

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE TŪRANGI CO-GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE TE MATAAPUNA, TŪRANGITUKUA PARK, HIRANGI ROAD, TŪRANGI  
ON WEDNESDAY, 1 APRIL 2026 AT 10.30 AM**

**PRESENT:** Poumatua Te Wharau Walker (in the Chair), Mayor John Funnell, Member Lauren Fletcher, Cr Ngāhuia Foreman, Cr Kevin Taylor, Member Bernice Te Ahuru, Member Amy Walker

**IN ATTENDANCE:** General Manager People and Community Partnerships (H Tattle), Community Engagement and Development Manager (T Russell), Policy Manager (N Carroll), Property and Development Manager (C Haskell), Executive Manager Mayor's Office (J Later), Special Projects Lead – Property (P Bradshaw), Co-Governance Management Partner (S Mavor), Communications Specialist (A Taylor), Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner (M Isherwood), Team Leader Resource Management/Reserve Planning (E O'Callaghan), Senior Policy Advisor (K Scott), Iwi Engagement Partner (T W Waaka), Iwi and Co-Governance Advisor (A Kereopa), Senior Committee Advisor (K Watts)

**MEDIA AND PUBLIC:** 2 members of the public

Notes: (i) Items were considered in the following order: 1, 5.1, 2, 3, 4, 5.2-5.7.

(ii) The karakia timatatanga had been said before the workshop held earlier at 10am.

**1 KARAKIA**

**2 WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES**

**TCG202604/01 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Kevin Taylor

Seconded: Cr Ngāhuia Foreman

That the apology received from Cr Sandra Greenslade be accepted.

**CARRIED**

Note: All members present at the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TCG202604/01 above.

**3 NGĀ WHAKAPĀNGA TUKITUKI | CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Nil

**4 WHAKAMANATANGA O NGĀ MENETI | CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**4.1 ORDINARY TŪRANGI CO-GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING - 17 FEBRUARY 2026**

**TCG202604/02 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Member Amy Walker

Seconded: Cr Ngāhuia Foreman

That the minutes of the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting held at 10.30am on Tuesday 17 February 2026 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 TCG202604/02 above.*

## **4.2 ORDINARY TŪRANGI CO-GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING - 17 FEBRUARY 2026**

### **TCG202604/03 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Ngāhuia Foreman  
Seconded: Member Lauren Fletcher

That the minutes of the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting held at 1pm on Tuesday 17 February 2026 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 TCG202604/03 above.*

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

### **5.1 ELECTION OF CO-CHAIR | POUMATUA FOR THE MEETING**

#### **TCG202604/04 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Member Lauren Fletcher  
Seconded: Cr Ngāhuia Foreman

That the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee appoints Poumatua Te Wharau Walker Junior to Chair this hui.

**CARRIED**

*Note: All members present at the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TCG202604/04 above.*

### **5.2 PUBLIC FORUM**

Item **withdrawn**.

### **5.3 LEASE TO DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION (FORMER TŪRANGI SERVICE CENTRE)**

The Special Projects Lead – Property presented the item and summarised the report on behalf of the Reserve Management and Property Officer.

In answer to questions, he clarified the following:

- No immediate plans for the former Service Centre had been made. By extending the lease, it would allow Council time and opportunity to think about this.
- The Tūrangi Rangatahi Hub used two of the offices in the building and would still be allowed to do this if the lease was extended for the Department of Conservation.

**TCG202604/05 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Kevin Taylor

Seconded: Member Bernice Te Ahuru

That the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee:

1. Approves the grant of a further 12-month lease term to the Department of Conservation in respect of the office building at 3 The Town Centre, Tūrangi for a term of 12 months, from 22 January 2026 to 21 January 2027 at an increased rent but otherwise on the same terms and conditions of lease as in the deed of Lease between Council and the Department of Conservation dated 17 July 2023; and
2. Agrees that the grant of the further 12-month lease term be implemented by way of variation of the deed of Lease between Council and the Department of Conservation dated 17 July 2023.

