

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 107 TE HEUHEU STREET, TAUPŌ
ON TUESDAY, 29 OCTOBER 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 Rachel Shepherd, Cr Kevin Taylor, Cr Kirsty Trueman, Cr Yvonne Westerman, Cr John Williamson

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive (J Gardyne), General Manager Organisation Performance (S Matthews), General Manager Community Infrastructure and Services (T Hale), General Manager People and Community Partnerships (L O'Brien), General Manager Strategy and Environment (W Zander), Project Management Office Manager (P Fletcher), Legal and Governance Manager (N McAdie), Communications Manager (L McMichael), Finance Manager (J Paenga), Community Engagement and Development Manager (H Tattle), Infrastructure Manager (R Stokes), District Customer Relations Manager (T Russell), Policy Manager (N Carroll), Business Excellence Manager (L Chick), Three Waters Manager (S Lealand), Iwi and Co-Governance Manager (D Rameka, MS Teams), People and Culture Manager (L Nienhuser, MS Teams), Executive Manager Mayor's Office (J Later), Corporate Solicitor (F Bramwell), Senior Solicitor (K Hollman), Governance Quality Manager (S James), Resource Consents Manager (H Williams), Property Management Lead (P Handcock), Communications Team Lead (D Beck, MS Teams), Senior Community Engagement Advisor (J Charteris, MS Teams), Digital Communications Specialist (D Petry, MS Teams), Community Engagement Advisor (R Prisk), Senior Funding and Partnerships Advisor (B Forlong), Senior Policy Advisor (H Samuel), Senior Policy Advisor (T Wood), Policy Advisor (M Parnwell), Asset Engineer – Transport (A Dahal, MS Teams), Financial Asset Data Specialist (K Fear, MS Teams), Digital Content Creator (C Hollinger, MS Teams), Communications Advisor (R Watts, MS Teams), Senior Committee Advisor (K Watts)

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: 22 members of the public (in person), One member of the public (MS Teams)

1 KARAKIA

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

2 WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES

TDC202410/01 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr John Williamson
Seconded: Cr Rachel Shepherd

That the apology received from Cr Christine Rankin be accepted.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202410/01 above.

3 NGĀ WHAKAPĀNGA TUKITUKI | CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

4 WHAKAMANATANGA O NGĀ MENETI | CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**4.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 24 SEPTEMBER 2024****TDC202410/02 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Danny Loughlin
Seconded: Cr Sandra Greenslade

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 24 September 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 TDC202410/02 above.

4.2 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**TDC202410/03 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Karam Fletcher
Seconded: Cr Danny Loughlin

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 30 September 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 TDC202410/03 above.

5 NGĀ KAUPAPA HERE ME NGĀ WHAKATAUNGA | POLICY AND DECISION MAKING**5.1 LAKE TERRACE/MAUNGANAMU DRIVE NEW ROUNDABOUT - LINKAGE TO PUKENAMU ROAD**

The following members of the public presented to members:

Mr Donald Landl

Mr Landl advised that he was the owner of 1A Pukenuamu Road, and he had purchased the land from Taupō District Council in July 2012 so it was not part of the original Lakeside Terraces development. Closure of the road would impact on how this land could be developed. He had met with Council staff in May and was assured that he would have access to his property because the first 110 metres of Pukenuamu Road would need to remain. As there would be a need for a cul-de-sac, he believed that leaving Pukenuamu Road in its current form would be saving more money. His existing resource consent stated that the land around Pukenuamu Road and his property was vacant and grass. It was severed from the road in establishment of the Lakeside Terraces development. There was no reference in his resource consent or Sale and Purchase Agreement stating that Pukenuamu Road was temporary. The situation had changed since the original resource consent was lodged in 2004 and he needed to access the full length of his property so it made sense to leave Pukenuamu Road in its current form.

Mr Mike Keys

Mr Keys explained that he had requested speaking rights prior to reading the agenda item which he thought was well written and provided all the facts. He shared key bullet points with members on the screen (A3658273) and welcomed any feedback. In answer to questions, he clarified that he lived nearby on

Wharewaka Road and believed that all road users had an interest in the network of roads in the district.

Mr John Finch

Mr Finch asked members to consider where the need for the roundabout came from. He was a resident of Pukenamu Road and could not understand the purpose of the connection to Lake Terrace when it did not serve a purpose to the residents. He commended the work of the Community Engagement Advisor who had been very communicative through the process.

