



**Minutes of Tamahere Community Committee Meeting at
Tamahere Community Centre, 7.30pm on Monday 4th December 2023**

Present:

TCC: Charles Fletcher (Chair), Bevin Coley, Lyn Harris, Buddy Annals, Anne Cao, James Yearsley, Janis Swan

WDC: Mike Keir, Crystal Beavis

Tamahere Lions: Sue Fookes

Tamahere Mangaone Restoration Trust: Russell Gibbs

Community: Paul Johnson, Geoff Pooch, Keith Jackson, Scott Mathias (Tamahere Forum), Sue Lourie, Jim Lourie, Jenni Taris

1. Apologies: Geoff King, Jane Manson, Mayor Jacqui Church

Moved apologies be accepted: Lyn Harris **Seconded:** Buddy Annals
All in Favour

2. Confirmation of Minutes of meeting held on 7th November 2023

Moved: Minutes are approved: Charles Fletcher **Seconded:** Lyn Harris
All in Favour

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

4. Correspondence (Nov 2023) - circulated by email prior to meeting.

Inwards:

- Patrick Edwards, WDC: Tentative invitation to the official opening of the Tamahere toilet block on Thursday 21 December, 10.00am – 10.45am.
- Christie, WDC Communications & Engagement Advisor: Acknowledgement to Cr Beavis to attribute quote appropriately for Media release regarding the EV Charging Station at Tamahere Village.
- Crystal Beavis, Cr WDC: Sent Christie her comment for the Media release for EV charging station at Tamahere.
- Christie, WDC Communications & Engagement Advisor: Request for quote & confirmation of receipt of Charles's quote regarding the successful installation of the EV Charger at the village.
- Geoff King, WDC: TCC Works & Issues Report for December meeting plus Tamahere EV Charger update.
- Crystal Beavis, Cr WDC: Confirmation of attendance at TCC meeting rescheduled for Monday 4 December.
- Katelyn Aitchison, WDC Corporate Planner (Graduate): Confirmation of adoption of Freedom Camping Bylaw 2023 effective 20 November 2023.
- David Ralfe, Tamahere resident: Update from David following his conversation with David Speirs (Waka Kotahi) regarding the status of the Southern Links Project (SLP) plus SH21/Airport Road speed review.

- Lisa Laurence, TMCS: Confirmation of monthly booking for Monday 4 December (date change)
- Russell Gibbs, TMRT: Confirmation of attendance for changed date for TCC monthly meeting.
- Mike Keir, Cr WDC: Confirmation of attendance for changed date for TCC monthly meeting.
- Geoff King, WDC: Apology for non- attendance at the TCC monthly meeting due to changed date.
- Emah Lane, WDC: Response to Charles regarding request to make the Tamahere Community Centre's financial reports made public. The report is only available by appointment.
- Crystal Beavis, Cr WDC: Informing Charles as to how he can view the financial reports for the Tamahere Community Centre.
- Jacqui Church, Mayor WDC: response to unpublished paper by Charles entitled "Our democracy – usurped?"
- Crystal Beavis, Cr WDC: series of responses to unpublished paper by Charles entitled "Our democracy – usurped?"
- Mike Keir, Cr WDC: Feedback from Glyn Morgan (WDC Open Spaces Team Leader) regarding the Ecological & Environmental studies of the Tamahere gully systems.
- Alicia Sunnex, WDC Strategic Initiatives and Partnerships Coordinator: Housing Strategy – Key items captured from Community Boards & Committees. TCC did not attend.
- Scott Curruthers, System Designer, All tech Solutions: Alerting TCC & Council for the need to pre-wire for the CCTV cameras prior to the Toilet Block completion as the plan is to mount cameras on the toilet block as well as placing the power source & junction box there.
- Geoff King, WDC: Tamahere Toilet progress update (status as of 17 Nov 23)
- Elizabeth Saunders, WDC: Toilet progress update across the district.
- Democracy, WDC: Invitation to Workshop – Turning the Dial Up n Our Communications – Have your say!
- Asanka Meththa, Infrastructure Project Manager, WDC: Acknowledgement to Scott Curruthers (Alltech Solutions) of meeting date (28 November) for circulation to appropriate stakeholders of the CCTV project. Sent out meeting invitation date.
- Mike Keir, Cr WDC: Acknowledgement & feedback to Charles regarding Tamahere Village/Soul.
- Tim van de Molen, Waikato MP: General information regarding National's position regarding the Road to Zero campaign and National's intention to take a different approach to current government stance – Accelerate NZ.
- David Ralfe, Tamahere resident: Feedback to Charles on TCC WDC Speed Management Plan submission along with comments from Waka Kotahi.
- Janine Barrett, WDC: Invitation to Community Boards for a Christmas get-together – Thursday 14 December 4.00pm – 6.00pm with fish & chips served at 5.30pm.
- Scott Mathias, Tamahere Forum: request for information regarding Tamahere market at St Stephens.
- Geoff King, WDC: Feedback on Tamahere Portaloos & frequency of cleaning – cleaned 7 days/week. Commented the high level of vandalism by users.
- Lisa Laurence, TMCS): Confirmation of TCC meeting date bookings for 2024 at the Tamahere Community Centre.
- Alicia Sunnex, WDC Strategic Initiatives & Partnerships Coordinator: Community Committee & Board invitation to attend workshop – Informing a housing strategy for WDC; Wednesday 15 November 6.30pm – 8.30pm
- Geoff King, WDC: Update from ChargeNet for when Tamahere EV charger will be installed.

