

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TONGARIRO REPRESENTATIVE GROUP MEETING
HELD AT TE MATAAPUNA, TŪRANGITUKUA PARK, HIRANGI ROAD, TŪRANGI
ON WEDNESDAY, 3 JULY 2024 AT 2.00PM**

PRESENT: Ms Melanie Albert (in the Chair), Ms Ngaire Grainger, Mr Dave Potaka, Deputy Mayor Cr Kevin Taylor

IN ATTENDANCE: General Manager People and Community Partnerships (L O'Brien), Environmental Services Manager (J Sparks), Senior Community Engagement Advisor (G Smith), Senior Committee Advisor (K Watts), Co-Governance Manager (C Dempsey), Infrastructure Project Manager (E May), Graduate Project Manager (G Reynolds), Southern Lake Taupō Community Engagement Partner (M Isherwood), Iwi and Co-Governance Advisor (A Kereopa), Committee Advisor (N Turnbull)

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: Seven members of the public

Notes: (i) Deputy Mayor Cr Kevin Taylor was in attendance on behalf of Mayor David Trewavas.

(ii) The items were considered in the following order: 1, 2, 3, 5.5, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4

(iii) The General Manager People and Community Partnerships opened the meeting and chaired until Ms Melanie Albert was appointed at item 5.5.

1 KARAKIA

The General Manager People and Community Partnerships opened and closed the meeting with a Karakia.

2 WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES

TRG202407/01 RESOLUTION

Moved: Ms Ngaire Grainger

Seconded: Mr Dave Potaka

That the apologies received from Cr Sandra Greenslade, Cr Karam Fletcher, and Mayor David Trewavas be received and accepted.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Tongariro Representative Group meeting voted in favour of resolution TRG202407/01 above.

3 NGĀ WHAKAPĀNGA TUKITUKI | CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

4 WHAKAMANATANGA O NGĀ MENETI | CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 TONGARIRO REPRESENTATIVE GROUP MEETING - 24 APRIL 2024

TRG202407/02 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mr Dave Potaka

Seconded: Ms Ngaire Grainger

That the minutes of the Tongariro Representative Group meeting held on Wednesday 24 April 2024 be approved and adopted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Tongariro Representative Group meeting voted in favour of resolution TRG202407/02 above.

5 NGĀ RIPOATA | REPORTS

5.1 PUBLIC FORUM

Mr Morrin Hardy

Mr. Hardy introduced himself to the group. He spoke about the pétanque court that had begun construction in 2023 and was suspended due to apprehension from neighbouring residents. Mr Hardy expressed his concern regarding the lack of information from TDC (Taupō District Council) as to why the court was still incomplete. The Parks Operations Manager advised Mr. Hardy that she would require further clarification regarding the funds for the project. She advised that she would speak to the appropriate team at council and be in contact with Mr. Hardy as soon as she could.

Tūrangi Events Team – Ms Athena Anaru and Mrs Dorene Mills

The volunteer Tūrangi Events Team provided an update on the recent activities around the district. They spoke about how successful the Matariki events were in the town centre. The Matariki Markets were thoroughly enjoyed by members of the community. The Shimmer and Shine Ball was also well attended and lots of fun for the town. There were events planned for later in the year, such as Christmas in the Park. The Tūrangi Events Team was open to receiving feedback from community members who attended the recent Matariki events to help them improve their planning for future events.

TRG202407/03 RESOLUTION

Moved: Deputy Mayor Cr Kevin Taylor

Seconded: Ms Melanie Albert

That the Tongariro Representative Group receives comments from members of the public.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Tongariro Representative Group meeting voted in favour of resolution TRG202407/03 above.

5.2 PROJECT AND OPERATIONS UPDATES

The Infrastructure Project Manager introduced himself to the group and provided an update on the Omori Rising Water Main project. He advised that the project was tracking slightly behind schedule but was still due to be completed by Thursday 8 August 2024.

The Parks Operations Manager introduced herself to the group and provided an update on the Eucalyptus trees at Whiowhio Reserve, Kuratau. She explained that an arborist had been to visit the site and there were no immediate concerns in the health or structure of the trees and TDC were still working with the Department of Conservation to establish the best possible result. Further updates would be provided at the next meeting.

TRG202407/04 RESOLUTION

Moved: Deputy Mayor Cr Kevin Taylor

Seconded: Ms Melanie Albert

That the Tongariro Representative Group receives the progress updates on projects and operations as at 3 July 2024.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Tongariro Representative Group meeting voted in favour of resolution TRG202407/04 above.

5.3 TONGARIRO - COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND HOT TOPICS

The Southern Lake Taupō Community Engagement Partner provided an update to the group about recent community events in Tūrangi. She spoke about the work that the Community Engagement Team were doing with the Long-term Plan 2024-34 (LTP) in the district. The team had held pop up events with groups in smaller areas such as Motuoapa, and Hatepe.

The Community Engagement Team had made efforts to engage with the rangatahi about the LTP. Some were going to make group and individual submissions which the team were going to support them with.

There were a number of new shops in the town centre which was positive for the community, including a new initiative idea suggested for small businesses to work in a co-operation space.

TRG202407/05 RESOLUTION

Moved: Ms Melanie Albert

Seconded: Mr Dave Potaka

That the Tongariro Representative Group receives the information contained in the Tongariro – Community Engagement and Hot Topics report.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Tongariro Representative Group meeting voted in favour of resolution TRG202407/05 above.

5.4 MEMBERS' REPORTS

Ms Ngaire Grainger

- Attended the Anzac sunset event which was well attended.
- Attended the blessing of the new first response vehicle which was positive for the community.
- Noted that Civtec contractors working on the Omori Water Rising Main Project were doing a great job.

Mr Dave Potaka

- Expressed concern regarding an increase in freedom campers leaving rubbish behind. The Environmental Services Manager advised that there would be stronger compliance team presence in those areas.

Ms Melanie Albert

- Tongariro School held a successful gala that was well attended.

Cr Kevin Taylor

- Waikato Regional Council had signed off on the Waikato Regional Land Transport Plan.
- Council's Transport Team were in communications with Transit New Zealand to find solutions to the increasing pressure and demand for additional public transport services in the region.

TRG202407/06 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mr Dave Potaka

Seconded: Ms Ngaire Grainger

That the Tongariro Representative Group receives the reports from members.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Tongariro Representative Group meeting voted in favour of resolution TRG202407/06 above.

5.5 ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON FOR THE MEETING OF 3 JULY 2024

TRG202407/07 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mr Dave Potaka

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Cr Kevin Taylor

That the Tongariro Representative Group:

1. Confirms that System A will be used to determine the election process for the Chairperson; and
2. Elects Ms Melanie Albert as the Chairperson of the Tongariro Representative Group for the meeting of 3 July 2024.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Tongariro Representative Group meeting voted in favour of resolution TRG202407/07 above.

6 NGĀ KŌRERO TŪMATAITI | CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil

The meeting closed at 3.33pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Tongariro Representative Group Meeting held on 2 October 2024.

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CHAIRPERSON