

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, LEVEL 1, 67 HOROMĀTANGI STREET, TAUPŌ
ON TUESDAY, 31 MARCH 2026 AT 1.00 PM**

PRESENT: Mayor John Funnell (in the Chair), Cr Rachel Cameron, Cr Duncan Campbell, Cr Nicola de Lautour, Cr Ngāhuia Foreman (until 4.24pm), Cr Sandra Greenslade, Cr Kylie Leonard (from 1.05pm), Cr Steve Manunui, Cr Wahine Murch (until 5.43pm), Cr Christine Rankin (until 5.54pm), Cr Kevin Taylor, Cr Yvonne Westerman (until 5.29pm), Cr Hope Woodward (until 4.24pm)

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive (J Gardyne), General Manager Organisation Performance (S Matthews), General Manager Strategy and Environment (W Zander), General Manager Community Infrastructure and Services (T Hale), General Manager People and Community Partnerships (H Tattle), Legal and Governance Manager (N McAdie), Community Engagement and Development Manager (T Russell), Communications Manager (L McMichael), Finance Manager (J Paenga), Events and Venues Manager (S Giles), Executive Manager to the Mayor (J Later), Policy Manager (N Carroll), Project Management Office Manager (P Fletcher), Resource Consents Manager (H Williams), Senior Policy Advisor (H Samuel), Senior Policy Advisor (C Pilkington), Senior Policy Advisor (P Caruana), Policy Advisor (A Wilson), Senior Solicitor (K Hollman), Asset Manager Stormwater (P Burt), Digital Communications Specialist (D Petry), Senior Committee Advisor (K Watts), Governance Quality Manager (S James)

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: Five members of the public

- NOTES:** (I) *THIS MEETING WAS LIVESTREAMED AND IS AVAILABLE TO VIEW ON TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL'S YOUTUBE CHANNEL.*
- (II) *CR KYLIE LEONARD ENTERED THE MEETING AT 1.05PM. SHE WAS NOT PRESENT FOR RESOLUTIONS TDC202603/01 AND 02.*
- (III) *CRS NGĀHUIA FOREMAN AND HOPE WOODWARD LEFT THE MEETING AT 4.24PM. THEY WERE NOT PRESENT FOR RESOLUTIONS TDC202603/17-23 AND C01-04.*
- (IV) *CR KYLIE LEONARD LEFT THE MEETING AT 4.50PM AND RE-ENTERED THE MEETING AT 4.56PM. SHE WAS NOT PRESENT FOR RESOLUTIONS TDC202603/19 AND 20.*
- (V) *CR WAHINE MURCH LEFT THE MEETING AT 5.43PM. SHE WAS NOT PRESENT FOR RESOLUTION TDC202603/C04.*
- (VI) *CR CHRISTINE RANKIN LEFT THE MEETING AT 5.54PM. SHE WAS NOT PRESENT FOR RESOLUTION TDC202603/C04.*

1 KARAKIA

2 WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES

TDC202603/01 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Wahine Murch

Seconded: Cr Rachel Cameron

That the apology received from Cr Kylie Leonard for lateness be accepted.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202603/01 above.

3 NGĀ WHAKAPĀNGA TUKITUKI | CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

4 WHAKAMANATANGA O NGĀ MENETI | CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 24 FEBRUARY 2026

TDC202603/02 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kevin Taylor

Seconded: Cr Ngāhuia Foreman

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 24 February 2026 be approved and adopted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202603/02 above.

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

5.1 PUBLIC FORUM

Mr Evan Erstich – Taupō Indoor Sports Hub Project Update

Mr Erstich introduced Mr Tony Smith and made a PowerPoint presentation (A3918569).

- The Taupō Indoor Sports Hub project was a community-led initiative, revolving around community connection and participation in sport.
- The Taupō Indoor Sports Hub Charitable Trust had been formed, and Trustees included business owners and people with expertise in engineering, capital works, raising capital and delivering projects. Collectively the Trustees had over 30 years of sports administration experience.

