

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TONGARIRO REPRESENTATIVE GROUP MEETING
HELD AT THE TE MATAAPUNA , TŪRANGITUKUA PARK , HIRANGI ROAD TŪRANGI
ON WEDNESDAY, 2 OCTOBER 2024 AT 1.24PM**

PRESENT: Cr Sandra Greenslade (in the Chair), Ms Melanie Albert, Cr Karam Fletcher, Deputy Mayor Cr Kevin Taylor

IN ATTENDANCE: Environmental Services Manager (J Sparks), Parks and Reserves Manager (G Hadley), Parks Manager Town Centres (J Gordon), Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner (M Isherwood), Iwi Engagement Partner (T Walker), Communications Specialist (A Taylor), Iwi and Co-Governance Advisor (A Kereopa), Senior Project Manager (E May), Project Manager (T Perry), Senior Committee Advisor (K Watts)

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

Notes: (i) Chair Cr Sandra Greenslade opened the meeting and encouraged all present to recite the karakia.
(ii) Chair Cr Sandra Greenslade advised that Mayor David Trewavas had asked Deputy Mayor Cr Kevin Taylor to attend the meeting in his place. The Deputy Mayor could exercise all of the Mayor's powers.

1 KARAKIA

2 WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES

TRG202410/01 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Karam Fletcher
Seconded: Ms Melanie Albert

That the apologies received from Ms Ngaire Grainger, Mr Dave Potaka, and Mayor David Trewavas be accepted. **CARRIED**

Note: All members present at the Tongariro Representative Group meeting voted in favour of resolution TRG202410/01 above.

3 NGĀ WHAKAPĀNGA TUKITUKI | CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

4 WHAKAMANATANGA O NGĀ MENETI | CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 TONGARIRO REPRESENTATIVE GROUP MEETING - 3 JULY 2024

Chair Cr Sandra Greenslade advised that a corrected copy of the minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting. No further changes were made.

TRG202410/02 RESOLUTION

Moved: Ms Melanie Albert
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Cr Kevin Taylor

That the minutes of the Tongariro Representative Group meeting held on Wednesday 3 July 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 TRG202410/02 above.

5 NGĀ RIPOATA | REPORTS

5.1 PUBLIC FORUM

Item **withdrawn**.

5.2 PROJECT AND OPERATIONS UPDATES

The Senior Project Manager updated the group on the Omori Water Treatment Plant project. He advised that work was now underway and there were currently two work sites. One was the excavation beside the existing building where two buildings would be added. On the far side of the site there was sheet piling occurring. The project was still on track to be completed by mid 2025.

The contractors were working closely with the community hall and moving out of the way when there were events.

A sinkhole had been found in one part of the car park which had been fixed up.

Fill would be imported to build the base of the new treatment plant, and a retaining wall and boundary planting would be added.

If any members of the community wanted clean sand that was being excavated, they were encouraged to contact the Senior Project Manager at Taupō District Council.

The Project Manager introduced herself to the group and explained that she had project managed the water main project at Omori. She advised that some remedial work on the road and at the reservoir was being finished off but the project was mostly complete. Members advised that feedback from the community was that the project had been well managed and handled, and the contractors had worked really well with the community.

TRG202410/03 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Karam Fletcher

Seconded: Ms Melanie Albert

That the Tongariro Representative Group receives the progress updates on projects and operations.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Tongariro Representative Group meeting voted in favour of resolution TRG202410/03 above.

5.3 TONGARIRO - COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND HOT TOPICS

Community Engagement

The Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner thanked the Co-Governance Management Partner 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 kids, 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. Story

boards had been created to help explain the main changes. A hapū member from Ngāti Te Rangiita 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 Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner would work closely with the Iwi Engagement Partner on the engagement over this review process.

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.

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.

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

Whiowhio Reserve

The Parks Manager – Town Centres advised that an arborist was going to carry out work on the eucalyptus trees in the reserve once the weather improved but had actually completed the work already. This was a great outcome for the community and for the upcoming summer.

The Parks and Reserves Manager advised that the eucalyptus trees were not the best trees for this reserve so the plan over time was to slowly remove them and replant with kahikatea which was more suited to the reserve.

Any firewood and mulch would be dropped to the vacant land opposite the depot in Tūrangi for the community to help themselves to.

TRG202410/04 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Karam Fletcher

Seconded: Ms Melanie Albert

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 TRG202410/04 above.

5.4 MEMBERS' REPORTS

The following members' reports were received:

Ms Melanie Albert

- The summer season had already started in Whakapapa with lots of international visitors already keen to do the Tongariro Alpine Crossing. Visitors were being encouraged to take their rubbish with them.

C Karam Fletcher

- Thanked staff at Taupō District Council for their mahi.

Deputy Mayor Cr Kevin Taylor

- Also thanked staff at Taupō District Council, and for their work on the Long-term Plan 2024-34 which had been adopted earlier that week.

Cr Sandra Greenslade

- A meeting regarding erosion with Waikato Regional Councillor Mich'eal Downard had been postponed. She would update the group once the meeting had taken place.
- Encouraged people to attend the public engagement session at the Motutere campground the following Saturday regarding the Motutere Reserve Management Plan.
- Introduced Mr Patrick Dault, new General Manager of Destination Great Lake Taupō.

Mr Dault introduced himself, and advised that he had joined on 9 September, taking over from Ms Jane Wilson. He was excited to work with the team and apply learnings from his previous work in the South Island on the West Coast.

TRG202410/05 RESOLUTION

Moved: Deputy Mayor Cr Kevin Taylor

Seconded: Cr Karam Fletcher

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 TRG202410/05 above.

6 NGĀ KŌRERO TŪMATAITI | CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil

The meeting closed at 2pm with a karakia from all present.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Tongariro Representative Group Meeting held on 5 March 2025.

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CHAIRPERSON