

TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MOTUTERE RECREATION RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 107 TE HEUHEU STREET, TAUPŌ
ON WEDNESDAY, 27 NOVEMBER 2024 AT 12.30PM

PRESENT: Cr Danny Loughlin (in the Chair), Member Aroha French, Cr Sandra Greenslade, Member Maru Maniapoto, Cr Kevin Taylor, Member Jade Wikaira

IN ATTENDANCE: General Manager Strategy and Environment (W Zander), Policy Manager (N Carroll), Iwi and Co-Governance Manager (D Rameka), Team Leader Resource Management and Reserve Planning (E O'Callaghan), Senior Policy Advisor (K Scott), Policy Advisor (H Wood), Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner (M Isherwood), Iwi Engagement Partner (T Waaka), Corporate Solicitor (F Bramwell, via MS Teams), Venue Operations Officer (F Hughes), Digital Content Creator (C Hollinger), Senior Committee Advisor (K Watts)

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: 20 members of the public in person and via MS Teams.

- Notes:
- (i) *The meeting start time was originally 10.30am and was changed to 12.30pm on Monday 25 November 2024. This change of start time was advertised on Council's website, shared to social media and emailed to all stakeholders and interested parties.*
 - (ii) *The meeting was opened and closed with a karakia by Maru Maniapoto.*
 - (iii) *Chair Cr Danny Loughlin invited the committee and staff present to introduce themselves to all present.*
 - (iv) *Chair Cr Danny Loughlin advised that the meeting was being livestreamed and that some staff and members of the public were present via MS Teams and would present online.*
 - (v) *Chair Cr Danny Loughlin thanked Kaumatua Freda Cook from Waitetoko Marae for providing sandwiches and fruit for afternoon tea.*

1 KARAKIA

2 WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES

MRRMP202411/01 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Sandra Greenslade

Seconded: Member Jade Wikaira

That the apology received from Mayor David Trewavas be accepted.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Motutere Recreation Reserve Management Plan Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution MRRMP202411/01 above.

3 NGĀ WHAKAPĀNGA TUKITUKI | CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Chair Cr Danny Loughlin advised that he was a trustee on the Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board.

4 WHAKAMANATANGA O NGĀ MENETI | CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 ORDINARY MOTUTERE RECREATION RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN COMMITTEE MEETING - 29 AUGUST 2024

MRRMP202411/02 RESOLUTION

Moved: Member Aroha French
Seconded: Cr Sandra Greenslade

That the minutes of the Motutere Recreation Reserve Management Plan Committee meeting held on Thursday 29 August 2024 be approved and adopted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Motutere Recreation Reserve Management Plan Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution MRRMP202411/02 above.

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

5.1 MOTUTERE RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN HEARINGS AND DELIBERATIONS REPORT

The Policy Advisor introduced herself and explained that her role had been to project manage the review of the Reserve Management Plan. She acknowledged and thanked those that had submitted on the draft plan, and the staff and committee members for their work. Officers had provided advice based on the written submissions and she noted that this advice could change if new information emerged through the hearings. She explained that the purpose of the hearings was to collect ideas to improve decision making and that committee members should ask submitters questions to better understand their views. The final step would be for the committee to provide a recommendation to Council for consideration at the 17 December Council meeting at the Great Lake Centre.

Chair Cr Danny Loughlin then explained the hearing process to those present. He advised there would be 5 minutes allocated for each speaker and that the committee members had read their submissions so this was an opportunity for them to add or emphasise particular points.

The following submitters spoke to their submissions, with additional points as noted.

#260 Mr Colin Rangī

Mr Rangī reiterated the cultural significance of the lakeshore area for acknowledging tupuna who departed from Motutere Bay to rest on Motutaiko Island. He added that the 2018 Tūwharetoa Treaty Settlement had not included this whenua to Ngāti Te Rangīita but that it was intended to ultimately be given back.

