

Appointments to Council Organisations and Community Organisations

Introduction

Council is a stakeholder in a range of groups established by regional and central government, and it also has a non-controlling interest in many community organisations: Council organisations are defined in the Local Government Act:

- Council Organisations - Any organisation when one or more local authorities control any proportion of voting rights or have the right to appoint one or more of the directors or trustees, including:
 - Council Controlled Organisations (CCOs) - Any organisation in which one or more local authorities own or control at least 50 per cent of the voting rights or have the right to appoint 50 per cent or more of the directors or trustees.
 - Council Controlled Trading Organisations (CCTOs) - any CCO that operates as a trading undertaking with the intent of making profit.

Policy on appointments

Appointments to these organisations are covered by Council's Policy on the Appointment and Remuneration of Directors, where a "director" is appointed, and where the appointee has a voting right. Appointments to roles as an observer, advocate or in a liaison capacity are not covered by the policy.

Relationship to Council

The differing relationships that various organisations have with Council affect appointee's roles, which are summarised into the following broad categories:

Council has a statutory requirement to make an appointment

Central government creates some boards and management groups in order to ensure a collaborative approach to the management of Maori-owned resources. Some Maori Land Trusts created by law require elected members as Trustees.

Some other roles are created under statute because a council representative is required to attend resource consent monitoring meetings.

Council has a funding arrangement with a Trust

In line with advice from the Office of the Auditor-General, it has been Council's policy not to appoint elected members as Trustees [with voting rights] to external trusts that Council provides funding to, because this creates a conflict of interest. In addition, because Trustees may be personally liable for their decisions, the liability may fall on Council even though the full Council would not have been party to the decision-making of the Trust.

If a Trust's constitution allows it, Council may appoint a non-elected member as a Trustee who can then have voting rights.

Council has a funding arrangement with a non-Trust organisation

A community organisation that is not a registered Trust but which receives funding from Council may allow council representatives to serve on that committee with voting rights.

Council is a district stakeholder in regional and national activities

Council is recognised as a key stakeholder in the consultative and decision-making process by regional and national agencies. Council ensure that when regional or national agencies are making decisions that will impact on the local community, that Taupō district specific needs have been considered.

Term

Appointments to most Council organisations are generally for a three year term.

Community representatives

Before appointing non-elected members to Council organisations, Council staff will confirm that the nominee is willing and available for the role. Council will then confirm those appointments at a later date.

Timing of appointments and one-off events

Appointments are made throughout the term of Council according to the various Trust Deeds and other governing documents for each organisation. The list below is for appointments which need to be made at the start of the new triennium. There are also appointments to specific annual events that it is important for Council to be involved in, and Council will need to make appointments to the organising bodies.

ARTS & CULTURE

Creative Taupō

Legal status none

Objective Council has a service agreement with Community Arts Council to distribute funding for community arts (Creative Community Scheme) on behalf of the District Council.

Meeting frequency monthly

Reporting to Council (required)..... annually to Council

Term of office 3 years (triennial elections)

Lake Taupō Arts Festival Trust

Legal status charitable trust

Objectives..... Develop and provide Arts Festival activities in the District

Term of office..... governed by the Trust Deed

Meeting frequency determined by the Chairperson

Reporting to Council (required)..... annual report to Council

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TRANSPORT

Destination Great Lake Taupō Trust

Legal status: Charitable trust

The trust is a CCO established by Council to provide destination marketing and management.

Council appoints the Board in accordance with the Trust Deed and Council's Policy on the Appointment and Remuneration of Directors. No elected members may be on this Board.

Term governed by the Trust Deed

Reporting to Council (required)..... Annual Statement of Intent (SOI), 6-monthly and Annual Reports (including financial performance reporting, service performance reporting and auditor's report).

Enterprise Great Lake Taupō (EGLT)

Legal status charitable trust, which has a service contract with a Council (provides baseline funding to provide economic development services).

Objective Provide economic development services in the District; work with other organisations in the Waikato and Bay of Plenty to take advantage of the potential benefits which come from working together.

Meeting frequency determined by Chairperson

Reporting to Council (required)..... Half-yearly and annual reporting; monthly meetings with Council staff (as stipulated in Council contract).

Term of office Up to 4 years (governed by section 5.3 of Trust Deed).

Lake Taupō Development Trust

Legal status charitable trust

Objectives:..... Owns and operates the Lake Taupō Development Company which was intended to provide economic development services to the District.

