

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TONGARIRO REPRESENTATIVE GROUP MEETING
HELD AT THE TE MATAAPUNA, TŪRANGITUKUA PARK, HIRANGI ROAD, TŪRANGI
ON WEDNESDAY, 3 SEPTEMBER 2025 AT 3.00PM**

PRESENT: Cr Sandra Greenslade (in the Chair), Ms Ngaire Grainger, Mr Dave Potaka

IN ATTENDANCE: Community Engagement and Development Manager (T Russell), Parks and Reserves Manager (G Hadley), Senior Policy Advisor (K Scott), Policy Advisor (H Wood), Iwi and Co-Governance Advisor (A Kereopa), Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner (M Isherwood), Senior Committee Advisor (K Watts), Committee Advisor (D Periam)

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: 2 members of the public

Notes: (i) All present recited Taupō District Council's opening karakia, led by Committee Chairperson Cr Sandra Greenslade.

(ii) Chair Cr Sandra Greenslade thanked the committee members for their work over the past three years. She also thanked everyone who had supported the Committee.

1 KARAKIA

2 WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES

TRG202509/01 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Sandra Greenslade

Seconded: Ms Ngaire Grainger

That apologies from Mayor David Trewavas, Ms Melanie Albert and Cr Karam Fletcher be received and accepted.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Tongariro Representative Group meeting voted in favour of resolution TRG202509/01 above.

3 NGĀ WHAKAPĀNGA TUKITUKI | CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

4 WHAKAMANATANGA O NGĀ MENETI | CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 TONGARIRO REPRESENTATIVE GROUP MEETING - 4 JUNE 2025

TRG202509/02 RESOLUTION

Moved: Ms Ngaire Grainger

Seconded: Mr Dave Potaka

That the minutes of the Tongariro Representative Group meeting held on Wednesday 4 June 2025 be approved and adopted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Tongariro Representative Group meeting voted in favour of resolution TRG202509/02 above.

5 NGĀ RIPOATA | REPORTS

5.1 PUBLIC FORUM

Item withdrawn.

5.2 UPDATE ON THE 2025 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS AND DISCUSSION ON COMMITTEE STRUCTURE, TERMS OF REFERENCE AND DELEGATIONS

The Senior Committee Advisor introduced herself and summarised the report. She asked the representative group to provide any feedback that could be shared with the incoming Mayor and Councillors.

The following feedback was provided:

- Hold meetings at a consistent frequency. It was suggested to hold meetings monthly for the first six months of the triennium while the committee got familiar with the process and then change to bimonthly.
- Hold an induction for representatives.
- Hold the meetings in different locations across the rohe.
- More communications indicating when meetings were being held.
- Establish a clear purpose for the representative group.
- Have a more democratic process when recruiting representatives.
- Provide more information about Council processes for example the Long-term Plan, they felt there were projects that got planned for but some would get pushed aside.
- Ensure Council communications was shared in various ways and not solely via social media.

TRG202509/03 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Sandra Greenslade

Seconded: Mr Dave Potaka

That the Tongariro Representative Group receives the update on the 2025 elections.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Tongariro Representative Group meeting voted in favour of resolution TRG202509/03 above.

5.3 PROJECT AND OPERATIONS UPDATES

In relation to the previous item, the Parks and Reserves Manager explained that during the Long-term Plan (LTP), all projects for the first three years was locked in however year four onwards signalled that something needed to be completed however this could change due to circumstances changing over the years. The Parks team would begin putting project plans together in February 2026 and if there were issues that the community were aware of, the team could factor these into the plan. The Community Engagement and Development Manager explained that her team were going to conduct pre-LTP engagement seeking community feedback about what issues they had so they can determine if these were needing to be included in the LTP or for external funding. Her team would come back to the community once the draft LTP had been developed to discuss what had been proposed.

Erosion Control – Kuratau Foreshore

The Parks and Reserves Manager explained that the resource consent had been lodged with Waikato Regional Council (WRC). WRC requested further information regarding cyclical weather patterns that caused the effect. Officers supplied data from the National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research (NIWA). They also requested further information regarding beach nourishment. He explained that the resource consent covered Pūkawa for beach nourishment and to mitigate the effects of the boat ramp, for Kuratau it

was for three breakwaters with a possibility to add two more if required. The resource consent had been applied for in a way that meant Council did not need to reapply each time they wanted to do something different to address the issues identified.

In answer to questions, the following was explained:

- The erosion issues were outside of the boundary of Tūwharetoa's ownership of the lakebed. Some of the structures would be on the lakebed so permission from Tūwharetoa was required.
- There were other areas throughout the district that had similar issues of erosion and this was often due to a combination of high lake levels and high winds.

A member raised concerns regarding the sewer pipe at the lakefront in Kuratau. He explained that it was covered in rocks to prevent it breaking however if the lake eroded around the pipe it would become exposed and he was concerned the pipe would break and sewage would leak into the lake. The Parks and Reserves Manager explained they were concerned about this too and wanted to get the work completed to give the whole system some protection. He explained that if the pipe did break it was unlikely that sewage would leak out because the lake water pressure was greater than the sewage running through the pipe. This meant that it was more likely that an increase of water would go into the pipe which would alert technicians that there was an issue.

D3 Resource Consent

A member explained that the Team Lead Development Engineering met with committee members on site and there was a positive response from this site visit. The line of sight at the intersection was enough.

