

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, LEVEL 1, 67 HOROMĀTANGI STREET, TAUPŌ
ON TUESDAY, 28 APRIL 2026 AT 1.00 PM**

PRESENT: Mayor John Funnell (in the Chair), Cr Rachel Cameron, Cr Duncan Campbell, Cr Nicola de Lautour (until 2.32pm), Cr Ngāhuia Foreman, Cr Sandra Greenslade, Cr Steve Manunui (from 1.02pm via MS Teams until 1.18pm and then in person from 1.21pm), Cr Wahine Murch, Cr Christine Rankin, Cr Kevin Taylor, Cr Yvonne Westerman, Cr Hope Woodward

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive (J Gardyne), Acting General Manager Community Infrastructure and Services (S Giles), General Manager People and Community Partnerships (H Tattle), General Manager Organisation Performance (S Matthews), Legal and Governance Manager (N McAdie), Communications Manager (L McMichael), Environmental Services Manager (J Sparks), Community Engagement and Development Manager (T Russell), Finance Manager (J Paenga), Project Management Office Manager (P Fletcher), Infrastructure Manager (R Stokes), Resource Consents Manager (H Williams), Environmental Impact Manager (B Aitken), Senior Solicitor (K Hollman), Programme Manager (J Walton), Senior Policy Advisor (H Samuel), Senior Emergency Management Advisor (E Harrington), Policy Advisor (A Wilson), Policy Advisor (C Pilkington), Governance Quality Manager (S James)

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: Seven members of the public

- Notes:
- (i) *This meeting was livestreamed and is available to view on Taupō District Council's YouTube channel.*
 - (ii) *Cr Nicola de Lautour left the meeting at 2.32pm. She was not present for resolutions TDC202604/09-13.*
 - (iii) *The meeting was adjourned at 3.06pm and reconvened at the start of the public excluded part of the meeting at 3.15pm.*

1 KARAKIA

2 WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES

TDC202604/01 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Ngāhuia Foreman
Seconded: Cr Nicola de Lautour

That the apologies received from Cr Kylie Leonard for absence and Cr Steve Manunui for lateness be accepted.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202604/01 above.

3 NGĀ WHAKAPĀNGA TUKITUKI | CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

4 WHAKAMANATANGA O NGĀ MENETI | CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**4.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 31 MARCH 2026****TDC202604/02 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Wahine Murch
Seconded: Cr Christine Rankin

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 31 March 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 TDC202604/02 above.

5 NGĀ KAUPAPA HERE ME NGĀ WHAKATAUNGA | POLICY AND DECISION MAKING**5.1 PUBLIC FORUM**

Item **withdrawn**.

5.2 RECOMMENDATION FROM TAUPŌ WATER SERVICES COMMITTEE - ADOPTION OF THREE WATERS ASSET MANAGEMENT POLICY

The Programme Manager summarised the report.

In answer to questions, the following was clarified:

- Elected Members of Council made policy decisions and calls on the appropriate weighting of compliance versus affordability.
- Water standards were set by Taumata Arowai and were for community safety.
- Engagement with public and iwi was not deemed necessary in accordance with the Significance and Engagement Policy.

TDC202604/03 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Sandra Greenslade
Seconded: Cr Christine Rankin

That Council accepts the recommendation from the Taupō Water Services Committee and adopts the Three Waters Asset Management Policy.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202604/03 above.

5.3 CHANGE OF PURPOSE OF LOCAL PURPOSE RESERVE AND DEDICATION OF LOCAL PURPOSE RESERVE AS ROAD UNDER RESERVES ACT 1977 - CROWN ROAD INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

The Senior Solicitor summarised the report and explained that this was the last aspect of the Crown Road development.

TDC202604/04 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kevin Taylor

Seconded: Cr Rachel Cameron

That Council:

1. resolves, pursuant to s24A(1) of the Reserves Act 1977, to change the purpose of proposed Lot 103 on Land Transfer Plan 614613 from local purpose reserve (drainage) to local purpose reserve (road), on the basis that the exception in s24A(3)(b) to the public notice requirement in s24A(2) applies;
2. resolves, pursuant to s111 of the Reserves Act 1977, to dedicate proposed Lot 103 on Land Transfer Plan 614035 as road subject to the purpose of proposed Lot 103 first being changed to local purpose reserve (road); and
3. authorises the Chief Executive and officers to complete such administrative tasks as needed to give effect to the above resolutions.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202604/04 above.

5.4 DELEGATION OF DECISION MAKING FOR RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATION - 132 BROADLANDS ROAD, TAUPŌ

The Resource Consents Manager summarised the report and set out the process that would be followed.

Members asked that it was emphasised that this resource consent application was separate to the resource consent for the landfill itself, it was for the new waste transfer building.

TDC202604/05 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rachel Cameron

Seconded: Cr Christine Rankin

That Council, pursuant to section 34A of the Resource Management Act 1991, hereby delegates the functions and powers in regards to:

- the notification decision under section 95 and
- of hearing, consideration, and decision-making under section 104

in relation to a resource consent application for the proposed upgrade of the land transfer station by extending the new building at 132 Broadlands Road, Taupō to an Independent Commissioner with Chairperson accreditation, Ms Rachel Dimery.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202604/05 above.

