

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE TŪRANGI CO-GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE TE MATAAPUNA, TŪRANGITUKUA PARK, HIRANGI ROAD, TŪRANGI  
ON WEDNESDAY, 3 JUNE 2026 AT 10:30 AM**

- PRESENT:** Mayor John Funnell (in the Chair), Poumatua Te Wharau Walker, Member Lauren Fletcher, Cr Ngāhuia Foreman, Cr Sandra Greenslade, 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), Environmental Services Manager (J Sparks), Compliance and Regulatory Manager (C Tait), Co-Governance Management Partner (S Mavor), Iwi Engagement Partner (T Waaka), Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner (M Isherwood), Iwi and Co-Governance Advisor (A Kereopa), Communications Specialist (A Taylor), Senior Community Engagement Advisor (J Charteris), Senior Emergency Management Advisor (E Harrington), Community Engagement Advisor (R Prisk), Committee Advisor (D Periam), Senior Committee Advisor (K Watts)
- MEDIA AND PUBLIC:** 10 members of the public

- Notes:*
- (i) *Items were considered in the following order: 1, 5.2, 2, 3, 4, 5.1, 5.3-5.7*
  - (ii) *The Chair advised that item 5.4 Policy Update – Tūrangi Master Planning had been withdrawn from the agenda due to some delays in the preparation of the new information around options and the ability to discuss the work with Council.*

**1 KARAKIA**

**2 WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES**

Nil

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

Nil

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

**4.1 ORDINARY TŪRANGI CO-GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING - 6 MAY 2026**

**TCG202606/01 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Member Amy Walker  
Seconded: Cr Sandra Greenslade

That the minutes of the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting held on Wednesday 6 May 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 TCG202606/01 above.*

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

### 5.1 PUBLIC FORUM

#### **Mr Steve Signal and Mr Hadley Cade, Tūrangi Land Search and Rescue (LANDSAR)**

Tūrangi LANDSAR was looking for a dedicated place in Tūrangi from which to operate, and to support the wider organisation. LANDSAR was a Charitable Incorporated Society and operated from the Tūrangi police station. The space they used was quite small and not fit for purpose because there was little room for storage of gear. They were speaking to the committee to ask for a licence to occupy Council owned land opposite the Tūrangi fire station for a new building. The site would also be used for training and would be suitable for storing gear. Funding options and feasibility had been explored, as well as alternative sites. St Johns, Fire Emergency New Zealand and police were all around the site so it made sense to operate from there, and training could be coordinated together.

In response to questions, the following was clarified:

- The gear for storage included ropes, stretchers, radios, flood safety gear and high value equipment.
- The building would be around 400 square metres and include parking, a storeroom, operations room and training room.
- Funding had not been sought yet for a building, this could not be done until a suitable site had been agreed upon.
- The request for the site would be for 30 years licence to occupy with a right of renewal after that.

#### **TCG202606/02 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Poumatua Te Wharau Walker

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 TCG202606/02 above.*

### 5.2 ELECTION OF CO-CHAIR | POUMATUA FOR THE MEETING

#### **TCG202606/03 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Ngāhuia Foreman

Seconded: Cr Kevin Taylor

That the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee appoints Mayor John Funnell to Chair this hui.

**CARRIED**

*Note: All members present at the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TCG202606/03 above.*

### 5.3 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES UPDATE - COMPLIANCE AND REGULATORY

The Environmental Services Manager and Compliance and Regulatory Manager introduced themselves to members and shared a PowerPoint presentation (A3948152).

The Environmental Services Manager advised that Environmental Services was the regulatory arm of Council for the built and natural environment. It had four main activity areas which were Compliance and Regulatory, Environmental Health, Building Control, and Resource Consents. The Environmental Services Manager explained that a resource consent was required if something did not meet the District Plan and the process was intended to enable development. She gave examples of current Tūrangi specific consents

including new buildings at Tongariro Prison and two bridge replacements over the Tongariro River. She explained that a Building Consent was approval confirming that proposed building work met the New Zealand Building Code and could legally proceed. In Tūrangi, 25% of recent consents were for fireplaces. Residential development had increased while commercial development had slowed. Despite changes proposed to the Resource Management Act 1991, there had not been a decrease in resource consent applications received. Regarding Environmental Health, food registrations in Tūrangi were stable with 36 registered food businesses in Tūrangi. This was around 10.1% of all food registrations in the district.

