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TURAKINA COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: **Thursday, 13 August 2026**

Time: **7.00pm**

Venue: **The Anglican Church Hall, St George's**
State Highway 3
Turakina

Present
Ms Linda O'Neill
Mr Duran Benton
Ms Rachel Cvitanovich
Ms Tina Duxfield
HWTM Andy Watson

In attendance
Ms Mary-Ann van Dyk
Ms Melanie Bovey, Heritage, Culture and Committee Support Officer

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1 Welcome

The Chair opened the meeting at 7.00pm.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number 26/TCC/015

That the apologies from Cr Paul Sharland, and Cr Sandra Field be received.

Ms D Duxfield/Ms L O'Neill. Carried

3 Public Forum

There was no public forum.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

There was no change to the order of business.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 26/TCC/016

That the minutes of Turakina Community Committee Meeting held on 11 June 2026 without amendment be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the electronic signature of the Chair of this Committee be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

Mr D Benton/Ms R Cvitanovich. Carried

7 Chair's Report

7.1 Chair's Report - August 2026

The Chair gave a verbal report to the Committee. Since the last meeting he has been working on the Turakina Response Plan with Mr Paul Chaffe, the Council's Senior Emergency Management Advisor. The Plan is now complete and will be made available to the community via a QR code link on Community Social Media pages. The Chair had also been pricing items required to install the newly purchased picnic table by the bus stop/toilet.

The Chair also welcomed local resident Ms Mary Ann van Dyk who agreed to be co-opted on to the Committee.

Resolved minute number 26/TCC/017

That the Chair's Report – August 2026 be received.

Mr D Benton/Ms L O'Neill. Carried

8 Reports for Information

8.1 Funding Schemes Update - August 2026

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 26/TCC/018

That the Funding Schemes Update – August 2026 be received.

Mr D Benton/Ms R Cvitanovich. Carried

8.2 Mayor's Report - July 2026

HWTM was happy to take his reports as read but noted the following areas with the Committee:

- RMA reform and discussion around Mana Whakahono ā Rohe
- What was happening in Central Government and its effects on Council
- Update to Local Government Reform and Amalgamation

Resolved minute number 26/TCC/019

That the Mayor's Report – July 2026 be received.

HWTM A Watson/Mr D Benton. Carried

8.3 Small Projects Fund Update - August 2026

The Committee discussed current projects and the installing the new picnic table by the bus stop. The Chair advised they would need stain, shellrock, and concrete to complete the installation. The Committee agreed to the purchase of the items from the Small Projects Fund.

Resolved minute number 26/TCC/020

That the Small Projects Fund Update – August 2026 report be received.

Mr D Benton/Ms L O'Neill. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/TCC/021

That the Committee approves payment of $117.82 to Mr D Benton from the Turakina Community Committee Small Projects Fund for fuel expenses relating to collection of the newly purchased picnic table from Lower Hutt.

Ms L O'Neill/Ms R Cvitanovich. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/TCC/022

That the Committee approves spending up to $250.00 from the Turakina Community Committee Small Projects Fund to purchase items required to install and secure the new picnic table by the bus stop.

Ms L O'Neill/Ms R Cvitanovich. Carried

9 Discussion Items

9.1 Kahuraponga Stream Bridge Maintenance

The Committee discussed how they might go about tidying up the bridge and walkway alongside the bridge. Ms Cvitanovich had contacted NZTA who advised the bridge was scheduled to be water blasted but there was no current timeframe for this work. They also advised that the footbridge was maintained by Council – Ms Bovey undertook to follow up with the Roading Team on planned maintenance or the ability of the Committee to be able to complete this work.

The meeting closed at 8.04pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Turakina Community Committee held on 15 October 2026.

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Chairperson