Cr Kylie Leonard joined the meeting at this point (1.05pm).

- The Trustees wanted to give back to the Taupō community.
- The Trust's vision was outlined, with Taupō's vibrancy and community pathways being key components of the vision.
- A private-public partnership model was proposed, with plans to attract private capital to support construction and minimise the burden on ratepayers.
- The intent was to take the successful squash club operating/governance model and scale it up. This would avoid management liability for Council.
- Expected community benefits were shared, including a \$25m economic injection over a 10-year horizon; intergenerational community unity; self-sustaining operations; and other benefits including use as an emergency centre and alignment with the Taupō Events Centre and current strategies.
- A number of potential locations had been identified.
- Groups and clubs belonging to the coalition of support were identified.
- Next steps included finalising the business case; working with Council in relation to land availability; and entering into a Memorandum of Understanding between the Trust, Taupō District Council and Sport Waikato.
- The Trust had lodged an application with the regional infrastructure fund.

In answer to questions, Mr Erstich advised that:

- The Trust was seeking Council's support to ensure the project aligned with Council's Sport and Recreation Strategy and the Long-term Plan. Council's assistance to secure the land was also sought. Once the land was secured, the Trust could proceed with obtaining funding from private and corporate investors.
- It was hoped that the sports groups would run events and 'man' the facility. It was also hoped that geothermal ground heat could be used to off-set power costs. Volunteers would run the tournaments and community leagues.
- The business case and financial model could be shared with elected members.
- Hickling Park would be an ideal location for the indoor sports hub, particularly due to its proximity to the Taupō Events Centre.
- Council services in-kind were being provided during this preliminary stage. A founding investment from Council would help attract more investment.

Ms Belinda Walker – Community Representation in Kinloch

Ms Walker tabled the 2017 Kinloch Community Plan and addressed the Council. The following points were noted:

- The Council communications team was thanked for publicising the Kinloch Families Trust's Easter egg hunt taking place the coming weekend.
- Ms Walker was a former Kinloch Representative Group community representative.
- She encouraged Council to consider Kinloch and how that community might best be represented.
- The Kinloch Representative Group committee came from the Kinloch community, not from Council. The committee had been established following engagement as part of Council's representation review some years ago.
- The Kinloch Representative Group had provided a neutral space for the community to come together in Kinloch.
- It was important that the Kinloch Community Plan was fit-for-purpose.
- Kinloch representation was missing from the proposals before Council at this meeting (agenda item 5.7).
- Former Kinloch Representative Group member Mr Pat Kane was praised for all the work he had done, including ensuring appropriate replacement trees were planted after some poplar trees were felled in error; helping an elderly man with pothole/access issues; connecting the Kinloch Golf Course with lotteries for funding; working with the community and Sevenoaks to find solutions to address impacts on wildlife; and enabling a beach mat for beach access.
- The Kinloch Representative Group had allowed a connection between the community and the Council team and elected members.
- Cr Christine Rankin was thanked for chairing the Kinloch Representative Group during the last Triennium.

TDC202603/03 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Nicola de Lautour

Seconded: Cr Rachel Cameron

That Council receives comments from members of the public.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202603/03 above.

5.2 NOTICE OF MOTION - GENERAL MATTERS

Cr Duncan Campbell moved the Notice of Motion, explaining his reasons for the proposal. The following points were noted:

- One of his election pledges was to restore democracy into the Council Chambers. Adding a standing agenda item for elected members to raise matters was a simple and practical way to do this.
- The Notice of Motion process required a formal recommendation and seconder. That process was not suitable for raising matters or sharing information.
- Members of the public currently had greater ability to raise matters in the Council Chamber than elected members do, which was absurd.
- Members' reports used to be an agenda item but that had stopped last Triennium. It was disappointing that the Mayor had not reinstated it.
- Members were elected to represent the people and had political things to say. This was a normal state of affairs for other councils. Adding this item would be a small step towards fixing the issue. It would help keep the public informed.