#582 Ms Christine Cheyne

Ms Cheyne acknowledged Ngāti Tūwharetoa and in particular Ngāti Te Rangīita ki Waitetoko. She had moved to the Taupō district in 1969 with her family and until very recently had limited knowledge of the history. She was learning te reo Māori at Waitetoko marae and wanted all to be aware of the history of the land. She clarified that not all users and uses of the reserve were compatible. Proactive management was required to meet the objectives of the Reserve Management Plan and a range of needs.

#261 Mr Te Miri Rangī (via MS Teams)

Mr Rangī reiterated that Motutere Bay was deeply important to him and his whānau. Its value had been passed to his parents and to him, and he had passed it to his tamariki. Following the birth of his eldest daughter a tohi ceremony was conducted at the lakeshore due to the significant spiritual connection. It reaffirmed his daughter's connection to the land. He asked that the committee give clear direction for no lakeshore camping and to make the Reserve Management Plan align with the cultural and environmental values, the principles of manaakitanga.

#430 Mrs Joanna Terry

Ms Terry spoke on behalf of her family and fellow campers at the holiday park. She asked that foreshore camping was not stopped and added that if it was removed, the compromise of adding proposed area 1 was not the same size and some campers would miss out.

#533 Mr Glen Terry

Mr Terry added that campers kept an eye on swimmers and boat users and moved swimmers away from boat users for safety. He was concerned that others using the area would be inexperienced and there could be more accidents. If the lakeshore area was open to everyone, new facilities would need to be installed and maintained by the Council which would be an additional cost to ratepayers.

#604 Mr Peter Shepherd, Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board

Mr Shepherd advised that he was the Natural Resources Manager at Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board. He acknowledged Ngāti Te Rangiita ki Waitetoko as those that had the deepest connection to this area. He reiterated that the draft Reserve Management Plan needed to reflect the Management Plan for Taupō Waters and the Taupō-nui-a-Tia Management Board.

#606 Mr Rakei Taiaroa, Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board members of the Taupō-nui-a-Tia Management Board

Mr Taiaroa introduced himself as Chief Executive of Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board and advised he was representing the Taupō-nui-a-Tia Management Board. He was also 20th generation Ngāti Te Rangiita ki Waitetoko. The Management Board had concerns around the environmental impacts of the buildings on the lakeshore including showers, kitchens and toilets using the water and discharging it.

From a cultural perspective, the site was a very tapu place for Ngāti Te Rangiita ki Waitetoko. The island, Motutaiko was also very special, as well as many other sites in the reserve from Te Pōporo (Bulli Point) through to the area at the back of the reserve near the bush, and further south.

In response to questions from members, he requested that Council involve Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board, the Harbourmaster, and the Department of Conservation regarding the infrastructure on the lake such as the boatramp and jetty.

#581 Ms Rana Dick

Ms Dick supported the hapū submission from Ngāti Te Rangiita ki Waitetoko and opposed lakeshore camping from 2038. She supported other speakers and recalled that her mother and siblings had been unable to have picnics at the lakeshore when she was a child due to the campground. She disagreed that campers respected the private residences next to the campground and was concerned that public access would not discourage people accessing private property.

#315 Mrs Rachel Wikaira (Via MS Teams)

Mrs Wikaira had heard of the mamae of the local people who had been unable to walk on the beach and been asked why they were there by campers. She would like to see this period finished because it would be better for hapū, the ratepayers, the public and for the campers. She did not support the mixed use of the lakeshore without confirmation that all lakeshore camping would cease in 2038. She asked that the committee prioritised the voice of the community and Ngāti Te Rangiita ki Waitetoko over the campers and the lessee.

#161 Mr Te Takinga New (Via MS Teams)

Mr New reminded the committee and Council that the intent of the Crown supporting the Ngāti Tūwharetoa 2018 Treaty Settlement was to grant the whenua back to the hapū Ngāti Te Rangiita ki Waitetoko.

#567 Ms Buffy Te Uira Nepia (Via MS Teams)

Ms Te Uira Nepia supported the whenua being returned to Ngāti Te Rangiita ki Waitetoko and for public access to be given and managed by the hapū and the Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board.