- Julie Dolan, Economic & Community Led Development Manager: Introducing Dominique Thurlow as the Community Led Development Advisor for Community Boards & Committees
- Katelyn Aitchison, WDC: Acknowledgement of submission to the Proposed Water Supply Bylaw 2023
- Crystal Beavis, Cr WDC: Updated Charles & Buddy of the proposed school/traffic calming measures WDC plans to undertake.
- Mike Keir, Cr WDC: Acknowledgement of TCC submission on the Proposed Water Bylaw 2023
- David Ralfe, Tamahere resident: Confirmation of his interest to be part of the TCC sub-committee feeding back to Council on the Proposed Speed Management Plan.

Outward:

- Janis: Feedback to Charles on the update to the TCC WDC Speed Management Plan submission.
- Charles: response to Christie for quote regarding the successful installation of the ChargeNet EV charger.
- Charles: Recommendation of update to the submission to WDC regarding WDC Speed Management Plan 2023 following the announcement of the new Coalition Government's 100-day plan.
- Charles: Acknowledgement to David Ralfe regarding Waka Kotahi conversation WB 27 November.
- Charles: Asking why the Tamahere Community Centre financial reports are not publicly available.
- Charles: Circulation of his paper "Our democracy – usurped?" to our Ward's Councillors, WDC Mayor, Scott Mathias and TCC members for comment. Responses to Cr Beavis regarding her feedback on this paper.
- Charles: Request to Committee for feedback to Geoff King on his recent Tamahere Toilet progress update following email trail "conversation". There is a need for access to pre-wire for the CCTV project while the Toilet block is at its current construction stage.
- Charles: Response to Katelyn Aitchison, WDC Corporate Planner (Graduate) regarding Water Supply Bylaw Hearing - time for when he can present supporting comments to TCC's submission.
- Charles: Water Supply By-law hearing deliberations agenda sent to TCC Secretary & Maggie Wilcock.
- Charles: Tamahere Village CCTV update aimed primarily for the benefit of Tamahere Village owners & occupiers.
- Charles: Tamahere Fitness stations update – setting a meeting time with Paul Johnson & Cr Keir.
- Charles: Update from Charles to Lyn & David regarding National's intention to scrape "Road to Zero" following sub-committee's work on the WDC Speed Management Plan.
- Charles: Outline of WDC's requirement to formulate a "Speed Management Plan" in accordance with central governments "Road to Zero" policy – sent to Tim van de Molen (Waikato MP).
- Charles: To Scott Mathias – information for Tamahere Forum; update on Tamahere toilets in the village.
- Charles: Outlining to Asanka Meththa (WDC) his availability for a meeting this month & thanking Asanka for attending November TCC meeting.
- Charles: To Scott Mathias – information for Tamahere Forum; update regarding CCTV for Tamahere.

- Charles: To Scott Mathias – information for Tamahere Forum; update to Tamahere Blueprint.
- Charles: To TCC and other community members for feedback on Tamahere Village / Soul. Do we connect as a community? How can this be improved?
- Charles: Response to Frances Christie (Tamahere Country Club Village Manager) following her enquiry regarding his availability to be part of their Speaker Series.
- Jane: Sent information to Scott Mathias regarding forward activity dates at St Stephens Church for publication in the Tamahere Forum.
- Charles: Sent TCC Speed Management Plan submission to WDC.
- Charles: Circulated Speed Management Plan submission to sub-committee for comment before submitting.
- Buddy: Acknowledgement and confirmation that the proposed school/traffic calming measures will be passed onto TMCS
- Charles: Submitted TCC submission for Proposed Water Supply Bylaw 2023 and circulated to TCC.
- Charles: Circulated Draft of submission for Proposed Water Supply Bylaw 2023
- Lyn: Invitation to David Ralfe to join TCC submission team for feedback to Council on the Proposed Speed Management Plan.

