

TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TŪRANGI CO-GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT TE MATAAPUNA, TŪRANGITUKUA PARK, HIRANGI ROAD, TŪRANGI
ON WEDNESDAY, 6 NOVEMBER 2024 AT 10.30AM

PRESENT: Mayor David Trewavas (in the Chair), Poumatua | Co-Chair Christian Asher, Member Lauren Fletcher, Cr Sandra Greenslade, Member Amanda Martin (from 10.37am), Member Te Takinga New, Cr Kevin Taylor, Member Amy Walker

IN ATTENDANCE: General Manager People and Community Partnerships (L O'Brien), General Manager Strategy and Environment (W Zander), Environmental Services Manager (J Sparks), Policy Manager (N Carroll), Iwi Engagement Partner (T Waaka), Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner (M Isherwood), Senior Policy Advisor (K Scott), Communications Specialist (A Taylor), Iwi and Co-Governance Advisor (A Kereopa), Senior Policy Advisor (T Wood), Policy Advisor (C Pilkington), Policy Advisor (M Parnwell), Senior Committee Advisor (K Watts)

MEDIA AND 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, 4.1, 5.3-5.7.*
(iii) *Items 5.2, 5.6 and 6.1 were withdrawn.*

It was explained that item 5.6 Submission to the Motutere Recreation Reserve Management Plan – Retrospective Approval was withdrawn because due to the number of elected members in both committees, it would remove too many from being able to vote. This was different from the Long-term Plan which looked at a 10 year horizon for the entire district. The Motutere Recreation Reserve Management Plan committee was looking at a smaller scenario so it felt much more conflicting for elected members to make recommendations to themselves between committees.

1 KARAKIA

2 WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES

3 NGĀ WHAKAPĀNGA TUKITUKI | CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

4 WHAKAMANATANGA O NGĀ MENETI | CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 ORDINARY TŪRANGI CO-GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING - 2 OCTOBER 2024

Member Te Takinga New asked that certain points be on record from the 2 October 2024 meeting. In regards to Taupahi Road reserve he asked that it be recorded that he had asked that Council first prove who owned that land. Members of the kaimahi group researched this and did not find that Council was an owner. His suggestion that a process be followed where the land ownership was proven and then options brought back to the committee was refused.

Member Amanda Martin entered the meeting at this point (10.37am).

Member Amy Walker asked that her query be noted in the minutes: if Council did not own the land, could the land be given back?

TCG202411/01 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kevin Taylor
Seconded: Member Te Takinga New

That the minutes of the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting held on Wednesday 2 October 2024 be approved and adopted as a true and correct record, as amended.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TCG202411/01 above.

5 NGĀ KAUPAPA HERE ME NGĀ WHAKATAUNGA | POLICY AND DECISION MAKING**5.1 ELECTION OF CO-CHAIR | POUMATUA FOR THE MEETING****TCG202411/02 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Member Lauren Fletcher
Seconded: Member Te Takinga New

That the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee elects Co-Chair | Poumatua Mayor David Trewavas to Chair this hui.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TCG202411/02 above.

5.2 PUBLIC FORUM

Item **withdrawn**.

5.3 UPDATE ON THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY AND UPCOMING CHANGES TO THE DISTRICT PLAN

The Senior Policy Advisor advised that the Future Development Strategy was an update on Taupō District 2050 and looked ahead 35 years. It used population projections to determine how many additional homes and how much business land would be required in the district. The population projections for the next 35 years indicated that the population would increase by 25,500 people meaning that another 12,500 homes would be required. In Tūrangi, a population increase of 2,500 was expected. The projections identified growth areas for both residential and industrial use. Most of the residential growth was anticipated in existing growth areas but more had been identified as being required in Mangakino and on Huka Falls Road, Taupō. After 20 years, it was predicted that the district would need more industrial land. More sophisticated data and automation was now available which helped with projections, particularly in identifying subdivisions and houses built.

In Tūrangi there was enough land but there were opportunities to use the land better, these would be identified when work began on the spatial plan the following year.

The Policy Manager advised that in future, the Future Development Strategy would be reviewed every three years. The Tūrangi spatial plan would input into this over the next 18-24 months.

Consultation on the Future Development Strategy would commence that day, Wednesday 6 November. The Senior Policy Advisor shared the draft Future Development Strategy with members online.

It was acknowledged that predictions were challenging in the Taupō District due to the large number of holiday homes altering the data.

The Policy Advisor advised that the team was currently working through two parts of the District Plan which were the National Planning Standards and Plan Changes 44-48.

The Plan Changes 44-48 included residential, open spaces, neighbourhood centres, Māori purpose zones and designations. Of interest to the committee was the open space zone because reserves would be classified. Consultation on Plan Changes would also commence that day 6 November and a schedule of changes would be considered in 2025.

TCG202411/03 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kevin Taylor

Seconded: Cr Sandra Greenslade

That the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee receives the information on the Future Development Strategy and upcoming changes to the District Plan.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TCG202411/03 above.