5.5 DELEGATION TO COMMISSIONERS FOR PLAN CHANGES 44-45 AND 47-49

The Senior Policy Advisor corrected the title of the report and noted that Plan Changes 44 and 45 also needed to be included.

She clarified that the list of accredited commissioners had been developed over the years from the Ministry for the Environment list and amended accordingly following engagement with iwi partners.

TDC202604/06 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Sandra Greenslade

Seconded: Cr Kevin Taylor

That, pursuant to section 34A of the Resource Management Act 1991, Council:

1. Appoints one Chairperson to conduct a hearing for Taupō District Plan Changes 44 (Residential Zones), Plan Change 45 (Neighbourhood Centre Zone), Plan Change 47 (Māori Purpose Zone), Plan Change 48 (Designations) and 49 (Minor Corrections), selected from the list of Making Good Decisions certificate holders maintained by the Ministry for the Environment. The proposed Chairperson is David Hill;
2. Appoints one Commissioner with expertise in Te Ao Māori to sit with the chairperson for Plan Change 47 (Māori Purpose Zone) selected from the list of Making Good Decisions certificate holders maintained by the Ministry for the Environment. The proposed commissioner is Eugene Berryman-Kamp; and
3. Delegates to the Commissioners the powers to hear, consider, and make recommendations to Council on the respective Taupō District Plan Changes.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202604/06 above.

5.6 FEES AND CHARGES 2026/27 - ANIMAL MANAGEMENT, FOOD LICENSING AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

The Policy Advisor explained that during the last Long-term Plan process, it was decided to gradually increase fees and charges. Inflationary adjustments to the fees were required and more regular adjustments would be required in future.

In answer to questions, the following was explained:

- The proposed new charge for an initial application fee for road stopping would apply to applicants who had a road adjacent or alongside their property. A valuation would need to be done and the Council officers would look at feasibility. They would be able to provide better advice to the applicant without Council bearing the costs.
- The dog registration fee was among the lowest across the country and the animal control fees and charges were at the bottom end of the Revenue and Financing Policy bands. During the Long-term Plan process the following year, the impacts on changing the funding band could be analysed.

Members welcomed a more in-depth look into animal control fees in the future in order to not disincentivise dog owners who were complying and registering their dogs on time each year.

TDC202604/07 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Sandra Greenslade

Seconded: Cr Yvonne Westerman

That Council:

1. Adopts the 2026/27 Animal Management Fees and Charges as per the attached schedule; and
2. Adopts the statement of proposal and schedule for food licensing, resource management and road stopping fees to enable consultation.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202604/07 above.

5.7 APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL RECOVERY MANAGER

The Senior Emergency Management Advisor and Community Engagement and Development Manager advised as per the report that Mr Carroll had completed training and been appointed by the Waikato Civil Defence Emergency Management Joint Committee as Taupō District Council's Local Recovery Manager.

It was clarified that the Local Recovery Manager's responsibility was moving from an emergency response into recovery mode. The local recovery response plan would be followed and the Local Recovery Manager would have a delegation of authority in conjunction with Controllers and Elected Members.

TDC202604/08 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rachel Cameron

Seconded: Cr Christine Rankin

That Council receives the information regarding the appointment of a Local Recovery Manager and formally endorses Mr Nick Carroll as the Local Recovery Manager for Taupō District.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202604/08 above.

5.8 TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL PERFORMANCE REPORT - MARCH 2026

The Chief Executive acknowledged the successful Ironman event in March and thanked members for their input into the Annual Plan and Long-term Plan processes over the last month.

Cr Nicola de Lautour left the meeting at this point (2.32pm).

The Project Management Office Manager highlighted key parts to the Portfolio report. She advised that the Long-term Plan had been added as a new critical project. The overall delivery for the capital programme was up to \$52m. She noted that of the four multi year projects on drinking water standards, two were complete (Kinloch and Omori) but Motuoapa and Hatepe were still ongoing. With the fuel crisis, Hatepe in particular could be impacted with price escalations. It was still too early to understand the full impacts. The Manager highlighted that while a short term deferral of this membrane plant upgrade may be feasible, a longer term deferral would mean commitments made with the water regulator Taumata Arowai would not be met. If there were critical project budget impacts, this would come back to Council for approval.

A member requested that the superloo be brought back to the agenda as she had received a number of calls about it.

TDC202604/09 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Wahine Murch

Seconded: Cr Ngāhuia Foreman

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

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202604/09 above.

5.9 DEFERRAL OF ROADING ASSET REVALUATION AND MODIFICATION OF ACCOUNTING POLICY

The Finance Manager advised that the independent Chair of the Risk and Assurance Committee Bruce Robertson would have liked to have attended but was not able to.

She summarised the report and advised that if the deferral was approved, Council officers would work with Audit New Zealand. It was possible that an audit qualification would need to be accepted.