Motion: Correspondence is accepted

Moved: Lyn Harris **Seconded:** Janis Swan **All in favour**

5. WDC Service Delivery – Tamahere Community Committee Issues Report

Report circulated prior to the meeting by Geoff King and accepted as read.

Motion: WDC Service Delivery Report be accepted

Moved: Charles Fletcher **Seconded:** Anne Cao **All in favour**

6. Councillors’ Report

Report circulated by Crystal and accepted as read. Crystal also provided printed copies of her report to those attending the meeting.

- *Resource Consents:* The report from the Ministry for the Environment’s National Monitoring System reflects the high level of growth in the Waikato. Cr Keir observed that most consents were not notifiable which indicates that the RMA is working quite well in the Waikato.
- *Community Response Plan:* Cr Beavis has identified two members of the local community prepared to be part of a small group that will update the Tamahere community response plan. Cr Beavis would like a TCC member to be part of this group.
 - **Action:** TCC members to consider one of us becoming part of this group – please contact Cr Beavis directly.
- *Toilets:* Vandalism of public toilets around the district continues to be a problem. There is a blessing of the new modular toilet at Tamahere Village scheduled for 10.00am Thursday 21 December. Community members are welcome.
- *Tamahere Reserve:* Clarified to Cr Beavis that TCC is particularly keen to hear the name that Council is going to assign to the Reserve.
- *Blue Print:* TCC would like to understand the difference between a “Community led” project and a “Council led” project. TCC considers the Blueprint to be a Community & Council collaboration.

- **Action:** Cr Beavis & Cr Keir will confirm which Tamahere projects are Community led and which are Council led so that consideration can be given to the status of each project & the actions required by TCC to move forward.
- *Antenno app:* The community is encouraged to download this app to assist with communication with the Council.
- ***Waikato District Council offices will be closed from 12.00pm Friday 22 December until Monday 8 January. On-call staff will be available for urgent matters.***

On behalf of TCC Charles thanked Mayor Jacqui Church for her on-going appreciation for the contributions made by the Tamahere Community Committee and for her thoughtful gift for members tonight, including Christmas cards.

Tamahere Park Amenities: Fitness Stations: Paul Johnson updated the summary information provided to the Committee prior to the meeting, which outlined the apparatus that will be available along with the safety ground cover.

Cr Keir confirmed funding for the fitness stations needs a small top up, which he and Aksel hope to conclude this week. There is no confirmed timeframe for installation, so this will be negotiated as soon as the funding is confirmed.

Water Supply By-law: Charles reported on his presentation to the Council, in support of the TCC submission. TCC & Maggie Wilcox were the only presenters speaking to their submissions to Council – there were a total of 8 submissions from the whole of the District (some 85,000), which has to flag a concern as to the effectiveness of the consultation.

People attending this meeting had become aware of the By-law change as a result of the TCC Tamahere Forum information so had come tonight to find out more. Cr Beavis confirms the Council will vote on the adoption of the proposed By-law at the meeting on 18 December 2023. In response to questions Cr Beavis clarified the following:

- There is only an accessibility charge if water is supplied to a property “on demand” i.e. it does not apply to trickle feed supply in Tamahere.
- Bore water (from a bore on your property) is not required to be metered and will not be the subject of a charge by Council.
- Extraordinary supply does include trickle feed supply to lifestyle blocks. This supply can be cut off in times of drought or water shortage. Cr Keir noted that Tamahere properties were required to have water tanks (mostly 25,000l) with at least 3 days water supply.

Motion: Councillor’s report be received.

Moved: Lyn Harris

Seconded: Jame Yearsley

All in favour

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

Tamahere Forum is proving to be a positive communication channel within the community. Scott sent out an email today, to Tamahere Forum registered people, which recorded a high open rate and something we can be pleased with.

Scott is posting articles and information. An issue was raised by Cr Beavis as to editorial oversight, as this is a committee led website. It was agreed that the content be approved in principle by the Committee. Scott suggested formulating a protocol for the website to assist with this, indicating the editorial content should be objective, transparent, informative, raise questions/ prompt enquiry.

Action: Lyn to circulate the protocol suggested for the Facebook page previously considered by TCC as a starting point.

The Forum has provided community members an opportunity to feedback to the committee directly. One of the ideas received by the committee has been to capture recent local history before it is lost. Pip Stevenson has published articles aggregated from several sources (on the original Forum) on this subject which has provided some useful background information. Geoff Pooch explained he is really interested in local history and has been compiling information and would like to write up articles from local Tamahere residents (Bill Hodges has expressed a desire to contribute).