Mr Denis Atkinson

Mr Atkinson explained that he had lived on Pukenamu Road for 15 years and was one of the first in the Lake Terraces development. He urged members to proceed with a 3-legged roundabout and not connect Pukenamu Road for the following reasons:

- There was an overwhelming response opposing the 4-legged roundabout.
- There were safety issues if a 4-legged roundabout was added because cyclists would be exposed.
- Removing the bund and vegetation above the part of Pukenamu Road that would close would not improve views for those on Lake Terrace and would add to noise for those on Pukenamu Road.
- His Land Information Memorandum (LIM) did not include any variations on the original resource consent.
- It was contrary to natural justice for a decision to be made with only 5 working days notice provided to read the legal advice.
- A solution could be found that respected the legal requirements and overwhelming desire of the residents to retain the road without the fourth leg of the roundabout.

Mr Mike Fillery

Mr Fillery had lived on Pukenamu Road since 2018 and was upset with the prospect of having 4 legs to the roundabout and with the way it had been handled. He served in the police and did not observe antisocial behaviour on Pukenamu Road, rather in Secombe Park and other parts of Wharewaka. He advised that a 4-legged roundabout would create more traffic congestion and risk of road accidents. He implored members to proceed with a 3-legged roundabout.

Mr Gerry Williams

Mr Williams advised that he had sent an email to members detailing his reasons for objecting to the 4-legged roundabout. He made the following key points:

- There were strong reports that Nga Roto residents did not support a roundabout at Maunganamu Drive.
- The Nga Roto developer agreed that cars did not exceed 2000 per day.
- The Wharewaka Road intersection had more traffic movement than Maunganamu Drive.
- The cost of the road maintenance had been over-estimated.
- The legal opinion was considered to be very focused and if a different question was asked, there would be a different answer provided.
- Residents requested that the elected members have the final say rather than Council staff.

The General Manager Community Infrastructure and Services thanked the residents for presenting to members.

The Infrastructure Manager highlighted that it had been valuable to hear the views and issues of the community. It was important that outcomes were balanced for the residents and consistent with protocols and policies. The engineer report and legal advice attached to the agenda both pointed to a 4-legged roundabout.

Members were concerned that there were conflicting resource consents and wanted to enable a consistent decision to be made across the entire district. If Council was to ignore conditions on a resource consent, members wanted to understand what position Council would be in. The obligation to provide a direct connection to Pukenamu Road remained so they preferred to find a logical and rational way to resolve this that was consistent across the district.

TDC202410/04 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kevin Taylor

Seconded: Cr Rachel Shepherd

That Council resolves that the item of business being discussed does lie on the table and be brought back to the 26 November Council meeting for a decision with further information regarding:

1. the variations of resource consents,
2. steps required to obtain a resource consent variation,
3. the original consent that required a T intersection; and
4. detailed traffic count.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202410/04 above.

The meeting was adjourned at 2.17pm and was reconvened at 2.29pm.

5.2 NOTICE OF MOTION - AMEND CLAUSE 27 OF TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL STANDING ORDERS 2022-2025

Cr Danny Loughlin summarised the proposal.

Cr Anna Park advised that she had seconded the notice of motion because members were encouraged to support each other and work as a team. By presenting a notice of motion that had support from another member, there was a reasonable chance to contribute positively to Council's objectives.

The Chief Executive explained that if amended, this change would take effect from the next Council meeting onwards.

TDC202410/05 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Danny Loughlin

Seconded: Cr Anna Park

That Council amends clause 27 of Taupō District Council's Standing Orders | Ngā Tikanga Whakahaere Hui 2022-2025 as follows:

1. insert the words "and a seconder" after the word "mover" in the first line of the first paragraph of clause 27.1;
2. insert the words "and seconder" after the word "mover" in the last line of the first paragraph of clause 27.1; and
3. insert the words "will direct the chief executive to refuse to accept any notice of motion which is not signed by both the mover and a seconder, and" after the word "chairperson" in the first line of clause 27.2.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202410/05 above except for Cr Duncan Campbell. Cr Duncan Campbell voted against resolution TDC202410/05.

5.3 NOTICE OF MOTION - EVENT SUMMARY

Cr Duncan Campbell summarised the notice of motion and reiterated that this motion was to formalise the requirement for a written report if a member attended a conference or event paid for by ratepayers.

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

5.4 NOTICE OF MOTION - DELEGATIONS

Cr Duncan Campbell provided examples of transport decisions that he believed should have been elevated to Council for decision-making but had been taken by staff.

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

5.5 DISTRIBUTION AND LIMITS OF COMMUNITY FUNDING

The Senior Funding and Partnerships Advisor summarised the report and advised that the applications would open the following Monday until 10 December for the Multi-year Strategic Partnership and Accelerator funds. She also amended the timeline and advised that round two of the community grant funds would be open in August 2025 due to Local Government elections.

