



**Minutes of Tamahere Community Committee Meeting at
Tamahere Community Centre, 7.30pm on Tuesday 4 March 2025**

Present:

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

WDC: Cr Crystal Beavis, Cr Mike Keir, Geoff King

Community: Maggie Wilcock, Cindy Jacobs

1. **Apologies:** Russell Gibbs, Leo Koppens, Sue Fookes, Lyn Harris, Scott Mathias, Sue Robertson

Motion: Apologies be accepted

Moved: Charles Fletcher

Seconded: Jane Manson

All in Favour

2. **Confirmation of Minutes** of meeting held 4 February 2025.

Motion: Minutes of the meeting held 4 February 2025 are approved

Moved: Janis Swan

Seconded: Jane Manson

All in favour

3. **Matters arising (not on this agenda): Nil**

4. **Correspondence (February 2025) - circulated by email prior to meeting**

Motion: Correspondence be accepted/approved

Moved: Charles Fletcher

Seconded: Anne Cao

All in favour

5. **WDC Service Delivery – Tamahere Community Committee Issues Report** - Report circulated prior to the meeting by Geoff King is received and taken as read.

Motion: WDC Service Delivery Report be accepted

Moved: Charles Fletcher

Seconded: Jane Manson

All in favour

6. **Councillors' Report**

Report circulated by Crystal is received and taken as read.

- *Tamahere Reserve:* Council in collaboration with recognized personal within Waikato Tainui have offered a gift to the Tamahere community of the name Tamahere Paerau (pie roe) to rename the Reserve.
- Crystal, as a Tamahere resident, feels this name is acceptable for the Tamahere Reserve.
- Crystal would like a response sent to Cr Turner regarding the name.
- Charles & Jane would like to see the WDC process for the Reserve move forward constructively – see item 8.
- *Roading:* There is to be a consultation meeting with HCC & NZTA on Monday 10 March at 6pm. Venue to be confirmed.

- Charles has received a plan from WDC proposing two chicanes be formed on Birchwood Lane as a traffic calming measure. This will be a 12-month trial. A copy will be available on Tamahere Forum.
- *LTP Update:* This has been delayed for 2 weeks. **Action:** Cr Beavis to inform the committee when consultation is to start.
- *Waikato Regional Council's Annual Plan 2025/26:* The bus trial service currently operating in the Tamahere area is being funded by WDC. This means the proposed regional rate for Tamahere will be \$33.58pa which is the lower rate.
- *Ward events coming up*
 - *Furniture Restoration Repair:* To be held at St Stephen's Church on Saturday 29th March 11.00am – 4.00pm. Cost: \$5.00. Take along furniture that needs repair.
 - *Council's Economic and Community-led Development Team events:* 6th March & 16th April.
 - *Creative Communities Scheme:* Applications close Thursday 6th March.
 - *Tamahere Response Plan:* No progress.

Motion: Councilors' report be received.

Moved: Charles Fletcher

Seconded: Bevin Coley

All in favour

7. **NZTA – HCC roundabout for SH26:**

- Hamilton City Council has distributed a new design plan for the intersection comprising Morrinsville Road, Matangi Road and Silverdale Road
- Cr Keir expressed concern regarding the removal of the slip lane from Matangi Road to Hillcrest and feels it would be beneficial if it remained.
- The Silverdale Road crossing needs to be moved further back from the roundabout.
- Charles strongly recommends members attend the meeting on 10 March to discuss further with HCC & NZTA.

8. **Tamahere Reserve:**

- Thank you to Geoff for his work on this project.
- A summary of the issues and progress has been distributed by Charles – copy attached to these minutes
- The risk assessment for the Pine trees needs to be reviewed/updated for Council before 30 April for the trees to be removed. After this date it may be a problem to cut the pine trees down. Apparently, DOC has indicated that its consent will be required to remove trees from publicly owned land (including Council) after this date.
- Cr Keir thinks it is inappropriate for the trees to be trimmed rather than cut down because the cost to Council will be disproportionate. This view was strongly supported by everyone.
- It is recommended by Cr Keir that Council close Tauwhare Road for one day to cut down the pine trees that run along the side of the road.

Motion: Tamahere Community Committee would like Waikato District Council (WDC) to cut down the pine trees in Crawfords Quarry/Tamahere Reserve along Tauwhare Road as soon as possible. These trees are at end of life or are infected with the pine tree virus so pose a health & safety risk to the public travelling along Tauwhare Road or visiting the Reserve.

Moved: Janis Swan **Seconded:** Jane Manson **All in Favour**

9. Tamahere Forum

- Geoff has received an invoice from Scott but it cannot be approved at this meeting because it needs an error corrected. This will be referred back to Scott.

Action: Meeting to be arranged with Cindy Jacobs, Charles Fletcher & Scott Mathias.

