

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TŪRANGI CO-GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE TE MATAAPUNA, TŪRANGITUKUA PARK, HIRANGI ROAD, TŪRANGI
ON WEDNESDAY, 2 APRIL 2025 AT 10.30AM**

PRESENT: Mayor David Trewavas (in the Chair), Cr Sandra Greenslade, Member Te Takinga New, Member Amy Walker

IN ATTENDANCE: Acting General Manager People and Community Partnerships (H Tattle), Environmental Services Manager (J Sparks), Iwi and Co-Governance Manager (D Rameka), Programme Manager (J Walton), Iwi Engagement Partner (T Walker), Executive Manager Mayor's Office (J Later), Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner (M Isherwood), Senior Policy Advisor (K Scott via MS Teams), Iwi and Co-Governance Advisor (A Kereopa), Legal and Governance Coordinator (M Cammell), Senior Committee Advisor (K Watts)

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: Ms Gina Pohe

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, 2, 3, 4.1, 5.3-5.6.

1 KARAKIA

2 WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES

TCG202504/01 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Sandra Greenslade
Seconded: Member Amy Walker

That apologies from Poumatua | Co-Chair Christian Asher, Member Lauren Fletcher, Member Amanda Martin, and Cr Kevin Taylor be received and accepted.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TCG202504/01 above.

3 NGĀ WHAKAPĀNGA TUKITUKI | CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

4 WHAKAMANATANGA O NGĀ MENETI | CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 ORDINARY TŪRANGI CO-GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING - 5 MARCH 2025

TCG202504/02 RESOLUTION

Moved: Member Te Takinga New
Seconded: Cr Sandra Greenslade

That the minutes of the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting held on Wednesday 5 March 2025 be approved and adopted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TCG202504/02 above.

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

5.1 ELECTION OF CO-CHAIR | POUMATUA FOR THE MEETING

TCG202504/03 RESOLUTION

Moved: Member Te Takinga New

Seconded: Member Amy Walker

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

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TCG202504/03 above.

5.2 PUBLIC FORUM

Item **withdrawn**.

5.3 TŪRANGI RESERVES MANAGEMENT PLAN EARLY ENGAGEMENT

The Senior Policy Advisor summarised the report and noted that the feedback was taken from Long-term Plan submissions, early engagement, responses from the community in 2016, and from the public forum at the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee hui the previous month. The feedback showed that further engagement was required with specific groups as well as hapū so it was recommended that the hearings be rescheduled to take place after local government elections. The team were aiming to provide a draft Reserve Management Plan before the elections for the Committee to approve for consultation with the community.

The following was clarified:

- The Senior Policy Advisor would take guidance from hapū for the best time to engage following the Marae hui the next Sunday.
- The Reserve Management Plan would address key matters regarding maintenance but most operational matters would remain with the Parks and Reserves team.

TCG202504/04 RESOLUTION

Moved: Member Amy Walker

Seconded: Cr Sandra Greenslade

That the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee:

1. receives the Summary of Early Feedback on the Tūrangi Reserves Management Plan; and
2. notes the recommended timeframe for the project being 18 months from February 2025 to July 2026.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TCG202504/04 above.

5.4 OPERATIONS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UPDATES FOR TŪRANGI

Former Tūrangi Holiday Park

The Environmental Services Manager advised that an updated valuation was expected soon and the team

hoped to be able to provide more information at the May hui.

Community Engagement

The Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner advised that the volunteer events team were planning an Easter celebration in Tūrangi for Saturday 19 April and that posters were displayed in town.

The volunteer events team had received funding to purchase a container for equipment and props. They had been offered a space to put this at the Taupō District Council depot in Tūrangi.

The Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner and her team had been conducting early engagement regarding the Tūrangi Reserve Management Plan.

The following week her team would have a workshop to learn more regarding the local government elections and the Māori ward poll.

The Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner had been working with the groups successful in receiving funding from Council through the Accelerator Fund, Tūrangi Rangatahi Hub and Safe Tūrangi. She reminded members that there was a hui on Wednesday 23 April at Te Mataapuna to distribute the Tūrangi Tongariro Community Grants.

She had found a place for the Tūrangi Men's Shed at Tokaanu.

Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs

Ms Gina Pohe updated members on progress since the previous hui via a PPT presentation (A3735704). She explained that the target number of placements into work had been reduced from 20 to 10 given the limited resource, and time constraints. 7 successful placements had been made so far and the rangatahi had fit into their roles – both employers and employees were happy. She was focussing on three areas for the rangatahi which were

- driver licences,
- transition to work, and
- cover letters and curriculum vitae (CV).

Social anxiety was a barrier for the rangatahi that they were working through. Unfortunately the social support available meant travelling to Taupō because it was not available in Tūrangi. She thanked Council for providing laptops for the rangatahi to use for the CV and cover letter writing. Some of the rangatahi were studying to pass their learner driver licence tests. The Ministry of Education and local employers were helping in the schools to get rangatahi, that were not keen on school, qualified for some employment to stop them from leaving school. Learner driver licences were encouraged to be obtained as soon as rangatahi were eligible at age 16 years so that hopefully by the time they left school they would have their restricted driver licences.