Meeting frequency determined by the Trust (typically every 2 months)

Reporting to Council (required)..... none

Term of office 3 years

Waikato Region Public Transport Committee

Legal status a committee of Waikato Regional Council

Objectives..... consider and recommend on all matters relevant to the development, implementation and monitoring of the Regional Passenger Transport Plan

.....ensure all policy developed in the Regional Passenger Transport Plan is consistent with, and implements, policies contained within the Regional Land Transport Strategy.

.....act as an advisory body to the Regional Land Transport Committee on all passenger transport activities in the Waikato Region.

Meeting frequency up to three meetings per year

Reporting to Council (required)..... WRC minutes

Term of office 3 years (triennial elections)

ENVIRONMENT

2020 Taupō-nui-a-Tia Joint Management Group

Legal status none

Objectives.....Coordinate the 2020 Taupō-nui-ā-Tia Action Plan for the sustainable management of Lake Taupō; provide a forum for communication on the plan and the undertakings of each agency.

MembersRepresentatives from Waikato Regional Council, Tuwharetoa Maori Trust Board, Department of Internal Affairs, Department of Conservation and Taupō District Council; Lakes and Waterways Action Group representatives also attend.

Meeting frequency quarterly

Reporting to Council (required)..... annual report

Term of office 3 years (triennial elections)

Carter Holt Harvey - Kinleith Consultative Group

Legal status none

Objectives.....provide a vehicle for meaningful discussion and communication about any environmental issues surrounding the Pulp and Paper operations at Kinleith.

Membership.....comprises Carter Holt Harvey staff and community stakeholders,

Meeting frequency At least once per year

Reporting to Council (required)..... Circulate minutes and reports to stakeholders

Term of office: 3 years (triennial elections)

Lake Taupō Protection Trust

Legal statuscharitable trust, established by the Lake Taupō Protection Project Joint Committee

Objectives.....Administer a public fund to protect Lake Taupō with the objective of reducing the manageable nitrogen entering Lake Taupō by a minimum of 20% by 2080. (See Obj A1179734 for Committee TOR)

Meeting frequencydetermined by the Chairperson

Reporting to Council (required):..... Monthly and annual reports

Term of officegoverned by the Trust Deed (usually 6 years)

Lake Taupō Landing Reserve Management and Administration Forum

Legal status none

Objectives.....Provide advice on the management of the landing reserve to ensure the management is consistent with the reserve's recreational status: lawn maintenance, parking, landscaping, and the administration of concessions (in association with the Department of Conservation).

Membership.....representatives from DoC, hapu, Taupō District Council, and the Lake Taupō Commercial Launchman's Association

Meeting frequencyas required

Reporting to Council (required)..... none

Term of office 3 years (triennial elections)

HEALTH AND WELFARE

Apopo Youth Trust

Legal status Trust

Objective a community based NGO that works collaboratively with local schools, Police CYF, community and other organizations to improve long term outcomes for vulnerable young people. (ref A1181639)

Meeting frequency as required

Reporting to Council (required)..... to be determined

Term of office 3 years (triennial elections)

Lakes DHB - Taupō District Community Health Forum

Legal status Constituted under Lakes District Health Board; provide an advisory, planning and coordinating interface between the Lakes District Health Board and communities in the Taupō district

Objectives..... exchange views on health service delivery; recognise and work to achieve the Lake DHB strategic priorities.

Meeting frequency Three times per year

Reporting to Council (required)..... Annual report

Term of office 3 years (triennial elections)

Taupō Citizens Advice Bureau

Legal status Incorporated Society

Objectives..... provide information, advice, advocacy and support to individuals.

Meeting frequency monthly

Reporting to Council (required) none

Term of office 3 years (triennial elections)

Taupō Mobility Access Reference Group

Legal status none – an advisory group established by Council

Objective to consider and discuss ways to improve mobility access for people with disabilities

Meeting frequency as required

Reporting to Council (required)..... none

Term of office 3 years (triennial elections)

Taupō Safer Communities Trust

Legal status Trust

Objective Promote safety and crime prevention in Taupō.

Appointment Gareth Green, Trustee

Meeting frequency Four times per year

Reporting to Council (required)..... Annual reports to Council advising on the Trust's activities.

