

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TŪRANGI CO-GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE TE MATAAPUNA, TŪRANGITUKUA PARK, HIRANGI ROAD, TŪRANGI
ON WEDNESDAY, 6 AUGUST 2025 AT 10.00AM**

PRESENT: Mayor David Trewavas (in the Chair until 11.02am), Poumatua Te Wharau Walker (in the Chair from 11.02am), Member Lauren Fletcher, Cr Sandra Greenslade, Member Amanda Martin (until 11.44am), Cr Kevin Taylor, Member Bernice Te Ahuru, Member Amy Walker

IN ATTENDANCE: Community Engagement and Development Manager (T Russell), Iwi and Co-Governance Manager (D Rameka), Parks and Reserves Manager (G Hadley), Executive Manager Mayor's Office (J Later), Iwi Engagement Partner (T Waaka), Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner (M Isherwood), Iwi and Co-Governance Advisor (A Kereopa), Team Leader Reserve Management (E O'Callaghan), Senior Policy Advisor (K Scott), Parks Advisor Planning and Operations (B Vi), Policy Advisor (H Wood), Environmental Advisor (E Naylor), Team Leader Customer Support (J Cathro), Customer Support Officer Tūrangi (T Dallavanzi), Senior Committee Advisor (K Watts)

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: 14 members of the public

Notes: (i) Items were considered in the following order: 1, 5.1, 2, 3, 4.1, 5.2-5.8
(ii) Mayor David Trewavas left the meeting at 11.02am. He was not present for resolutions TCG202508/06-09.
(iii) Member Amanda Martin left the meeting at 11.44am. She was not present for resolution TCG202508/09.

1 KARAKIA

All present recited the opening karakia.

2 WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES

Nil

3 NGĀ WHAKAPĀNGA TUKITUKI | CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

4 WHAKAMANATANGA O NGĀ MENETI | CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 ORDINARY TŪRANGI CO-GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING - 9 JULY 2025

TCG202508/01 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Sandra Greenslade

Seconded: Member Amy Walker

That the minutes of the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting held on Wednesday 9 July 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 TCG202508/01 above.

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

5.1 ELECTION OF CO-CHAIR | POUMATUA FOR THE MEETING

TCG202508/02 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Sandra Greenslade
Seconded: Member Amanda Martin

That the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee appoints 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 TCG202508/02 above.

5.2 PUBLIC FORUM

The following members of the public had registered to speak to the committee members:

Mr Murray Nielsen

Mr Nielsen addressed the committee regarding item 5.4 Customer request for tree removal on Paekiri Street, Tūrangi. He understood that not all trees were removed in the completed kerb and channel project but this tree was impacting negatively on his property. It was a native to North America and would live for over 300 years, growing tall and spreading branches widely.

The tree was a nuisance in that it shaded his property in summer, branches fell regularly onto his property, and roots were growing in his property. He could not use the back of his section due to the tree and his spouting was continually being blocked. His neighbours had also been impacted. The tree was no longer fit for purpose and did not comply with Council's Tree and Vegetation Policy. The leaves were a nuisance and created a slippery hazard when it was wet. Oak trees were more suitable as reserve specimen trees, not kerb trees. He suggested that Council remove these trees from berms. He also advised that silver birch trees should be considered to be removed because they had started to self seed along the lower Tongariro River.

Mr DJ Flavell and Mr Zane Cozens

Mr Cozens spoke on Mr Flavell's behalf. He explained that Mr Flavell was local to Tūrangi and employed other locals in his business Tūrangi Tree Fellas. He was disappointed that he had missed out on the opportunity to provide a quote and tender for a tree removal job at Te Kapua park recently. This work was carried out by contractors from Hamilton.

He felt that there was a missing link between communications between Council and the people, and asked elected and appointed members to be aware of the procurement policy. He asked that they consider a weighted system where preference was given to local contractors.

Members supported locals being selected for these types of jobs and requested that Council staff provide support to break down barriers such as the procurement process.

TCG202508/03 RESOLUTION

Moved: Poumatua Te Wharau Walker
Seconded: Member Amanda Martin

That the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee receives comments from members of the public.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TCG202508/03 above.

5.3 TŪRANGI RANGATAHI IN MAHI

Ms Gina Pohe introduced herself and explained that she was contracted to lead the Rangatahi in Mahi project. She presented a PPT (A3806885) sharing challenges and learnings from the contract with Ministry of Social Development (MSD).

The purpose of the Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs project Tūrangi Rangatahi in Mahi was to respond to the needs and aspirations of Tūrangi rangatahi. Many rangatahi facing barriers in Tūrangi were not able to access government support via MSD because they were aged between 15 and 18 years.

Over the 8 months of the project, 32 contacts were made and 27 of them engaged with the programme. As the rangatahi were at different levels, 1 on 1 support was given to support job applications via CV and cover letter writing, building confidence for interviews, and assisting with theory and practical lessons for the rangatahi to get their driver licenses.

She explained that 10 had been placed in full time employment, three had entered tertiary training, one had returned to school and three had been supported by MSD in its Mana in Mahi programme.