Cr Hope Woodward seconded the motion.

Members discussed the proposal before it was put to the vote, with voting recorded below.

MOTION

Moved: Cr Duncan Campbell

Seconded: Cr Hope Woodward

That Council amends its standard meeting agenda structure to include a standing item titled "General Matters / Members' Matters", under which elected members may raise matters for information only, and that any matters raised under this item:

- a. Are for information and discussion only;
- b. May not result in a decision of the Council, other than referral of the matter to a future meeting or request for a report; and
- c. The Chair may determine the order of speakers and apply reasonable time limits to contributions under this item.

In Favour: Crs Duncan Campbell, Sandra Greenslade, Christine Rankin and Hope Woodward

Against: Crs Rachel Cameron, Nicola de Lautour, Ngāhuia Foreman, Kylie Leonard, Steve Manunui, Wahine Murch, Kevin Taylor and Yvonne Westerman

Abstain: Mayor John Funnell

LOST

5.3 COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENTS: RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATIONS - KAKA STREET AND CHARLES CRESCENT, TAUPŌ

The Resource Consents Manager summarised the report. In answer to questions, she advised that:

- The process for selecting commissioners involved Council staff considering what matters needed to be discussed and debated for particular applications, then seeking commissioners with relevant experience.
- Commissioners' hourly rates were taken into account as part of the selection process, as was the number of commissioners required.

The Chief Executive responded to another question, explaining that Council could consider putting more councillors through the *Making Good Decisions* accreditation course once the outcome of legislative reform was known.

TDC202603/04 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kevin Taylor

Seconded: Cr Yvonne Westerman

That Council, pursuant to section 34A of the Resource Management Act 1991, hereby delegates the functions and powers of hearing, consideration, and decision-making in relation to

1. 42 Kaka Street, Taupō to an Independent Commissioner with Chairperson accreditation, Mr Bill Wasley.
2. 29 Charles Crescent to an Independent Commissioner with Chairperson accreditation, Ms Rachel Dimery.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202603/04 above.

5.4 REQUEST TO REVOKE AND REPLACE RESOLUTION REVOKING RESERVE STATUS OF LOCAL PURPOSE RESERVE (STORMWATER) AND TRANSFER TO ADJOINING OWNER - S24 RESERVES ACT 1977

The Senior Solicitor presented the report and clarified that the request was to ensure all details were correct for the public record.

TDC202603/05 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Wahine Murch

Seconded: Cr Ngāhuia Foreman

That Council:

1. Revokes Council resolution TDC202512/05 made at the Council meeting on 16 December 2025, relating to the revocation of reserve status and disposal of a 19m² area shown as Section 1 on Drawing V200 Rev A of Definition Survey Limited dated 14 November 2025.
2. Approves the revocation of proposed Lot 103 on Land Transfer Plan 628120 (**Lot 103**), being a 26m² part of Lot 102 DP 608131, as local purpose reserve (stormwater) pursuant to section 24(1)(b) of the Reserves Act 1977, subject to the Department of Conservation ratifying the revocation, on the basis that Lot 103 is not needed for Reserves Act 1977 purposes because the balance of the reserve is sufficient to perform the stormwater drainage function of the reserve.
3. Declares Lot 103 surplus to Reserves Act 1977 requirements.
4. Approves the transfer of Lot 103 to the registered owner (**developer**) of Lot 11 DP 608131 at 9 Ngawha Place, Taupō (**property**) and the amalgamation of Lot 103 with the property on the basis that:
 - a. The agreement to transfer Lot 103 to the developer is conditional on the reserve revocation process under s24 of the Reserves Act 1977 being completed;
 - b. The developer meets all costs and disbursements incurred in respect of the revocation and transfer/amalgamation process.
5. Delegates to the Chief Executive the authority to approve the final terms and conditions of the reserve revocation and transfer, and to take such action and sign such documents as may be reasonably necessary to implement Council's resolutions above and matters ancillary to them.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202603/05 above, with the exception of Cr Kylie Leonard, who abstained from voting.

