guarantee and it was subject to the Long-term Plan. New Zealand Transport Agency was due to provide information the same week regarding funding that would be received by councils.
- Collaboration with the contractor was successful when effort was put in by both parties. A charter would be agreed upon between both parties.

TDC202405/16 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Danny Loughlin
Seconded: Cr Kevin Taylor

That Council accepts the tender received from HEB Construction for Contract CN000527 road maintenance, renewal and network management of Taupō District Council road corridor, and awards it to HEB Construction for a five year period commencing 1 August 2024 for the sum of SEVENTY NINE MILLION, NINE HUNDRED AND THIRTY TWO THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY FOUR DOLLARS AND ELEVEN CENTS [\$79,932,184.11 (excl. GST)], with final budget spend subject to confirmation in the 2024-2034 Long-term Plan (once adopted) and through subsequent annual plans; and that His Worship the Mayor and the Chief Executive be authorised to sign the contract documents and attach the Common Seal to them.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202405/16 above.

5.4 TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL PERFORMANCE REPORT - APRIL 2024

The Acting Chief Executive advised that much of the commentary from the General Managers was still focused on the Long-term Plan 2024-34 and that officers were looking forward to consultation and engagement events due to take place in June.

Cr Kirsty Trueman re-entered the meeting at this point via MS Teams (2.16pm).

The Senior Financial Accountant summarised the Financial Summary and Treasury Report. The Project Management Office Manager confirmed that there was another tranche of funding expected for the Tūrangi Kerb and Channel project from central Government and that the Project Manager was working hard to be able to complete as much as possible within the existing budgets.

The Project Management Office Manager presented the updated Portfolio Update report which showed more detail over the lifecycle of the projects.

The Senior Project Manager updated members on the Wairakei Drive and Huka Falls Road roundabout project. He explained that the last significant road closure would be the following week and that time delays due to Unison moving a power pole had been mitigated, this was due to be completed by the following week. He was happy with how the contractors had been performing and was pleased that they had worked with events to accommodate opening the road when events were on.

The Senior Project Manager provided an update on the Owen Delany Park upgrade project. He advised that earthworks would be commenced around the middle of June followed by the pouring of concrete. The project should be completed by the end of August 2024.

The Project Management Office Manager advised that the Taupō Airport Terminal had scored very close to gold but had been awarded a silver for the Commercial Project Awards in the Civic category.

In answer to a question, the General Manager Strategy and Environment confirmed that the Motutere Holiday Park owner Mr Tilton was being communicated with regarding the progress of his lease of the land for the Motutere Holiday Park because he was a key stakeholder.

TDC202405/17 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr John Williamson
Seconded: Cr Karam Fletcher

That Council notes the information contained in the Performance Report for the month of April 2024.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202405/17 above.

5.5 COUNCIL ENGAGEMENTS JUNE 2024, APPOINTMENTS, AND TRAINING AND CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES

The Senior Committee Advisor added the following to engagements for June 2024:

ENGAGEMENT	DAY	DATE	TIME
Closed Police presentation to the Elected Members and Executive team	Tuesday	4	10.30am-11am
Workshop: Local Water Done Well Legislation Update (Council Chamber)	Thursday	20	10am-11am
Te Kōpu ā Kānapanapa Committee meeting (Council Chamber)	Wednesday	26	10am-1pm

Cr Karam Fletcher clarified that he was interested in attending the Local Government New Zealand Conference and would already be in Wellington the day prior for his part in Te Maruata Rōpū Whakahaere. His flights and accommodation would be paid by Local Government New Zealand.

Cr Duncan Campbell had also expressed interest in attending the Local Government New Zealand Infrastructure Symposium on 14 June 2024. Members agreed that Council should only send one elected member and that it was best practice for the member who held a portfolio or was a Chair of a committee to attend. Cr Anna Park had expressed interest in attending in her capacity as Chair of the Emergency Management Committee and as the portfolio lead for Strategic relationships.

Members agreed that those attending training and conferences should submit a report to those members who had not attended summarising what was covered and the key points and takeaways.