The Senior Funding and Partnerships Advisor clarified the following:

- the pre-election period would be taken into consideration before setting the dates for the second funding round of the community grants in 2025.
- It was possible to remove the maximum amount to be allocated per application of the Strategic Partnership Fund to give more flexibility.

Members thanked the Senior Funding and Partnerships Advisor and her team for all of the work they had done to enable and support emerging community groups with funding applications.

TDC202410/06 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rachel Shepherd

Seconded: Cr John Williamson

That Council:

1. confirms it will distribute the Long-term Plan 2024-34 budget for community funding across the different funds, the maximum number of agreements it will enter into and the maximum amount to be allocated to an applicant under each fund, as per the following table:

| | Distribution of budget | Maximum no. of agreements | Maximum amount to be allocated per application |
|----------------------------|--|---------------------------|--|
| Strategic Partnership Fund | Up to \$300k | 5 | At the discretion of the Council |
| Accelerator Fund | Up to \$160k | Up to 8 | Up to \$20k |
| Community Grant Funds * | Overall: Minimum of \$240k Taupō, Taupō East Rural Fund: Minimum of \$120k Mangakino - Pouakāni Fund: minimum of \$40k Tūrangi Tongariro Fund: minimum of \$80k | N/A | Up to \$5k |

2. confirms the types of support to be sought through the Strategic Partnership Fund, that align to the priorities, as per the following table:

| Council Priority | Council will seek support to... |
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| Sport, recreation and reserves planning. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Plan for the future of our district's sport and recreational facilities, reserves, and parks. - Support recreation and sports organisations to collaborate and to be sustainable. |

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| Arts, culture, ngā toi and cultural well-being. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Plan for the future of our district’s cultural art facilities, venues, and opportunities for communities. - Support the development and capability of resilient arts, culture and ngā toi communities across the district. |
| Climate risk and environmental wellbeing. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Protect our district’s natural ecosystems. - Connect people to and educating them about nature. - Plant trees and undertake native revegetation programmes. |
| Community wellbeing. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide social service networking opportunities. - Facilitate opportunities that build capability and capacity for community organisations. - Support social service community organisations to collaborate. |
| Sustainable transport choices. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support Taupō to be the most cycle friendly place in New Zealand. - Educate and encourage people, including rangatahi, to use sustainable transport options. - Maintain cycling tracks across the district to provide economic opportunities for the district. |

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202410/06 above.

5.6 APPROVAL OF THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR CONSULTATION

The Senior Policy Advisor showed members three maps from the draft Future Development Strategy which had been changed:

- The residential zoning for Taupō that included where the East Urban Lands were.
- The amended map of future growth areas in Mangakino.
- The amended map of future growth areas in Omori.

A member asked that the Future Development Strategy include detail around the Kingitanga movement which occurred in Pukawa and that the European settlement of Tūrangi be checked in the timeline.

The Senior Policy Advisor confirmed that these changes could be made during the hearings and deliberations process.

TDC202410/07 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kevin Taylor

Seconded: Cr Anna Park

That Council approves the Future Development Strategy 2023-2060 for consultation, subject to minor editing changes.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202410/07 above.

5.7 FINAL CONSIDERATION OF PLAN CHANGE 38 (STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS)

The Policy Advisor summarised the report.

TDC202410/08 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anna Park

Seconded: Cr John Williamson

That Council:

1. Gives final approval of Plan Change 38 (Strategic Directions) 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 TDC202410/08 above.

5.8 APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER AND DELEGATION OF DECISION MAKING FOR PROPOSED LAND USE AND SUBDIVISION CONSENT (RM240209 AND RM240090)

The Resource Consents Manager summarised the report and explained that the recommended Independent Commissioner with Chairperson accreditation had indicated that he was available.

TDC202410/09 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kevin Taylor

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 resource consent for subdivision of 11 Monowai Drive, Atiamuri to one Independent Commissioner with Chairperson accreditation, Mr Bill Wasley.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202410/09 above.

5.9 HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATE

The Business Excellence Manager introduced the Health and Safety Manager to members and explained that she was very experienced, having worked for central government before coming to Council.

The Health and Safety Manager advised that the focus in the last period had been the implementation of the Health, Safety and Wellbeing Strategy.

Further to this, she was working on the critical risk programme to ensure that there was a focus on the things most likely to harm Council staff. She was working to streamline the controls, some of which were to support the mental and physical wellbeing of staff.