5.5 APPROVAL TO NOTIFY PLAN CHANGES 44 AND 45 TO THE TAUPŌ DISTRICT PLAN

The Senior Policy Advisors (H Samuel and C Pilkington) summarised the history of Plan Changes 44 and 45 and explained how the Plan Changes would help activities in the Residential and Neighbourhood Centre zones. They answered questions of clarification.

TDC202603/06 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rachel Cameron

Seconded: Cr Kylie Leonard

That Council:

1. Approves Plan Changes 44 and 45 and their associated Section 32 Evaluation Reports (Identified in Attachments 1-6) for notification when practical;
2. Revokes resolution TDC202508/03 which approved Plan Changes 44-49 and their associated Section 32 Evaluation Reports (Identified in Attachments 1-13) for notification, subject to receiving an exemption from the Minister for the Environment;
3. Delegates authority to the Policy Manager to authorise any minor editorial changes prior to notification; and
4. Directs officers to notify Plan Changes 44 and 45 in accordance with the First Schedule to the Resource Management Act 1991, as soon as practicable.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202603/06 above.

5.6 ANNUAL PLAN 26/27 - DRAFT FINANCIAL DIRECTION

The Policy Advisor presented the report and added that the financial modelling did not include the fuel and oil shocks resulting from the Iran war, due to timeframes. In answer to questions, he advised that:

- The recommended option did not propose changes to large parts of the Long-term Plan 2024-34 budget for the 2026-27 financial year, therefore there was no need to consult. Consultation would be required if Council was proposing material changes.
- Three waters made up 40% of Council's total costs. As shares of the annualised increase, 44% of the increase was as a result of three waters, and 56% related to all other Council activities. Put another way, of the 6.6% proposed average increase, 2.9% could be attributed to waters and 3.7% to the rest of Council.

In answer to a question, the General Manager Organisation Performance advised that assumptions for emissions trading scheme credit prices were higher than current prices, but lower than normal. This was the staff recommendation taking a risk-based approach.

In answer to another question, the Chief Executive advised that a 'bed tax' could be considered as part of the Long-term Plan 2026-26 process.

Members discussed the draft financial direction, which if approved would result in a 6.6% average rates increase in the 2026-27 financial year. They acknowledged that it had been very difficult to prepare the Annual Plan 2026-27 in the current economic environment. A lot of work had been done to get to this point.

TDC202603/07 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kylie Leonard

Seconded: Cr Rachel Cameron

That Council directs officers to prepare the 2026/27 Annual Plan in accordance with option 1, with the identified project and risk-based budget trade-offs to achieve an expected 6.6% average rates increase.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202603/07 above, with the exception of Crs Duncan Campbell, Sandra Greenslade and Hope Woodward, who voted against.

5.7 ESTABLISHMENT OF MANGAKINO-POUAKANI AND TONGARIRO REPRESENTATIVE GROUP COMMITTEES; AND RECEIPT OF COUNCILLOR CONNECT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

The Community Development and Engagement Manager explained that the item continued Council's decision-making in relation to establishing representative group committees in the Mangakino-Pouākani and Tongariro areas, as well as putting less formal arrangements in place for representation and engagement in other areas (Councillor Connect forums). A draft schedule of meetings had been prepared for the Councillor Connect forums, along with information to support the forums.