8. Reports

- **CCTV updates:** Charles has emailed a full report, following his meeting with Asanka Meththa (WDC CCTV Infrastructure Project Manager), Paul Blewman (HCC CCTV City Safe Manager), Jim Wheeler (HCC City Safe Liaison Officer & Gareth Godfrey (AllTech Solutions).
 - WDC & HCC are now working out the terms of how the CCTV will work.
 - Funds approved for this project are now with Council (from the Governments Better-off Funding) so it can proceed as they are sufficient to cover the current cost.
 - This CCTV project is first in the queue for the Council to implement.
- **Civil Defense:** This was updated in Cr Beavis's report. A TCC member is invited to be part of this community group.
- **Heritage Report:** No further updates.
- **Predator Free Tamahere (PFT):** No further updates
- **Exercise Equipment:** This was updated by Cr Keir and Paul Johnson in the Councilors' report.
- **Tamahere Lions:**
 - A new AED is now installed at the Village on the external wall to the building. Please acquaint yourself with its location.
 - Leo is working with Lions on the anti-graffiti project, with planting planned for April/May, in consultation with Fulton Hogan and NZTA.
- **Tamahere Manganore Restoration Trust (TMRT):** Russell's written report was circulated prior to the meeting and is taken as read.
 - Focus is now weed releasing.
 - Watering the new plants by the river over the coming months is a concern as resource consent is required to draw buckets of water from the river to water them.
 - The Works program is still a Work in Progress so there is no clear program for the next 12 months activity.
 - The ecological report for the track build should be available to TMRT next week.

- **Tamahere Model Country School (TMCS):** Buddy circulated his report prior to the meeting & is taken as read.
 - Cris Betham raised concerns regarding various crossings around the school and village areas. Charles has formalized her concerns and has sent them on to Council for comment/action.
 - Buddy reports that vandalism & trespass are of real concern around the school swimming pool area. Every effort is being made by the school to keep people safe.
 - The school roll has peaked at 412 pupils for this year.
- **Tamahere St Stephens Church:** Cr Beavis reported:
 - The new kitchen is now complete and operational.
 - Twilight Market on Saturday was very successful,
 - The Christmas shop is going well.
 - There is one more market for 2023 – Saturday 16 December.
- **WDC Mayors Steering Group:** There is a Fish & Chip night organized for the Committees & Boards for **Thursday 14 December 4.00pm – 6.00pm** at the Ngaruawahia Council offices. This will be a great event for us to attend, meeting others in the Districts communities and gaining an understanding of the issues they are dealing with.

Motion: All of the above reports be received

Moved: Lyn Harris **Seconded:** Bevin Coley
All in favour

9. TCC Submissions

- **WDC Blueprint:** Discussed in Councilors' report.
- **WDC Proposed Water Supply By-law:** Discussed in Councilors' report.
- **WDC Proposed Speed Management Plan Early Engagement:** TCC has lodged a submission requesting abandonment of this Central Government driven consultation due to the change in Government and the Coalition Government's intention to change the terms of reference. Council did a full review only 16 months ago so local By-Laws are working and are now unlikely to be replaced by a Central Government plan.
- **WDC Housing Strategy information gathering Workshop:** A summary of information has been received following the scheduled workshop.
 - WDC still owns a few social housing properties.
 - WDC has a view of facilitating a Housing Strategy rather than leading it.
- **WDC Local Alcohol Policy** – closed but subject to 3 appeals. Our Councilors' will report when these are resolved.

10. Other Business

- Bus trial service: No updates
- Succession planning/new Members:
 - TCC needs to attract new committee members for succession and learning
 - An editorial piece in the Forum was proposed.
- Tamahere Village/Soul: Feedback has been received from the community. More thoughts/suggestions are required.
- Georgina Maguire is the new owner of the Four Square in the Village. Georgina will consider approaching the council regarding the addition of a rubbish bin outside the store.

- Matangi Community is having a get-together next week, we can go.
- A catch-up with NZTA (Waka Kotahi) at the beginning of 2024 is desirable to get an update on projects in our area including:
 - footpath from Alfred Main Drive to Riverlea Road via the end of Newell Road,
 - Southern Links from SH3 to the SH1 Expressway (including a new bridge South of the Narrows Bridge)

Actions: See marked through the Minutes above.

11. Date of next meeting: 7.30pm on Tuesday, 13 February 2023

Meeting closed at 9.20pm