

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 107 TE HEUHEU STREET, TAUPŌ
ON TUESDAY, 27 AUGUST 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, Cr Rachel Shepherd, Cr Yvonne Westerman, Cr John Williamson

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive (J Gardyne), General Manager Community Infrastructure and Services (T Hale), General Manager Organisation Performance (S Matthews), General Manager People and Community Partnerships (L O'Brien), General Manager Strategy and Environment (W Zander), Legal and Governance Manager (N McAdie), Iwi and Co-Governance Manager (D Rameka), District Customer Relations Manager (T Russell), Environmental Services Manager (J Sparks), Communications Manager (L McMichael), Project Management Office Manager (P Fletcher), Policy Manager (N Carroll), Infrastructure Manager (R Stokes), Executive Manager Mayor's Office (J Later), Governance Quality Manager (S James), Programme Manager (J Walton), Resource Consents Manager (H Williams), Corporate Solicitor (F Bramwell), Team Leader Corporate Planning (A Smith), Team Leader Resource Management/Reserve Planning (E O'Callaghan), Infrastructure Project Manager – Operations (P van Niekerk), Senior Policy Advisor (H Samuel), Senior Solicitor (K Hollman), Policy Advisors (H Wood and C Pilkington), Senior Committee Advisor (K Watts)

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: Nil

1 KARAKIA

The meeting was opened by all present reciting the Taupō District Council's karakia.

2 WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES

TDC202408/01 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Karam Fletcher

Seconded: Cr Yvonne Westerman

That the apologies received from Crs Kevin Taylor and Kirsty Trueman be accepted.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202408/01 above.

3 NGĀ WHAKAPĀNGA TUKITUKI | CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Duncan Campbell advised that he did not have a conflict with item 5.1.

4 WHAKAMANATANGA O NGĀ MENETI | CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**4.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 30 JULY 2024****TDC202408/02 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Rachel Shepherd

Seconded: Cr John Williamson

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 30 July 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 TDC202408/02 above.

5 NGĀ KAUPAPA HERE ME NGĀ WHAKATAUNGA | POLICY AND DECISION MAKING**5.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - TRIAL MINI-ROUNDAABOUT FOR THE INTERSECTION OF ROBERTS STREET AND RUAPEHU STREET, TAUPŌ**

Cr Duncan Campbell shared a PowerPoint presentation (A3619983) to support his motion.

The motion was not seconded and therefore did not proceed to a debate.

5.2 FINAL CONSIDERATION OF PLAN CHANGES 40 (TAUPŌ TOWN CENTRE) AND 41 (REMOVAL OF FAULTLINES)

The Senior Policy Advisor summarised the report.

TDC202408/03 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Danny Loughlin

Seconded: Cr Anna Park

That Council:

1. Gives final approval of Plan Change 40 (Taupō Town Centre) and Plan Change 41 (Removal of Fault Lines) under clause 17 of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991. This shall be effected by affixing the Taupō District Council seal to the Plan Changes; and
2. Pursuant to clause 20 of Schedule 1 to the Resource Management Act 1991, directs officers to publicly notify the date on which the Plan Change will become operative.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202408/03 above.

5.3 APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER(S) AND DELEGATION OF DECISION-MAKING FOR PROPOSED LAND USE CONSENT FOR FOUR NEW TOWNHOUSES (RM230370)

The Resource Consents Manager summarised the report.

TDC202408/04 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rachel Shepherd

Seconded: Cr Danny Loughlin

That, pursuant to s34A of the Resource Management Act 1991, Council delegates the hearing, consideration and decision-making functions and powers for a land use consent for four dwellings at 66 Rifle Range Road, Taupō to:

- Independent Commissioner with Chairperson accreditation, Mr Cam Twigley from BTW; and
- Cr Yvonne Westerman,

Noting that if Cr Westerman is unable to sit on the hearing, then Mr Twigley will hear, consider and decide alone.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202408/04 above.

5.4 TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL'S TE PAPAMĀREAREA MĀORI WARD

The Governance Quality Manager summarised the the key changes that the Government had made to the local electoral legislation and reiterated the options for Council to consider.

