



Tauranga City

DRAFT MINUTES

**Regulatory Hearings Panel meeting
Wednesday, 1 April 2026**

UNCONFIRMED

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**MINUTES OF TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL
REGULATORY HEARINGS PANEL MEETING
HELD AT THE TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, L1, 90 DEVONPORT ROAD,
TAURANGA
ON WEDNESDAY, 1 APRIL 2026 AT 11:30 AM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mrs Mary Dillon (Chair), Mr Terry Molloy, Mr Alan Tate

IN ATTENDANCE: Deidre Ewart (Head of Regulatory Support & Compliance Services), Nigel McGlone (Manager: Compliance Services), Oscar Glossop (Team Leader: Animal Services), Malcolm Mills (Animal Services Officer), Clare Sullivan (Senior Governance Advisor), Anahera Dinsdale (Governance Advisor)

EXTERNAL: Mr Jesse Hartley

1 OPENING KARAKIA

Ms Anahera Dinsdale opened the meeting with a karakia.

2 APOLOGIES

APOLOGY

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RHP/26/2/1

Moved: Mrs Mary Dillon
Seconded: Mr Terry Molloy

That the apology for absence received from Panel member Mr Puhirake Ihaka accepted.

CARRIED

3 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the Regulatory Hearings Panel meeting held on 23 March 2026

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RHP/26/2/2

Moved: Mr Terry Molloy
Seconded: Mr Alan Tate

That the Minutes of the Regulatory Hearings Panel meeting held on 23 March 2026 be confirmed

as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

At 11.42am the meeting adjourned.

At 12.06pm the meeting resumed in open.

5 BUSINESS

5.1 Regulatory Hearings Panel Report - Objector Jesse HARTLEY

Staff Oscar Glossop, Team Leader: Animal Services

External Mr Jesse Hartley

Key Points

- Presented the background of the case, stating that the disqualification notice was delivered due to repeated non-compliance with dog control requirements, including the dog not being muzzled or kept on the property as required.
- Noted that most recent visits and complaints were initiated by neighbours, not council staff, and that the dog owner had a history of repeat offending.
- Since 2021, Mr Hartley has received 13 infringements and on 1st May 2025 the Panel rescinded his disqualification. He has received a further four infringements since.

In response to questions

- Confirmed Mr Hartley paid the dog registration fee for Tuff Cookie upon getting his dog out of the pound.
- Recommends the five year disqualification as a dog owner and noted the three year in the report was a mistake.

Mr Jesse Hartley

Key Points

- Defended their actions, stating they were unprepared for the hearing and felt targeted by a specific neighbor, alleging that complaints were malicious and motivated by personal animosity.
- Claimed the dog was not dangerous, attributing incidents to the dog's breed and neighbourhood dynamics, and described efforts to comply with regulations, including using muzzles and improving fencing.
- Admitted to previous non-compliance, including not always having the dog on a leash or registered, but explained financial hardship and attempts to arrange payment plans for registration.
- Shared personal circumstances, including health issues, family impact, and emotional distress over the potential loss of the dog.
- Provided details about the dog's behavior, interactions with children, and steps taken to manage the dog in public.

- Questioned the fairness of the process and the accuracy of the complaints, suggesting that only two neighbours were responsible for most complaints.

In response to questions

- Confirmed Tuff Cookie was 80kgs and had been desexed.

Discussion Points Raised

Staff – Oscar Glossop

- If Mr Hartley was disqualified and Mr Hartley's wife assumed ownership of the dog, the dog could not remain at the same address under a new owner.

At 12.47pm the meeting adjourned.

At 12.52pm the meeting resumed in open/public excluded.

6 PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION

Resolution to exclude the public

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RHP/26/2/3

Moved: Mrs Mary Dillon

Seconded: Mr Alan Tate

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject matter of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48 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 section 48 for the passing of this resolution
6.1 - Public Excluded Minutes of the Regulatory Hearings Panel meeting held on 23 March 2026	s7(2)(a) - The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons	s48(1)(a) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7
5.1 – Deliberations – Objection to disqualification as a dog owner Jesse HARTLEY	To enable the Panel to deliberate in private on the objections heard.	s48(1)(d) That the exclusion of the public from the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting is necessary to enable the Council to deliberate in private on its decision or recommendation in any proceedings before a Council where the Council is required, by any enactment, to make a recommendation in respect of the matter that is the

		subject of those proceedings.
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CARRIED

5 BUSINESS CONTINUED

5.1 Regulatory Hearings Panel Report - Objector Jesse HARTLEY

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RHP/26/2/4

Moved: Mr Alan Tate
Seconded: Mrs Mary Dillon

That the Regulatory Hearings Panel:

- (a) Receives the report "Regulatory Hearings Panel Report - Objector Jesse HARTLEY".
- (b) Upholds the disqualification for Mr. Hartley as a dog owner that will expire on 16 October 2028 (**Attachment 1**)

CARRIED

7 CLOSING KARAKIA

Ms Anahera Dinsdale closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 1:10pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed as a true and correct record at the Regulatory Hearings Panel meeting held on 11 May 2026.