The rangatahi met once a week with Ms Pohe in the customer and visitor centre in Tūrangi and she welcomed any volunteers who were available to work with the rangatahi.

Local Water Done Well

The Programme Manager introduced herself to the members and summarised the Council's current progress on Local Water Done Well.

She advised that the new legislation was requiring Council to review its current water services delivery and compare the current state to an alternative. The alternative for Taupō District Council was a possible joint Council Controlled Organisation (CCO) with some other Waikato councils. Council had been participating in these conversations but currently thought that it was in a relatively strong position to continue as it was with some changes to comply with legislation from the government. It would mean that Taupō District Council's water services delivery would remain inhouse but in order to comply with new legislation, more information would be required to be disclosed from a regulatory and pricing perspective.

Financial information received the previous day showed that the Waikato CCO model was comparable with staying inhouse but that it would involve Taupō District Council's debt raising so was not a compelling case to change. A public workshop would be held the following day for elected members and then a decision for the preferred option that would go out for consultation would be sought at the Council meeting on 15 April.

The following was clarified:

- While Council could take a measured approach and use its existing partnerships and relationships, there was a sense of inevitability that eventually Council would be expected to join with other

councils.

- A decision was expected to be made by the end of June or early July before the pre-election period. The Water Services Delivery Plan was due to the Department of Internal Affairs and the Minister to review by September.
- The Department of Internal Affairs had given initial feedback on the current draft plan which was positive.
- Iwi and hapū hui had taken place in October and December 2024. Further hui could be held as required.
- While Council was able to stand alone, it recognised that opportunities to work with other councils should not be overlooked and would consider shared services with other councils.

TCG202504/05 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 TCG202504/05 above.

5.5 MANA WHAKAHONO WORKPLAN UPDATE

The Iwi Engagement Partner updated members on the dashboard on behalf of the Co-Governance Management Partner.

Clause 10.35 - The Environmental Services Manager confirmed that she was leading this work on the communications protocol alongside Ms Lauren Fletcher and Ms Tina Porou.

Clause 44.2 – Urupā Maintenance – Waipapa 1A Trust had provided some operational matters to be addressed by council officers.

TCG202504/06 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Sandra Greenslade

Seconded: Member Te Takinga New

That the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee receives the Mana Whakahono workplan update (A3724296)

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TCG202504/06 above.

5.6 MEMBERS' REPORTS

The following members' reports were received:

Mr Te Takinga New

- Ngāti Tūrangitukua had been trying to reconnect to the waterways. An aspiration was to paddle all around the lake in a waka and a request was made for camping at a reserve such as Whakaipo Bay or Kinloch. The aim was to start and finish in Taupō and capture the history and stories of the ancestors by taking the same pathways as Ngātoroirangi. It was hoped it would be a yearly event and for 2025 would take place in November.
- Requested that a wreath be provided for Poumatua Christian Asher to lay at ANZAC Day services.

Mrs Amy Walker

- Whānau of Kohineheke Reserve and along Hirangi Stream had kicked off a project to revive the Hirangi Stream. There was an agreement in 1998 that committed Taupō District Council to the maintenance of the Hirangi Stream. She requested support and information from Council to see how the Council could play a part in this revitalisation. The project was to improve the quality of the stream and would be opened up to the wider community to participate as well.
- The whenua where the Tūrangi airfield was situated was coming back to the whānau who was in the process of setting up an entity to receive it. In the interim, Council's support was requested because it was used as a community facility, particularly in times of emergency such as Cyclone Gabrielle 2023. This was for mowing and maintenance of the land.

Cr Sandra Greenslade

- Until the new entity was set up at the Tūrangi airfield, the current operator had advised that the rescue helicopter operations had moved from New Zealand Forest Managers to Tūrangi as the airfield provided a better approach.
- Encouraged community members to provide a submission to Waikato Regional Council requesting more bus services to connect Tūrangi and Taupō.
- Attended the previous General Manager People and Community Partnerships' welcome at Whakapapa the previous month.
- Encouraged community members to do the winter driving experience at the Taupō Motorsport track. It was an amazing experience and participants were taught about their cars and what they could do.
- Maru Trust representatives would be in Tūrangi from 11am the following day at the Senior Citizens Hall. Members of the community were encouraged to sign up for heat pumps and insulation.

TCG202504/07 RESOLUTION

Moved: Member Amy Walker

Seconded: Member Te Takinga New

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 TCG202504/07 above.

6 NGĀ KŌRERO TŪMATAITI | CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil

The meeting closed at 11.32am with a karakia from everyone present.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee Meeting held on 4 June 2025.

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CHAIRPERSON