

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TŪRANGI CO-GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT TE MATAAPUNA, TŪRANGITUKUA PARK, HIRANGI ROAD, TŪRANGI
ON WEDNESDAY, 2 OCTOBER 2024 AT 10.42AM**

PRESENT: Poumatua | Co-Chair Christian Asher (in the Chair), Mayor David Trewavas (until 11.56am), Member Te Takinga New, Cr Sandra Greenslade, Member Amanda Martin, Cr Kevin Taylor, Member Amy Walker

IN ATTENDANCE: Environmental Services Manager (J Sparks), Iwi and Co Governance Manager (D Rameka), Executive Manager Mayor's Office (J Later), Iwi Engagement Partner (T Walker), Team Leader Customer Support – Tūrangi (J Cathro), Communications Specialist (A Taylor), Co-Governance Management Partner (C Dempsey), Parks Manager Open Space (A Moor), Parks Advisor (B Vi), Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner (M Isherwood), Iwi and Co-Governance Advisor (A Kereopa), Senior Committee Advisor (K Watts)

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: Mr Patrick Dault (General Manager, Destination Great Lake Taupō)
Four members of the public.

Notes: (i) *The meeting was opened and closed with a karakia by all present.*
(ii) *Items were considered in the following order: 1, 5.1, 5.2, 2, 3, 4.1, 5.3 – 5.7*
(iii) *Mayor David Trewavas left the meeting at 11.56am. He was not present for resolutions TCG202410/05-07.*

1 KARAKIA

2 WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES

TCG202410/01 RESOLUTION

Moved: Member Te Takinga New
Seconded: Mayor David Trewavas

That apologies from Member Lauren Fletcher be received and accepted.

CARRIED

Note: *All members present at the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TCG202410/01 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 - 7 AUGUST 2024

TCG202410/02 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Sandra Greenslade
Seconded: Member Amy Walker

That the minutes of the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting held on Wednesday 7 August 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 TCG202410/02 above.

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

5.1 DECLARATION BY NGĀTI TŪRANGITUKUA CO-CHAIR

Poumatua Christian Asher made his declaration attached to the agenda and signed it before the committee members.

Member Te Takinga New explained the meaning of Poumatua. He advised that the front sail of a sailing vessel was a matua so combined with pou it was appropriate that as Poumatua, he was giving the committee direction.

The declaration that had been made in Te Reo Māori had been in place for over 100 years for Ngāti Tūrangitukua and allowed the Poumatua to support the people with outcomes. It named ancestors of Ngāti Tūrangitukua and the pou of the house of Ngāti Tūrangitukua. It also connected the genealogies from Ngāti Tūwharetoa.

Poumatua Christian Asher felt a responsibility to family, his community and those less fortunate. He acknowledged his cousin Te Takinga New for his mahi for the welfare of the community. The committee was on a good road, he wanted it to keep pushing forward and moving forward together, keeping the passion and heart for the community.

5.2 ELECTION OF CO-CHAIR FOR THE MEETING

TCG202410/03 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Sandra Greenslade

Seconded: Member Te Takinga New

That the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee elects Co-Chair Mr Christian Asher to Chair this hui.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TCG202410/03 above.

5.3 PUBLIC FORUM

Item **withdrawn**.

5.4 TŪRANGI - REQUESTS FOR TREE REMOVAL

The Parks Advisor introduced herself to members and summarised the report.

In answer to questions, the Parks Advisor and Parks Manager Open Space confirmed the following:

- It was unlikely that any further damage would be done to the footpath from the tree on Hirangi Road in its current form.
- The limb overhanging onto the property at 4 Hirangi Road was part of the natural form that the tree had grown in. Some weight from the limb could be taken out to mitigate any risk of the limb causing damage if it fell.
- Root guard had been put in as part of the kerb and channel project on all of the trees that remained.

TCG202410/04 RESOLUTION

Moved: Member Te Takinga New

Seconded: Mayor David Trewavas

That the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee

1. declines the request to remove the four Red Oak trees (*Quercus rubra*) located at:

51 Te Rangitautahanga Road, Tūrangi.

4 Hirangi Road, Tūrangi.

5 Mihipeka Grove, Tūrangi; and

2. notes that Council officers will arrange for maintenance to be undertaken on the tree located at Hirangi Road, Tūrangi, to remove weight from the overhanging limb.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TCG202410/04 above.