5.4 OPERATIONS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UPDATES FOR TŪRANGI

Tūrangi Community Response Plan

The Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner updated members regarding the Tūrangi Community Response Plan since the last group-wide meeting was held on 29 February 2024. In March, Jayel Ham indicated that he had discussed increasing his involvement with the group by taking on the role of plan champion, with the view to do this alongside Bernice Te Ahuru and Hilary Morrish Allen. Unfortunately a meeting was not able to be arranged to discuss next steps so it was agreed with the Emergency Management Advisor that a planning guide could be used for the group to self-lead in organising its meetings and facilitating the planning process. The group would request involvement and support from the Council Emergency Management Advisor when it was needed. Mr Ham had advised that he and other champions had met and were still looking at the community area that the plan would cover. He had been engaging with individuals and hapū groups to find ways to get marae on board, once their own readiness planning work had been completed.

The General Manager People and Community Partnerships advised that this work could only progress at the speed of the community. Members offered to talk to marae and hapū committee members.

Community Engagement

Motutere Recreation Reserve Management Plan

The Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner updated the committee regarding engagement sessions on the Motutere draft Reserve Management Plan. She advised that the second engagement session held at Labour Weekend had been attended by around 50 campers. A lot of information had been shared and questions answered. Submissions closed the previous Monday and 608 submissions had been received. Ngāti te Rangiita whānau had been proactive by leading workshops over a number of weeks, their submission was supported by over 200 signatures, plus extra submissions. Hearings would be held on 27 and 28 November and so far 61 people had asked to be heard.

Tūrangi Reserve Management Plan

The Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner was working on an engagement plan with the Iwi Engagement Partner for the Tūrangi Reserve Management Plan review.

Long-term Plan 2024-34

The engagement team had been meeting with community members to close loops on submissions and get feedback. This included checking with community members if they were satisfied with the outcomes.

Christmas in the Park 2024

Lots of registrations for food stalls and floats had been received, a Santa grotto would be in place and the Department of Corrections had supplied around 100 Christmas trees that could be painted. A community painting day had been organised for 16 November. Groups had also been asked to pick up trees and paint

them to put out in the streets the week before Christmas. Christmas in the Park would be held on 7 December with the floats starting from Turanga Place and ending at Te Kapua Park.

Community Gardens

Planting had started and was taking off. The Department of Corrections had provided seedlings. Kids had been involved to get planter boxes to take home and also to the marae.

Labour weekend kids' market

This had been a huge success. It was hoped that it would become an annual event.

Men's Shed

A hui would be held the following Tuesday at 5.30pm at either Ngawaka Place or the Senior Citizens' Hall, Tūrangi. Tongariro School Principal Sharlyn Holt had offered some amazing spaces in the school for the men's shed. The Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner had met with the coordinator from the Taupō Men's shed who would come to the first Tūrangi hui and share how it could work. It would be opened up to the community to drive this forward for mental health and wellbeing for both men and women. As it would be near the school, students could also benefit from the interested and skilled people.

Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs

The General Manager People and Community Partnerships shared the good news that through the partnership between Ngāti Tūrangitukua and Council, \$185K of funding had been received for Tūrangi to get 20 people aged between 18 and 25 years into jobs. She introduced Gina Pohe who would facilitate these job placements on behalf of the community. Ms Pohe introduced herself and advised that she had received a lot of support from all levels which had been amazing. She had been connecting businesses and rangatahi together to get this sorted.

TCG202411/04 RESOLUTION

Moved: Member Te Takinga New

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 TCG202411/04 above.

5.5 MANA WHAKAHONO WORKPLAN UPDATE

The General Manager People and Community Partnerships presented the dashboard on behalf of the Iwi and Co-Governance team. The workplan was progressing well and she was pleased to advise that they were close to securing a person to fill the vacancy in the team.

TCG202411/05 RESOLUTION

Moved: Member Lauren Fletcher

Seconded: Poumatua | Co-Chair Christian Asher

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 TCG202411/05 above.

5.6 SUBMISSION TO THE MOTUTERE RECREATION RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN - RETROSPECTIVE APPROVAL

Item **withdrawn**.

5.7 MEMBERS' REPORTS

The following members' reports were received:

Member Te Takinga New

- Te Kura o Hirangi had opened new classrooms for students which was positive for whānau wanting their children to learn te reo. While classrooms at Tongariro School were named for mountains, the new classroom at Te Kura o Hirangi was named after a track, Te Poananga. It was also known as the Saddle Road and was named for Te Tahei Poananga o Hinemihi (The Clematis garland of Hinemihi). This ancestor wore it and used it as a perfume.
- Te Kura o Hirangi students were participating in Kapa Haka Regionals 2024 in Rotorua on 23 and 24 November in the 2024 Te Arawa Kapa Haka Regional competition.
- A Kī-o-rahi event would be held at Owen Delany Park from 6-8 November for year nine and ten students.
- It was helpful if agenda items always included documentation, maps and/or pictures to guide discussion and share information. A schedule of works for the following month, and more information about how the community was using services would also be appreciated. As an example, the number of people using the swimming pools and library.
- Encouraged everyone to use te reo in all communications and documents.
- Requested a fair and consistent process for Taupahi Road Reserve and mentioned that previously there was a resident that lived in Tūrangi on another part of Taupahi Road that had requested a reserve for purchase. When this work came up, before the Tūrangi Tongariro Community Board at the time, the recommendation was to stop as a reserve and offer back the land to the owner. He was unsure why this option was not given in this case. It was sad that it was not a consistent process, or that options were not provided as per the Local Government Act 2002.
- Requested that a letter be written to the prisoners at Tongariro from the Co-Chairs to thank them for supporting the community.
- Requested that letters be written to the principal from Te Kura o Hirangi who was retiring after more than 45 years, and the other teachers in Tūrangi who were retiring.

Member Amy Walker

- Reminded committee members and community members that Whiria Te Tangata was operating from Hirangi marae and was open to everyone who felt that they wanted an alternative option for healthcare. It was open Monday to Thursday from 8am to 4pm, was free, and no appointments were necessary. It was a community initiative that also operated in Waitahanui.
- The Marae committee hui would be held the following Sunday.
- Firewood donated would be cut up by Department of Corrections and then distributed to whānau and the community.

Cr Sandra Greenslade

- Attended the opening of seven new Kāinga Ora homes on Ngahana Crescent at the beginning of October. Kāinga Ora made weekly visits and supported the tenants to be good neighbours.
- Destination Great Lake Taupō had presented to the community on the findings of its Destination Management Plan.
- Attended the 50 year jubilee the previous weekend of the Tūrangi Coastguard. The Coastguard had been formed following the Wahine disaster. It was an amazing organisation that flew below the radar.
- Attended the honours evening for Omori Kuratau. The first responder vehicle was celebrated.

- The road closures between Taupō and Tūrangi that were going to take place in January were likely to be moved to March or April 2025.
- The Hospice shop was being targeted regularly by shoplifters and volunteer staff were being abused. Cr Kevin Taylor reassured the members that the people were known to police and were being dealt with.

Member Lauren Fletcher

- The Ngāti Tūrangitukua Charitable Trust Annual General Meeting would be held the following Saturday.
- Ngāti Tūrangitukua Charitable Trust had submitted to the Motutere Recreation Reserve Management Plan consultation.
- Commended the tutors, the kaiako at the kura and the tamariki for their commitment and hard work to the upcoming Kapa Haka Regionals 2024.
- Te Kura o Hirangi's Board of Trustees and principal had raised concerns regarding parking and the turnaround space for the bus. It was timely that the reserve mahi was about to start as it was hoped that the kura could utilise the nearby reserve.
- Shiny material had been added to the roof of 33 Town Centre to deter the gulls from coming back. A tree outside had also been removed to discourage tamariki from climbing it to access the fence and roof.
- An assessment of 69 Town Centre had been undertaken to bring the building up to standard and make it look better.
- A business case and needs assessment had been completed for the papakāinga development, the next phase was design.
- Commended the Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner and her rōpu for completing pou carvings. The first six or seven would be placed around Tongariro National Park.

Poumatua Christian Asher

- Was supportive of the Community Gardens because often the government supplied meals did not include vegetables.
- Congratulated those that had won at the Sports Awards the previous Friday including Grace Hura and Ants Kereopa.
- Advised that a new community sergeant was due to start work in Tūrangi the following week.
- A number of teachers in Tūrangi were retiring at the end of the school year.
- Sergeant Asher had reported to him that there were safety concerns around kids climbing on roofs and racing around on quad bikes and motorbikes.

Member Amanda Martin

- Advised that the Tūrangi St Johns committee needed a chairperson and were struggling to find someone so would probably amalgamate with the Taupō St Johns.
- Advised that a large dog without a lead was a regular visitor to the playground and scared kids. The Environmental Services Manager asked that this be reported immediately by calling Council or using the Antenno App so that a compliance officer in Tūrangi could deal with it immediately.
- Had observed that at her workplace, the nature of the work was getting more complex. People did not want to wait and aggressive behaviour was more regular.

TCG202411/06 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Sandra Greenslade

Seconded: Poumatua | Co-Chair Christian Asher

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 TCG202411/06 above.

6 NGĀ KŌRERO TŪMATAITI | CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Agenda item 6.1 Taupahi Road was withdrawn from the meeting.

Some members were concerned that going into confidence was breaching the principles of the Mana Whakahono a Rohe because the information was not being shared with hapū first. It was explained that the item was added to the Confidential agenda to protect the privacy of the individuals concerned and so that if a member of the public was present at the meeting they could be asked to leave the meeting. Members offered to facilitate a meeting with hapū, Council, the individual and whānau involved, and other entities involved to take this forward.

The meeting closed at 12.35pm with a karakia from all present.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee Meeting held on 12 February 2025.

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CHAIRPERSON