In answer to questions, the Community Development and Engagement Manager advised that:

- The Iwi and Co-Governance team was working with hapū across the district to identify dates and venues for the Papamārearea Māori ward Councillor Connect forums.
- The Councillor Connect forums could be attended by all councillors across the district.
- What Council was attempting to do with the Councillor Connect forums initially was around consistency through the district, however the feedback received had provided a different reflection. What was being presented now was based on that feedback.
- All arrangements including the Councillor Connect forums and the representative group committees would be reviewed in November 2026.
- Council staff would use their contacts within the district's communities to raise awareness of the Councillor Connect forums. This would include Mr Pat Kane in Kinloch, for example.

In answer to another question, the Governance Quality Manager advised that Council would be undertaking a representation review next calendar year.

TDC202603/08 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Wahine Murch

Seconded: Cr Ngāhuia Foreman

That Council receives the Councillor Connect Implementation Plan for the period 1 April to 31 December 2026 (Attachment 4).

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202603/08 above.

The meeting adjourned at this point (3.14pm) and reconvened at 3.22pm.

The Governance Quality Manager summarised the parts of the report relating to representative group committees. She explained that the Terms of Reference and Delegations from Council to the Mangakino-Pouākani and Tongariro representative groups that were in place during the last Triennium were presented as a starting point for discussion. If Council decided to go ahead with the same arrangements, the Regulatory Committee delegations would need to be amended, as some powers and functions which had been with the representative group committees were now with the Regulatory Committee (Local Government Act 1974, Reserves Act 1977, tree and vegetation and making changes to the Asset Management Data Standard). She added that there had been five matters dealt with by the Mangakino-Pouākani Representative Group and two matters by the Tongariro Representative Group under those delegations

during the 2022-2025 Triennium.

In answer to a question, the Governance Quality Manager advised that it would be up to Council to decide how important applicants' addresses were when considering appointing the two community representatives to the Tongariro Representative Group committee (one representative from the north east of State Highway 1 and one from the north west).

The Chairperson of the Regulatory Committee, Cr Rachel Cameron asked why the delegations had not been discussed with her prior to the meeting. The Governance Quality Manager apologised for not doing so.

Members discussed all aspects of the representative group committees, including delegations; membership; and appointed member remuneration.

It was decided that the Regulatory Committee should retain the Local Government 1974, Reserves Act 1977, tree and vegetation and Asset Management Data Standard delegations for consistency of decision-making across the district. Decision-making in relation to leases and licences under the Conservation Act 1987 was also added to the Regulatory Committee's delegations.

Members decided not to remunerate or provide a vehicle-kilometre mileage allowance to people appointed to the representative group committees, to ensure a consistent approach, because community members attending the Councillor Connect forums would not receive any remuneration or a vehicle-kilometre mileage allowance.

TDC202603/09 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kylie Leonard

Seconded: Cr Rachel Cameron

That Council establishes the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group committee for the 2025-28 Triennium and delegates powers and functions in accordance with the Terms of Reference and Delegations attached to the agenda, but with clauses 7, 8 and 9 deleted, noting that those powers and functions will remain with the Regulatory Committee.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202603/089 above, with the exception of Crs Sandra Greenslade and Hope Woodward who voted against.

TDC202603/10 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Yvonne Westerman

Seconded: Cr Ngāhuia Foreman

That Council, in accordance with clause 25 of Schedule 7 to the Local Government Act 2002, using System B to determine the election process for the Chairperson of the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group, elects Cr Hope Woodward as the Chairperson for that Committee for the 2025-28 Triennium.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202603/10 above.

TDC202603/11 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Wahine Murch

Seconded: Cr Ngāhuia Foreman

That Council appoints Councillors Yvonne Westerman and Cr Duncan Campbell to the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group committee for the 2025-28 Triennium.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202603/11 above.

TDC202603/12 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rachel Cameron
Seconded: Cr Ngāhuia Foreman

That Council establishes the Tongariro Representative Group committee for the 2025-2028 Triennium and delegates powers and functions in accordance with the Terms of Reference and Delegations document attached to the agenda, but with clauses 7, 8 and 9 deleted, noting that those powers and functions will remain with the Regulatory Committee.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202603/12 above.

