

# TAUMARUNUI-ŌHURA WARD COMMITTEE

## MINUTES

MEETING OF TAUMARUNUI-ŌHURA WARD COMMITTEE HELD AT THE  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 59-63 HUIA STREET, TAUMARUNUI  
ON THURSDAY, 18 AUGUST 2022, AT 5:30PM

### PUBLIC BUSINESS

#### Present

Chairperson	Karen Ngatai	Taumarunui Ward
Deputy Chairperson	Kim Wheeler	Taumarunui Ward
Councillors	Graeme Cosford	Taumarunui Ward
	Adie Doyle	Taumarunui Ward
	Robyn Gram	Taumarunui Ward
	Lyn Neeson	Ōhura Ward
Mayor	Don Cameron	
Staff <i>(via Zoom)</i>	Clive Manley	Chief Executive
	Pauline Welch	Executive Manager Community & Economic Development
	Vini Dutra	Executive Manager Infrastructure
	Rina Hepi	Manager Community & Recreational Facilities
	Andrea Nicol	Manager Land Transport
	Stuart Watson	Manager Three Waters
	Tracy Norris	Team Administrator
Tasha Paladin	Governance Manager	
In attendance	Heather Riches	GHD

#### 1 Apologies

No apologies were received

#### 2 Declarations of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared

#### 3 Notification of Additional Items

No additional items were notified

#### 4 Confirmation of Order of Meeting

The order of the meeting was confirmed.

## 5 Public Forum: Temporary Suspension and Reinstatement of Standing Orders

This item was not taken as there were no public in attendance and Members did not wish to address the committee.

## 6 Confirmation of Minutes: 9 June 2022

### **RESOLVED**

Moved: Cr Doyle

Seconded: Cr Gram

*That the Taumarunui-Ōhura Ward Committee:*

- 1 *Confirms the Public Business Minutes of the Taumarunui-Ōhura Ward Committee meeting held 9 June 2022 as a true and correct record.*

## 7 Annual Tree Programme North 2022/23

Members received a report outlining the planned tree works throughout the Northern part of the District for the 2022/23 financial year.

In order to improve Council's responsiveness to requests and to provide flexibility delivering the resulting work, Community & Recreational Facilities are in the process of engaging both local and external contractors providing a mix of capabilities to suit the works for the entire district. Council's Manager Community & Recreational Facilities spoke to the report and answered Members' questions.

It was noted the difference between the Taumarunui and Ohura budgets was due to the prioritisation of trees requiring attention. The budget covers both urban and rural trees in the ward area. It was also noted that rural trees taken down as part of environmental maintenance fall under a subsidised programme of works.

### **RESOLVED**

Moved: Cr Doyle

Seconded: Cr Wheeler

*That the Taumarunui-Ōhura Ward Committee:*

- 1 *Receives the Report **Receives the Report Annual Tree Programme North 2022/23;***
- 2 ***Approves** the 2022/23 planned tree works for the Northern District; and*
- 3 ***Approves** the Heritage Trees audit list.*

## 8 Ōhura Road Slip Progress Report

Members received a report providing an update of the progress on the slip on Ōhura Road, between Waitewhena and Ōhura North Roads.

A large slip fell from above Ōhura Road, between Waitewhena and Ōhura North Roads on Saturday 18 June. The slip affected the road and rail below it, closing both. The community is being informed on the slip progress through Facebook and on the Council website. The affected landowner has been kept in contact with. Council officers have kept in contact with the affected tourism operator. In setting up for work on the site in August, community members have had input into the opening times.

Heather Riches, Project manager for GHD was in attendance to respond to questions, and Council's Manager Land Transport spoke to the report and answered Members' questions.

It was noted the photograph in the report was taken soon after the slip occurred. The slip has moved since the photograph and there remains a possibility of future movement due to the weather currently being experienced. There are, however, no signs of new cracks appearing in the hillside.

Whilst poor weather impacts the contractors' ability to complete the work, the section of the slip affecting Forgotten World Adventures is anticipated to be cleared before its season opens.

### **RESOLVED**

Moved: Cr Cosford

Seconded: Cr Neeson

*That the Taumarunui-Ōhura Ward Committee:*

**1 Receives the Report Ōhura Road Slip Progress Report**

## **9 Town Centre Revitalisation Update**

Members were presented with a report providing an update on the progress of the Taumarunui Town Revitalisation Project. Council's Executive Manager Community & Economic Development, and Council's Manager Community & Recreational Facilities spoke to the report and answered Members' questions.

