

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, LEVEL 1, 67 HOROMĀTANGI STREET, TAUPŌ
ON TUESDAY, 25 MARCH 2025 AT 1.00PM**

PRESENT: Mayor David Trewavas (in the Chair), Cr Duncan Campbell (via MS Teams), Cr Karam Fletcher (via MS Teams from 1.15pm), Cr Sandra Greenslade, Cr Danny Loughlin, Cr Rachel Shepherd, Cr Kevin Taylor, Cr Yvonne Westerman, Cr John Williamson

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive (J Gardyne), Acting General Manager People and Community Partnerships (H Tattle), General Manager Strategy and Environment (W Zander), Acting General Manager Organisation Performance (N McAdie), Policy Manager (N Carroll), Executive Manager Mayor's Office (J Later), Finance Manager (J Paenga), Environmental Services Manager (J Sparks), Iwi and Co-Governance Manager (D Rameka), Project Management Office Manager (P Fletcher), Digital Solutions Manager (T May), District Customer Relations Manager (T Russell via MS Teams), Communications Manager (L McMichael via MS Teams), Senior Policy Advisor (H Samuel), Team Leader Resource Management / Reserve Planning (E O'Callaghan), Communications Team Lead (D Eastwood via MS Teams), Policy Advisor (M Parnwell), Team Leader Corporate Planning (A Smith), Policy Advisor (A Wilson), Senior Technical Support Analyst (J Johnson), Digital Communications Specialist (D Petry), Asset Manager Water and Waste (M Cordell), Asset Manager Water (T Swindells), Iwi Engagement Partner (T Waaka), Governance Quality Manager (S James), Senior Committee Advisor (K Watts), Committee Advisor (D Periam), Legal and Governance Coordinator (M Cammell)

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: Matthew Martin and his colleague, Waikato Times
Five members of the public

Notes: (i) All present opened and closed the meeting with a karakia.
(ii) Cr Karam Fletcher entered the meeting at 1.15pm. He was not present for resolutions TDC202503/01-07.

1 KARAKIA

2 WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES

TDC202503/01 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Danny Loughlin
Seconded: Cr John Williamson

That the apologies received from Crs Kylie Leonard, Christine Rankin, and Kirsty Trueman (for absence), and from Cr Karam Fletcher (for lateness) be accepted.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202503/01 above.

3 NGĀ WHAKAPĀNGA TUKITUKI | CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

4 WHAKAMANATANGA O NGĀ MENETI | CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**4.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 18 FEBRUARY 2025****TDC202503/02 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Danny Loughlin
Seconded: Cr Rachel Shepherd

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 18 February 2025 be approved and adopted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202503/02 above.

4.2 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 25 FEBRUARY 2025**TDC202503/03 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Rachel Shepherd
Seconded: Cr Danny Loughlin

That the public and confidential minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 25 February 2025 be approved and adopted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202503/03 above.

5 NGĀ KAUPAPA HERE ME NGĀ WHAKATAUNGA | POLICY AND DECISION MAKING**5.1 2025 BYLAW REVIEWS: WATER SUPPLY & TRADE WASTE**

The Policy Advisor summarised the report and explained that there were no changes proposed for the Trade Waste bylaw.

In answer to a question, the Asset Manager Water and Waste clarified that MyNoke removed biosolids from the wastewater treatment plants which was a separate process to the trade waste. The trade waste bylaw was referring to discharges into the sewer.

The Policy Advisor advised that the Water Supply bylaw had a number of changes proposed to provide clarity on what was currently happening. It included rules around extraordinary and ordinary use. The maximum use for ordinary would be defined and made clearer. A member commented that meters helped businesses to manage water consumption and identify if there could be a leak if more water was being consumed than usual.

The Policy Advisor reiterated the process for identifying extraordinary use of water as per the report and how an applicant could appeal if they did not agree with the categorisation.

TDC202503/04 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rachel Shepherd

Seconded: Cr Kevin Taylor

That Council:

1. adopts the attached statement of proposal for continuing the Trade Waste Bylaw without amendment for consultation; and
2. adopts the attached draft Water Supply Bylaw and statement of proposal to enable consultation.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202503/04 above.

5.2 DANGEROUS, AFFECTED AND INSANITARY BUILDINGS POLICY REVIEW

The Policy Advisor summarised the report and explained why the policy needed to be reviewed.

In answer to questions, the Policy Advisor clarified the following:

- The policy proposed took a reactive approach regarding dangerous, affected and insanitary buildings in response to advice from emergency services or identification from members of the public. Officers would investigate the building and then classify it accordingly.
- He was not aware that Council had made improvements to buildings and then charged the building owners.
- Provided the building was restricted to enter and did not pose a risk to others, it was up to the property owner to pull it down.

TDC202503/05 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr John Williamson

Seconded: Cr Danny Loughlin

That Council adopts the attached draft Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Buildings Policy for consultation.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202503/05 above.

5.3 ADOPTION OF THE TAUPŌ DISTRICT FUTURE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

The Senior Policy Advisor summarised the report and key information.

Members thanked her and council officers for their work on updating this given the level of growth in the district.

In answer to a question, she advised that once the Future Development Strategy was adopted, a review would be commenced immediately to allow comprehensive land reviews to be completed regarding the industrial land shortfall and inform the next Long-term Plan.

