

Allie Dunn

From: Allie Dunn
Sent: Thursday, 20 November 2025 8:01 am
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Response to question re publication of meeting notices
Attachments: CM: Response to question about Response to request for information about processes for sharing answers to commonly asked questions on Council's website

Kia ora

With regard to your questions below:

- 1) The public notices of our meetings are published on the Council's website within the timeframe set out in the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987. Generally this means that at least five days prior to the end of the month, the next month's meetings will be listed on the following webpage: <https://www.tararua.govt.nz/your-council/governance/public-notice-of-meetings>
- 2) Council public notices are published in the local paper circulating within the Tararua District (i.e. Bush Telegraph) and on the Council's website, as is required by the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.
- 3) Please refer to previous response provided to you about the searchability of the Council website, a copy of which is attached. You will see at the top of the website is a "What are you looking for" field. This is where you can search the website using keywords related to the topic you are searching for. As an example, entering the words "public notice" will quickly return a result that includes the page with the public notice of meetings. Entering "Explore Pahiatua" (which is the name of the community committee you are asking about) will give results including the page where the minutes of their meetings are published, as well as a page listing the committee members, contact details and information about when the committee generally meets.
- 4) Yes.

Ngā mihi



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 17 November 2025 4:12 pm
To: Governance <Governance@Taranuadc.govt.nz>
Cc: [REDACTED]; Info - Taranua District Council <Info@TaranuaDC.Govt.NZ>; [REDACTED]; Scott Gilmore <Scott.Gilmore@Taranuadc.govt.nz>; Malcolm Alexander <Malcolm.Alexander@Taranuadc.govt.nz>; Simone Anthony <Simone.Anthony@Taranuadc.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: Pahiatua Community Committee Speaking Request

EXTERNAL EMAIL ALERT: Caution advised. This message is from an external sender. Verify the sender's identity and use caution with attachments and links.

Tēnā koutou Simone, TDC and Community Committee,

1. Do you publish the Community Committee and Board meetings to the Council website at the same time as they are scheduled for the paper?
2. Do you publish the Community Committee and Board meetings to the Council Public Notice Boards at the same time as they are scheduled for the paper?
3. Is what Simone has told me searchable on the website?
4. Do you have someone responsible for all of the above?

As currently I am unfortunately not consistently receiving the Bush Telegraph.

Ngā mihi nui,

Kia ora

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Sent with [Proton Mail](#) secure email.

On Monday, November 17th, 2025 at 12:10 PM, [REDACTED] wrote:

Tēnā koutou TDC and Pahiatua Community Committee,

1. Please advise of the next Pahiatua Community Committee meeting in order that I might put in a request to speak at it.
2. Please also advise of the max time frame allocated for me to speak.

I shall not be requiring an immediate response but rather it is for the consideration of the Committee and that it might be discuss amongst the Committee within themselves first without my presence. Then I shall put in another speaking request for a response to be provided to me during that speaking time frame, so discussion might take place, if I do happen to have questions in relation to the response given. And so that it can be added to the agenda to provide an official response and for time be allocated and for it to be recorded by the secretary.

3. Please advise if the above is appropriate conduct for the Committee, however even a response to this question does not need to be provided immediately but is up for the Committee and TDC to discuss. When a discussion decision is reached you can then email me the outcome. As I understand that this is rather a Committee governance, conduct and process question in conjunction with the TDC to advise upon.

I hope that these requests are found to be reasonable and keeping with good conduct and governance within both the TDC and their Community Committees and are found to promote both peace and order through official record keeping.

I thank you in advance for your thought, conversation, discussion, and response and for all of your dedication to serve the community that you are a part of and effect.

If the TDC and Committee might please advise me of an approximate maximum time frame required for the TDC and Committee to email me a response to me to the last question that would be greatly appreciated. Just so I dont go revisiting this question unnecessarily.

Ngā mihi nui,

Kia ora.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From: [Allie Dunn](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: CM: Response to question about Response to request for information about processes for sharing answers to commonly asked questions on Council's website
Date: Thursday, 13 November 2025 8:30:00 am
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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[image005.png](#)
[image006.png](#)

Kia ora

I refer to your official information request dated 30 October 2025 for asking whether Council's website is searchable by AI tools.

Currently AI can search and index information it finds on Council's websites. We are aware that as we move forward the structure can be improved to make it easier for AI, but there is nothing stopping it now.

We don't have any current plans to add AI search bots to our website.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 30 October 2025 3:00 pm
To: Allie Dunn <Allie.Dunn@TararuaDC.govt.nz>
Cc: Scott Gilmore <Scott.Gilmore@TararuaDC.govt.nz>; Malcolm Alexander <Malcolm.Alexander@TararuaDC.govt.nz>; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; Info - Tararua District Council <Info@TararuaDC.Govt.NZ>
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Thank you Allie, TDC and TDC governing team,

Is this information currently crawlable by AI? If not do you have any initiatives to make this information more able available through AI search functions through your website?

FOR TDC CONSIDERATION:

Haha, cause I get sick of having to OIA or LGOIMA request stuff, email the team, bother your staff and governance members. :)

Would just be best to have the information you have available currently to be able to sought and found on your website... to accomplish this AI would be helpful tool for directing those seeking it to this information. Also is great for finding out what questions people have through statistics of the search inputs and updating and/or adding information to match high number searches.

Look forward to see how this develops. I know that this information accessibility and distribution issue is something that all those Governing Members elected in this email raised and put emphasis on. So am looking forward to see you putting in place some systems for accomplishing better information accessibility and distribution.

Ngā mihi nui,

Kia ora.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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----- Original Message -----

On Tuesday, 10/28/25 at 14:54 Allie Dunn <Allie.Dunn@Tararua.govt.nz> wrote:

Kia ora

I refer to your official information request dated 23 October 2025 for information about processes for sharing answers to commonly asked questions on Council's website.

To support transparency and keep our community informed, the Council regularly compiles responses to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on topics of public interest. While these FAQs may not cover every possible query, we make every effort to anticipate the most common questions and provide clear, helpful answers. When new enquiries arise that aren't yet addressed, we update our FAQ resources accordingly.

FAQs are primarily developed for each Council project and can be accessed via our website at:

<https://www.tararua.govt.nz/services/projects/current-projects>

You can also find a full list of available FAQs by using the search function on our homepage. Simply enter "FAQ" into the search box to explore the resources.

In addition to FAQs, the Council promotes openness by publishing responses to official information requests made under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA). These responses often contain information of broad public interest and help enhance accountability to our community.

To protect individual privacy, any personal details included in LGOIMA requests are removed before publication.

You can view these responses on our website at:

<https://www.tararua.govt.nz/publications/information-requests-proactive-release>

Lastly, Council's website has many examples of where answers to commonly asked questions are provided about Council services. The information pages about each service provides information about the service, and also answers to common questions. For example, the page about Noise Control provides information about how to make a complaint, information about what is excessive noise, how complaints are investigated, and how to be a good neighbour.

You can view the information about Council services on our website at:

<https://www.tararua.govt.nz/services>

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at

www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

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From: Scott Gilmore <scottgilmoreformayor@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, 23 October 2025 10:49 pm

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED] Malcolm Alexander
<Malcolm.Alexander@TararuaDC.govt.nz>; [REDACTED]; Allie
Dunn <Allie.Dunn@TararuaDC.govt.nz>; Scott Gilmore
<Scott.Gilmore@TararuaDC.govt.nz>

Subject: CM: Re: Congratulations

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Kia ora [REDACTED]

Thanks for your email and your kind words.

As your request is about the council website, council process and the management of information, I have copied this email to Allie Dunne, Manager - Democracy Services, to provide an answer under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act.

If you have suggestions to how you believe a process should work please feel free to share them with me so the team can give them consideration.

I have also copied my council email address so I have a record of your email

and my response.

Kind regards,
Scott

On 23 Oct 2025, at 6:05 PM, [REDACTED]
wrote:

Tēnā koutou Governing Members of Tararua District Council,

Thank you all so much for you putting your name forward to serve
all those in the region and congratulations on your successful
appointment.

Looking forward to having a great working relationship with you
all.

Question to all: What processes are and shall be in place for the
uploading of information of the answers given by the TDC
to common questions asked by the regions public to the council
website in a searchable form?

I look forward to receiving your answers.

Ngā mihi nui,

Kia ora.

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