

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, LEVEL 1, 67 HOROMĀTANGI STREET, TAUPŌ
ON TUESDAY, 24 JUNE 2025 AT 10.30AM**

PRESENT: Mayor David Trewavas (in the Chair), Cr Duncan Campbell, Cr Sandra Greenslade, Cr Kylie Leonard, Cr Danny Loughlin, Cr Christine Rankin, Cr Rachel Shepherd, Cr Kevin Taylor, Cr Yvonne Westerman, Cr John Williamson

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive (J Gardyne), General Manager Community Infrastructure and Services (T Hale), General Manager Organisation Performance (S Matthews), General Manager Strategy and Environment (W Zander), General Manager People and Community Partnerships (H Tattle), Communications Manager (L McMichael), Finance Manager (J Paenga), Executive Manager to the Mayor (J Later), Three Waters Manager (S Lealand), Programme Manager (J Walton), Team Leader Corporate Planning (A Smith), Senior Policy Advisor (K Goode, via MS Teams), Policy Advisor (A Wilson, via MS Teams), Digital Content Creator (C Hollinger), Business Support Officer (W Jones), Customer and Business Support Officer (R Su, via MS Teams), Legal and Governance Coordinator (M Cammell), Governance Quality Manager (S James)

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: Nine members of the public

1 KARAKIA

2 WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES

TDC202506/01 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Danny Loughlin
Seconded: Cr Rachel Shepherd

That the apologies received from Crs Karam Fletcher and Kirsty Trueman be accepted.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202506/01 above.

3 NGĀ WHAKAPĀNGA TUKITUKI | CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

4 WHAKAMANATANGA O NGĀ MENETI | CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Nil

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

5.1 LOCAL WATER DONE WELL - HEARINGS AND DELIBERATIONS ON FUTURE WATER SERVICES DELIVERY MODEL

The General Manager Community Infrastructure and Services explained that the first part of the meeting was an opportunity for submitters to address Council in support of their submissions on the future water services delivery model for the district.

The following submitters addressed Council in support of their submissions, with additional points noted:

7, Mr Te Moananui Rameka, Waipahihi Marae Trust

Waipahihi Marae had deep ancestral ties to the wai and the whenua and was concerned about protecting the mauri of the wai. The partnership between Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board and Taupō District Council was reflected in the building Te Whare Hono o Tūwharetoa which was a symbol of Tūwharetoa, the collective vision, and thriving future. Decision making should reflect the shared history and commitment to partnership, protection and participation. He encouraged Council to consider the option four put forward in the submission which reflected the partnership and shared leadership.

103, Mr Chris Hector

Mr Hector advised that his company iTSi Solutions worked with four councils in the country and Taupō District Council was seen and recognised as a leader in his industry. He believed that Council should keep water services inhouse because it had proven that it was doing a great job.

#151, Ms Laurie Burdett

Ms Burdett advised that the submission form had improved considerably and that the consultation process was very simple and easy to understand.

The General Manager Community Infrastructure and Services and the Programme Manager summarised the options and recommendations for members to consider. In answer to a question, he advised that a review in 2 years time of the water services delivery plan would look at what had changed in the environment around the country.

Cr Duncan Campbell requested to display slides showing why he believed that option 3 – a Single Council Controlled Water Organisation was favourable. The Chair declined the request because this was not in line with the formal consultation process.

Cr Kylie Leonard left the meeting at 10.58am and returned at 11.02am.

The remaining elected members acknowledged submitters who had contributed to the process. They agreed that an enhanced inhouse business unit was the cheapest option and would be monitored by both the Commerce Commission and Taumata Arowai to keep it accountable.

TDC202506/02 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr John Williamson

Seconded: Cr Kevin Taylor

That Council:

1. Receives the submissions from public consultation on Council's Local Water Done Well proposal for the future delivery of water services.
2. Accepts late submissions numbers 214 – 215.
3. Hears from submitters 7, 103 and 151 who wish to present their submission to Council.
4. Adopts for its Water Services Delivery Plan the future delivery model of keeping water services inhouse for now.
5. Directs the Chief Executive to sign the Waikato Waters Shareholders' Agreement, including the special terms relating to the Taupō District as a Stage 1 shareholder without an agreed transfer date.
6. Approves:
 - i. the incorporation of Waikato Waters Limited with Taupō District Council being a shareholder of that company; and
 - ii. the Shareholders' Agreement and Constitution for Waikato Waters Limited, as attached as appendices ("Incorporation Documents")
7. Delegates authority to the Chief Executive on behalf of Council to approve non-material amendments to the Incorporation Documents prior to Waikato Waters Limited being incorporated.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting except for Cr Duncan Campbell voted in favour of resolution TDC202506/02 above. Cr Duncan Campbell voted against resolution TDC202506/02.

6 NGĀ KŌRERO TŪMATAITI | CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil

The meeting closed at 11.12am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the ordinary Council meeting held on 31 July 2025.

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CHAIRPERSON