The key learnings showed that targeted support achieved better outcomes and it was best to be community led. A holistic view was needed with long-term support to transition the rangatahi into adulthood. In the future, the Tūrangi Rangatahi Hub would look at continuing some of the work started by this project.

Members congratulated Ms Pohe for her hard work and looked forward to supporting this project again in the future.

TCG202508/04 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kevin Taylor

Seconded: Member Lauren Fletcher

That the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee receives the information from Ms Gina Pohe regarding the Tūrangi Rangatahi in Mahi pilot.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TCG202508/04 above.

5.4 CUSTOMER REQUEST FOR TREE REMOVAL ON PAKIRI STREET, TŪRANGI

The Parks Advisor Planning and Operations introduced herself and advised that she could answer questions regarding the report.

The following was clarified:

- The subject tree was not part of the completed kerb and channel project.
- Council's Tree and Vegetation Policy would be reviewed in 2026, and feedback was welcome from committee members.
- Severe hardship was usually on medical grounds. In the past, trees that were removed for this reason included relevant evidence that had been provided from a doctor. Debris was not considered severe hardship because trees were expected to drop leaves.
- Tall trees in Tūrangi were part of a programme of work and were crown lifted to provide clearance for fire engines and buses.
- No previous decisions had been carried to remove trees for views or falling debris because that was not in line with the Tree and Vegetation Policy.

Members were supportive of the Tree and Vegetation Policy being reviewed.

TCG202508/05 RESOLUTION

Moved: Poumatua Te Wharau Walker

Seconded: Cr Sandra Greenslade

The Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee declines the customer request to remove the Red Oak (*Quercus rubra*) located on Paekiri Street in Tūrangi.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting except for Member Amanda Martin and Mayor David Trewavas voted in favour of resolution TCG202508/05 above. Member Amanda Martin and Mayor David Trewavas voted against resolution TCG202508/05.

Mayor David Trewavas left the meeting at this point (11.02am).

Poumatua Te Wharau Walker resumed the Chair from item 5.5 onwards.

5.5 TŪRANGI RESERVES MANAGEMENT PLAN DRAFT VISION AND OBJECTIVES

The Senior Policy Advisor summarised the report and added that she would come back to members at the following month's workshop with options for permitting or not permitting alcohol in the reserves. She clarified that the Reserves Management Plan was not for all reserves in Tūrangi, only those that were for community use. Utility reserves were not part of the management plan.

At the following month's meeting, members would be requested to approve the draft Reserves Management Plan for consultation with the community.

TCG202508/06 RESOLUTION

Moved: Member Amy Walker

Seconded: Member Lauren Fletcher

That the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee directs officers to continue drafting Tūrangi Reserves Management Plan based on the draft vision and objectives provided and subject to any further amendments from the Committee.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TCG202508/06 above.

5.6 OPERATIONS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UPDATES FOR TŪRANGI

The Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner updated the committee on the following:

Incorporated Societies

A free workshop hosted by Community Waikato was held recently in Taupō to educate people regarding upcoming changes to incorporated societies. Incorporated societies needed to re-register by 5 July 2026 or they would cease to operate, or become a Charitable Trust. The Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner had looked up Tūrangi incorporated societies and contacted them in advance of the workshop. She added that Community Waikato could host a Tūrangi workshop if enough people were interested and would take part.

Taupō Disability Focus Group

The Halberg Foundation had hosted disability awareness training on 29 July in Taupō. There had been a good turnout, including groups from Tūrangi.

Boiling of Water

A mailout had gone to residents in Kinloch, Omori, Hatepe, and Motuoapa regarding boiling water. This was commissioned by Taumata Arowai, the Water Services Authority who wanted to advise residents that

drinking water did not have the protozoa barrier in these areas.

Tūrangi Men's Shed

The old Tokaanu garage was to be used for the Men's shed and ITM Tūrangi was keen to support renovations by donating supplies, along with other local businesses and people in the community. The location had everything that the group needed, and they had organised a working bee for the next Saturday.

Waikato Regional Council buses

Over the next couple of months, engagement would be undertaken regarding changes to the Tūrangi Taupō connecting buses. There was demand for another service so Waikato Regional Council were looking at options and would work with Council to get feedback from the community.

Iwiheke Place Speed Bumps

The Transport team were working with the kura around placing speed bumps in this street to slow down traffic. Part of the process would involve getting feedback from residents of the street.

Local Government Elections

The Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner and other staff had been to the local kura and to New World to encourage people to enroll to vote. They had success with a 64 year old gentleman who had never enrolled or voted before but was concerned enough to want to do that now.

Upcoming events

- There was a public meeting to be held later that day at the Senior Citizen's Hall, hosted by Hon Matt Doocey, Associate Minister of Health. He was travelling around the country on a rural health roadshow.
- Representatives of the Bay Trust Community Funding would hold a hui on 19 August and had encouraged all groups wanting funding to meet and chat with them. There was no requirement to register in advance.