**CARRIED**

*Note: All members present at the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TCG202604/05 above.*

**5.4 TŪRANGI WHAREPAKU**

The Special Projects Lead – Property summarised the report and asked if members could consider the two parts to the report separately, being the approval of the design, and allocating the number of unisex or designated gender toilets.

It was explained that a design was added showing the natural flow of wai from Ranginui through to Papataunuku, through the springs, into the awa and then into the lake. Further details fed into the papa takaro design. The goal was to make the best impression possible on visitors and it was important that the design and facility reflects that.

It was explained that if there was remaining budget then some of the additional features could be added retrospectively.

The committee supported the recommended option for the design.

Unisex toilets align with national/global trends and would be more flexible in peak usage however there were hygiene and cleanliness concerns. Officers were seeking direction from the Committee.

It was explained that the interior for the toilets was the same and the sign on the outside could be changed in the future if there was a desire to change any of the toilets from unisex to gender specific.

The Committee asked that two of the toilets be allocated for wahine and the rest would be unisex, they suggested having this as a trial and asked officers to bring it back to the Committee if it was not working.

**TCG202604/06 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Member Lauren Fletcher

Seconded: Cr Ngāhuia Foreman

That the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee

1. Directs officers to implement design option 3 as set out on the agenda; and
2. Directs officers to implement 2 toilets as female/wahine only, 1 unisex accessible toilet, and 4 toilets as unisex.

**CARRIED**

*Note: All members present at the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TCG202604/06 above.*

## 5.5 OPERATIONS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UPDATES FOR TŪRANGI

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

### Long-term Plan early engagement

The Community Development team had been having planning sessions for Long-term Plan (LTP) early engagement and some placeholders with individual communities have been booked from 13 May. Youth week was also on at the same time at LTP engagements so she would go to local schools with other social services and share some civic education games and teach kids.

Wider community team were conscious of the fuel crisis and were working on plans to continue to engage kanohi ki te kanohi (face to face).

### Representative Group Review

Feedback received was people were happy they were listened to and the Tongariro Representative Group was established.

### Civic Education

Workshops were being rolled out to schools for terms two and three. The focus was on helping students and teachers understand what the Council does and how and why it matters, and to encourage participation and curiosity. She advised she will work with the Iwi and Co-Governance team to deliver this in the kura in te reo Māori.

### Tūrangi Markets

Ms Carol Harwood took over the licence to occupy and will continue to run the markets. The Engagement Team will continue to head to the markets on a regular basis with topics of interest to share and discuss with communities to keep them up to date. The team wanted to inform the community and welcomed an open kōrero.

### Matariki Proposal

A celebration for Matariki was being planned with some keen volunteers and more information would be provided at the next hui.

### Events

Easter was coming up and there would be the easter bunny and eggs around the town. There would be the annual easter car-boot sale with all 35 sites sold. Town market would also be busy with all stall holders being present.

### Wednesday Waiata

There were waiata classes on Wednesday from 8.30am until 9.30am, guitarists were there and she encouraged more to come along.

## TCG202604/07 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kevin Taylor

Seconded: Cr Ngāhuia Foreman

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 TCG202604/07 above.*

## 5.6 MANA WHAKAHONO WORKPLAN UPDATE

The Co-Governance Management Partner highlighted the following from the Dashboard Report attached to the agenda:

### Clause 9.1 and 9.3 Inductions for staff and elected members

The induction was scheduled for the following day and she thanked Ngāti Tūrangitukua for all of the work that had gone into the induction.

### Clause 10.19[d] Tūrangi recreational activity centre

The Policy Manager provided an update at the workshop held prior to the meeting.

### Clause 10.35 Cultural Values Assessment

The completion date had been pushed to end of April to allow time to go to the Taiao Committee for Ngāti Tūrangitukua

### Clause 13.4 Review of the Mana Whakahono

This will be reported back to the Committee in either May or June.

### Clause 31.3 Early engagement on three water infrastructure projects

This consent process was slow but it was progressing, following this there would be a better process for collaboration.

