TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY REGULATORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, LEVEL 1, 67 HOROMĀTANGI STREET, TAUPŌ
ON TUESDAY, 17 MARCH 2026 AT 1:00 PM

PRESENT: Cr Rachel Cameron (in the Chair), Cr Duncan Campbell, Cr Wahine Murch, Cr Yvonne Westerman

IN ATTENDANCE: General Manager Strategy and Environment (W Zander), General Manager Community Infrastructure and Services (T Hale), Infrastructure Manager (R Stokes), Facilities Manager (R Nienaber), Team Lead Transportation Operations (I Cruz), Asset Manager Transportation (C Sharland), Asset Engineer Transport (A Dahal), Reserves Advisor (B Vi), Reserve Management and Property Officer (H Holt), Team Leader Communications (D Eastwood), Senior Committee Advisor (K Watts), Legal and Governance Coordinator (M Cammell)

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: Three members of the public.

Note: This meeting was livestreamed and is available to view on Taupō District Council's YouTube channel.

1 KARAKIA

All present recited the karakia.

2 WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES

RCCCC202603/01 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Yvonne Westerman
Seconded: Cr Wahine Murch

That the apologies received from Mayor John Funnell, Cr Kylie Leonard, and Cr Hope Woodward be accepted.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Regulatory Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution RCCCC202603/01 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 ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON

The General Manager Strategy and Environment introduced the item.

RCCCC202603/02 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Duncan Campbell
Seconded: Cr Yvonne Westerman

That the Regulatory Committee confirms that System B will be used to determine the election process for the Deputy Chairperson.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Regulatory Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution RCCCC202603/02 above.

RCCCC202603/03 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Wahine Murch
Seconded: Cr Duncan Campbell

That the Regulatory Committee elects Cr Yvonne Westerman as the Deputy Chairperson of the Committee for the 2025-28 Triennium.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Regulatory Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution RCCCC202603/03 above.

5.2 WELCOME TO THE TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL REGULATORY COMMITTEE

The Legal and Governance Coordinator introduced the purpose of the committee and highlighted the dates for upcoming meetings.

One of the members pointed out that the functions of the Taupō Reserves and Roading Committee from the previous triennium had moved to this committee. The Terms of Reference for the committee was available on the website.

RCCCC202603/04 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Yvonne Westerman
Seconded: Cr Duncan Campbell

That the Regulatory Committee receives the information provided to support members in their role for the 2025-28 Triennium.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Regulatory Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution RCCCC202603/04 above.

5.3 PUBLIC FORUM

The following speaker presented at Public Forum:

Ken Harris – President of Taupō Disc Golf

Mr Harris introduced himself and spoke to the upcoming agenda item for a long-term licence to occupy for Taupō Disc Golf in Spa Thermal Park. Taupō Disc Golf was a volunteer led club that catered to all ages and ability levels. They ran large scale events, leagues and junior tournaments. Taupō's disc golf course was the only course from the southern hemisphere that was in the World Top 100. They had provided 5 years of value to the Taupō Community. He went on to say that in the last Long-term Plan there was a focus on "vibrant and connected communities" which they had touched on in many ways.

Mr Harris also highlighted the upcoming events for the Club and their GDP impact. For the Taupō Classic in 2025, there were 134 participants which equated to 899 bed nights and $137k spent in Taupō. In 2026 there was the Australasian Open which had 186 participants which equated to 1,158 bed nights and $216k+ in GDP impact.

The course had attracted people from across the country and internationally and was the 3rd most played course in New Zealand which was up from 7th the year before.

In response to queries, the following was clarified:

- Mr Harris had not heard of any issues of people getting hit by golf discs nor any major conflicts.
- If Taupō wanted to become one of the top 10 courses in the world the course would likely no longer be free and would have to invest a lot of money into facilities, shops, cafes and bars to make things better. The whole course would be more manicured with the tee pads becoming more high-end with raised wooden platforms.
- The whole area around and throughout the course was an off-lead dog area but there had been no reported issues with players getting in the way of dog walkers.

RCCCC202603/05 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Wahine Murch
Seconded: Cr Yvonne Westerman

That the Regulatory Committee receives comments from members of the public.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Regulatory Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution RCCCC202603/05 above.

5.4 REQUEST FOR NEW LICENCE - TAUPŌ DISC GOLF AT SPA THERMAL PARK

The Reserves Advisor introduced herself and summarised the report. Public consultation on granting the licence to occupy would open from 19 March to 19 April. There would be QR codes that people in the park could scan to make a submission and an advertisment in the local paper.