The Compliance and Regulatory Manager updated the committee regarding dog control. Tūrangi was experiencing disproportionately high dog control incidents relative to its size. He clarified that this was mainly in Tūrangi township with occasional incidents in Kuratau. In Tūrangi there was a higher proportion of roaming dogs, rushing complaints, dog attacks and impoundings. The proposed approach for 2026 and 2027 was to increase targeted visibility and intervention in Tūrangi by having an extra officer two days a week with a stronger focus on high risk dogs and repeat offenders.

In response to questions, the Compliance and Regulatory Manager clarified the following:

- Support from police was often required so additional compliance officers over the weekend would not necessarily work.
- Education was the focus and the VADE triangle model was used as a regulatory tool for behaviour. This was voluntary behaviour followed by assisted, directed and lastly enforced.
- School visits and community group education would be increased along with public communication campaigns.
- Council staff did not respond to Facebook posts that were not on Council's page so members of the public were encouraged to lodge a service request.

#### **TCG202606/04 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Ngāhuia Foreman

Seconded: Member Lauren Fletcher

That the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee receives the update provided by Environmental Services.

**CARRIED**

*Note: All members present at the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TCG202606/04 above.*

#### **5.4 POLICY UPDATE - TŪRANGI MASTER PLANNING**

Item **withdrawn**.

#### **5.5 RECORDING AND LIVESTREAMING OF MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS**

The Senior Committee Advisor advised that this report was intended to facilitate discussion amongst the members given that it had been raised at the previous meeting but not all members were present.

Members had differing views regarding recording and livestreaming of meetings and workshops.

Members that supported the recording of hui did because the Office of the Ombudsman advice was that it was best practice, and many councils around the country recorded their hui. Recording a meeting often encouraged better behaviour by members during the meetings and allowed members of the public who were not available to see what happened. The timing of the meetings did not always suit members of the public to be able to attend in person so a recording allowed them to see the meeting.

Members that did not support recording of hui were concerned around the mana and decisions that the committee made. Some of the kōrero shared from the hapū needed to be shared with context and a recording could be manipulated. There was a lot of anti-Māori and anti Co-Governance around so members preferred to improve how the outcomes and decisions of the committee were shared with the public.

**TCG202606/05 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Poumatua Te Wharau Walker

Seconded: Member Bernice Te Ahuru

That the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee receives the information regarding recording and livestreaming of meetings and workshops for discussion.

**CARRIED**

*Note: All members present at the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TCG202606/05 above.*

**MOTION**

Moved: Member Lauren Fletcher

Seconded: Member Amy Walker

That the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee does not audio-visually record or livestream Committee meetings and workshops.

In Favour: Poumatua Te Wharau Walker, Lauren Fletcher, Cr Ngāhuia Foreman, Bernice Te Ahuru and Amy Walker

Against: Mayor John Funnell, Cr Sandra Greenslade and Cr Kevin Taylor

**LOST**

**MOTION**

Moved: Cr Sandra Greenslade

Seconded: Cr Kevin Taylor

That the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee audio-visually records Committee meetings and workshops, and uploads later to Council's You Tube channel.

In Favour: Mayor John Funnell, Cr Sandra Greenslade and Cr Kevin Taylor

Against: Poumatua Te Wharau Walker, Lauren Fletcher, Cr Ngāhuia Foreman, Bernice Te Ahuru and Amy Walker

**LOST**

**5.6 MANA WHAKAHONO WORKPLAN UPDATE**

The Senior Emergency Management Advisor introduced herself to members and updated them on the Tūrangi community response plan. This was a plan to initiate local actions within the first 72 hours of an emergency occurring in Tūrangi. It would also support agencies that were coordinating the response. Jayel Ham was collating information and checking which members of the community wanted to remain involved. He encouraged new members to join, particularly younger community members and those that brought local knowledge. A community response event was proposed to be held in Tūrangi to give the community more information. A similar event had recently been held successfully in Kinloch. It would be led by the community group and supported by Council.

