

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE TŪRANGI TONGARIRO COMMUNITY GRANT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING**  
**HELD AT THE TE MATAAPUNA, TŪRANGITUKUA PARK, HIRANGI ROAD, TŪRANGI**  
**ON WEDNESDAY, 6 MAY 2026 AT 1:00 PM**

**PRESENT:** Mr Te Wharau Walker, Cr Sandra Greenslade, Ms Bernice Te Ahuru, Cr Yvonne Westerman

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Cr Ngāhuia Foreman  
General Manager People and Community Partnerships (H Tattle), Community Engagement and Development Manager (T Russell), Senior Funding and Partnerships Advisor (B Forlong), 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:** 12 members of the public

Notes: (i) *The meeting was started with the karakia from all present followed by the election of the Chair.*  
(ii) *Committee members and Council staff introduced themselves to the members of the public.*

**1 KARAKIA**

**2 WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES**

**TTCG202605/01 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Yvonne Westerman

Seconded: Cr Sandra Greenslade

That the apology received from Mayor John Funnell be accepted.

**CARRIED**

Note: *All members present at the Tūrangi Tongariro Community Grant Distribution Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TTCG202605/01 above.*

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

Item 5.2

- Cr Sandra Greenslade advised that she was a member of Tokaanu-Tūrangi and Districts Memorial RSA, Tūrangi-Southern Lakes Probus Group, SeniorNet Tūrangi Inc and the Tongariro National Trout Centre. She abstained from voting on funding for these organisations.
- Member Bernice Te Ahuru advised that she was a member of Tokaanu-Tūrangi and Districts Memorial RSA, Tongariro National Trout Centre and the Tūrangi Aero Club. She abstained from voting on funding for these organisations.

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

Nil

## 5 NGĀ RIPOATA | REPORTS

### 5.1 ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

#### TTCG202605/02 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Yvonne Westerman

Seconded: Cr Sandra Greenslade

That the Tūrangi Tongariro Community Grant Distribution Committee confirms that System B will be used to determine the election process for the Chairperson. **CARRIED**

*Note: All members present at the Tūrangi Tongariro Community Grant Distribution Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TTCG202605/02 above.*

#### TTCG202605/03 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Sandra Greenslade

Seconded: Ms Bernice Te Ahuru

That the Tūrangi Tongariro Community Grant Distribution Committee elects Te Wharau Walker Jnr as the Chairperson of the Tūrangi Tongariro Community Grant Distribution Committee.

**CARRIED**

*Note: All members present at the Tūrangi Tongariro Community Grant Distribution Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TTCG202605/03 above.*

### 5.2 APRIL 2026 - TŪRANGI TONGARIRO COMMUNITY FUND DISTRIBUTION

The Senior Funding and Partnerships Advisor summarised key information from the report and reminded members that the demand for funding amongst all communities of the Taupō district was high. She explained the process for assessing applications against the Community Funding Eligibility and Assessment Framework and encouraged members to work through the applications noting those that had scored more favourably.

She confirmed that all outstanding accountability reports had been received and advised that the application for Pregnancy Help Taupō was no longer eligible because they received a grant from the Taupō / Taupō East Rural Community Grants Distribution Committee the previous week. As they had also received a grant from Council at the end of the previous year, this brought their maximum eligible grants to two in a financial year.

She advised that the Taupō / Taupō East Rural Community Grants Distribution Committee had declined to fund Life Education Central Plateau and Brain Injury Waikato Inc, however they were able to be considered by the Tūrangi Tongariro Community Grant Distribution Committee at its meeting.

She acknowledged those organisations that were present at the meeting and invited committee members to ask them any questions relating to their applications.

The following organisations provided more information to members regarding their applications:

#### **# 15, The Society for Animal Care Tūrangi Incorporated, Mrs Christine Dally, Ms Krista Smith and another representative**

The representatives advised that the average vet bill per month was \$2,000. Some funding was provided by Community Organisation Grants Scheme (COGS). The de-sexing scheme cost \$24,000. Animal Care owned the building which housed the cats. They were adopted out for a contribution fee of around \$200 while the actual cost was around \$500. There were currently 33 cats onsite, down from 44. The previous year 24 dogs had been de-sexed which worked out to be 140 less puppies that were not wanted.

#### **# 4, Tūrangi Mountain Region Trust, Mr Hira Haenga**

Mr Haenga advised that the funding requested was to help maintain the equipment for mowing lawns around

Tūrangi for those in need. He withdrew his application after hearing that the funding applications were oversubscribed.

### **# 2, Tūrangi Foodbank Inc, Ms Maggie Stewart**

Ms Stewart thanked the committee for previous funding and advised that this was not for covering wages, they were funded separately. The application was to support other operational costs.

