

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TŪRANGI CO-GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE TE MATAAPUNA, TŪRANGITUKUA PARK, HIRANGI ROAD, TŪRANGI
ON WEDNESDAY, 6 MAY 2026 AT 10:30 AM**

PRESENT: Poumatua Te Wharau Walker (in the Chair), Member Lauren Fletcher, Cr Ngāhuia Foreman, Cr Sandra Greenslade, Member Bernice Te Ahuru, Member Amy Walker

IN ATTENDANCE: General Manager People and Community Partnerships (H Tattle), Community Engagement and Development Manager (T Russell), Events and Venues Manager (S Giles), Senior Funding and Partnerships Advisor (B Forlong), District Venues Manager (B Green), Co-Governance Management Partner (S Mavor), Iwi Engagement Partner (T Walker), Southern Lake Taupō Management Partner (M Isherwood), Communications Specialist (A Taylor), Iwi and Co-Governance Advisor (A Kereopa), Senior Committee Advisor (K Watts)

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: 7 members of the public

Notes: (i) Items were considered in the following order: 1, 5.1, 2, 3, 4, 5.2-5.5.

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

1 KARAKIA

2 WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES

TCG202605/01 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Ngāhuia Foreman

Seconded: Member Amy Walker

That the apologies received from Mayor John Funnell and Cr Kevin Taylor be accepted.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TCG202605/01 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 - 1 APRIL 2026

The minutes were amended in the following manner:

Item 5.5, Members' Reports: Delete the second sentence in the first point made by Member Amy Walker "It was being reported but the dogs would be gone".

TCG202605/02 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Ngāhuia Foreman

Seconded: Member Lauren Fletcher

That the minutes of the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting held on Wednesday 1 April 2026 be approved and adopted as a true and correct record, as amended.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TCG202605/02 above.

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

5.1 ELECTION OF CO-CHAIR | POUMATUA FOR THE MEETING

TCG202605/03 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 TCG202605/03 above.

5.2 PUBLIC FORUM

Ms Cynthia Mariu

Ms Mariu introduced herself and asked on behalf of the youth of Tūrangi for youth programmes after school and during school holidays. She had previously been involved in the youth space and noticed that there was a lack of activities if youth were not interested in sports. She had also previously been involved in junior netball but Tūrangi kids now had to travel to Taupō for competitions which was costly with the petrol price increases.

Members made Ms Mariu aware of Tūrangi Rangatahi Hub and advised that staff would share details of funding opportunities for assistance with travel and other costs.

Ms Mariu was also concerned that bracken was not being mowed between Hatepe and Waihi village, and that weed killer had destroyed the grass verges. She also expressed her concern at the roof in the Tūrangi mall that was still leaking and that the public toilets had not been built yet.

Mr Les Owens

Mr Owens advised that Rongomai Marae was isolated when flooding occurred on the Waiotaka plains and that the flooding was occurring more frequently. He requested that any work by Council be done in conjunction with locals that knew the land and the way the water flowed in these flooding events.

Ms Moepuke Church

Ms Church expressed concerns that her land was prone to flooding when Waipapa Stream flooded. This was becoming worse because the drains had not been cleared and the swamp was too full.

Ms Marie Leathem

Ms Leathem spoke up during item 5.4 and requested that a museum for Tūrangi be considered.

TCG202605/04 RESOLUTION

Moved: Member Bernice Te Ahuru

Seconded: Cr Ngāhuia Foreman

That the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee receives comments from members of the public.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TCG202605/04 above.

5.3 OPERATIONS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UPDATES FOR TŪRANGI

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

Long-term Plan Early Engagement

This engagement had been pushed back to late June and the intention would be to get maximum involvement from the community. More updates would be provided between early engagement and formal engagement. Part of this work was supported by Civic Education sessions of which there had been a great uptake from the community from both kura (schools) and community groups.

Tongariro Representative Group

The Community Representatives for this committee had been appointed, Margaret Sagar, Lee Vaughan and Cornelia Dempsey. The first meeting would be held on Wednesday 3 June.

Flagtrax Flags

This new system allowed flags to be put up without traffic management in place and using cherry pickers. ANZAC flags flew high to commemorate ANZAC day on 25 April and later in the year Matariki flags would go up. The team also had some Love Tūrangi flags.

Matariki Update

The volunteer events team were organising a celebration for 10 July with support from Tūwharetoa ON.

Te Reo classes

These were held at the Tūrangi customer and visitor centre every Wednesday and taught by Mr Te Wharau Walker, Iwi Engagement Partner.

Wednesday Waiata

This was also held every Wednesday in conjunction with the Te Reo classes and all were welcome to attend.

Upcoming Engagements

- The Tūrangi Tongariro Community Grants would be distributed in a meeting to occur the same afternoon.
- The Omori Water Treatment Plant would be officially opened the following afternoon 7 May.
- The Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner and her colleague would be at the Tūrangi Market on Saturday promoting road safety week.

TCG202605/05 RESOLUTION

Moved: Poumatua Te Wharau Walker

Seconded: Cr Sandra Greenslade

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 TCG202605/05 above.

