

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 107 HEUHEU STREET, TAUPŌ
ON MONDAY, 23 NOVEMBER 2020 AT 9.30AM**

- PRESENT:** Mayor David Trewavas (in the Chair), Cr John Boddy, Cr Kathy Guy, Cr Tangonui Kingi, Cr Kylie Leonard, Cr John Mack, Cr Anna Park, Cr Kirsty Trueman, Cr Yvonne Westerman (from 9.33am), Cr John Williamson
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Chief Executive, Head of Community, Culture and Heritage, Head of Democracy, Governance and Venues, Head of Communications and Customer Relations, Head of Economic Development and Business Transformation, Strategic Advisor Māori, Strategic Relationships Manager, Team Leader Communications, Democratic Services Officer
- MEDIA AND PUBLIC:** Nine members of the public
Māori TV
Taupō Times
Taupō and Tūrangi Weekender

His Worship the Mayor, David Trewavas opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Cr Tangonui Kingi recited an opening karakia. The meeting was livestreamed and, with the permission of His Worship the Mayor, recorded by the Māori TV representative in attendance.

1 APOLOGIES

TDC202011/07 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anna Park
Seconded: Cr Kylie Leonard

That the apologies received from Crs Christine Rankin and Kevin Taylor (for absence) and Cr Yvonne Westerman (for lateness) be accepted.

CARRIED

2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

3 POLICY AND DECISION MAKING

3.1 MĀORI REPRESENTATION AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MĀORI WARDS

The Strategic Advisor Māori summarised the report.

Cr Yvonne Westerman entered the meeting at this point (9.33am).

The Strategic Advisor Māori outlined options available to the Council and added that she had spoken with Mr George Asher, Te Kotahitanga o Ngāti Tūwharetoa (TKNT), who had confirmed that one hapū, Ngāti Tūrangitukua, supported the establishment of Māori wards and TKNT supported the hapū's view, noting that wards were one part of a package of actions to enhance Māori representation for the Taupō district. An email from TKNT was received and circulated during the meeting (A2817996).

Members made speeches expressing their views on Māori representation and whether or not Māori wards should be established.

The Strategic Advisor Māori advised that she had spoken to officers at the Department of Internal Affairs who were cognisant of the need to include transitional provisions for any councils who had had decisions overturned by a poll, so they would not be bound for six years, in the event that the legislation was changed to remove the poll provisions.

Continuation of the Māori representation project was supported and it was decided that Māori wards would be established for the 2022 elections.

TDC202011/08 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor David Trewavas

Seconded: Cr Tangonui Kingi

That Council directs officers to continue with the Māori representation project working in collaboration with Māori/iwi to further analyse and develop the package of specific actions Council could undertake to improve Māori representation in Council decision making.

CARRIED

TDC202011/09 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor David Trewavas

Seconded: Cr Tangonui Kingi

That Council establishes Māori wards for the Taupō District for the 2022 local government elections.

CARRIED

Note: Crs John Boddy, Anna Park and John Williamson requested their dissent to resolution TDC202011/09 above be recorded.

4 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil

The meeting closed with a karakia from Cr Tangonui Kingi at 9.58am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the ordinary Council meeting held on 15 December 2020.

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CHAIRPERSON