10. Reports

- **CCTV Update:** Charles has had a meeting with Anthony Averill of Council. The Tamahere CCTV project is the first one to be progressed as it is fully scoped and costed. Anthony is sending updated details of the two plans done by contractors. He indicated that \$80,000 was available for the Tamahere project and he would like to see the project completed by 30 June 2025. He wondered if TCC be given the funds and get the job done, but Charles indicated to Anthony that this may not be appropriate for TCC as we don't operate a bank account. Crs Keir & Beavis and Geoff King confirmed that Anthony Averill had the authority to authorize this.
Charles indicated he would speak to Alltech Solutions regarding their latest proposal to Council (now 2 years old). He also suggested we may need to further consult with the building owners at Tamahere Village and the tenants on current developments as the last consultation was almost three years ago.
We need to do what we can to kick this project into action. Charles will email updates.
- **Civil Defence:** **Action:** Cr Beavis will provide us with the latest draft plan sometime this month.
- **Predator Free Tamahere (PFT):** Jane Morgan's report was circulated prior to the meeting and taken as read. Jane also provided a separate letter acknowledging, and supporting, the proposed name Tamahere Paerau for the Tamahere Reserve.
- **Tamahere Lions:** Currently working on getting new quotes for the playground shading project and umbrellas for the seats. This initiative is supported by Georgina Maguire (Owner/Operator, Four Square, Tamahere) who has offered to take the umbrellas in & out as well as store them; these are for shade in the playground on hot days.
 - Aksel Bech has provided TCC with updated information regarding the seats in the Park, including the donations for the seats and park improvements, noting that future seat installation work could be done by Tamahere Lions as a fundraising project.
 - It would be a good time to review and update the current plan with Council for the location of new seats within Tamahere Park.
Action: Geoff to follow this up with Council staff.
 - The financial information for the donations accounts for funds to 2023 will need updating as much of those funds are already spent.

Action: Geoff to follow this up with Council to update financial transactions since 2023.

- **Tamahere Manganone Restoration Trust (TMRT):** Leo's written report was circulated prior to the meeting and is taken as read.
- **Tamahere Model Country School (TMCS):** Buddy's report was circulated prior to the meeting and taken as read.
- **Tamahere St Stephens Church:** Jane reported -
 - Next Market Day – 15 March 2025.
 - Furniture Restoration Event – Saturday 29th March.
- **TCC Community Plan 2024-26:** **Action:** Charles to reconvene a meeting with the Community Plan sub-committee.
Maggie will attend the Council Engagement training, for Community Boards & Committees, on Tuesday 11th March 5.30pm – 7.30pm in Ngaruawahia (anyone else can also attend).
- **LTP Workshop feedback:** These workshops continue at Council
 - The growth in the district is expected to be Tuakau and Pokeno in the north and Raglan in the south. Tamahere is noted as one of the larger settlements in the District.
 - LTP is to take effect after the October 2025 Council elections.
 - Cr Keir noted that the LTP needs to focus on Council's core business. The Council is struggling with its priorities as the new central Government legislation is not complete. The biggest issue is the three waters changes and the withdrawal of NZTA funding for roads. He's opposed to the current plan (yet to be consulted on) and proposed rate increases as the Council is not focused on reducing its expenditure.
 - Council is focused on capital versus operational funding.
 - The Audit Office is having a problem nationally to complete all LTP council audits.
 - Public consultation will not commence until mid-April.

Motion: All of the above reports be received

Moved: Charles Fletcher

Seconded: Janis Swan

All in favour

11. Submissions

- WDC – WDC Workshop **Tree Policy** – 4-year scheduled work programme. Consultation is coming and definitely needs careful consideration.
 - LTP – Mid April consultation begins.
 - refer <https://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/say-it>
- WRC – refer <https://yourvoicematters.waikatoregion.govt.nz>
 - Consultation: Regional Council annual plan is seeking feedback with key issues being transport rate levy issue and current financial surplus.

12. Other Business

- Tamahere Park:
 - Seats & Lighting: Aksel has updated us on the park seats. **Action:** Charles will contact the Hall electrician regarding the light installation.
 - Playground shading: We look forward to further updates from Tamahere Lions.

- Tamahere Information Day:
The proposed date is Tuesday 1st April from 4.00pm – 7.00pm in the meeting room of the Tamahere Community Centre – this has been cancelled until further notice.
- Mayor's Community Awards 2025 Nominations: Closing date is 9.00am Thursday 1st May 2025. The current suggestions are Graham McAdam (Tamahere Hall & Community Centre) and somebody from TMRT (Leo to advise). Cr Keir said he would like to nominate Charles Fletcher.
- Traffic calming measures for Birchwood Lane: The plan is for single lane chicanes to be placed down Birchwood Lane. Initially these will be trialed as temporary structures as per the Councilors report.