### **# 10, Tūrangi-Southern Lakes Probus Group, Ms Libby Hewitt**

Ms Hewitt advised that the funding applied for was for name badges that would be kept by the organisation but would need to be replaced if a member left. The club membership was at 42, it had grown from 28 over the last 12 months. She advised that Probus and Social Connection targetted different people so they had not held joint events.

### **# 16 and 17, Omori Kuratau Charitable Trust, Ms Holly Molesworth**

In answer to a question, Ms Molesworth advised that they had not talked to the Lines Company to request funding for an air conditioner. Members encouraged her to apply.

She advised that the current air conditioning unit was too small and did not operate reliably, the advice received was to replace it.

### **# 5 Tokaanu-Tūrangi and Districts Memorial RSA, Mr Graeme Lauder**

Mr Lauder confirmed that the funding application was for paint, the painting would be done by volunteers.

### **# 18 Tūrangi Swimming Club Ms Sharon Keiron and 2 supporting representatives**

The amount of tamariki at the club varied depending on how many volunteer coaches were available. Typically each coach would have 6-8 tamariki. There were currently 40 kids but there was a waitlist for more. The funding application was to support the membership costs.

### **# 12 Tongariro National Trout Centre, Ms Geraldine Tooman**

The local schools Tongariro School, Te Kura o Hirangi and Kuratau School attended educational sessions and the funding was for the kaiako (teacher) so that the schools had no extra costs. The Trout Centre wanted to offer two educational opportunities and a fishing opportunity to lessen the overheads of the local schools. They were open to more opportunities to build the local curriculum to get kids excited about the rivers and the opportunities in the area.

### **# 8, Tūrangi Aero Club, Mr Mike Fransham**

Mr Fransham advised that there had been wonderful support given to keep the airfield but the current kitchen facilities were old and rundown. They were needed to be improved because emergency services used the Aero Club during responses to emergencies such as the recent fires in Tongariro National Park. In response to a question he advised that the Club had not reached out to other organisations for funding such as Fire and Emergency New Zealand.

The Senior Funding and Partnerships Advisor confirmed that advice on funding, a funding toolkit and other resources were available on Council's website. Customers were also able to sign up for a newsletter which gave more information.

*The meeting was adjourned at 1.58pm and reconvened at 2.01pm.*

Members reviewed applications in the same order as the agenda report and allocated funding as per the table below:

	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Purpose of request</b>	<b>Deliberation</b>
1	Omori Kuratau Pest Management Group	To support operating costs for the Omori Kuratau Pest Management Group	Members were supportive of the mahi but due to limited funds available this was partially funded.
2	Tūrangi Foodbank Inc	To support operational costs at the Tūrangi Foodbank	The need of the community for this service was far and wide, this was partially funded.
3	Life Education Central Plateau	To support costs of delivering the Life Education programme in	Declined because there were limited funds available.

		Tongariro and Tūrangi schools	
4	Tūrangi Mountain Region Trust	To support costs of undertaking free fortnightly lawn mowing for Kaumatua	The application was withdrawn from representative Mr Hira Haenga at the meeting.
5	Tokaanu-Tūrangi & Districts Memorial RSA	To support costs for roof maintenance and painting	Funded in full.
6	Pregnancy Help Taupō	To support operational costs and resourcing for Tūrangi pregnancy help mahi	Declined because it was no longer eligible.
7	Tūrangi Blue Light Ventures	To support costs for a rangatahi day trip to Auckland	This was funded in part for transport and the activities on the day trip.
8	Tūrangi Aero Club	To support costs of repairing and upgrading club kitchen facilities	Members declined this application and advised that the Club would benefit from doing some long-term planning and getting a clear pathway on what funding would be for into the future.
9	Tūrangi Men's Shed	To support costs of establishing a Men's shed for the Southern Lake Taupō Rōhe	Funded in full.
10	Tūrangi-Southern Lakes Probus Group	To assist in the operational costs of the Tūrangi Probus club supporting its continued viability	This was partially funded for petrol costs.
11	Tongariro Sports (Junior Rugby)	To support members with affiliation fees	Funded in full.
12	Tongariro National Trout Centre	To build programmes which focus on freshwater conservation and understanding.	Members declined this application and asked that feedback be given for the Trout Centre to sustainably plan and apply in the next round.
13	Motuoapa Residents Association Inc	To support delivery of a Motuoapa Community Wellbeing and Safety programme	Declined because members felt tht it was not a priority given the limited funds available.
14	Tūrangi Toy Library	To support operational costs and purchase of toys for the toy library servicing Tūrangi and surrounding areas.	Funded in full.
15	The Society for Animal Care Tūrangi Incorporated	To support operational costs and essential veterinary care at the centre	Members supported this and partially funded for veterinary costs.
16	Omori Kuratau Charitable Trust	To support costs of internet at the hall for public use	Funded in part.
17	Omori Kuratau Charitable Trust	To support costs for an air-conditioning replacement	Declined because there were other funding sources available.