#595 Ms Kelly Te Heuheu Jr

Ms Te Heuheu acknowledged her aunty who had passed away the previous Monday, and her mother who had passed away on the same day three years previously. She explained that she was carrying on the legacy left from her mother which was to have Motutere Reserve returned to the hapū Ngāti Te Rangiita ki Waitetoko. She strongly supported the submission made by the hapū Ngāti Te Rangiita ki Waitetoko and emphasised that she opposed lakeshore camping. There was a perception by many campers that the lakeshore was private property. She reminded the committee that it was her and her hapū's birthright first, not a campsite. She encouraged Council and hapū to work together to educate day users and discourage access to sacred sites with planting to create natural barriers.

#57 Mr Martin Wikaira (Via MS Teams)

Mr Wikaira asked that the committee and Council make decisions by working with his hapū and moving in

the right direction. He hoped that lakeshore camping could be stopped earlier than 14 years in the future.

The meeting was adjourned at this point (2.50pm) and reconvened at 4.30pm.

#129 Mr Hone Te Rire (Via MS Teams)

Mr Te Rire explained that Ngāti Te Rangiita ki Waitetoko had a strong connection to the land and the area. The cultural values and tikanga needed to be celebrated and proactively respected.

#570 Ms Gina Te Rangi (Via MS Teams)

Ms Te Rangi advised that her submission was on behalf of her and her family only. There was a desire to reestablish a relationship with Motutere Bay. The elders had talked about the importance of the Motutere land and how it was painful not to be able to have a relationship with the land. It was a constant source of mamae for her elders. Council should think of the position of the community that elected its members and the residents and ratepayers and let them take their children there instead of excluding them. A renewal or granting of a new lease should be taking in the wants of the community. Restoring the connections to history and whakapapa for hapū was important, this was an opportunity to do that.

#578 Ms Tina Porou (Via MS Teams)

Ms Porou thanked her cousins for their submissions presented throughout the day. Her submission was personal, her family had been in the rohe for 775 years, 28 generations. She supported Ngāti Te Rangiita ki Waitetoko and the mahi the hapū was doing. Her nieces recalled that they felt uneasy going to the beach at Motutere as children and teens because they thought they would be told off for swimming near the campground.

She asked the committee to focus on the spirit of the reserve and acknowledge that Ngāti Te Rangiita was the owner and kaitiaki of its lands.

#60 Mr Jeffrey Addison

Mr Addison's submission was on behalf of his whānau, his wife was an uri of Ngāti Te Rangiita ki Waitetoko. In addition to his submission he advised that he would like other tracks on the reserve to be established, and for a thorough cultural assessment of the land to be surveyed. It was important to protect the taonga before they disappeared all together.

The meeting was adjourned at this point (5.14pm) and reconvened at 5.25pm.

#41 Ms Carla Langmead (Via MS Teams)

Ms Langmead summarised the key points from her submission and reiterated that Motutere Bay was beneficial to her mental health and wellbeing.

#602 Mr John Tilton (Via MS Teams)

Mr Tilton summarised his submission and reiterated that a lease extension including an expanded area would enable him to show the intent to move infrastructure away from the lakeshore. He was surprised by the intense lobbying of those against the camping on the lakeshore and the encouraging of people to do submissions. There was a massive passion there. People on the other side of the argument did not have the same resources to put up these websites and create the social media.

Mr Tilton advised that he could share a letter that he had received from the Minister which stated that the Minister did not have a view on camping at the lakefront. This was to counter the information received at the previous committee meeting, when the committee had been advised that the Department of Conservation was opposed to camping on the lakefront.

He advised that he would support the committee's decision and work with both the hapū and Council.

The meeting was adjourned at this point (6.06pm) with a closing karakia from Member Maru Maniapoto and He Honore sung by all present.