Term of office governed by the Trust Deed (clause 5.4)

Tirohanga Sports & Settlers Association

Legal status A sport and residents association

Objectives..... Promote and support sporting and other community activity in Tirohanga, and operate the Council hall

Meeting frequency as required

Reporting to Council (required)..... none

Term of office: 3 years (triennial elections)

Waioara Community Trust

Legal status charitable trust

Objectives.....provide office accommodation and coordination for social services and other independent organisations in the Taupō Community
.....allocate funding on behalf of Council to the social service sector.
Meeting frequency.....monthly
Reporting to Council (required).....Half-yearly and annual reports (governed by the service contract with Council).
Term of officec

PARKS & RESERVES

Tutemohuta Reserve Trust

Legal status Trust
Objectives.....Govern the use and management of Tutemohuta Reserve and Waitahanui Community Hall as the land was gifted to the community by a local Maori Trust for this use.
Membership.....Trustees are appointed by a Maori Land Court Judge Two Council representatives are included as Trustees with Hapu.
Meeting frequency.....At least four times per year
Reporting to Council (required).....via Parks and Reserves
Term of office3 years (triennial elections)

Waipahihi Botanical Society

Legal status Trust
Objectives.....develop, and provide Botanical Gardens at Waipahihi
Meeting frequency.....determined by the Chairperson
Reporting to Council (required).....none
Term of office3 years (triennial elections)

Waipahihi C75 Maori Reserves Trust

Legal status Trust
Objectives.....Govern the foreshore of Lake Taupō between the Scout's Den and the Two Mile Bay Sailing Centre.
Membership.....Trustees are formally appointed by a Maori Land Court Judge as the land was gifted to the community by a local Maori Trust.
Appointmentsthe Mayor and Chief Executive
Meeting frequency.....approximately four times per year
Reporting to Council (required).....none
Term of officeuntil a new Mayor is elected or a new CEO is appointed

SPORTS

Bike Taupō

Legal status Trust
Objectivepromote cycling in the Taupō District
Meeting frequency.....determined by the Chairperson
Reporting to Council (required).....none
Term of office3 years (triennial elections)

District Rural Travel Fund

Objectivedistribute funding from Sport NZ to schools and organisations to assist with travel for young people under 19 for sporting purposes. (Council receives the funding, calls for applications, distributes the money and monitors its use).
Meeting frequency.....once per year

Reporting to Council (required).....distributions are published on Council's website

Term of office3 years

Taupō Sports Advisory Council

Legal status Incorporated society, which controls a charitable Trust, the Sports Foundation

Objectives..... Promote sport in the District, including distributing grants from Council funding to Taupō sporting organisations and individuals.

Meeting frequency monthly

Reporting to Council (required)..... Half-yearly and annual reports (governed by the service contract with Council).

Term of office:3 years (triennial elections)

Summary of organisations for appointment	Vacancy	Legal status	Elected members	Funding \$\$\$	
			What roles can elected members take?	Receives funding from Council?	Disburses funding for Council?
Arts					
Creative Taupō	1 MP Councillor 1 TT Board rep 1 other elected member		Observer/advocate	Yes	Yes
Lake Taupō Arts Festival Trust	1 elected member	Trust	Observer/advocate	Yes	
Economic Development & Transport					
Destination Great Lake Taupō Trust	1 community rep	Trust	None	Yes	
Enterprise Great Lake Taupō Trust	1 community rep	Trust	None	Yes	
Lake Taupō Development Trust	1 community rep	Trust	Observer/advocate		
Waikato Region Public Transport Committee	1 elected member	WRC Committee	Voting member		
Environment					
2020 Taupō-nui-a-Tia Joint Management Group	2 elected members		Voting member		
Carter Holt Harvey Kinleith Consultative Group	1 elected or community		Voting member		
Lake Taupō Protection Trust	2 community		None	Yes	
Lake Taupō Reserve Management & Administration Forum	1 elected member	Trust	Voting member		
Health & welfare					
Apopo Youth Trust	1 elected member	Trust	Observer/advocate		
Lakes DHB /Taupō District Community Health Forum	2 appointments, elected or community		Voting member		
Taupō Citizens Advice Bureau	1 elected or community	Trust	Observer/advocate	Yes	
Taupō Mobility Access Group	1 elected or community		Observer/advocate		
Taupō Safer Communities Trust	1 community rep	Trust	Observer/advocate	Yes	
Tirohanga Sports & Settlers Association	1 elected or community		Observer/advocate		
Waioira Community Trust	1 elected member	Trust	Observer/advocate	Yes	Yes
Parks & Reserves					
Tutemohuta Reserve Trust	2 elected members	Trust	Trustee		
Waipahihi Botanical Society	1 elected member	Trust	Observer/advocate		
Waipahihi C75 Reserves Trust (Māori Land Trust)	Mayor	Trust	Trustees		
Sport					
Bike Taupo	1 elected or community	Trust	Observer/advocate	Yes	~
Rural Travel Fund	1 elected or community		Voting member		
Taupō Sports Advisory Council	1 elected member		Observer/advocate	Yes	Yes
Community Board					
Turangi Tongariro Community Board	2 TT Councillors	Community Board	Voting member	Yes	Yes

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