TRG202509/04 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Sandra Greenslade

Seconded: Ms Ngaire Grainger

That the Tongariro Representative Group receives the progress updates on projects and operations.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Tongariro Representative Group meeting voted in favour of resolution TRG202509/04 above.

5.4 TONGARIRO - COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND HOT TOPICS

Community Engagement

The Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner explained a free workshop had been held in conjunction with Community Waikato, this workshop explained the changes for incorporated societies. These changes would occur in 2026 and incorporated societies needed to reapply by 5 April 2026 under the Incorporated Societies Act 2022.

Enforcement of drinking water standards by the water services authority Taumata Arowai meant Council had to inform communities where a protozoa barrier was not yet installed. Upgrades to include protozoa barriers were scheduled in Council's water treatment work programme with Omori due for completion in October 2025, Motuoapa due for completion in August 2026 and construction for a new Hatepe treatment plant planned to start during 2025 with the completion date to be confirmed. Communications were sent out with four responses received which were all positive.

The Tūrangi Men's Shed had found a space which was the old Tokaanu Garage. A working bee occurred a few weeks prior with many people showing up to help. ITM had shared that they would love to help wherever they could. Genesis kindly sent their Maintenance Programme Manager to look at the premises to see what was required and explained that they would need to get an electrician. She would speak with the Tūrangi Rotary to inquire if the Men's Shed could sit under them until they had themselves set up in order to be able to apply for funding. In answer to a question she explained that Genesis was providing some funding but the Men's Shed needed to be set up before this could happen. A member suggested speaking to the Lines Company too.

Over the next couple of months, Council would be supporting Waikato Regional Council (WRC) with community engagement for some changes to the Connect Bus service from Tūrangi to Taupō. Changes were being made to address the demand and address what the community had explained they wanted.

Communication with WRC would be ongoing to determine a plan and they believed this would be well received by bus users as there was often not enough seats for passengers.

On 6 August a public meeting regarding rural health was held with Minister Matt Doocey. He had been on a roadshow since April and wanted to hear about local health care and feedback. The turnout was very good. A big concern was about Taupō Hospital closing down however it was shared with the group that this was likely to not happen.

Bay Trust Community Funding held a meeting on 19 August and there was a good turnout of roughly 25 people. There were presentations from Bay Trust, Department of Internal Affairs and Taupō District Council. There was some great information shared.

The team had begun engagement about enrolment for elections. Officers went to schools and spoke with year 13 children about enrolling. A lot of 17 year olds enrolled and while they could not vote, they would be set up to vote in the future. Officers stood outside New World Tūrangi and 12 new enrolments were taken. On Thursday 4 September, Elections 101 was going to be held at the Tūrangi Customer and Visitor Service Centre from 5.30pm until 7.00pm. This was being led by Amy from Electoral Commission and it would provide the public with basic information about elections. This would be held again on Monday 8 September from 11.00am until 1.30pm. In answer to a question, it was explained that it would be a relaxed event where community members could come and ask Amy questions. A meet the candidates event for Tūrangi would be held on 22 September from 5.00pm until 8.00pm at the Senior Citizens Hall. There was a meet the candidates event to be held on 27 September in Omori from 10.00am until 12.00pm. Voting opened the following week on Tuesday 9 September and voting bins would be placed at the Tūrangi Customer and Visitor Service Centre and New World.

Tūrangi Reserves Management Plan

The Policy Advisor introduced herself and the Senior Policy Advisor. She explained they worked in the reserves space and were currently working on a draft reserve management plan with Ngāti Tūrangitukua Charitable Trust.

Pre-engagement was held earlier this year, a draft plan was then developed. They had been working on this with the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee. They had met with various clubs and committees to discuss the plan and had received positive feedback overall.

The Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee had approved for officers to go out for public consultation at the 3 September meeting. Consultation would be open from 1 December 2025 until 31 January 2026. Submissions were available to be completed online or in person at any of the engagement events planned over those two months.

Hearings and deliberations would be held and submitters could come speak to their submissions during hearings if they wished. The Policy Advisor encouraged members to spread the information to the community.

In answer to a question it was explained that the policy team were beginning to work on a reserve management plan for the rest of the district and this would be a major project over the next one to two years.

TRG202509/05 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Sandra Greenslade

Seconded: Mr Dave Potaka

That the Tongariro Representative Group receives the information contained in the Tongariro – Community Engagement and Hot Topics report.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Tongariro Representative Group meeting voted in favour of resolution TRG202509/05 above.

5.5 MEMBERS' REPORTS

The following members reports were received:

Ms Ngaire Grainger

- The gardens around Tūrangi were being tidied up by the parks and reserves team and were looking

very good.

- A Labour Weekend Market would be held at Omori Kuratau Hall.
- Rubbish and dog poo bins had been removed in areas around the rohe, there was concern this would cause people to throw their rubbish wherever. Taupahi Road Reserve had no dog bins or bags however this was an off leash area.

TRG202509/06 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Sandra Greenslade

Seconded: Mr Dave Potaka

That the Tongariro Representative Group receives the reports from members.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Tongariro Representative Group meeting voted in favour of resolution TRG202509/06 above.

6 NGĀ KŌRERO TŪMATAITI | CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil

The meeting closed at 4.27pm with a karakia led by Cr Sandra Greenslade.

The minutes of this meeting were approved and adopted as a true and correct record by the Chairperson and the Chief Executive in accordance with Standing Order 28.4.

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