

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TŪRANGI CO-GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE TE MATAAPUNA, TŪRANGITUKUA PARK, HIRANGI ROAD, TŪRANGI
ON WEDNESDAY, 3 JULY 2024 AT 10.30AM**

PRESENT: Mr Te Takinga New (in the Chair), Member Christian Asher, Member Lauren Fletcher, Member Amanda Martin, Cr Kevin Taylor

IN ATTENDANCE: General Manager People and Community Partnerships (L O'Brien), Environmental Services Manager (J Sparks), Iwi and Co-Governance Manager (D Rameka), District Customer Relations Manager (T Russell), Acting Parks and Reserves Manager (J Gordon), Senior Community Engagement Advisor (G Smith), Team Leader Customer Support – Tūrangi and Mangakino (J Cathro), Southern Taupō Engagement Partner (M Isherwood), Co-Governance Management Partner (C Dempsey), Iwi and Co-Governance Advisor (A Kereopa), Senior Committee Advisor (K Watts), Committee Advisor (N Turnbull)

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: One member of the public

Notes: (i) All present at the meeting opened and closed with a karakia.
(ii) Items were considered in the following order: 1, 5.1, 2, 3, 4.1, 5.2 – 5.6

1 KARAKIA

The opening karakia was said by all present.

2 WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES

TCG202407/01 RESOLUTION

Moved: Member Christian Asher
Seconded: Member Lauren Fletcher

That the apologies received from Cr Sandra Greenslade, Mayor David Trewavas, and Member Amy Walker be accepted. **CARRIED**

Note: All members present at the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TCG202407/01 above.

3 NGĀ WHAKAPĀNGA TUKITUKI | CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

4 WHAKAMANATANGA O NGĀ MENETI | CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 ORDINARY TŪRANGI CO-GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING - 5 JUNE 2024

TCG202407/02 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kevin Taylor
Seconded: Member Lauren Fletcher

That the minutes of the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting held on Wednesday 5 June 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 TCG202407/02 above.

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

5.1 ELECTION OF CO-CHAIR FOR THE MEETING

TCG202407/03 RESOLUTION

Moved: Member Lauren Fletcher

Seconded: Cr Kevin Taylor

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 TCG202407/03 above.

5.2 PUBLIC FORUM

Item **withdrawn**.

5.3 LONG-TERM PLAN 2024-34

Members had discussed a submission to the Long-term Plan 2024-34 at the workshop held prior to the meeting. This was displayed on screen for members to review.

It was agreed that it would be shared via email to all committee members and would incorporate the Mana Whakahono Community Partnership Plan.

The General Manager People and Community Partnerships acknowledged the Co-Chair's leadership in facilitating the discussion to form a submission.

TCG202407/04 RESOLUTION

Moved: Member Lauren Fletcher

Seconded: Member Amanda Martin

That the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee:

1. makes a submission on Taupō District Council's draft Long-term Plan 2024-34; and
2. delegates authority to Co-Chair Te Takinga New to sign this on behalf of the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee and for a member to present to Council at the hearings and deliberations.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TCG202407/04 above.

5.4 PROJECT UPDATES FOR TŪRANGI AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Frethey Drive

The Environmental Services Manager explained that a process was required to be followed before the committee could approve a name change of Frethey Drive. She advised that a formal request to change the road name would need to be received from hapū and that following this, a report would be brought before the committee for its approval. She acknowledged that most of the road was located in the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee's rohe but a tiny bit was located in the rohe of the Tongariro Representative Group. The Tongariro Representative Group would need to be kept informed.

Tūrangi Revitalisation (Kerb and Channel) Project

The Environmental Services Manager provided an update on behalf of the Project Manager. Te Rangitautahanga Road and Te Takinga Street had been completed. Tagged let downs had been grinded back as much as possible in Te Takinga Street. A local contractor had been requested to provide a quote for tidying up the berms in Te Aonini Road. The car park for four vehicles would be constructed as soon as possible.

The Project Manager had put the Tūrangi team who previously worked for Downer in contact with the local maintenance team to apply for new positions.

Community Engagement

The Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner advised that the team had been super busy with Long-term Plan (LTP) engagement which was almost finished. It had been extensive and had mainly gone well with the new venues such as Motuoapa and Hatepe being well supported. Whānau had journeyed from further away to take part.

The Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner and her team met with the Rangatahi Hub and a representative from Te Kura o Hirangi and supported them to make a submission to the Long-term Plan. They had also requested to present their submissions in person to Council at the hearings.

A final LTP pop up session would be held that day between the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee hui and the Tongariro Representative Group hui.

The recent Matariki event in Tūrangi was amazing. The committee of volunteers also had support from the Tūrangi Rotary for management of finances. A group had travelled to the lookout with torches and everyone gathered as the clusters of stars that formed the Matariki constellation. Council's Digital Content Creator came along with a drone to record a video and the backing soundtrack was made from the kids from the kura singing waiata matariki. As well as the video, night markets were held on Saturday 29 June and were well attended.

Two new shops had opened in the Tūrangi town centre, shops 53 and 41. Shop 53 was selling beauty products and was a cooperative of suppliers.

The Tūrangi māra kai (community garden) was now in winter mode so vegetables such as cauliflower and broccoli had been planted. A lot of kai was supplied to the Tūrangi Foodbank, and some was placed in Raw Balance Vegan Deli and Health Shop, Tūrangi for people to take for free. Those that worked in the gardens were also encouraged to harvest and take what they needed.

An engagement plan would be created for the next stage of the Motutere Reserve Management Plan.