TDC202603/13 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Wahine Murch
Seconded: Cr Kevin Taylor

That Council, in accordance with clause 25 of Schedule 7 to the Local Government Act 2002, using System B to determine the election process for the Chairperson of the Tongariro Representative Group, elects Cr Sandra Greenslade as the Chairperson for that Committee for the 2025-28 Triennium.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202603/13 above.

TDC202603/14 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Sandra Greenslade
Seconded: Cr Kylie Leonard

That Council appoints Councillor Ngāhuia Foreman to the Tongariro Representative Group committee for the 2025-28 Triennium.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202603/14 above.

TDC202603/15 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rachel Cameron
Seconded: Cr Yvonne Westerman

That Council amends the Regulatory Committee's Terms of Reference and Delegations 2025-28 by adding the words "(excluding the development of reserve management plans under s 41 of that Act)" after reference to the Reserves Act 1977 in clause 1 and including leases and licences under the Conservation Act 1987 under clause 1.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202603/15 above, with the exception of Crs Sandra Greenslade and Hope Woodward who voted against.

TDC202603/16 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kevin Taylor
Seconded: Cr Kylie Leonard

That Council does not remunerate (or provide a vehicle-kilometre allowance for) any of the external Māori, Marae and community representatives appointed to the Tongariro and Mangakino-Pouakani representative group committees for the 2025-28 Triennium, noting as required by s 80 of the Local Government Act 2002 that:

- a. This decision is inconsistent with Council's Selection, Appointment and Remuneration Policy for External Appointees on Council Committees 2025;
- b. The reason for the inconsistency is that this provides a consistent approach to our community engagement across all wards in the district; and
- c. In spite of the inconsistency, Council does not intend to amend the Selection, Appointment and Remuneration Policy for External Appointees on Council Committees 2025.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202603/16 above, with the exception of Crs Sandra Greenslade and Hope Woodward who voted against.

Crs Ngāhua Foreman and Hope Woodward left the meeting at this point (4.24pm).

5.8 REQUEST TO APPROVE USE OF STRATEGIC PROPERTY RESERVE TO PAY DOWN DEBT

The Finance Manager explained the proposal and confirmed that it had already been included in the 2026/27 draft Annual Plan.

TDC202603/17 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Yvonne Westerman
Seconded: Cr Rachel Cameron

That Council approves the use of \$5,000,000 (FIVE MILLION DOLLARS) only, gained from proceeds from the sale of commercial sections at Crown Road, to reduce Council's overall debt, the allocation of this debt reduction will be left to the discretion of Council officers.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202603/17 above, with the exception of Cr Duncan Campbell, who voted against.

5.9 TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL PERFORMANCE REPORT - FEBRUARY 2026

The Chief Executive presented the performance report to the end of February 2026. In response to a question, she advised that management were working on reforecasting in light of the global geopolitical issues and economic impacts on the country and the Council. A report would be brought to the April Council meeting.

In answer to further questions, the Project Management Office Manager advised that:

- Council was considering its projects in conjunction with suppliers, in relation to price increases and fuel shortages. Contract managers were working with contractors on a case-by-case basis. Council's Enterprise Leadership Team had met to discuss business critical functions in light of the four phases of the Government's National Fuel Plan.

- Tūrangitukua Park – 35% related to budget, not completion of the project. The original project had been delivered, but Council was now considering additional drainage solutions for the area due to ongoing flooding issues.

A member asked if there had been any feedback on the quality of water coming out of the Omori treatment plant. The Project Management Office Manager advised she would follow up with an answer after the meeting.

In answer to another question, the General Manager Strategy and Environment advised that conversations with hapū about Kuratau erosion involved sharing intentions and the information was generally well-received.

TDC202603/18 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rachel Cameron

Seconded: Cr Christine Rankin

That Council receives the information contained in the Performance Report for the month of February 2026.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202603/18 above.

