



**Minutes of Committee Meeting
Held 7.30pm on Monday May 3rd, 2021
Tamahere Community Centre**

Present:

TCC: Sue Robertson (Chair), Lyn Harris, Leo Koppens, Charles Fletcher, Bevin Coley, Tony Nelson

Tamahere Lions: Sue Fookes

WDC: Cr Bech, Jacob Quinn

Downer Construction: Matt Kofoed

Tamahere School: Andrea Dunseath

1. Apologies: James Yearsley, Jane Manson, Alison Ewing, Janis Swan, Sarah Loynes

Moved: Sue Robertson

Seconded: Leo Koppens

All in Favour

2. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on April 12, 2021

Draft circulated late.

Moved: Leo Koppens **Seconded:** Lyn Harris **All in Favour**

Confirmation of In-Committee Minutes held on April 12, 2021

Moved: Leo Koppens **Seconded:** Lyn Harris **All in Favour**

3. Matters arising:

- Parking Upgrade – Waikato District Alliance looking to outsource project due to workload. Intention is for June start.
- Carving for Tamahere Reserve – Aksel and Leo working to complete roof and flashing. 20 May suggested date for project work.
 - **Action:** Leo to pick up carving and Aksel to confirm wording.

4. Correspondence Tabled

IN – Email

To be tabled at June meeting

OUT – Email

To be tabled at June meeting

5. SH21 Underpass Update – Matt Kofoed (Downers)

- Currently reliant on third party work activity – there have been delays.
- Construction will not begin before Fieldays.
 - Downers will be accelerating work after Fieldays by working weekends but will avoid the Tamahere Market weekends.
 - A possible one-way system will be instigated.
- Late 2021 is still the Underpass targeted completion date.

6. Tamahere Connectivity – Sarah Loynes (NZTA Principal Design Planner)

- **Motion:** *Confirmation of Special Meeting to be held with Sarah Loynes Monday 24 May 2021 at 6.00pm.*
- **Moved:** Sue Robertson **Seconded:** Leo Koppens **All in favour**
- James circulated a long list of options 13 April 2021– we need to consider these along with Southern Links, closure of Devine & Newell Roads and timings.
- **Action** – Leo to book room

7. WDC Te Awa Update – Luke Mc Carthy (verbal report to Sue R prior to meeting)

- Luke expects the new roundabouts to commence building early July.
- Riverglade Drive to SH21 – swept today. Now open.
- Water toby issue corrected.
- Sue confirmed to Luke the issue of “boy racers” down Wiremu Tamihana Drive is on-going with John Nicholson (local resident & ratepayer) being chased and bottles thrown at his vehicle as he attempted to video the activity in the parking area of the Park. Sue asked for possible mitigation options. Luke suggested security cameras. Aksel suggested WDC installation of temporary roundabouts.
- **Action:** Jacob to follow-up on possible options.

8. Tamahere Community Committee Issues Report - Jacob Quinn (Circulated)

- **Tamahere Pavilion/ Stage** – Sue will circulate a photo of a possible stage option that Leo found. Jacob will circulate Council design when it is available.
- **Tamahere Park Fitness Trail** – Please refer plan as confirmed last year (May 2020)
- **Tamahere Hall status update** – Contact has been made with the Charities Commission to get this resolved. Five years of Financial Statements have not been lodged. The Hall Committee are working on getting the reports audited before presenting to the Charities Commission. The Hall Committee can then apply for Loss recovery which, hopefully, will cover the cost of auditing reports.
- **LTP** – Submissions close Friday 7 May 2021.

9. Cr Bech Report – (Circulated)

- **By -Law updates** –Water By-Law and Keeping of Dogs.
 - Currently Urban properties can have 2 dogs plus puppies (under 3mths). There is no limit for Rural properties. The review sets to change this and align Rural with Urban numbers. People keeping more dogs than this will need to apply for a concession e.g., breeders and farmers.
- Development Contribution Policy is under review at the same time as the LTP 2021-2031. There were several changes discussed. The focus was on the changes to how ancillary buildings would be assessed by Council. Council proposes to charge small dwellings a whole HEU (Household Equivalent Unit) where in the past they have been charged 25% or 50% (depending on size) of a HEU. In addition to this Council are proposing to charge additional Development Contribution charges on properties that were sub divided years ago but not built on. As time has progressed Development Contribution charges have increased, and these bare blocks will be charged at the new rates when applying for building consents.
- **Motion:** *Charles will provide a submission on behalf of the Tamahere Community Committee. Charles will provide to Lyn to submit by Friday 7 May 2021.*
- **Moved:** Sue Robertson **Seconded:** Charles Fletcher **All in Favour**

10. Other Business

Tamahere Lions Update

- Sue Fookes held a successful inaugural meeting at her home last week bringing together interested groups from the community.
- Various options are to be collated and be available for consideration by this group in September.
- **Action:** Leo to provide Sue Fookes with the original playground plans.