TDC202503/06 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kevin Taylor

Seconded: Cr Sandra Greenslade

That Council:

1. Revokes Taupō District 2050 and the Mapara Valley Structure Plan; and
2. Adopts the Taupō District Future Development Strategy 2025 (A3728353);
3. Authorises the Policy Manager to make minor editorial changes to the Taupo District Future Development Strategy 2025 to correct errors and improve public understanding without changing the intent.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202503/06 above.

5.4 CLARIFYING THE PURPOSE OF THE TEL FUND

The Team Leader Corporate Planning summarised the report and highlighted the recommendations.

In answer to questions, the following was clarified:

- The resolutions sought would formalise the Council's position on the TEL fund.
- The purpose of the TEL fund remained as a community fund as outlined in the extracts from the Financial and Infrastructure Strategies which were attached to the report.

TDC202503/07 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Yvonne Westerman

Seconded: Cr Rachel Shepherd

That Council:

1. confirms that the sole purpose of the Taupō Electricity Limited (TEL) Fund remains a community fund only and is no longer linked to self-insurance of underground assets, despite any specific text in Council's Long-term Plan 2024 – 34, including Council's Financial Strategy and Infrastructure Strategy; and
2. directs officers, when developing the next Long-term Plan 2027 – 37, to ensure that the text of the Financial Strategy (and any corresponding text of the Infrastructure Strategy and any other Long-term Plan text) exclude any reference to the TEL Fund being maintained for the purpose of self-insurance.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202503/07 above.

Cr Karam Fletcher entered the meeting at this point via MS Teams (2.15pm).

5.5 TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL EXTRAORDINARY VACANCY

The Governance Quality Manager summarised key information from the report.

Due to the few meetings remaining until the end of the triennium, members agreed to leave the positions on committees of Council vacant.

TDC202503/08 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kevin Taylor

Seconded: Cr Danny Loughlin

That:

1. Pursuant to s 117(3)(b) of the Local Electoral Act 2001, Council determines that the vacancy created by the resignation of Taupō Ward councillor Anna Park on 7 March 2025 is not to be filled;
2. Council makes none of the following appointments for the remainder of the 2022-2025 Triennium:
 - Cr _____ Taupō District Dog Control Committee member
 - Cr _____ Emergency Management Committee chairperson
 - Cr _____ Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group member
 - Cr _____ Risk and Assurance Committee member
 - Cr _____ Taupō Reserves and Roding Committee member
 - Cr _____ Economic and business portfolio
 - Cr _____ Housing and Property Investment steering group
3. Council makes the following appointments for the remainder of the 2022-2025 Triennium:
 - Cr John Williamson International relationships portfolio
 - Cr Rachel Shepherd Water reform steering group;
4. Council submits a new proposal for allocation of the governance remuneration pool to the Remuneration Authority, dividing the former councillor's salary between the remaining 11 councillors as from the date of the next amendment determination; and
5. Acknowledges the significant contribution Cr Anna Park has made to Taupō District Council over an extended period of time and multiple responsibilities.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202503/08 above.

5.6 TRIENNIAL ELECTIONS 2025 - ORDER OF CANDIDATES' NAMES ON VOTING DOCUMENTS

The Governance Quality Manager summarised the report.

TDC202503/09 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Sandra Greenslade

Seconded: Cr Yvonne Westerman

That pursuant to clause 31(1) Local Electoral Regulations 2001, Council hereby determines that the surnames of the candidates in the 2025 Taupō district elections and any by-elections during the 2025-2028 Triennium shall be arranged on the voting documents in random order.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202503/09 above.

5.7 TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL PERFORMANCE REPORT - FEBRUARY 2025

The Chief Executive thanked those involved with moving the organisation into the new building and thanked Ngāti Tūwharetoa for partnering with Council.

The Project Management Office Manager advised that around \$55 million of the overall delivery of the capital

expenditure had been spent which was on target for the financial year. The Airport Apron project had been completed and the Digital Transformation project (formerly known as Quantum) had been added. She thanked those that had attended the opening of the Southern Trunk Main the previous week.

The Finance Manager explained that there were timing differences in the financial report due to operational projects that had been delayed or started at different times.

TDC202503/10 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Danny Loughlin

Seconded: Cr Sandra Greenslade

That Council notes the information contained in the Performance Report for the month of February 2025.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202503/10 above.

5.8 COUNCIL ENGAGEMENTS APRIL 2025, APPOINTMENTS, AND TRAINING AND CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES

The Senior Committee Advisor advised that Te Kōpu ā Kanapanapa scheduled for 1 April was likely to be postponed to June. Two Local Water Done Well workshops had been added on Thursday 3 April from 10am – 11am, and from 11am to 12.30pm.

Cr Greenslade had been sick and did not attend the Local Government Zone 2 meeting the previous week.

TDC202503/11 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kevin Taylor

Seconded: Cr Rachel Shepherd

That Council:

1. Receives the information relating to engagements for April 2025.
2. Approves the attendance of Cr Danny Loughlin at the Te Maruata Whānui Hui Ngā Maunga Kōutuutu on Thursday 3 and Friday 4 April at Wairakei Resort, Taupō with attendance costs to be paid by Council.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202503/11 above.

6 NGĀ KŌRERO TŪMATAITI | CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil

The meeting closed at 1.51pm with a karakia from all present.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 29 April 2025.

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CHAIRPERSON