### Clause 36.3 Tūrangi Reserve Management Plan

These actions would be started now the Tūrangi Reserve Management Plan was complete and the committee would be updated.

### Schedule 2 Hearings commissioners

There will be no notified plan changes due to the government's Plan Stop legislation so the completion of the hearing commissioner process will be put on hold. However if a hearing needed to be held, officers would work with Ngāti Tūrangitukua to get representation on the hearings panel.

### Partnership approach to policy, planning and regulatory development

Under the Mana Whakahono, there was an agreement to work together on the development of the Long-term Plan. An initial discussion was held at the Joint Working Group meeting last week. A hui with all iwi partners was scheduled on 22 April in Taupō. Officers would continue to work with Ngāti Tūrangitukua to make sure there was process in place for Ngāti Tūrangitukua to be involved in the development of the Long-term Plan and the Water Services Strategy.

She explained she has been working with the Parks and Reserves team and wanted to hold a workshop with the Committee on reserves, including land ownership, types of reserves and how they were to be administered under the settlement.

### Co-Governance Committee Partnership Plan Implementation.

The committee and project team agreed that a workshop needs to be scheduled to discuss the current plan with the committee and to confirm the actions and implementation from here.

## TCG202604/08 RESOLUTION

Moved: Poumatua Te Wharau Walker

Seconded: Member Lauren Fletcher

That the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee receives the Mana Whakahono workplan update (A3906573).

**CARRIED**

*Note: All members present at the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TCG202604/08 above.*

## 5.7 MEMBERS' REPORTS

The following members' reports were received:

### Cr Ngāhuia Foreman

- The Tongariro Representative Group Committee was established the previous day and the Expressions of Interest process begun today for community representatives. Cr Sandra Greenslade was appointed the Chair and she was also on the committee.
- She advised that she has received a lot of comments regarding roaming dogs.

### Member Bernice Te Ahuru

- Heavy trucks continue to park on Waipapa reserve.

### Poumatua Te Wharau Walker Jnr

- He had a conversation with the Mayor regarding the fuel crisis and if it continued, options to reduce fuel usage would be considered and asked members to be flexible going forward and online options might be looked at.

### Mayor John Funnell

- He explained that the fuel crisis was serious and should not be under-estimated. He believed there would be restrictions after Easter.

### Member Lauren Fletcher

- A Tūrangi gambler sporting event was held the previous weekend and it was successful.
- Dambusters had annual league carnival and it was really good with the fields marked out and the grounds were well kept. Great feedback was received on the Te Mataapuna building.
- The swimming club went to Taumarunui to a carnival which was a great learning for them. They wished to host in Tūrangi however this could be an issue due to no diving blocks.
- Te Arawa regional kapa haka event at Rotorua stadium was a great event for reviving kapa haka.
- Ngāti Tūrangitukua worked with the Department of Conservation to clear some heather from Pihanga. Heather and die back would be looked at by Ngāti Tūrangitukua at an upcoming taiao hui.

### Member Amy Walker

- Dogs were roaming on public reserves with up to six dogs at a time hunting. It was being reported but the dogs would be gone.
- Events were held in Tūrangi last weekend with lots of cars on Hirangi Road. She advised the management of the speed on the road needed to be explored again. When large events are scheduled, cars need to be slowed down due to the volume.
- Wastewater discharge from under Tongariro Bridge, the issue was a pipe damaged. This highlighted that it was an old pipe requiring maintenance. Spillage went onto the reserve and did not get into the river. She commended the response from the Council team for being quick however it highlighted that manholes likely need to be located elsewhere and some of the pipes were really old.

## TCG202604/09 RESOLUTION

Moved: Member Bernice Te Ahuru

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 TCG202604/09 above.*

**6 NGĀ KŌRERO TŪMATAITI | CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**

Nil

The meeting closed at 11.51am with a karakia from all present.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee Meeting held on 6 May 2026.

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**CHAIRPERSON**