18	Tūrangi Swimming Club	To support costs of the annual membership at the Tūrangi Aquatic Centre for Tūrangi Swimming Club members	Members funded this as seed funding for the Club to use and plan for the future. The Club was encouraged to look elsewhere for funding in the future and work closely with Sport Waikato.
19	SeniorNet Tūrangi Inc	To support operating costs (internet connectivity)	Declined because there were collaboration options or other funding streams they could apply for.
20	Tūrangi Social Connection	To support costs of a day trip for the Tūrangi Social Connection group.	This was partially funded for petrol costs.
21	Tūrangi Tongariro Sports Foundation Inc.	To support operational costs of the Tūrangi Tongariro Sports Foundation	This was partially funded and the Foundation was encouraged to collaborate with other groups and look at long-term planning.
22	Brain Injury Waikato Inc	To support delivery of Brain Injury Support, Connect and Education Groups	Declined because the funds were not targeted the region and this organisation had other funding options available..
23	Darlana Hayes	To support costs of a stitching club	Declined because Ms Hayes had the opportunity to collaborate with other community groups such as Creative Taupō and the Art Centre.

**TTCG202605/04 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Mr Te Wharau Walker

Seconded: Cr Yvonne Westerman

That the Tūrangi Tongariro Community Grant Distribution Committee approves in full, in part, or declines the attached applications for the second funding round of the 2025 – 2026 financial year as follows:

- i. Tūrangi-Southern Lakes Probus Group - \$1,000.00
- II. SeniorNet Tūrangi Inc – Declined

**CARRIED**

*Note: All members present at the Tūrangi Tongariro Community Grant Distribution Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TTCG202605/04 above except for Cr Sandra Greenslade who abstained from voting.*

**TTCG202605/05 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Yvonne Westerman

Seconded: Mr Te Wharau Walker

That the Tūrangi Tongariro Community Grant Distribution Committee approves in full, in part, or declines the attached applications for the second funding round of the 2025 – 2026 financial year as follows:

- i. Tongariro National Trout Centre - Declined
- II. Tokaanu-Tūrangi & Districts Memorial RSA - \$3290.00

**CARRIED**

*Note: All members present at the Tūrangi Tongariro Community Grant Distribution Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TTCG202605/05 above except for Cr Sandra Greenslade and Member Bernice Te Ahuru who abstained from voting.*

**TTCG202605/06 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Mr Te Wharau Walker  
 Seconded: Cr Yvonne Westerman

That the Tūrangi Tongariro Community Grant Distribution Committee approves in full, in part, or declines the attached applications for the second funding round of the 2025 – 2026 financial year as follows:

I. Tūrangi Aero Club – Declined

**CARRIED**

*Note: All members present at the Tūrangi Tongariro Community Grant Distribution Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TTCG202605/06 above except for Member Bernice Te Ahuru who abstained from voting.*

**TTCG202605/07 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Sandra Greenslade  
 Seconded: Ms Bernice Te Ahuru

That the Tūrangi Tongariro Community Grant Distribution Committee:

1. Approves in full, in part, or declines the remaining applications for the second funding round of the 2025 – 2026 financial year below; and
  - i. Omori Kuratau Pest Management Group - \$1000
  - ii. Tūrangi Foodbank Inc - \$4000
  - iii. Life Education Central Plateau – Declined
  - iv. Turangi Mountain Region Trust – Withdrawn
  - v. Pregnancy Help Taupō – Declined
  - vi. Tūrangi Blue Light Ventures - \$1500
  - vii. Tūrangi Men’s Shed - \$3006
  - viii. Tongariro Sports (Junior Rugby) - \$390
  - ix. Motuoapa Residents Association Inc – Declined
  - x. Tūrangi Toy Library - \$1945.41
  - xi. The Society for Animal Care Tūrangi Incorporated - \$2149
  - xii. Omori Kuratau Charitable Trust - \$500.00
  - xiii. Omori Kuratau Charitable Trust – Declined
  - xiv. Tūrangi Swimming Club - \$5000
  - xv. Tūrangi Social Connection - \$1000
  - xvi. Tūrangi Tongariro Sports Foundation Inc. - \$1000
  - xvii. Brain Injury Waikato Inc – Declined
  - xviii. Darlana Hayes - Declined
2. Provides rationale for declined decisions.

**CARRIED**

*Note: All members present at the Tūrangi Tongariro Community Grant Distribution Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TTCG202605/07 above.*

**6 NGĀ KŌRERO TŪMATAITI | CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**

Nil

**The meeting closed at 3.14pm with karakia from all present.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Tūrangi Tongariro Community Grant Distribution Committee meeting held on 4 November 2026.**

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**CHAIRPERSON**