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MINUTES OF THE MOTUTERE RECREATION RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 107 TE HEUHEU STREET, TAUPŌ
RECONVENED ON THURSDAY, 28 NOVEMBER 2024 AT 12.30PM

PRESENT: Cr Danny Loughlin (in the Chair), Member Aroha French, Cr Sandra Greenslade, Member Maru Maniapoto, Cr Kevin Taylor, Member Jade Wikaira

IN ATTENDANCE: General Manager Strategy and Environment (W Zander), Policy Manager (N Carroll), Iwi and Co-Governance Manager (D Rameka), Team Leader Resource Management and Reserve Planning (E O'Callaghan), Senior Policy Advisor (K Scott), Policy Advisor (H Wood), Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner (M Isherwood), Iwi Engagement Partner (T Waaka), Corporate Solicitor (F Bramwell), Venue Operations Officer (F Hughes), Digital Content Creator (C Hollinger), Senior Committee Advisor (K Watts)

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: 23 members of the public in person and via MS Teams.

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KARAKIA

WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES

MRRMP202411/03 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Sandra Greenslade
Seconded: Member Aroha French

That the apology received from Mayor David Trewavas be accepted.

CARRIED

Note: *All members present at the Motutere Recreation Reserve Management Plan Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution MRRMP202411/03 above.*

NGĀ KAUPAPA HERE ME NGĀ WHAKATAUNGA | POLICY AND DECISION MAKING

5.1 MOTUTERE RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN HEARINGS AND DELIBERATIONS REPORT

The following submitters spoke to their submissions, with additional points as noted.

#583 Mr Jan Hania (Via MS Teams)

Mr Hania summarised his submission and reiterated that he supported the submission made by hapū Ngāti Te Rangiita ki Waitetoko.

#597 Mr Te Wharau Walker

Mr Walker advised that he was part of a new rangatahi rōpu that focused on taiao (environmental) issues and building capability. He supported the submission of hapū Ngāti Te Rangiita ki Waitetoko. His submission was intended to be taken from the perspective of looking to the future and what everyone wanted for future generations. He envisioned that in the future the mauri (life force) of the taiao (environment) would be returned to the lakeshore.

#49 Ms Leanne Bell

Ms Bell wanted future mokopuna to be able to sit at the lakefront, look across to Motutaiko and pay homage

to the tūpuna buried there.

#600 Ms Lauren Fletcher, Ngāti Tūrangitukua Charitable Trust

Ms Fletcher acknowledged her Uncle Te Kanawa Pitiroi who was a historian and had created resources that were still used today. She reiterated that Ngāti Tūrangitukua Charitable Trust opposed lakeshore camping and supported its Ngāti Te Rangiita ki Waitetoko whānau.

#263 Ms Mahora Manuel-Hepi

Ms Manuel-Hepi advised that she was also a member of the Tūwharetoa Rangatahi rōpu focussed on taiao (environmental) matters along with previous submitter Mr Te Wharau Walker. She advised that while listening to submitters the previous day she had heard the word “compromise” a lot. However, it was Ngāti Te Rangiita ki Waitetoko that had been compromising for the last 100 plus years. She asked that the committee and Council supported the reconnection to the water and land.

#601 Mr Wiari Ruahina, Te Kotahitanga o Ngāti Tūwharetoa

The tenure of Te Kotahitanga o Ngāti Tūwharetoa (TKNT) was hapū centric, his role as Chair was to emphasise that TKNT supported the Kaupapa of Ngāti Te Rangiita ki Waitetoko. The draft reserve management plan needed to reflect the legal, cultural and environmental parts of the Ngāti Tūwharetoa Claims Settlement Act 2018.

#43 Ms Mere Maryanne Maniapoto

Ms Maniapoto summarised her submission and supported the removal of camping and any restriction to hapū accessing the lakeshore.

#122 Mr Bronson Perich

Mr Perich advised that he was there to show solidarity to Ngāti Te Rangiita ki Waitetoko. He asked that Council provided more information about how the reserve was administered by Council and the history of why this reserve was not included in the 2018 Tūwharetoa Treaty Settlement. Taupō District ratepayers needed to know this information.

#605 Mrs Amy Walker, Ngāti Tūrangitukua Māori Committee

Mrs Walker explained that she was the Chair for the Ngāti Tūrangitukua Māori Committee, and that all members of the hapū supported this submission. She supported the other speakers and acknowledged her uncle Te Kanawa Pitiroi. She implored the committee and Council to take the honourable first step to remove lakeshore camping. The next steps would be to hand back the land to Ngāti Te Rangiita ki Waitetoko.

#465 Mr Rhieve Grey

Mr Grey confirmed that he was also a member of the Tūwharetoa Rangatahi rōpu focussed on taiao (environmental) matters. He stated that a vision for Motutere had been articulated thanks to the mana whenua. The word connection had been used repeatedly. There was no human to environment connection that trumped the connection of the Māori people. He emphasised this because at the core there was a fundamental disconnect caused by the campground. The enjoyment of campers had come at a cost and damaged the mana whenua. The compromise proposed did not align with the Ngāti Te Rangiita ki Waitetoko values due to commercial profit making.

He asked that the draft Reserve Management Plan include an unambiguous commitment to remove the lakeshore camping.

#457 Mr Edwin Wikatene

Mr Wikatene shared a PowerPoint presentation (A3680088). He advised that Council had an opportunity to be an exemplar of Te Tiriti o Waitangi in action. He thanked previous presenters for acknowledging his Koro Te Kanawa Pitiroi. He was opposed to further expansion of the campground across the road from the lake because there was a long history of trauma and disconnection. The goal was to return the land and governing of the land to Ngāti Te Rangiita ki Waitetoko.

#421 Mr Tredegar Hall

Mr Hall remembered Uncle Te Kanawa Pitiroi and acknowledged his link to his whānau of Ngāti Te Rangiita ki Waitetoko. He asked the committee to consider what a good design for the future looked like and to focus on partnership and working together rather than just on the existing legislation. He asked that cultural impact assessments and other frameworks were used to look forward.

The meeting was adjourned at 1.59pm and reconvened at 2.05pm.

#603 Ms Maia Wikaira, Ngāti Te Rangīta ki Waitetoko

Ms Wikaira confirmed that this was not a transactional arrangement for her, she was hapū first, then iwi, then a lawyer and felt a strong responsibility to represent the hapū. All supporters had sat in their mana and told the committee how they opposed lakeshore camping and sought an end date of 2038. She asked that the committee feel the warmth and each stitch of the rich cloak (korowai) of all the previous speakers and understand the immense responsibility the committee had as decision makers. Despite Motutere Bay being open to the public, the lived experiences had shown that this was not true. The mokopuna, tamariki and rangatahi had felt excluded instead of being embraced. They had told the committee of the mamae and inability to practice the cultural traditions. Current connection to the land sat in the abstract. The vision for the future was for how the mamae could be undone. The responses from the submissions and the kōrero at the hearings was unprecedented and showed the legacy issue of how it was not fair. The hapū deployed the tools of social media to support the participation, the resources were the passion of the people and the time spent away from whānau to support the wider whānau. Whānau had come out in their hundreds and she asked that the committee recognise their statements. The cultural connection to Motutere Bay and the access to this sheltered bay was important to the young people. It was a material way to recognise Ngāti Te Rangīta ki Waitetoko who could not be kaitiaki of its land without connection. The proposal that the hapū sought was not to exclude anyone, including campers. The request of Ngāti Te Rangīta ki Waitetoko was not to exclusively benefit the hapū, it was for ratepayers, residents and campers alike. This was not a compromise for the campers because it respected the reliance on the lease ending in 2038. As was mentioned, Ngāti Te Rangīta ki Waitetoko was compromising.

She asked that the committee and Council not be side tracked by other issues that were secondary to what was needed to be focussed on such as the location of the boat ramp, car parking and day use of the lakeshore reserve. There were opportunities and time to resolve these.

#262 Ms Ngatoru Wall

Ms Wall asked the committee to consider whose land this was and to give it back to Ngāti Te Rangīta ki Waitetoko. She remembered driving past the land with her uncle who told her of the urupā and those buried in the cliffs. She was there for her tūpuna resting in Motutere and on Motutaiko.

#609 Ms Fiona Kahukura Chase

Ms Kahukura Chase asked that the campground lease be allowed to expire and not be renewed, and that all of the reserve land be returned to Ngāti Te Rangīta ki Waitetoko.

Further to her submission, Ms Kahukura Chase introduced herself to the committee as a councillor from Ruapehu District Council. She advised that part of their work was to lift the engagement with hapū at council, and the knowledge of the elected members and council staff to allow them to engage at a better level and have a better understanding of Te ao Māori.

She advised that her whānau owned the Taumarunui Holiday Park of which part was on the shore of the Whanganui river. Ruapehu District Council administered the holiday park and it was being returned to the iwi. This was achieved by whānau working with council to show a better way to operate without whānau having to continually explain its whakapapa. It was important to note that all submitters to the process were there because they loved the land, they were not being paid to be there. She asked that the committee used the opportunity to look beyond the legislation and build on relationships.

#543 Ms Florence Karaitiana (via MS Teams)

Further to reading the other submissions and hearing the kōrero, she supported Ngāti Te Rangīta ki Waitetoko having the voice over this matter.

#580 – Mr Ryan Bailey

Mr Bailey explained that he enjoyed camping at Motutere Bay and his daughter was of the third generation of his family camping there and also loved it. He was a member of the camp committee and questioned why camping on the lakeshore was being proposed to cease. He added that the Crown purchased the land in 1926 and that the campground had been there for 80 years and was world class. He disagreed that members of the public were discouraged from using the reserve at the lakeshore and was concerned that should it be changed into a day use area there would be behavioural issues. It was the last lakeshore camp and should not be closed.

The meeting adjourned at this point (2.56pm) and reconvened at 3.20pm.

MRRMP202411/04 RESOLUTION

Moved: Member Aroha French

Seconded: Cr Sandra Greenslade

That the Motutere Recreation Reserve Management Plan Committee

1. Receives, hears, and deliberates on submissions received (Attachment 1).
2. Accepts the late submission 609 from Fiona Kahukura Chase (Attachment 10, under separate cover 2).

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Motutere Recreation Reserve Management Plan Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution MRRMP202411/04 above.

Chair Cr Danny Loughlin explained that the Council staff would talk through the draft Reserve Management Plan changes and deliberations, then ultimately the decision would go to full Council.

The General Manager Strategy and Environment clarified that any changes as the result of feedback from submitters could also be included while the committee made updates to the draft Reserve Management Plan.

The Policy Manager introduced himself to the committee and advised that he and council officers were available to provide advice to enable decision making. The report attached to the agenda was structured to help guide decisions and he suggested that the committee work through the key decisions in the same order. As the issues and objectives determined in the report were interconnected, the committee would be asked to look at them holistically before making the final decision.

The Team Leader Resource Management and Reserve Planning introduced the Parks and Reserves Manager, the Corporate Solicitor and the Senior Policy Advisor as subject matter experts who would provide advice if required.

ISSUE 1 - Restriction of Vehicle access at Ōtaiātoa Bay

The Policy Advisor asked the committee to consider issue 1 from the report – Restriction of vehicle access at Ōtaiātoa Bay. She clarified that the intended car parking area was larger but contained, and safer. The Parks and Reserves Manager confirmed that there were options for a safe turnaround for vehicles given that the recommendation was for one entry and exit point. The Team Leader Resource Management and Reserve Planning clarified that freedom camping was not permitted.

Acknowledging that this was a significant cultural site and should recognise that tūpāpaku were buried there, the Parks and Reserves Manager advised that educational signage could be undertaken immediately and could also aid in changing the behaviour of visitors to the bay.

The committee supported the recommendation to approve the restriction of vehicle access to Ōtaiātoa Bay as proposed in the draft Reserve Management Plan.