13. **Date of the next meeting: 7.30pm on Tuesday, 1st April 2025.**

Actions: See **marked** through the Minutes above.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Tamahere Reserve 4 March 2025

TCC & WDC issues 10-2-25	Council Response/s	TCC Position
1 Solutions focus – Yes we can or No we will not? Consultation and engagement	Council wants to be solutions focused and engaged	Proceed constructively
2 The Property Group Limited Land Disposal Report for Council dated 29 April 2021.	In progress	See table below
3 Access to Tamahere Reserve – recent Council safety concerns & mitigation options	<p>Access is not restricted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Council will look at options for Matangi Road to have a slip lane for R turning traffic into Wookcock Rd which can enhance L turning traffic into the Reserve carpark ▪ Speed reduction to be included as part of next speed management review ▪ No funding now – will be considered in outer years and improvements will align with purpose of Reserve and use 	Monitoring progress
4 Pine trees. Daniel Tipping Report 18-12-24	WDC did not require consideration of people but staff are open to discussing options to remove additional trees if there are options that are financially feasible and meets Bat protocols	<p>Report NOT fit for purpose. Council did not consult with TCC or TMRT when seeking this report.</p> <p>WDC Response is UNACCEPTABLE and needs further discussion with TCC</p>
5 Bats and bat monitoring reports - latest is the Waikato Aggregates Report 4-4-19. Councils current position?	TBA	No bats live in the Reserve and not affected by sand quarry activities when they fly through at night

6	DoC letter 30-3-20. Bias. Councils current position?	Discussion only. 2020 position is not now relevant.	DoC has no place in the future of this Reserve (except as required by Statute)
7	Tamahere Walkways Feasibility Report 2021. Councils position?	Report is not publicly excluded, and currently used by WDC in the review of the Connectivity (Trails) Strategy review, and utilised by the projects team when developing trails in Tamahere	Completed
8	Management plan. Councils position?	Concept planning for this reserve can be included within the forward works programme for the Reserve Planning team, scheduled for Oct 2025 at the earliest.	TCC proposes community engagement to determine use of the land, this will lead to the appropriate classification for the land. Monitoring progress
9	Maintenance of existing infrastructure – board walks and tracks. Councils position?	WDC to consider if structure/s are safe and fit for purpose	Monitoring progress
10	Weed control. Councils position?	WDC had to change contractors – able to proceed with spraying in consultation with TMRT	Completed
11	Signage. Councils position?	WDC to investigate options	Propose appropriate signage for safety purposes including the 'Do's and Don'ts' of Reserve use. This is NOT a naming issue
12	Change the reserve designation – off the table for now, stop all action	To be considered once Concept Plan is done in consultation with TCC	Stop all action until Consultation Plan signed off
13	Change the reserve name – off the table for now, stop all action.	Counsellor Bevis has this progressing with Tainui.	Stop all action until Consultation Plan signed off

The Property Group Report Response to issues raised by TCC

	TCC request to TPGL (TPGL 29-4-21 Report to WDC)	Response/s	TCC Position
1	Any report or evidence that supports your comments “(preservation of the population of long tailed bats)” and	Due 20-3-25	Outstanding issue

	“protection for the population of long tailed bats that have made their home there” and “The Property is home to a population of Long Tailed Bats (Bats)”		
2	The Property is 4.7424 ha and only a portion of the Property has pines. Your Report says "The NZ Gazette 1981, page 1206, the Property was classified as Local Purpose Reserve (site for Quarries)" but that Gazette only provides for 1.5415 ha to be held "as a reserve for a local purpose (site for a quarry)." What of the other 3.2009 ha?	Entire site is classified local purpose quarry (1.5415 ha in Gazette Notice vs 4.7424 ha)	Complete
3	For the History of the Property, in 1932, you report that "By NZ Gazette 1932, page 1252 the Property was permanently reserved as a Quarry pursuant to the Land Act 1924. The Property was then vested in Trust for Quarry purposes in Waikato County Council by NZ Gazette 1932, page 1775." In checking the NZ Gazette for 1932, at the quoted page numbers, there is no reference to the Property	Gazette notice 1932 page 1252 – copy extract provided to TCC	Complete
4	You report that "The Property is subject to the Waikato District Council Natural Reserves Management Plan 2018". s.41 provides that a Management Plan must be prepared every five years by the LA as the administering body for approval by the Minister. Can you provide us with a copy of the last three Management Plans please?	TBA	Outstanding issue
5	Report references “Arborist’s reports”. Can you please provide a copy of those reports?	TBA	Outstanding issue
6	Record of Title SA640/171	Copy provided to TCC	Complete
7	Document H341517 registered in 1981 shown on a Council "Site: Crawfords Quarry Lifestyle Research LAND STATUS REPORT" dated 22-5-2014	Copy provided to TCC	Complete