All members supported His Worship the Mayor David Trewavas attending the Recreation Aotearoa Green Pavlova 2024 awards.

TDC202405/18 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rachel Shepherd
 Seconded: Cr Yvonne Westerman

That Council

1. Receives the information relating to engagements for June 2024;
2. Approves the attendance of Cr(s) Sandra Greenslade and Karam Fletcher to accompany His Worship the Mayor David Trewavas to the Local Government New Zealand Conference: SuperLocal24 taking place in Wellington from 21 to 23 August 2024 with the costs of travel and accommodation to be paid by Council.
3. Approves the attendance of Cr Anna Park at the Local Government New Zealand Infrastructure Symposium taking place in Wellington on 14 June 2024 with the costs of travel and accommodation to be paid by Council.
4. Approves the attendance of His Worship the Mayor David Trewavas at the Recreation Aotearoa Green Pavlova 2024 awards taking place in Christchurch on 30 and 31 May 2024 with the ticket, travel and accommodation to be paid by Council.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202405/18 above.

5.6 SUBMISSION TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ELECTORAL LEGISLATION AND MĀORI WARDS AND MĀORI CONSTITUENCIES) AMENDMENT BILL SELECT COMMITTEE

The Team Leader Corporate Planning advised that the Bill was introduced to the House the previous Monday, had the first reading the previous Tuesday, and had proceeded to Select Committee with one week only allowed for submissions. Council officers had drafted a submission on behalf of members which was due to the Select Committee the following day, Wednesday 29 May 2024.

The Bill would mean that in August 2024 Council would either dissolve its Māori ward and conduct a representation review prior to the October 2025 local government elections; or would opt to keep the Māori ward for the 2025 elections. If this happened, Council would be required to hold a binding poll at the same time which determined if it would retain its Māori ward for an additional six years from 2025.

The submission focused on key points which included the positive experience of Taupō District Council since introducing a Māori ward from 2022 onwards and positive initiatives and partnership with iwi and hapū. It also highlighted that many people did not understand that the ward system (including the Māori ward) ensured proportionate representation across the Taupō District.

The Iwi and Co-Governance Manager added that the Māori ward was the only mechanism to guarantee Māori representation at the Council decision-making table. It was an additional enabler of participation and aligned with work across Council which took a partnership approach.

All members except for Cr Duncan Campbell supported the submission and congratulated officers for their work to draft it so quickly. The addition of the Māori ward councillors had added value to Taupō District Council and aligned with the practice of appointing at least one Māori representative to each of the committees of Council.

Cr Duncan Campbell abstained from voting on the basis that he did not feel there was enough information.

TDC202405/19 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr John Williamson

Seconded: Cr Sandra Greenslade

That Council

1. Approves the submission on the Local Government (Electoral Legislation and Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Bill; and
2. Appoints the following Elected Member(s) Mayor David Trewavas and Cr Kevin Taylor, to present the submission to the Select Committee.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting except for Cr Duncan Campbell voted in favour of resolution TDC202405/19 above. Cr Duncan Campbell abstained from voting on resolution TDC202405/19 above.

6 NGĀ KŌRERO TŪMATAITI | CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

TDC202405/20 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anna Park

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	Plain English reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter
<p>Agenda Item No: 6.1 Confirmation of Confidential Portion of Ordinary Council Minutes - 30 April 2024</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 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>	<p>The minutes refer to commercially sensitive information regarding the valuation of 30 Māhoe Street, Taupō.</p>

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202405/20 above.

Note: The following resolution was made with the public excluded but was released after the meeting so can therefore appear in the public part of the minutes.

6.1 CONFIRMATION OF CONFIDENTIAL PORTION OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MINUTES - 30 APRIL 2024

TDC202405/C21 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rachel Shepherd
Seconded: Cr Yvonne Westerman

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 30 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 TDC202405/C21 above.

The meeting closed at 2.50pm with a karakia from all present.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 25 June 2024.

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CHAIRPERSON