5.10 TARGETED AMENDMENTS TO THE DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS POLICY 2024

The Senior Policy Advisor (P Caruana) summarised the proposal and answered questions. He confirmed that while the Development Contributions Policy would be reviewed alongside the Long-term Plan 2027-37, officers were recommending the targeted amendments to address issues and provide clarity for developers and the community as soon as possible.

Cr Kylie Leonard left the meeting at this point (4.50pm).

TDC202603/19 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rachel Cameron

Seconded: Cr Kylie Leonard

That Council adopts the attached draft Statement of Proposal and proposed draft amendments to the Development Contributions Policy 2024 for public consultation.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202603/19 above.

5.11 2025-28 REGIONAL TRIENNIAL AGREEMENTS PT.2

The Policy Advisor presented the report on behalf of the Team Leader Corporate Planning.

TDC202603/20 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kevin Taylor
Seconded: Cr Christine Rankin

That Council adopts the 2025-28 regional Triennial Agreements for:

1. The Waikato Region
2. The Manawatū-Whanganui Region (as a non-primary council)

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202603/20 above.

5.12 ADOPTION OF TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2025-2028 TRIENNIUM

The Senior Committee Advisor presented the draft Taupō District Council Local Governance Statement and answered questions of clarification.

Cr Kylie Leonard re-entered the meeting at this point (4.56pm).

It was noted that the diagram showing Council's committees would be updated to include the Mangakino-Pouākani and Tongariro representative group committees.

TDC202603/21 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Wahine Murch
Seconded: Cr Kevin Taylor

That Council adopts the Taupō District Council Local Governance Statement for the 2025-2028 Triennium [A3911117].

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202603/21 above, with the exception of Cr Duncan Campbell, who abstained from voting.

5.13 COUNCIL ENGAGEMENTS APRIL 2026, APPOINTMENTS, AND TRAINING AND CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES

The Senior Committee Advisor advised that there were two changes to the list of engagements for April, being the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee workshop 10am-10.30am the following day (1 April) and the addition of a closed Long-term Plan 2027-37 workshop, 10.30am-3.30pm on 21 April.

The reference to Kinloch Kindy would be corrected to Kinloch Kindergarten.

TDC202603/22 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rachel Cameron
Seconded: Cr Christine Rankin

That Council receives the information relating to engagements for April 2026.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202603/22 above.

6 NGĀ KŌRERO TŪMATAITI | CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

TDC202603/23 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Christine Rankin

Seconded: Cr Sandra Greenslade

RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

I move that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48[1] of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution	Plain English reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter
<p>Agenda Item No: 6.1 Confirmation of Confidential Portion of Ordinary Council Minutes - 24 February 2026</p>	<p>Section 7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons Section 7(2)(i) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable [the Council] to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)</p>	<p>Section 48(1)(a)(i)- the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 7</p>	<p>The final term sheet is still under negotiations and subject to approval by Waikato Waters' Shareholders Representative Forum. The proposal is also the subject of ongoing discussions between Waikato Waters Limited and LGFA on commercial financing matters.</p>
<p>Agenda Item No: 6.2 Granting of New Lease for Waioara Community Trust</p>	<p>Section 7(2)(i) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable [the Council] to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)</p>	<p>Section 48(1)(a)(i)- the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 7</p>	<p>This report should be considered in confidence because it deals with sensitive commercial and financial matters for Council and the lessee.</p>
<p>Agenda Item No: 6.3 Update on Urban Flood Modelling</p>	<p>Section 7(2)(g) - the withholding of the information is necessary to maintain legal professional privilege</p>	<p>Section 48(1)(a)(i)- the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 7</p>	<p>The report discusses legal advice provided to Council.</p>

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202603/23 above.

The meeting closed at 6.03pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the ordinary Council meeting held on 28 April 2026.

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CHAIRPERSON