The community response plan was almost complete, key contact information and welfare centres were being added. In response to a question, the Senior Emergency Management Advisor advised that Jayel Ham would contact Hirangi marae.

The Co-Governance Management Partner gave additional updates to the Dashboard Report:

Clause 13.4 Mana Whakahono review – following the announcement the previous day from the Minister of Local Government, the working group would get together to discuss how this would work in the future. This was referring to the Local Government (Systems Improvements) Amendment Bill which had further changes where non-elected members of committees would not be counted in the quorum and would not have any voting rights.

Mana Whakahono Partnership Contract – The Long-term Plan work had stalled because of Head Start, which was the Government's Local Government reform to reorganise councils and amalgamate. A date would be agreed for a meeting with Ngāti Tūrangitukua to talk about Head Start and Council's process.

Other projects – The Tūrangi toilets resource consent and building consent applications had been completed and Council officers would follow up to ensure these had been lodged.

Procurement – Council officers would attend a future workshop to explain the procurement policy and processes. A supplier night would be held in Tūrangi so that local suppliers could talk through issues with officers as well.

Co-Governance Committee Partnership Plan Implementation – Following the workshop held earlier in the day, the dashboard report would be updated to reflect changes and actions.

### **TCG202606/06 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Kevin Taylor

Seconded: Poumatua Te Wharau Walker

That the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee receives the Mana Whakahono workplan update (A3940555).

**CARRIED**

*Note: All members present at the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee meeting voted in favour of resolution TCG202606/06 above.*

## **5.7 MEMBERS' REPORTS**

The following members' reports were received:

Cr Ngāhuia Foreman

- Her main focus was talking to people about Local Government reform, including Head Start, and telling them how they could engage about this.

Cr Kevin Taylor

- The Long-term Plan was in the early stages of planning and would be done over the next 18 months. It was a three year review of a 10 year plan. It had been questioned if there was a point to doing this if Taupō District Council did not exist in future.
- He noted that the Government had made an announcement the day prior to further amend the Local Government (Systems Improvement) Amendment Bill. This proposed that non-elected members of committees would not have voting rights and would not be counted in the quorum. This would need to be worked through once more information was available.
- Council was pushing ahead with a Head Start proposal. The Mayor was meeting with mayors across the wider Waikato region. There was a survey on the Council website, and community members were encouraged to respond. The website also contained information related to Head Start. The Community Engagement and Development Manager added that posters were in the room and would be taken to engagement events that included a QR code linking to the survey.

Member Lauren Fletcher

- Had been working with Tina Porou who was advocating for Ngāti Tūrangitukua hapū and iwi in the Local Government reform space.
- Attended a whakatau for the new bridge being built across the Tongariro River with Te Takinga New and committee member Amy Walker. An induction had also been held for contractors doing work on the bridge.

Member Amy Walker

- Was concerned about the Minister announcement regarding the Local Government (Systems Improvement) Amendment Bil and the impact of this on the Mana Whakahono and the committee. She was also concerned with the impact on the community and hapū of an amalgamated Council and concerned with how taonga would be protected.
- Attended a poukai event in Rotorua which was like another tangihanga for Te Ariki Sir Tumu Te Heuheu.

- Attended the opening of the wharekai at Te Kapa o Te Rangiita Marae.

**TCG202606/07 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Ngāhuia Foreman

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 TCG202606/07 above.*

**6 NGĀ KŌRERO TŪMATAITI | CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**

Nil

The meeting closed at 12.26pm with a karakia from all present.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Tūrangi Co-Governance Committee Meeting held on 1 July 2026.

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**CHAIRPERSON**