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Today - Friday April 21st, 2023 at 4:29 pm we get the message from the Taupo District Council that they have officially pulled the plug on the use of the council owned and operated venue the Great Lake Centre for use by Stop Co-governance for a meeting arranged on Wednesday April 26th, 2023 at 7 pm. The speaker to be Julian Batchelor.

The reason given is that the Security firm Senjo have suddenly and without warning withdrawn from providing four security guards on the night. This firm was arranged by the council and NOT by us.

It is apparent that from the very beginning the TDC had no intention of letting us hold such a meeting.

each time we met their health and safety concerns they presented new ones even more onerous.

At our second face to face meeting on Monday 17th they informed us that the Taupo police had told them that because of the increased risk we would now need to have not four but ten security officers present (this adding an additional \$2500 cost to the \$1300 already indicated.)

In addition, they informed us that they had taken a booking for the same evening from a waiata group who would share the foyer with us- their meeting to begin at 6:30 pm.

We were able to negotiate down the security firm's numbers to 4 again by agreeing to a maximum of 200 at our meeting.

The council officers remained non-committal as to the security provisions of the waiata group.

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