



**Minutes of Tamahere Community Committee Meeting at
Tamahere Community Centre, 7.30pm on Tuesday 7th February 2023**

Present:

TCC: Charles Fletcher (Chair), Lyn HARRIS (Secretary), Anne Cao, Bevan Coley,
Janis Swan, Julia Crosby, Buddy Annals

Tamahere School: Buddy Annals

WDC: Geoff King, Cr Crystal Beavis, Cr Mike Keir, Lianne van den Bemd

Tamahere Mangaone

Restoration Trust: Russell Gibbs

Lions: Sue Fookes

Community: Dean Forman (Alpha Sport)

1. Apologies: James Yearsley, Jane Mason

Moved: Bevan Coley **Seconded:** Janis Swan **All in Favour**

2. Confirmation of Minutes of meeting held on 5th December 2023

Moved: Bevan Coley **Seconded:** Julia Crosby **All in Favour**

3. Matters arising

- Charles contacted James Yearsley who confirmed his nomination as Deputy Chair (he will not be able to attend every meeting this year)

Moved: Charles Fletcher **Seconded:** Bevan Coley

4. Correspondence (December 2022) - circulated by email prior to meeting

IN – Email

- Join on-line meeting – Future for Local Government overview
- Notice – Tree-felling activities – SH21 Airport Road
- WDC Invite to opening of Te Awa Ride section in Tamahere – Mangaonua Stream
- WDC: Status of the maintenance plan for Alfred Main Drive
- Sue Fookes: Copy received of correspondence between Tamahere Lions and Council – part of Playground Shading reported at meeting
- WDC: Background information for the naming of the subdivision at 55 Redwood Grove
- WDC: Reminder to send Minutes to democracy@waidc.govt.nz
- WDC: Better Off Funding Application – Advised that WDC application to DIA for district wide CCTV camera project has been successful. With assurance of further information to come
- WDC: Follow up response to state of the roundabouts at the Village – loose concrete has been removed

- WDC: Response from Cr Keir re: TCC Draft Submission WDC Reserve Management Plan
- WDC: Response from Cr Beavis re: TCC Draft Submission WDC Reserve Management Plan
- Alison Ewing re: TCC Draft Submission WDC Reserve Management Plan
- WDC: Notification of WDC Tamahere Village Office being closed temporarily.
- Tamahere Country Club – positive response from invitation to attend next meeting
- WDC: Future of Local Government online session – WDC notes from meeting 28 November 2022
- WDC: Local Area Blueprint implementation progress update received from Jim Ebenhoh
- WDC: Rubbish Bin updates from Geoff King
- WDC: Email alert from John Brown regarding Council buildings condition assessed ahead of LTP – this includes our Community Hall
- WDC: Daffodil planting season 2023 – Antoinette van der Weerden is investigating which communities are interested in more bulbs for 2023

OUT – Email

- Chair: Response to WDC for its successful application for funds for CCTV projects
- Chair: Feedback to Waka Kotahi (NZTA) on Cambridge to Piarere Expressway project.
- Chair: TCC Submission WDC Reserve Management Plan
- Chair: Freshwater Policy Review – how can we assist?
- Request from the Chair for a Southern Links update.
- Chair: Invitation to attend TCC meeting – Tamahere Country Club, Eventide, Matangi Committee Secretary, Tamahere Hall Committee
- CCTV update from Charles to Scott Curruthers
- Chair: Feedback on Rubbish Bins
- Chairman's response to "Kiwi's" concern with regard to vehicle speeds down Birchwood Lane

Moved: Lyn Harris

Seconded: Janis Swan

All in favour

5. Disclosure of Interests

- Charles circulated document (Pecuniary and Non-pecuniary Interests and Gifts Return Form) prior to the meeting.
- General opinion of Committee was that the form is not designed for a voluntary group of community individuals. It better suits employees.
- Charles stated that going forward Committee members are to declare their stakeholder interests and abstain from voting should a conflict of interest exist.

Action: Geoff King noted the Committee's concerns and will check if voluntary community committee members need to complete the form.

6. Service Delivery – Tamahere Community Committee Issues Report – Circulated and accepted as read.

- Rubbish Bin update: Park rubbish volumes have increased. Raglan found that the more bins they provided the more rubbish there was. By reducing the number of bins they reduced the amount of rubbish collected
- Tamahere Park Toilet Upgrade: Potentially there could be a period of time when there will be no public toilets at the Park once the current toilets are removed and the new modular toilets are installed.

Action: Geoff will follow up to see if there is a plan for porta-loos to be available.