5.4 MANA WHAKAHONO WORKPLAN UPDATE

The Co-Governance Management Partner highlighted key parts of the dashboard report:

Clauses 9.1 and 9.3 – An elected member and staff induction had occurred on 2 April and was a successful day with great feedback received from both elected members and staff. She thanked Ngāti Tūrangitukua for hosting the induction.

10.19[d] – The Policy Manager would attend the June meeting to talk about options for the future of community and recreation facilities going into the draft Long-term Plan. A significant projects workshop would also be held for elected members to educate the new members and give them context, this would include the

Tūrangi Recreational Activity Centre.

Clause 10.35 – The cultural values assessment had been completed by Poipoia and approval from hapū was being sought before it was provided to Council. Tina Porou, Director of Poipoia would present the assessment to Council staff.

Clause 45.3 – Two of the interns from the previous summer had places on the Tuia mentoring programme with Waikato Regional Council. This was an opportunity for rangatahi to further leadership skills, learn more about local government and make contributions to their communities.

Public toilets project – The detailed design work was underway including surveying of the site. Following this the building and resource consents would be applied for. The working group would input into the final design. The toilets were due to be in place by mid 2026 so this would be followed up to check if this was on track.

Council's transport team were doing design work to close the far entrance of the carpark near Te Kapua papa tākaro and provide safe access to the new toilets. This project will be added into the draft Long-term Plan for funding.

Co-Governance Committee Partnership Plan implementation – actions under this plan would be workshopped with the committee in June and a refresh of the document and priorities would be completed.

The Co-Governance Management Partner also advised that bollards had been put in place at Waipapa Road Reserve to discourage trucks driving and parking on the reserve.

The Parks and Reserves team had added pigtail fence markers to show the possible fence alignment on the Taupahi Road reserve and asked that members look at this to check that they were happy with it.

TCG202605/06 RESOLUTION

Moved: Member Lauren Fletcher

Seconded: Cr Ngāhuia Foreman

That the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee receives the Mana Whakahono workplan update (A3924736).

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TCG202605/06 above.

5.5 MEMBERS' REPORTS

The following members' reports were received:

Cr Sandra Greenslade

- She was on the board of Destination Great Lake Taupō (DGLT) and shared that a report of spending in the district over the summer break was high. All tourism businesses reported good figures and the Taupō centre shops reported that 80% of the spend was from customers outside of the district.
- She was on the Water Services Committee and attended the recent meeting. Taupō District Council was one of the few councils that looked after its own water services. The committee Chair was an independent Chairperson Mr Brian Hanna, former mayor of Waitomo District.
- Tūrangi to Taupō Bus – She had talked with both Ministry of Social Development and DGLT regarding the importance of advocating for a bus service. Cr Campbell was the representative for Taupō on the Waikato Regional Council transport committee and reported that it was on the next meeting agenda.
- The Tongariro Representative Group had been established and community representatives appointed. The first meeting would be held on Wednesday 3 June.
- Councillor Connect Forums had started the previous day and all were welcome to attend.

Cr Ngāhuia Foreman

- A Councillor Connect Forum for Te Papamārearea would be held the following week Tuesday 12 May and would be hosted by Nukuhau Marae. All were welcome to attend, the elected members wanted to hear from their people. Following this forum, the next one would be hosted by the whanau

at Tokaanu Marae. The intent was to hold these forums in marae on a quarterly basis depending on marae availability.

- The Omori Water Treatment Plant would be officially opened the following day.
- Roaming dogs were still an issue.
- The Long-term Plan and simplifying Local Government work was going to take up a lot of elected members' time.

Member Lauren Fletcher

- Had been travelling around the country with Poipoi hosting workshops on the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme and reforms happening through central government. One for Ngāti Tūwharetoa would be at Taupō Events Centre the following day.
- Work had started to clear space for the new bridge over the Tongariro River to replace the Major Jones bridge.
- The rugby season had kicked off. The under 13 year teams played the previous week and it was great to see the support crews out at Tūrangitukua Park.

Member Amy Walker

- Had travelled as part of a group to Kawerau to the four maraes connected to Ngāti Tūwharetoa to mourn Te Ariki Sir Tumu Te Heuheu.
- Attended the karakia for the new bridge to replace the Major Jones bridge over the Tongariro River.
- Would attend the opening of the new wharekai (dining room) at Te Kapa o Te Rangīta Marae the following weekend.
- Attended the formal signing ceremony for a settlement of Ngā Hapū o Te Iwi o Whanganui that addressed historic treaty breaches.

Member Bernice Te Ahuru

- Also attended the above event in Whanganui.
- Was pleased that the bollards on Waipapa Reserve had been installed.

Poumatua Te Wharau Walker

- Advised that the Tūrangi Tongariro Community Fund would be distributed at the meeting to be held at 1pm the same day. 23 applications had been received.

TCG202605/07 RESOLUTION

Moved: Poumatua Te Wharau Walker

Seconded: Cr Ngāhuia Foreman

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 TCG202605/07 above.

6 NGĀ KŌRERO TŪMATAITI | CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil

The meeting closed at 12.10pm with a karakia from all present.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee Meeting held on 3 June 2026.

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CHAIRPERSON