In response to questions, the following was clarified:

- The opportunity for submissions would be advertised just once in the newspaper as opposed to every week for the month it was open.
- Iwi around Spa Thermal Park would be contacted about making a submission when consultation was open including Patuiwi.
- If someone wanted to speak to their submission they were allowed to do so when the item was presented during the next committee meeting.

RCCCC202603/06 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Wahine Murch
Seconded: Cr Yvonne Westerman

That the Regulatory Committee agrees in principle to grant a new licence to occupy to Taupō Disc Golf Club Incorporated for a term of 10 years from 17 February 2024 to 16 February 2034 for its courses at Spa Thermal Park pursuant to section 54 (1)(d) of the Reserves Act 1977, subject to the outcome of public consultation.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Regulatory Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution RCCCC202603/06 above.

5.5 REQUEST FOR NEW GROUND LEASES AT LAUGHTON STREET RESERVE

The Reserves Advisor summarised the report and explained that the delay in presenting this item was due to a reclassification of the reserve.

RCCCC202603/07 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Duncan Campbell
Seconded: Cr Wahine Murch

That the Regulatory Committee:

1. Agree to grant a new ground lease to Central Kids Trust at 29 Laughton Street in accordance with Section 61 (2A)(a) of the Reserves Act 1977 for a term of 10 years commencing 1 May 2025 to 30 April 2035.

2. Agree to grant a new ground lease to the First Taupō Scouts Association at 32 Wheretia Street in accordance with Section 61 (2A)(a) of the Reserves Act 1977 for a term of 15 years commencing 1 May 2020 to 30 April 2035.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Regulatory Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution RCCCC202603/07 above.

5.6 EXTENSION PROPOSAL KINLOCH COMMUNITY HALL LICENCE TO OCCUPY

The Facilities Manager stated the purpose of the report.

It was noted that the one year extension of the licence to occupy with an additional two one-year rights of renewal would be the tenant's right to renew. This meant that Council would not have the opportunity to decline if the kindy wanted to renew their licence to occupy through 1 December 2029.

In response to questions, the following was clarified:

- SpaceToCo was used to manage bookings for the Kinloch Community Hall. There had been no requests to use the hall at the same time the kindergarten was using the space.
- There was only one kindergarten in Kinloch.
- There were funds allocated to extend the hall but the development was cancelled. There were broader works from Parks and Reserves but this licence to occupy would have no effect on that.

RCCCC202603/08 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Yvonne Westerman
Seconded: Cr Duncan Campbell

That the Regulatory Committee authorises a further one (1) year extension with two additional one (1) year rights of renewal to the licence for kindergarten purposes for three days a week from 8 am to 4 pm Monday, Tuesday and Friday at Kinloch Community Hall for the Central Kids Kindergarten, commencing 1 December 2026 with a final expiry 1 December 2029.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Regulatory Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution RCCCC202603/08 above.

5.7 ROAD NETWORK UPDATE

The Asset Engineer Transport introduced himself and explained the new traffic controls. The controls had already been installed but needed to be approved by the committee to be legally enforceable.

The members expressed concern over the timeframes of the bus-only zone near the intermediate school. They felt that perhaps the proposed times might not be accurate and suggested that the transport team consult the school.

Committee members then decided to vote on only the first proposal, to install no right turn signs, but bring back the second proposal, to establish a bus-only parking space at 22 Kotare Street during 8:30–9:00 am and 2:30–3:30 pm replacing the existing loading zone at a future meeting.

RCCCC202603/09 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Yvonne Westerman
Seconded: Cr Wahine Murch

That, pursuant to the Taupō District Council Traffic Bylaw, the Regulatory Committee imposes the following traffic controls and/or prohibitions on roads and/or public spaces in the Taupō District:

Sign/Marking	Why	Where
1.Install No Right Turn signs	Installed to improve safety and traffic flow. There are raised vegetated central medians here which will be damaged by vehicles crossing them.	Intersection of Ngaru Crescent & Tauhara Ridge Drive, and Manga Street & Tauhara Ridge Drive.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Regulatory Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution RCCCC202603/09 above.

6 NGĀ KŌRERO TŪMATAITI | CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil

The meeting closed at 1.44pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Regulatory Committee Meeting held on 19 May 2026.

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CHAIRPERSON