Hub Bus Stops and Parking

- Sue and Leo presented submission to WRC which appeared to be positively received.
- There is an awareness of initiatives in the HCC Spatial Plan that could provide a better service to Tamahere. It was conceded that this would require a bus stop.

Reserve and Gully Walkway Subcommittee

- Tamahere Manganone Restoration Trust (TMRT), TCC, DOC and Council met at the Reserve Monday 19 April to discuss Reserve Classification, naming and restoration issues.
- Rebecca Law (WDC – Reserves Planner) has summarized the meeting with the Council's reasoning for supporting the reclassification to be a Scientific Reserve with a Primary purpose of the reserve being Ecological restoration and protection and a Secondary purpose of Passive recreation. Reserve reclassification will not be gazetted with any restriction of public access to the reserve as this would be counter intuitive to the secondary purpose.
- Naming of the Reserve is still an issue. Through Council consultation with Ngaati Hauaa iwi, the name Maneapoto Reserve was proposed.
- **Motion:** *Crawfords Quarry, locally known as Tamahere Reserve, should retain the name Tamahere Reserve.*
- **Moved:** Charles Fletcher **Seconded:** Leo Koppens **All in favour**
- **Motion:** *By way of clarification can the WDC explain the relevance of Maneapoto Reserve in renaming the Tamahere Reserve.*
- **Moved:** Charles Fletcher **Seconded:** Leo Koppens **All in favour**
- Uncertainty still exists regarding funding in the LTP for gully restoration within this Reserve. This will be highlighted further in the TCC LTP 2021-2031 Submission.
- MOU is moving along with Council confirming that the TMRT will need to become the vehicle for negotiating easements for the successful establishment of Gully Walkways.
- The ultimate goal is to achieve a concept plan for the Reserve to support its ongoing restoration program.
- **Action:** Secretary to feed back to Rebecca that her letter has been received and a full response will come to her at the end of the month.

LTP Submission

- Submission close 5pm Friday 7 May 2021.
- TCC to encourage Ratepayers to make their own submissions – particularly on the three points requesting feedback from the Council.
- The Submission covers:
 - Proposed General rates Increase – rate of increase.
 - Pensioner Housing – keep or sell to a responsible service provider.
 - Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection – keep or discontinue service.
 - Anything else you would like to discuss from the Consultation documents.
 - Blueprint initiatives – the importance of their relevance to the Councils LTP projects.

Hall Targeted Rates and sewerage

- WDC has confirmed that the sewage upgrade project is required for the Community Hall at a project cost of \$200k – 250k.
- Hall Committee has some funds for this project but the status of the Targeted Rate needs to be confirmed first.
- The current targeted rate level is soon to be reviewed by Council as debt will have been repaid. TCC would like to take the opportunity to extend the targeted rate to cover gully restoration costs.

Land purchase for further growth

- Sue and Leo met with Nicholas Wells and Gavin Ion to discuss this issue further.
- It was considered that Mr. Wells understood the concept and Mr. Ion could see the opportunities. They suggested that we include the issue in TCC LTP 2021-31 Submission.
- Sue noted that most land purchases end up being cost neutral, but an initial capital outlay is required.
- **Action:** Sue to write a section for inclusion in the LTP submission.

Additional TCC Members

- TCC needs to actively approach the community seeking new members to be co-opted on.
- Open to ideas on how this can be achieved.

Weed Control

- Leo has observed large gorse crops growing along State Highway 1 and near the new overpass. This needs spraying out.
- **Action:** Leo to submit a service Request on the WDC website.
- It is likely this is still under the management of Waka Kotahi (NZTA)
- **Action:** Secretary to write a letter to Matt Fairweather describing the exact location.

Actions:

- Book room for Special Meeting with Sarah Loynes – Monday 24 May @ 6.00pm - Leo
- Options to control “Boy Racers” down W-T Drive – Jacob
- Leo to provide original Park Plans to Sue Fookes.
- Feedback to Rebecca Law regarding Reserve letter - Lyn
- Weed Control Follow-up – Leo & Lyn

Meeting closed at 9.50pm

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 8 June 2021

Items for Next Meeting:

- Gully sub com report – Reclassification and renaming update.
- Connectivity Sub committee
- Underpass Sub committee
- Hall Committee – progress update (Charities Commission and Targeted Rate)
- Conservation Targeted Rate (for Reserve plants)