Signage around Tūrangi

The Environmental Services Manager advised that commercial signage had rules, particularly for signs on a roadside as set out in the District Plan. Due to a person being asked to remove a sign from a residential area, many other signs had been identified as being against regulation. The compliance team was working on a graduated process to educate and have signs removed, moved, or consented. As an example, the signs in the paddock on the corner of State Highway One and Grace Road would need to be consented or removed.

Update from the General Manager People and Community Partnerships

The General Manager People and Community Partnerships advised that Te Kapua papa tākaro had been entered for another award from Local Government New Zealand.

Member of Parliament for Taupō, Hon Louise Upston would visit Tūrangi the following Friday and had asked if the committee would like to meet with her. Ngāti Tūrangitukua representatives of the committee were encouraged to meet with her to show the positive outcomes of co-governance and that the Mana

Whakahono agreement's scope was larger than the Resource Management Act 1991.

Local Government New Zealand had asked to feature a story regarding the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee and the Mana Whakahono in their quarterly magazine.

The Iwi and Co-Governance Manager and Co-Governance Management Partner had attended a conference in Wellington at the end of June where they had received positive feedback about the Mana Whakahono, and were asked to provide information about what it meant in practice. Other councils and authorities had requested lessons learned for their information. Co-Chair Te Takinga New advised that he had been approached by mayors around the country and preferred to engage with those that had connections to Ngāti Tūrangitukua through whakapapa.

TCG202407/05 RESOLUTION

Moved: Member Christian Asher

Seconded: Member Lauren Fletcher

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 TCG202407/05 above.

5.5 MANA WHAKAHONO WORKPLAN UPDATE

The Co-Governance Management Partner advised that since publishing the report, two of the projects had changed from amber status to green status. These were 37.2 Operational Management Matters and 44.2 Urupā Maintenance.

She noted that the projects were now 87% either completed or ongoing versus 60% completed at the same time the year before. Given the magnitude of work, everyone had done incredibly well.

Of the three remaining projects with an amber status, two of these would be continued to be worked through with the Mana Whakahono working group. The third project, Tūrangi Recreational Activity Centre, was in the Long-term Plan for consideration.

Members discussed the Community Partnership Plan which had been developed at workshops held earlier in 2024 and was attached to the Long-term Plan submission. They expressed their desire for this to eventually be the Tūrangi Community Plan once the community had been shared the members' whakaaro. A process would be worked out internally for how progress against the Community Partnership Plan would be monitored. Members were keen to present at a full Council workshop to show the Community Partnership Plan to the elected members, and in particular what was planned for the future. Members were also keen for this to be formally received at a Council meeting.

TCG202407/06 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kevin Taylor

Seconded: Member Amanda Martin

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

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TCG202407/06 above.

5.6 MEMBERS' REPORTS

The following members' reports were received:

Member Amanda Martin

- Advised that there was an employee at the Taumarunui landfill that promoted composting and from which you could order worms for a worm farm. She had set up a project with a local school to find the worms.

Member Lauren Fletcher

- The Ngāti Tūrangitukua Charitable Trust was looking to finalise its housing kaupapa. It was also looking at the whenua on the main highway and had engaged architects to explore options.
- The Ngāti Tūrangitukua Charitable Trust had made submissions to select committees for recent bills introduced in Parliament including the Resource Management (Freshwater and Other Matters) Amendment Bill, Local Government (Water Services Preliminary Arrangements) Bill and the Local Government (Electoral Legislation and Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Bill

Member Christian Asher

- Thanked staff for all that they did for the community.
- Advised that the working crews cleaning up the forests after Cyclone Gabrielle had decreased from over 40 to three. Replanting would occur next and it would be challenging because many mature trees that were ready for harvesting had been lost.
- Thanked Safe Tūrangi for their work in getting baby seats for Tūrangi families.
- Asked everyone to be safe around mountains and waterways.
- Congratulated local Lisa Ellis who would be representing New Zealand in Women's Touch Rugby.
- Recently hosted around 25 tertiary and senior secondary school students at a forestry wānanga.
- Thanked community members for organising the recent Matariki events which were great opportunities for whānau to come together.
- Asked that the community be mindful of motorbikes being ridden around town.
- Asked for communications to be put out regarding public safety in winter conditions on the roads due to water and black ice.
- Pastor Steve Hollis from the River of Life Church provided dinner for the community once every fortnight. The numbers of those that attended had doubled over winter. The struggle was real for many in the community – some were going without power, or were unable to clothe their children appropriately. He asked that those that could give a bit more to help those in need.
- Attended the recent Taituarā award ceremony in Wellington and noted that those working with mana whenua were well rewarded. He enjoyed seeing that working partnerships with mana whenua worked.

Cr Kevin Taylor

- It had been a pleasure to spend time with the community at the various Long-term Plan engagement sessions. He acknowledged the Community Engagement and Development team for its outstanding job, including working after hours. The feedback had mostly been positive.

- The Waikato Regional Council had signed off its Long-term Plan 2024-34 the previous week which included the Regional Transport Plan. Bulli Point on State Highway One was the number one priority. He noted that while it would not fix the problem of this road, it would make it safer. He noted that any bypass between Taupō and Tūrangi was a long-term, expensive project. He encouraged members to raise this with Hon Louise Upston, Member of Parliament for Taupō if they met with her the following Friday.

Co-Chair Te Takinga New

- Thanked the committee members and Council staff for their support and advised that while he would remain on the committee, he would step down as Co-Chair following the meeting. He would support the new Co-Chair in transition. Council officers acknowledged Mr New's mahi and leadership.

TCG202407/07 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mr Te Takinga New

Seconded: Member Amanda Martin

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 TCG202407/07 above.

6 NGĀ KŌRERO TŪMATAITI | CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil

The meeting closed at 12.08pm with a karakia from all present.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee Meeting held on 7 August 2024.

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CHAIRPERSON