ISSUE 2 - Proposed New Camping Areas

The Team Leader Resource Management and Reserve Planning summarised the issue and reiterated the recommendations to the committee provided in the report.

Members supported a new lease that would tie the new proposed area 1 for accommodation to the removal of lakeshore camping. This would achieve the vision, values and objectives of the Reserve Management Plan. The existing lease could not be changed but the Reserve Management Plan could set out how a new lease, which included proposed areas 1 and 2, would be subject to conditions. It was acknowledged that there were challenges with transitioning from lakeshore camping to a day use area because this relied on Council having funding and resources to make the lakeshore fit for purpose.

Members agreed that changes to the relevant parts of the draft Reserve Management Plan would be emailed to them the following day.

ISSUE 3 - Proposed Public Day-Use Area On Motutere Bay Lakeshore

The Team Leader Resource Management and Reserves Planning summarised the issue and added that no change could be made until a new lease was signed.

Members supported option 2 from the report: *Amend the draft RMP clarifying lakeshore camping will cease*

on or before 2038 at Motutere Bay; and include actions to transition the lakefront to a public day-use reserve on or before 2038. However, none of the submissions supported a mix of lakeshore camping and day use. Members were concerned that even tents on the lakeshore still provided a barrier to connecting with the land and the lake for those not staying at the campground.

Members supported the opportunity to provide for removal of lakeshore camping before 2038 if a new lease was signed. The underlying driver was providing a connection to the lakeshore for everyone.

However the key issue was that a day use area could not be created without Council funding to provide appropriate facilities. The day use area would need to be fit for purpose. It was agreed that the Policy Manager would add new wording to the Leases and Licences part of the draft Reserve Management Plan to allow for this. In the meantime, the committee would move on to the new objectives and supporting outcomes.

NEW OBJECTIVES AND SUPPORTING OUTCOMES

Members supported the recommended changes to objectives. The policy team confirmed that wording would be added to any new lease detailing the removal of camping from the lakeshore. The context summary would also be updated to reflect the changes made to the draft Reserve Management Plan.

The meeting was adjourned at this point (6.13pm) and reconvened at 6.29pm.

ISSUE 3 - Proposed Public Day-Use Area On Motutere Bay Lakeshore continued

The Policy Manager identified that the problems to be addressed were the reputational risk for Council and the environmental risk of a day use area being created at the lakeshore without the appropriate facilities.

He suggested new wording for the Leases and Licences section of the Reserve Management Plan to reflect that activities would need to be sequenced appropriately to allow for the lessee to transition lakeshore camping to the proposed area 1, while still allowing Council to plan for, and approve funding to develop the day use area of the lakeshore. It would be repeated in the new lease and allowed for the removal of lakeshore camping before 2038 if all of the requirements could be achieved. It was noted that Council would not be able to approve future funding for day use facilities at the lakeshore before the next Long-term Plan review in 2027 where the costs could be considered alongside other priorities.

Members thanked Council officers for their mahi, and also for the support at the engagement sessions at the campground.

Chair Cr Danny Loughlin advised that when the committee reconvened, the amendments to the draft Reserve Management Plan would be shared so that all members were comfortable before recommending it for approval by Council.

The meeting was adjourned at 6.48pm with a closing karakia from Member Maru Maniapoto.

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MOTUTERE RECREATION RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT 111 TE HEUHEU STREET, TAUPŌ
RECONVENED ON MONDAY 2 DECEMBER 2024 AT 7.30PM**

PRESENT: Cr Danny Loughlin (in the Chair), Member Aroha French (Via MS Teams), Cr Sandra Greenslade (Via MS Teams), Member Maru Maniapoto (Via MS Teams), Cr Kevin Taylor, Member Jade Wikaira (Via MS Teams)

IN ATTENDANCE: General Manager Strategy and Environment (W Zander), Policy Manager (N Carroll), Team Leader Resource Management / Reserve Planning (E O'Callaghan via MS Teams), Policy Advisor (H Wood), Venue Operation Officer (F Hughes via MS Teams), Senior Committee Advisor (K Watts)

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: No members of the public.