Engagement was also being improved by way of a new system with a governance level board consisting of the Executive team so that they could see the risks. It allowed the worker representatives to come up and have a place to be heard and share what they thought needed to be done in the workplace. The focus was mostly on the aggression incidents which had been increasing.

In answer to questions, the Health and Safety Manager confirmed the following:

- The increase in aggression incidents was being reported because a significant incident had occurred. It was expected that the amount of aggression incidents would increase further once education had been carried out amongst staff to raise awareness of what should be reported.
- Training would be rolled out across the business over the next several months.

TDC202410/10 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anna Park

Seconded: Cr Danny Loughlin

That Council receives the health and safety update for the period of 1 March 2024 to 30 September 2024.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202410/10 above.

5.10 TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL PERFORMANCE REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2024

The General Manager Community Infrastructure and Services introduced the new Three Waters Manager Sarah Lealand to members.

The Chief Executive recognised Environmental Ranger Liam Andrews as the ranger of the year, also highlighted in the General Manager Strategy and Environment's report.

The Finance Manager advised that the format of the finance report had changed slightly and that the numbers were far away from budget due to the late adoption of the Long-term Plan.

The Project Management Office Manager advised that the significant projects report included updated financial information following the adoption of the Long-term Plan. She was optimistic about the capital spend so far in the new financial year.

She advised the following regarding significant projects:

- The contract for the airport apron project was in process. Clean fill had been located to mitigate the unfavourable ground conditions and should not affect the overall budget. This project would not interfere with air traffic.
- The Owen Delany Park lights would go live the following Friday night at the fireworks event.
- The build for Te Whare (Civic Administration Building) was ahead of schedule.
- The timing issues associated to the 204 Crown Road subdivision and earthworks project were due to Unison.
- Letter drops had been done in Tremaine Avenue to advise that 230m of pipe between Shepherd Road and Tremaine Avenue would be laid by the end of the following week. The team was working closely with the events team to ensure that Lake Terrace was clear in time for Cycle Challenge and Ironman.
- There had been a risk reduction across the Drinking Water Standards projects because the Long-term Plan had been adopted.

TDC202410/11 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Karam Fletcher

Seconded: Cr Yvonne Westerman

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

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202410/11 above.

5.11 COUNCIL ENGAGEMENTS NOVEMBER 2024, APPOINTMENTS, AND TRAINING AND CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES

The Senior Committee Advisor advised the following changes to workshops and meetings in November:

- The Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee workshop on 6 November would commence at 10am instead of 9.30am.
- The Taupō Airport Authority Committee meeting on 25 November had been rescheduled to 1pm on Monday 2 December.

The Chief Executive asked members to also approve the training and conference opportunities. Cr Duncan Campbell withdrew his request to attend the Local Government New Zealand Combined Sector meeting because Cr Kevin Taylor would be attending.

TDC202410/12 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kylie Leonard
 Seconded: Cr Karam Fletcher

That Council:

1. Receives the information relating to engagements for November 2024.
2. Approves the appointment of Crs Karam Fletcher, Anna Park, Kevin Taylor and John Williamson to the Water Reform project steering group.
3. Approves the attendance of Mayor David Trewavas at the Air New Zealand Parliamentary Reception taking place on 19 November 2024 in Wellington with the costs of travel and accommodation to be paid by Council.
4. Approves the attendance of Deputy Mayor Cr Kevin Taylor at the Local Government New Zealand Combined Sector meeting on 21 November and Rural and Provincial meeting on 22 November, in Wellington, with the costs of travel and accommodation to be paid by Council.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202410/12 above.

6 NGĀ KŌRERO TŪMATAITI | CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

TDC202410/13 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 - 24 September 2024</p> | <p>Section 48(1)(d) - the exclusion of the public from the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting is necessary to enable the Council to deliberate in private on its decision or recommendation where a right of appeal lies to any court or tribunal against the final decision of the Council in these proceedings</p> | <p>Section 48(1)(d)- the exclusion of the public from the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting is necessary to enable the Council to deliberate in private on its decision or recommendation where a right of appeal lies to any court or tribunal against the final decision of the Council in these proceedings</p> | <p>Council needs to deal with this item with the public excluded because there is a right of appeal to the Environment Court in relation to the Council's decision.</p> |
| <p>Agenda Item No: 6.2 204 Crown Road - Authority To Sell Industrial Subdivision Lots</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>It is necessary to consider this item with the public excluded to ensure that Council's negotiating position is protected. The resolutions, excluding price thresholds, will be released from confidence in due course.</p> |

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202410/13 above.

The meeting closed at 4pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26 November 2024.

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CHAIRPERSON