TDC202408/05 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Yvonne Westerman

Seconded: Cr John Williamson

That Council resolves to retain Taupō District Council's Te Papamārearea Māori Ward and conduct a binding poll alongside the 2025 elections, with the outcome of the poll to apply to the 2028 and 2031 elections.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202408/05 above.

5.5 WAIKATO WATER DONE WELL PROPOSAL

The Programme Manager summarised the report and explained that at this stage, no significant decision was being sought, rather a decision to keep options open. The non-binding Heads of Agreement would be brought back to Council in October.

The Chief Executive added that Taupō District Council was in a unique position in that it was part of four regional councils and had many options to consider.

TDC202408/06 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anna Park

Seconded: Cr Christine Rankin

That Council:

1. Receives this report and the attached recommendations from the Waikato project team.
2. Agrees to the vision, outcomes and success measures for Waikato Water being adopted in principle, as stated in the attached report.
3. Agrees to continue participating in the Waikato Joint Forum, co-designing an aggregated model for the delivery of water services, staged by function and governed by a professional board from the outset.
4. Directs the Chief Executive to negotiate a Heads of Agreement with other participating Councils, to be brought back for Council approval at a subsequent meeting, planned for October 2024.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202408/06 above except for Cr Kylie Leonard who abstained from voting.

5.6 PROPOSED RATING UPDATES TO DELEGATIONS MANUAL

The Corporate Solicitor summarised the report and the decision sought from the Council.

TDC202408/07 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Danny Loughlin

Seconded: Cr Anna Park

That Council resolves to incorporate into Council's Delegation Manual all delegations to Council officers under the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, Rates Rebate Act 1973, Rating Valuations Act 1998, and Rating Valuation Regulations 1998, as set out in Attachment 1.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202408/07 above.

5.7 TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL PERFORMANCE REPORT - JULY 2024

The Chief Executive updated Council to advise that Te Kapua Papa Tākaro had been awarded a highly commended award at the recent Local Government New Zealand awards.

The Project Management Office Manager highlighted some key updates in the Portfolio Update attached to the agenda. She advised that she would provide an update on the SCADA upgrade project at the Council meeting the following month.

The Infrastructure Project Manager – Operations gave a detailed update on the Taupō Wastewater Southern Trunk Main Upgrade Stage 1 project. He advised that the contractor had installed 3 kilometres and another 2.2 kilometres remained. Work was currently underway around Tremaine Avenue and Shepherd Road and involved a special pipe due to the geothermal area. Traffic cones near 2 Mile Bay Sailing Centre would be removed in the following weeks once holes were filled. The project was on track to be completed by early December 2024. The Infrastructure Project Manager – Operations confirmed that the pipes were made in Auckland, although the specialist pipe for the geothermal areas that could handle temperatures up to 90 degrees Celsius were from Italy.

The General Manager Organisation Performance advised that regular meetings were being held with auditors to mitigate any risks of not being able to adopt the Long-term Plan 2024-34 on 30 September 2024. Council shared concerns with the sector as to the high cost of auditors.

TDC202408/08 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr John Williamson
 Seconded: Cr Rachel Shepherd

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

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202408/08 above.

5.8 COUNCIL ENGAGEMENTS SEPTEMBER 2024, APPOINTMENTS, AND TRAINING AND CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES

The Senior Committee Advisor noted that the report was up to date.

TDC202408/09 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Karam Fletcher
 Seconded: Cr Danny Loughlin

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

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202408/09 above.

6 NGĀ KŌRERO TŪMATAITI | CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

TDC202408/10 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 |
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| <p>Agenda Item No: 6.1 Confirmation of Confidential Portion of Ordinary Council Minutes - 30 July 2024</p> | <p>Section 7(2)(d) - the withholding of the information is necessary to avoid prejudice to measures protecting the health or safety of members of the public</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>A health and safety issue has been identified in relation to crushed concrete at the Broadlands Road landfill. The matter needs to be considered with the public excluded to avoid prejudice to measures protecting the health or safety of members of the public.</p> |

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202408/10 above.

The meeting closed at 2.09pm with a karakia from all present.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 24 September 2024.

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CHAIRPERSON