- Flooding – Crystal found no local issues following the heavy rain.
 - Committee noted flooding at the northern end of Violet McKenzie walkway due primarily to a blocked drain that is not regularly maintained.
 - Birchwood Lane has a flooding issue on the walk/cycle way. Mike reports that this cannot be easily remedied & would continue to flood in heavy rain.
- Birchwood Lane traffic speed continues to be of concern to Birchwood Lane residents.

Action: Mike will update us on any progress

- Concern was raised that cyclists were not looking out for traffic as they crossed road intersections and driveways

Action: Geoff will followup with Luke regarding signage for cyclists to take more care when crossing roads. Luke to respond at April meeting.

7. Cr Crystal Bevis Report – written report circulated prior to meeting – Circulated and accepted as read

- Crystal introduced Lianne to the meeting. Lianne is WDC Community led Advisor who supports the **Heritage Sign Project** for Tamahere. The Heritage sign project is spread throughout the district with the idea of building a Heritage Trail. Lianne has been working primarily with Kitty Burton (part of the Matangi Community Group and also part of the Tamahere Eureka Heritage Committee).
 - St Stephens is part of this project as is the recent (unveiled August 2022) Wiremu Tamahana Peace Covenant sign on Bruntwood Road. St Stephens Church has outlined 3 possible signs for the Church site. Jane Manson has been part of this project.
 - The Tamahere Community Committee is happy for Jane to liaise with the WDC team and Tamahere Eureka Heritage Committee on behalf of this Committee.

Action: Charles to contact Leo for his suggestions

Action: Lianne to circulate photos of the signs developed to date for the southern region.

- **Creative Communities Scheme Fund** – Has two rounds of funding per year. The first round for 2023 closes 10 March 2023. The fund has approx. \$35k per round to support local artists with a particular connection to encouraging young people into creative activity.
- Creative Communities Scheme is looking for new members committed to the Arts to sit on the Committee and be part of the decision making group.

Action: Lianne will circulate to the Committee what has been historically successful in applying for funds (the 2022 funding rounds).

Cr Mike Keir – Installation of exercise equipment in Tamahere Park.

- Dean Forman (Alpha Sports) has played an integral role in coming up with a preferred option which fits the criteria. This would need to work with Wackrows Joinery Ltd to produce bespoke equipment. The proposed

equipment needs to be certified as fit for purpose. Dean is now moving to Australia.

Action: Charles has volunteered to meet up with Dean & meet the Wackrows connection.

Action: Mike to set up meeting for Friday 10 February.

Future for Local Government Review

- Executive summary has been circulated by Charles for us to update ourselves on the issues.
- Our Councillors recognize that the recommended update will severely impact local community input.
- Anyone can do a submission
- Charles has attended an on-line workshop (there are others, starting tomorrow). He strongly feels that the Committee needs to make a submission. He is prepared to lead this. All those interested are welcome to join him. Please contact him directly.
- **Submissions close: Tuesday 28th February 2023.**

8. Tamahere Country Club – Frances Christie (Village Manager)

Frances was welcomed to the meeting as a guest to share information and progress with the development of the Tamahere Country Club. She reported:

- Stage 1 is complete – this incorporates the Club House and 111 occupied villas (198 residents)
- Stage 2 is well underway with a house finished every week. There will be 96 Villas once this stage is finished.
- Care Centre is under development - it is a two year project and will have 80 beds available.
- Community Café is being built outside the gates and is due to be completed in July. It will be open to the public and has a restaurant.

The Committee shared that the Tamahere Tennis Club might be looking for a new venue and enquired if a collaboration could be beneficial, perhaps with a view to the Tamahere Tennis Club sponsoring local tournaments?

The Committee also indicated that it would be interested in knowing of the skills and interests of Country Club members who might want to share those in the community.

Action: Frances will invite residents to come along to any TCC meeting and be as involved as they wish to be.

Action: Frances will investigate the possibility of the Tamahere Tennis Club having access to their courts (terms to be discussed in due course with the Tamahere Tennis Club).

9. Reports

1. **Tamahere Lions:** No new updates.

Action: Lyn to forward Te Awa Cycleway Opening details to Sue for Club consideration.

2. **Tamahere Mangaone Restoration Trust (TMRT):** Russell circulated written report

- The Trust has had positive meetings with WDC.
- 13 February the Trust is meeting with Councillors to present the TMRT targeted rate proposal. TCC supported this presentation last year and this presentation is for the benefit of the new Council. Charles will attend to support.

3. Tamahere Model Country School:

- School crossing is still an issue. Grant (WDC) will attend the April meeting to discuss.
- School has a starting 2023 roll of approx. 450 students.
- Charles alerted Buddy to the Tennis Club issue of access to courts.
- Sewage Upgrade is near completion.

Action: Buddy to query if the School Pool is going to be open to the public to promote safe swimming in light of recent high drowning rates in NZ.