The Community Engagement and Development Manager talked through the remainder of items on the report.

TCG202508/07 RESOLUTION

Moved: Poumatua Te Wharau Walker

Seconded: Member Bernice Te Ahuru

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 TCG202508/07 above.

5.7 MANA WHAKAHONO WORKPLAN UPDATE

The Iwi Engagement Partner updated members on behalf of the Co-Governance Management Partner and added the following to the dashboard report attached to the agenda:

- Clause 13.4 Mana Whakahono review
Another hui had been scheduled for 19 August regarding possible draft clauses to be added.
- Clause 31.3 Early engagement on three waters infrastructure projects
Following the meeting on 23 July, feedback had been provided to Ngāti Tūrangitukua from the Three Waters Manager and would be followed up.
- Clause 45.3 Training and Capacity Building
A meeting had been held on 1 August to discuss and plan for the year's summer interns.

- Mana Whakahono Master Spatial Plan
A meeting had been held on 20 July to discuss the scope, the revised scope was with Ngāti Tūrangitukua awaiting feedback.
- Hirangi stream Maintenance
Following the meeting held on 23 July, a site visit had been arranged with Waikato Regional Council on 20 August.

TCG202508/08 RESOLUTION

Moved: Member Lauren Fletcher

Seconded: Cr Kevin Taylor

That the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee receives the Mana Whakahono workplan update (A3791614).

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TCG202508/08 above.

5.8 MEMBERS' REPORTS

The following members' reports were received:

Ms Amy Walker

- Was disappointed that not all Council members of the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee had supported the Joint Management Agreement between Council and the Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board (TMTB) which had been considered at the 31 July Council meeting. She felt these members had not used the opportunity to support the facts outlined by the Joint Committee members, the staff, and the legal advisors. Ngāti Tūrangitukua had provided a letter of support for the JMA to the Mayor and the Council members of the committee in advance of the 31 July Council meeting. Ngāti Tūrangitukua took the Mana Whakahono ā Rohe, and the partnership with Council seriously, and felt that those on the committee should do as well to uphold the relationship with respect, good faith, open communication and a commitment to partnership. She thanked the elected members of Council that had supported the JMA, as well as staff from both TMTB and Council that had worked hard to write it.

Cr Sandra Greenslade

- The new board members had been appointed to Destination Great Lake Taupō and would start in September 2025.
- Attended the Emergency Management Committee meeting on Monday 4 August. Hatepe and Tūrangi still needed to complete community response plans for emergencies. They were important as there were significant risks in this part of the district.
- Would attend the Unison Business Awards on Friday 8 August and was pleased that there were a number of Tūrangi businesses that were finalists.
- Would attend the Tūrangi Tongariro Grants Distribution Committee meeting that afternoon.
- Acknowledged the community members that had given her feedback on the Joint Management Agreement between Council and the Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board.

Ms Amanda Martin

- Encouraged alternative communications to just Facebook as a lot of people did not use it.
- Encouraged venues and events to be more inclusive by holding alcohol free events so that those recovering from alcohol abuse felt comfortable attending.

Ms Lauren Fletcher

- Supported Ms Amy Walker's comments regarding the JMA decision and thanked staff members Sue Mavor, Co-Governance Management Partner and Nick Carroll, Policy Manager for their kōrero. She also thanked Topia Rameka who had spoken in favour of the JMA during Public Forum at the 31 July Council meeting when the JMA was considered.
- Thanked Bryce Green, District Venues Manager, and Te Mataapuna Sports Collective members Jeremy and Hayley who had cleaned and sorted the wharepaku at Te Mataapuna following a flood during the weekend junior rugby tournament.
- Tamariki had been selected for under 10s, 11s and 12s rugby teams and would be playing in tournaments coming up.
- Global Games for junior rugby was also coming up from 18 – 21 September at Owen Delany Park, Taupō.
- Te Kura o Hirangi's kapa haka team placed second and would attend the national competition next year.
- Te Kura o Hirangi recently had a pōhiri for its new teachers.
- Attended a Strengthening Capability and Capacity workshop with the Senior Community Development Advisor which was an eye opener and highlighted that there were not very many rangatahi in the volunteering space.
- Taiopenga, the Taupō kapa haka competition would be held from 9 – 12 September 2025.
- Hirangi marae had hosted a wānanga with Poipoia regarding Resource Management Act 1991 for taiao (environment) experts around New Zealand. Iwi in these spaces came together to understand the struggles and changing legislation, and how they could plan together going forward.

Cr Kevin Taylor

- Had met with the New Zealand Transport Agency regarding the speed limits on State Highway One at Motutere Reserve. It was likely that seasonal speed limits would be installed to restrict speed during long weekends and in the summer time.

TCG202508/09 RESOLUTION

Moved: Poumatua Te Wharau Walker

Seconded: Member Lauren Fletcher

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 TCG202508/09 above.

6 NGĀ KŌRERO TŪMATAITI | CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil

The meeting closed at 11.49am with a karakia from all present.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee Meeting held on 3 September 2025.

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CHAIRPERSON