TDC202604/10 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Wahine Murch
Seconded: Cr Rachel Cameron

That Council:

1. Approves the modification of the Accounting Policy for Asset Revaluations by removing the words “and at least every three years”; and
2. Approves the deferral of the roading asset revaluation for a period of six months.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202604/10 above.

5.10 RESULTS OF FEBRUARY REFORECASTING

The Finance Manager summarised the report. It was clarified that the work on Waipapa Road had started and that it was likely that the New Zealand Transport Agency subsidy of 51% of costs would be received.

TDC202604/11 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rachel Cameron
Seconded: Cr Kevin Taylor

That Council:

1. Receives the initial results of the reforecasting of capital and operational expenditure and plan for the work related to the global economic uncertainty and associated fuel crisis;
2. Approves increased operational expenditure of \$627,000 (SIX HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS) to be funded from the reforecasted surplus from the October formal forecasting;
3. Approves the additional budget of \$1,395,000 (ONE MILLION, THREE HUNDRED AND NINETY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS) for roading capital & renewal expenditure to reinstate Waipapa Road after storm damage, to be funded by 51% NZTA subsidy \$711,450, 42% Roothing Reserve \$586,040 and 7% loan funding \$97,510;
4. Approves up to \$36,000 (THIRTY-SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS) of operational maintenance costs for Waipapa Road to be funded from the Disaster Recovery Reserve; and
5. Approves the budget transfer and associated funding of \$900,000 (NINE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS) for the Omori/Kuratau Slip Project and \$100,000 (ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS) for the Wairakei Steam Pipe Bridge into the 2026/27 financial year.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202604/11 above.

5.11 COUNCIL ENGAGEMENTS MAY 2026, APPOINTMENTS, AND TRAINING AND CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES

The Governance Quality Manager advised that three additional engagements had been added for May:

- Taupō Councillor Connect Forum Tuesday 5 May, 1pm – 3pm, Taupō District Council Chamber
- Taupō East Rural Councillor Connect Forum Wednesday 13 May, 6pm – 8pm, Wairakei School
- Kinloch Councillor Connect Forum Thursday 14 May, 5.30pm – 7.30pm, Kinloch Community Hall

Members deferred the decision to select a councillor to accompany his worship the Mayor to the Local Government all-of-government meeting and Rural Provincial Sector meeting in Wellington on 14 and 15 May.

TDC202604/12 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Ngāhuia Foreman
 Seconded: Cr Wahine Murch

That Council:

1. Receives the information relating to engagements for May 2026;
2. Amends Taupō District Council's representation on Te Kōpu ā Kānapanapa, so that Council's primary representatives will be Crs Rachel Cameron and Ngāhuia Foreman; the first alternate representative will be Cr Steve Manunui; with His Worship the Mayor, John Funnell appointed *ex officio*. This membership will be reviewed after a year; and
3. Approves the attendance of Crs Duncan Campbell, Wahine Murch and Hope Woodward at the Zone 2 Local Government New Zealand meeting on Friday 22 May in Karapiro with travel and attendance costs to be paid by Council.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202604/12 above.

6 NGĀ KŌRERO TŪMATAITI | CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

TDC202604/13 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Rachel Cameron
 Seconded: Cr Ngāhuia Foreman

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 - 31 March 2026</p>	<p>Section 7(2)(g) - the withholding of the information is necessary to maintain legal professional privilege 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>It is necessary to exclude the public for consideration of the confidential minutes of the 31 March 2026 Council meeting, for the reasons set out on the public agenda for that meeting (negotiations and legal professional privilege)</p>

<p>Agenda Item No: 6.2 Legalisation of Oruanui Road - Progress Update</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>It is necessary for the public to be excluded to protect privacy of property owners and negotiations that are taking place.</p>
<p>Agenda Item No: 6.3 Appointment of External Representatives to Council Committees</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</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>It is necessary to protect applicants' personal information that they have provided in their cover letters and curriculum vitae.</p>

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202604/13 above.

Note: The following resolutions were made with the public excluded but were released after the meeting so can therefore appear in the public part of the minutes:

6.3 APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL REPRESENTATIVES TO COUNCIL COMMITTEES

TDC202604/C14 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Hope Woodward
Seconded: Cr Kevin Taylor

That Council appoints Mr Whitu Karauna and Mr Tony Wakefield Community representatives, Mr Alan Te Maari Marae representative, and Ms Margaret Boscher Māori representative to the Mangakino Pouākani Representative Group for the 2025-28 triennium.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202604/C14 above.

TDC202604/C15 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Ngāhuia Foreman

Seconded: Cr Wahine Murch

That Council:

1. Appoints Ms Margaret Sagar, Mr Lee Vaughan Community representatives and Ms Cornelia Dempsey Māori representative to the Tongariro Representative Group for the 2025-28 triennium; and
2. Releases the above resolutions relating to appointment of external representatives to Council committees from confidence once all applicants have been advised of the outcome.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Council meeting voted in favour of resolution TDC202604/C15 above.

The meeting was adjourned at 3.06pm.

The meeting closed at 3.45pm with a karakia.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26 May 2026.

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CHAIRPERSON