4. Tamahere St Stephens Church

- 140th celebration is coming up in May and the Church plans to commemorate the date in some way.
- Te Awa Cycleway is complete with riding past one side of the Church property. There have been minor tagging issues but very few problems.

5. CCTV Update

- A media report indicated funding was now available for the approved 'Better Off Funding' projects.
- When Charles and the contractor initiated a desire to start works the Council indicated that the DIA funding had not yet completed a specific release process (the media report appears to have been a political announcement).
- No information has been received by WDC indicating a timeline for funds to be available.
- Charles commented that the contractor is likely to recost this project given the time delays.
- Mike noted that indicatively \$80k has been approved for the Tamahere Village CCTV project. Charles noted that the BOF application was supported by a costing of \$110,000 incl GST and that the Council had committed funds (25% of cost) to this project via its Waikato District Crime Prevention Technology Trust.
- Charles enquired if the school was willing to confidentially share details of its exterior camera system and monitoring so as to co-ordinate rather than duplicate systems. The Village CCTV is to be connected to the Safer Cities network and Hamilton City Council network (so not available to the public, only the NZ Police)

Action: Buddy to seek approval from the school to allow Charles to understand their system to see how compatible it is with the one proposed for the Village.

10. TCC Submissions

- NZTA SH 1 Cambridge – Paerie: Led by Charles. Awaiting feedback on submission
- WDC Reserves Management Plan: Led by Charles. Awaiting feedback on submission
- WDC Freedom Camping: No submission made by TCC. Committee had recommended that individual submissions be made.
- WDC Blue Print update for Tamahere: This needs to be workshopped outside the meeting with special consideration given to Village future growth and potential land acquisition. Advised by Council that the best opportunity would be to try and get a developer interested.
- WRC Public Transport Plan – Airport plan: still to open

11. Other Business

Piazza and Pavillion; events promotion

- Potential event: Te Awa Cycleway Opening – Saturday 25 March. The event has the potential to promote clubs/ groups in Tamahere with the support of WDC.
- Indication of interest needs to be registered by Friday 17 March with an information workshop on Tuesday 28 February.
- Julia has already sent the information through to the Tamahere Cycle Group.

Action: Charles to follow up with Dallas to understand his interest in assisting with promotions.

EV Charging Stations

- The location agreed to is in the Reserve carpark.
- The plan is for ChargeNet to work with Waipa Energy to install stations sometime this Summer.

Village Growth – Water Reservoir and Pumping Station location

Cr Keir confirmed the most likely location is still on Council owned land on Alfred Main Drive.

Management of Tamahere Park sports fields

- This needs to be community led. A Committee needs to be set up to manage the sportsfields.
- Aksel will be attending the March meeting to address how this could work.

Daffodils

- Antoinette van der Weerden (WDC) has offered the Committee the opportunity to take part in planting 2000-3000 bulbs in May this year at an agreed location.
- TCC has agreed that we would like to take part in the opportunity for 2023

Action: Lyn to reseed to Antoinette

Future Invitees

Charles has been in touch with a list (as per agenda) of community groups or businesses who may wish to attend our meetings with a view to greater community engagement and for the Committee to understand future community engagement opportunities.

Tamahere Charter

Charles has circulated the draft TCC charter for consideration and discussion.

Action: All Committee members to consider Charter and give feedback at our March meeting.

Action: Charles to forward proposed Charter to Geoff for early feedback.

Proposed naming for Subdivision 0238/22 at 638B Tauwhare Road, Hamilton

Grace Shaw (WDC) provided the Committee with background on the naming of this new road prior to the meeting.

Motion: Tamahere Community Committee approves the name of Millpark Lane for the new subdivision.

Moved: Janis Swan

Seconded: Bevan Coley

All in favour

12. Meeting Dates for 2023

Motion: Tamahere Community Committee will hold 2023 meetings on the first Tuesday of each month for 2023 starting at 7.30pm.

Moved: Janis Swan

Seconded: Anne Cao **All in favour**

Action: Lyn to book dates through TMCS

Action: Lyn to confirm dates to WDC Democracy Team

For our next meeting TCC members to please consider:

- The Tamahere Charter (Charles sent out on 7 Feb to the Committee).
 - Do we want to adopt a Charter similar to Pokeno which also operates as a Committee like us (as opposed to a Board)?
 - What do you particularly think is important for us to focus on?
- Blueprint update – what is important for the future growth of our Community.

Date of next meeting: 7.30pm on Tuesday 7th March 2023

Actions: See marked through the Minutes above.

Items for Next Meeting:

- Tamahere Blueprints Initiative – Consider Tamahere Hub Future Growth
- CCTV Progress
- School Road Crossing
- Committee Charter discussion
- Future for Local Government Review - Submission