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KARAKIA

WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES

MRRMP202411/05 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kevin Taylor

Seconded: Cr Danny Loughlin

That the apology received from Mayor David Trewavas be accepted.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Motutere Recreation Reserve Management Plan Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution MRRMP202411/05 above.

NGĀ KAUPAPA HERE ME NGĀ WHAKATAUNGA | POLICY AND DECISION MAKING

5.1 MOTUTERE RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN HEARINGS AND DELIBERATIONS REPORT

Chair Cr Danny Loughlin acknowledged the mahi of Jim Maniapoto who took the previous council through the journey with whānau. He also recognised Uncle Kanawa Pitiroi.

The Policy Manager recapped progress so far and advised that the committee had conducted deliberations, and provided direction to officers. New wording for the draft Reserve Management Plan had been prepared and circulated to members prior to the reconvened meeting (A3680084). Following this, Cr Kevin Taylor had provided additional edits that officers had responded to.

The Policy Manager shared the latest version of the draft Reserve Management Plan and worked through edits and responses with members.

The following changes were highlighted and approved by the committee:

Clause/Chapter	Page	Changes
NA	NA	Spelling errors had been picked up.
Concept plans		The two concept plans have been appropriately referenced throughout the Reserve Management Plan.

2.2	14	Outcomes wording was changed to make it clear about what type of erosion there was on the reserve, and that the outcome sought was a resilient foreshore.
2.2.1	15	Wording regarding pest control was changed to incorporate the entirety of the reserve excluding the leased area. This was because it was the leaseholder's responsibility to undertake pest management on the leased area.
2.4.1	15	Sentences were shortened and wording changed to read authoritatively. The word "appropriate" was inserted to recognise some areas may not be appropriate to access due to wāhi tapu.
Outcomes	16	Combined the two points that referred to pedestrian access and safety while crossing the State Highway.
3.4.4	18	Changed the wording following feedback from the Harbourmaster. The issue was that craft had been left unattended which contravened the bylaw on Lake Taupō. The new wording drew a connection back to the fact that there was regulation administered by the Harbourmaster.
3.4.5	19	Added "access" after "public" in the second to last line.
4.3.2	22	Shortened the wording to reflect that Council would provide appropriate day use facilities. The list of included facilities was removed so that the day use facilities could be broad and take into account changing circumstances.
Concept plans		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Both concept plans had long titles that did not differ much from each other. The first concept plan was changed to "Concept Plan Overview". The second concept plan was changed to "Concept Plan Zone Areas". Members agreed that these changes were appropriate so officers could reflect the changes throughout the document. The lakeshore reserve notation was updated by agreement of members to read "No camping after 2038 or earlier subject to conditions as part of a new lease".
	2	Wording changed to "This document has been developed..."

Members confirmed that they were comfortable with the wording of a potential new lease that had been shared with them.

Chair Cr Danny Loughlin reminded members that the plan would go to full Council for approval so any further corrections to wording could be highlighted at the Council meeting on 17 December.

He congratulated the committee members and thanked all of those who had watched the livestream and been involved in this work.

MRRMP202411/06 RESOLUTION

Moved: Member Jade Wikaira
Seconded: Cr Sandra Greenslade

That the Motutere Recreation Reserve Management Plan Committee

1. Approves the final draft Reserve Management Plan with the amendments shown in the tabled version of the Draft Reserve Management Plan and recommends approval by Council, and
2. Authorises the Policy Manager to make minor editorial changes to the Motutere Reserve Management Plan, including the concept plans, prior to Council approval to correct errors and improve public understanding without changing the intent.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Motutere Recreation Reserve Management Plan Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution MRRMP202411/06 above.

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Nil

The meeting closed at 8.06pm.

The minutes of this meeting were approved and adopted as a true and correct record by the Chairperson and the Chief Executive in accordance with Standing Order 28.4.

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