No progress has been made on the moveable café style furniture and steel laser cut panels as they were not included in the final build, however Officers undertook to follow up on the items.

The design for the pou and carvings lay with Ngāti Hauā to best reflect their story.

Council resolved to contribute 40% to the cost of Veranda upgrades, and the remaining 60% can be either be paid in full or through a targeted rate. Officers proposed for the verandas to be upgraded be used as a sample for other businesses to view. The design is planned to be a basic structure at this stage. There is sufficient funding for a pilot scheme, however it would not currently stretch to the entire project.

Officers have met onsite with GHD to firm up designs and practicalities of delivering an accessible walking track as shown in the report (page 29). Horizons Regional Council will be on site to conduct a walkover of the river track. If the design and contractor availability align, it is anticipated the track will be completed this financial year. Pedestrian Crossings will be required, and Council intends to seek external funding through the recently announced safe access and travel package.

### **RESOLVED**

Moved: Cr Neeson

Seconded: Cr Gram

*That the Taumarunui-Ōhura Ward Committee:*

**1 Receives the Report Taumarunui Town Revitalisation Update**

<b>10 Capital Works and Other Items of Interest 2021/22 List</b>
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Members were provided with an update on planned Capital Works and other Items of interest in the Taumarunui-Ōhura Ward Committee area in 2022/23. Relevant staff spoke to this report and answered Members' questions.

*Key Items discussed:*

- C6 Taumarunui Walkways Operational Budget: Members felt it would be useful to have budgets for each walkway included in the report. Officers are currently working through the budget allocations to prioritise the work listed in the Capital Works Report and advised a re-forecast budget would be presented to the Taumarunui-Ōhura Community Board to approve.
- C10 Town Centre Toilet Signage: Officers undertook to remove the signage pointing to Cherry Grove
- C12 Taumarunui Campground Dump Station: Officers advised the public should not be charged to use this facility and undertook to follow up complaint. The dump station forms part of Veolia's schedule and officers undertook to review if it should be removed from the lease agreement.

Members expressed their disappointment and concerns over the state of the road surface of Taumarunui Main Street. Officers advised Waka Kotahi had been notified of the poor state of the road and undertook to follow up with the agency. It was the Officer's understanding there were further works to the footpath on Hakiha Street that would require manholes to be disturbed, and Waka Kotahi were waiting for the work to be completed before laying a proper seal on Main Street.

Members asked if there were any restrictions to volunteers getting together to maintain the tracks and walkways around the District. Officers advised there were no restrictions, and Council could support the volunteers through funding for materials, and provision of health and safety debriefs / hazard checks,

**RESOLVED**

Moved: Cr Wheeler  
 Seconded: Cr Gram

*That the Taumarunui-Ōhura Ward Committee:*

- 1 *Receives the report **Capital Works and Other Items of Interest***

<b>11 Resolution to Exclude the Public for Consideration of Committee Business</b>
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Section 48 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 gives the Committee the right by resolution to exclude the public from the whole or any part of the proceedings of any meeting only on one or more of the grounds contained within that Section.

**RESOLVED**

Moved: Cr Cosford  
 Seconded: Cr Doyle

*That the Taumarunui-Ōhura Ward Committee:*

- 1 *Receives the Report **Resolution to Exclude the Public for Consideration of Committee Business**; and*
- 2 *Excludes the public from the following part of the proceedings of the meeting.*
- 3 *Notes the general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing the resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds*

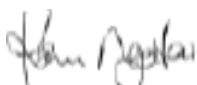
*under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:*

General Subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under S48(1) for passing this resolution
C1: Confirmation of Public Excluded Minutes: 9 June 2022	The reason(s) for excluding the public is/are recorded in the Public Business Minutes of the meeting	48(1)(a)
C2: Confidential Briefing	To maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expressions of opinions by, or between, or to members of or officers or employees of any local authority, or any persons to whom Section 2(5) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 applies, in the course of their duty. To protect the privacy of natural persons.	s7(2)(f)(ii) s7(2)(a)

*This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act or Section 6 or Section 7 or Section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982 as the case may require which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public as stated in the above table.*

The Public Business part of the meeting concluded at 6:19PM.

Confirmed this 5th day of September 2022.



Karen Ngatai  
**CHAIRPERSON**



Clive Manley  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE**