



**Minutes of Tamahere Community Committee Meeting at
Tamahere Community Centre, 7.30pm on Tuesday 2 April 2024**

Present:

TCC: Charles Fletcher (Chair), Bevin Coley, Lyn Harris, Buddy Annals, Janis Swan, Anna Cao, Jane Manson

WDC: Cr Mike Keir, Cr Crystal Beavis, Geoff King, Mayor Jacqui Church, Tony Whittaker (COO)

Tamahere Lions: Sue Fookes

Tamahere Mangaone Restoration Trust: Russell Gibbs

Community: Maggie Wilcock, Scott Mathias (Tamahere Forum), Godfrey Bridger, Community member (un-named)

1. Apologies: Nil

2. Presentation by WDC regarding the LTP: (includes Q & A session following public drop-in session (6.30pm – 7.30pm)). Presented by Tony Whittaker.

- The government gave councils the option of either reviewing their 10-year plan (2024-2034) or providing a 1-year plan given the government's various changes and introduction of new legislation that is due to unfold over the coming months. These changes will directly affect budgeting decisions of all councils in NZ.
- The affordability to maintain current service levels is in serious question.
- One of the primary reasons for the Council's move to take up this offer was due to Watercare giving notice to WDC that their services to our council would cease from 3 June 2026.
- The 13.75% proposed rate increase cannot be individualized for each property at this stage due to the changes in property valuations currently being finalized.
- The annual plan has very few additional programs proposed. The council has been hit hard with inflationary cost pressures. Fixed targeted rates in residential areas reflect the high cost of wastewater treatment. This does not affect Tamahere residents.
- The council has increased roading funds to maintain the quality of the network.
- The council is committed to saving approx. \$2.5M in costs. One of the undertakings is to ensure job vacancies are filled to provide the best results.
- The council borrows money for capital costs and has never borrowed money for operating expenses.
- Rate payers need to consider what level of service they need or want.
- Submissions can be made to the council via "Have your say on the 2024/25 Annual Plan" found on the WDC website. **Submissions close Friday 26 April at 5pm.**

3. Confirmation of Minutes of meeting held on 5 March 2024

Motion: The Minutes are approved

Moved: Janis Swan

Seconded: Lyn Harris

All in Favour

4. Matters arising (not on this agenda): Nil

5. Correspondence (February 2024) - circulated by email prior to meeting - Attached.

Motion: Correspondence is accepted

Moved: Lyn Harris **Seconded:** Charles Fletcher

All in favour

6. WDC Service Delivery – Tamahere Community Committee Issues Report - Report circulated prior to the meeting by Geoff King and accepted as read.

- Two submissions have been received regarding the reserve reclassification for Crawfords Quarry (Tamahere Reserve). Geoff strongly recommends that a sub-committee from TCC & TMRT meet with Rebecca to discuss the issues outlined in their submissions to the council.

Action: Geoff will confirm suitable dates to both committees for this meeting to take place.

- Geoff confirmed that Waka Kotahi (NZTA) still has work to do on Cambridge Road (between Alfred Main on-ramp and Hillcrest) before the road is returned to WDC.

Action: Charles will go back to David Speirs to follow-up.

- CCTV: no further progress has been made with HCC.
- Tamahere Park toilets: Repairs have been completed to make the toilet accessible for wheelchairs. Thank you. There was discussion as to the Tamahere Community having paid a lot extra for the build of the Tamahere Village, Piazza, Playground and sports grounds, so there is ongoing dismay as to the new toilets (prison quality) and the Community seeks an assurance that a better standard of delivery can be provided for the Tamahere Park facility?

Action: Tamahere Community Committee will ask the Council to reconsider the standard offer, adding a seat and hand drying ability for each toilet.

Motion: WDC Service Delivery Report be accepted

Moved: Charles Fletcher **Seconded:** Lyn Harris

All in favour

7. Significant Natural Area's (SNA) in the Waikato District

- The council confirmed that the process of "ground truthing" has been stopped.
- Properties within the Tamahere area have already had SNAs ground truthed. The management of existing SNAs continues to apply, which negatively affects new activities and development of private property.

Action: Geoff will follow up with other staff within the council to ascertain priorities, processes, and status/progress within the council.

8. Councillors' Report - Report circulated by Crystal and accepted as read.

- Cr Beavis highlighted three events happening in the Tamahere/Matangi area as part of *Heritage Day* (20 April).
- *Road Safety at Tamahere School (TMCS):* one of the raised tables proposed forms a zebra crossing and one replaces an existing raised hump to bring it up to

current standards. The school is happy with the proposal as any outcomes that will slow traffic movements around the school at critical times are beneficial.

- *Local Alcohol Policy:* The council adopted the revised alcohol policy in October subject to appeal. Work has stalled on this due to LTP work.

Action: Cr Beavis will follow-up for the next meeting.

Motion: Councillor's report be received

Moved: Charles Fletcher **Seconded:** Anne Cao

All in favour

9. Water – WDC further updates

- Trickle feed water pressure has dropped but what it has dropped to is not known. There is a minimum delivery flow rate required but it has not been confirmed if the current flow rate is less than this minimum.
- The council is still investigating reservoir scenarios.

10. Tamahere Forum - TCC website (<https://tamahereforum.org/>)

- The “opening” rate of the Forum is high. It was surprising that so few people came to discuss the rate increase proposed by WDC.
- Charles thanked Scott for his responsiveness to getting information out to the community.
- Scott would really appreciate more feedback from the community.

Motion: Invoice 0045 for Website management and maintenance over 3 months to the value of \$2,625.00 (no GST), presented by Scott (Planet Food News), is approved for payment by the Waikato District Council from TCC funds.

Moved: Lyn Harris **Seconded:** Bevin Coley

All in favour

11. Reports

- **CCTV updates:** No progress
- **Civil Defense:** Meeting date to be confirmed by Cr Beavis
- **Heritage Report:** report circulated by Jane prior to the meeting and is taken as read.
 - Heritage Day for the wider Waikato district is planned for Saturday 20 April 2024.
 - Jane presented the draft heritage boards (look & wording).
As there was a restriction on the number of words that could fit on the story boards it is difficult to get a full story on the history of Tamahere. QR codes would provide a great means of expanding on this story. The QR codes would sit and be maintained by the Heritage Society.

Motion: The wording on the Tamahere story board be accepted.

Moved: Jane Manson

Seconded: Janis Swan

Amendment to Motion: The word “illegal” be removed from the story board (under the heading “A Time of Loss”).

Moved: Charles Fletcher **Seconded:** Lyn Harris
Approved by majority vote

The amended motion was then put and **approved**

Action: Jane will investigate if this word can be removed.

- **Predator Free Tamahere (PFT):** report received from Jane Morgan which was circulated to the committee prior to the meeting.
 - Reminder of the next community get-together at Tamahere Community Centre on **Thursday 2nd May at 6.30pm.**
- **Tamahere Lions:**
 - No update on e-trike
 - No further progress on planting next to the Tamahere Expressway on ramp.
- **Tamahere Mangaone Restoration Trust (TMRT):** Russell’s written report was circulated prior to the meeting and is taken as read.
 - Quiet month.
 - Difficult to make progress as there has been no council feedback.
- **Tamahere Model Country School (TMCS):** Buddy’s written report was circulated prior to the meeting and is taken as read.
 - **Reminder:** Pumpkin Night this **Saturday – 6th April – 3pm – 7pm** – all welcome.
- **Tamahere St Stephens Church:**
 - Next Market Day – 20th April. Same day as Heritage Day.
- **Tamahere Community Plan Development:** No progress

Motion: All of the above reports be received

Moved: Lyn Harris **Seconded:** Jane Manson
All in favour

12. TCC Submissions

- **WR Transport Committee 2024 Regional Land Transport Plan:**
Charles has received a hearing date for TCC’s submission – Monday 22nd April (1.10pm).
- **Keeping of Animals Bylaw Review:**
Confirmation that TCC’s submission has been accepted as received by the council. Several community members have made their own submissions to try and influence the shape of the Bylaw.
- **Community Plan Development and Blueprint:**
Cr Keir has followed up on projects that are council driven versus community driven. He will circulate the outcome prior to the next meeting.
- **Housing Strategy:**

Cr Keir confirmed that Waikato District Council (WDC) will not be committing funds to this.

13. Other Business

- Bus trial updates – no feedback has been received from Waikato Regional Council (WRC) who are leading this initiative.
- Exercise Equipment – all equipment has been installed and looks solid & robust. The naming of seats and lighting for one of the fitness zones still to be completed. Cr Keir will provide an update at the next meeting.
- NZTA Southern Links & footpath cycleway into Hillcrest. “Merge like a ZIP” signs suggested as needed for Alfred Main merge traffic with Expressway traffic. Southern Links has been identified by the Coalition government as being a road of national significance which has the implication that it will proceed sooner rather than later in the NZTA program.
- Succession planning/new Members:
 - Committee to consider possible new members.
 - A promotion through the Forum needs to be pursued.

Actions: See marked through the Minutes above.

14. Date of next meeting: 7.30pm on Tuesday, 7th May 2024

Meeting closed at 9.32pm