5.5 OPERATIONS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UPDATES FOR TŪRANGI**Commercial Signage**

The Environmental Services Manager advised that there were two sites which had heavy commercial signage that was not compliant with the Taupō District Plan or the New Zealand Transport Agency:

- Corner of Omori Road and State Highway 41
- Corner of State Highway 1 and Grace Road

Sign owners at Omori Road had been contacted by Council's Resource Consents Planner – Monitoring at the beginning of September and asked to remove their signs. They were given a grace period of three weeks and while two of the eight signs had been removed, a further two signs had been added.

The immediate action was for Council to remove the remaining signs and if they were added again, abatement notices would be issued, followed by enforcement.

Members supported the signs being removed to stop distracting drivers at a busy intersection.

The second site on Grace Road was Māori Trust land administered by the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA). The New Zealand Transport Agency had written to the business owners of the signs and would remove them if they were not removed in the given timeframes.

There were some other signs in other sites which were also non compliant of which the Resource Consents Planner – Monitoring was working with Mr Mike Bowie from Amplify and the business owners.

The Environmental Services Manager explained that there was an ability for business owners to erect NZTA approved signs which were brown and white by applying to the NZTA.

Destination Great Lake Taupō (DGLT)

General Manager of DGLT Mr Patrick Dault introduced himself to the committee. He had been living in New Zealand for 12 years, and had been on the West Coast of the South Island for the last four years.

Taupahi Road Reserve

The Iwi Engagement Partner advised that this reserve was administered by the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) and Taupō District Council. It had been subject to an ancillary claim which had been settled. An individual had contacted NZTA to relitigate the claim but nothing more had been heard since 2022. About 2 months previously, Council was made aware that a relative of the individual challenging the claim had cut down trees on the reserve, and erected a makeshift sign and flag, and rope fence. Further trees had been felled.

To date, when attempts had been made to contact the individual, they had made it clear that they did not want to engage with TDC or any other entity. Police had recently attended the reserve in response to issues on site. A meeting would be held in the following three weeks between representatives from NZTA, Te

Arawhiti, Council and the individuals concerned.

Mayor David Trewavas left the meeting at this point (11.56am).

Community Engagement

The Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner thanked the Co-Governance Management Partner Heneriata Oneroa for running cool activities during Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori. All of the activities were online for staff across the rohe to participate in. Alongside this, the Digital Content Creator from the Communications team had worked with the Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner and two students Anahera Eru and Mahli Riwaka from Te Kura o Hirangi to make a video teaching the correct pronunciation of Māori placenames in the rohe. The girls were naturals and the video had record hits on You Tube and was shared via social media. Members supported the approach for beefing up Te Wiki o te Reo Māori via involving tamariki, they helped to promote the language.

An engagement session regarding the Motutere Reserve Management Plan Review would occur the following Saturday at the Motutere campground. She highlighted the main changes that the community were being asked for feedback on and reported that around 35 submissions had been received so far. A hapū member from Ngāti Te Rangīta was leading submission drafting workshops at Waitetoko Marae which all were welcome to attend to understand the process and how to make a submission.

A review of the Tūrangi Reserve Management Plan would be undertaken in 2025, the initial draft developed in conjunction with Ngāti Tūrangitukua in 2017 would be used as the starting point.

The volunteer group was working on a Tūrangi Christmas in the Park event with a Christmas theme. Lots of decorations were planned and the Tongariro prison would contribute with wooden decorations. Floats would return this year thanks to assistance with transport management costs. People would be encouraged to register their floats soon.

Funding had been secured from the Department of Internal Affairs for a barbeque. New World and ITM Tūrangi had topped up the funding and would take the barbeque to random streets over summer for the community.

Over Labour Weekend a kids' market would be run alongside the car boot sale. Kids were encouraged to register a stall and run it, with help from parents.

Council Community Engagement and Development team vacancies had been filled by Gillian Smith who had moved into the Senior Community Development Advisor role and Jen Charteris who had been recruited to fill the vacant Senior Community Engagement Advisor role.

The Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Advisor and the Team Leader Customer Support – Tūrangi had met with Tongariro School to place students in Council for work experience on Fridays starting from term 4.

The Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Advisor had connected David Booker from Rotary and others to be able to teach interested community members how to grow kai at home.

A group of retired tradespeople in Tūrangi were interested in a space for a Men's Shed so that they could get together.

The reopening of the Lake House Eatery was much anticipated and welcome.

On 14 October there would be a blessing to open new homes on the corner of Rangiamohia Street and Ngahana Place built by Kainga Ora.

TCG202410/05 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kevin Taylor

Seconded: Member Amy Walker

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

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TCG202410/05 above.

5.6 MANA WHAKAHONO WORKPLAN UPDATE

Joint Working Group

The Co-Governance Management Partner Cornelia Dempsey advised that at the recent joint working group hui updates had been received regarding the Tūrangi wastewater consent. There was a potential to co-design mitigation projects as an interim measure before the longer-term sustainable option could be put in place. The group sought to go back to Waikato Regional Council by Christmas 2024 with options for the resource consent. The Tūrangi Reserve Management Plan project plan was being co-drafted and was almost ready for approval from the Ngāti Tūrangitukua Charitable Trust and Council's Executive team. The final Reseve Management Plan would be signed off by the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee who had the delegation to do this.

Mana Whakahono Review

The Mana Whakahono review had been extended and the group was mapping out the process. Positive feedback was received that the group was largely happy with how it was tracking so there was not a significant scope to review. There was an internal process occurring to see what was working well from an operations perspective.

Ministry of Social Development's Mayors Taskforce for Jobs

A bid for \$185K of funding had been supported and approved to support 20 rangatahi into jobs in Tūrangi. A project plan would be co-designed for the next nine months and a project lead would work with rangatahi. Members congratulated the Co-Governance Management Partner for all her mahi to get this off the ground.

Community Partnership Plan

Council's Executive team had given its support to the committee's Community Partnership plan and were happy for Council staff to support the implementation of projects that aligned with Council's operational work plans. The committee agreed that it was best if they worked on the parts of the plan first and identified who at Council to liaise with for support before taking it out to the wider community.

The Co-Governance Management Partner advised members that after 16 years of service she would be moving on from Taupō District Council. The committee thanked her for her mahi.

TCG202410/06 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Sandra Greenslade

Seconded: Cr Kevin Taylor

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 TCG202410/06 above.

5.7 MEMBERS' REPORTS

The following members' reports were received:

Member Amy Walker

- Attended the Amp It Up Tūrangi Pitch Night supported by Amplify. It was interesting to see the journey, marketing plan and vision that the start up businesses had done.
- Supported the committee making a submission to the Motutere Reserve Management Plan review which supported Ngāti Te Rangiita and removed commercial activity from the lakeshore.

Member Te Takinga New

- Recognised the passing of the late Māori king Tūheitia Pōtatau Te Wherowhero VII and acknowledged the new queen Ngā Wai Hono i te Pō. There were connections to Ngāti Tūwharetoa

due to the connections in the waterways, the river and the mountain.

Cr Sandra Greenslade

- Advised that there would be a Motutere Reserve Management Plan review engagement session at the campground the following Saturday.
- The Lines Company was ramping up support of the community with lots of initiatives so community members after funding support were encouraged to reach out to them.

Poumatua Christian Asher

- Attended the Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) conference in Wellington with Crs Sandra Greenslade and Karam Fletcher, His Worship the Mayor David Trewavas and Chief Executive Julie Gardyne. He was excited about sharing information and learnings, and working together with other councils.
- Car thefts were increasing. People were reminded to secure and lock their vehicles, and to park them in visible spaces.
- Attended the Auckland trip with kids of Bluelight Tūrangi that had had a great time.
- Congratulated Grace Hura and Emma Speedy who had attended the ISKF World Shoto Cup in London for karate. Grace had won gold and bronze while Emma was in the final against Grace and won silver.

TCG202410/07 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kevin Taylor

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 TCG202410/07 above.

6 NGĀ KŌRERO TŪMATAITI | CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil

The meeting closed at 12.56pm with a karakia from all present.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee Meeting held on 6 November 2024.

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CHAIRPERSON