



**Minutes of Tamahere Community Committee Meeting at  
Tamahere Community Centre, 7.30pm on Tuesday 5 March 2024**

**Present:**

**TCC:** Charles Fletcher (Chair), Bevin Coley, Lyn Harris, Buddy Annals, Janis Swan

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

**Tamahere Lions:** Sue Fookes

**Tamahere Mangaone Restoration Trust:** Leo Koppens

**Community:** Maggie Wilcock

- 1. Apologies:** James Yearsley, Anne Cao, Scott Mathias (Tamahere Forum), Russell Gibbs (TMRT)

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

- 2. Confirmation of Minutes** of meeting held on 13 February 2024

**Moved: Minutes are approved:** Lyn Harris      **Seconded:** Janis Swan  
**All in Favour**

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

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

**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.

- **CCTV:** The Committee received an email from Megan May regarding the current situation along with the challenges of working with Hamilton City Council on the project. This provides an excellent summary of the current position and explanation for the inordinate delay. The Committee extends its appreciation to the Council for this update with the hope that Megan May of WDC and Helen Paki, the HCC General Manager Customer and Community Group, can resolve issues at a meeting on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March.
- **Proposed Name change of Tamahere Reserve:** Submissions close 18 March 2024. Leo and Charles to review historical communications and TCC Resolutions to determine the basis of TMRT and/or TCC submissions.
- **Rif Raff Toilets:** WDC is still assessing the work that would be required to make the Rif Raff toilet block fit for purpose for WDC use. It is not going to be used at Tamahere Park.

- *New toilet block at Tamahere Park:* The external issues relating to the toilet block have been remediated. The Council does not plan to provide for drying your hands or a toilet seat due to vandalism in toilets, which is a real problem. The Committee suggested the following:
  - Provide signage that states what can be flushed down the toilet plus signage that provides a number to call if vandalism is occurring or has occurred (so it can be reported immediately).
  - Bring the matter to the attention of the Tamahere Community so that people are more aware. We are to arrange for something to be published in the Tamahere Forum to highlight the problem.
  - Encourage the Council to speed up the CCTV project so that CCTV monitoring can assist with identifying the culprits.
  - TCC to liaise with Hamilton East, Tamahere and Matangi Community Patrol.
  - **Action:** Geoff to provide photographs of historic vandalism that the Council has had to contend with.
- *Discretionary Fund Update:* Circulated to the Committee, thank you Geoff.

**Motion:** WDC Service Delivery Report be accepted

**Moved:** Charles Fletcher

**Seconded:** Buddy Annals

**All in favour**

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

*Enhanced Annual Plan with deferment of Long Term Plan:* Central Government needs to pass legislation to give effect to the changes it has been mandated to make. These impact on Three Waters and Rooding, both very big ticket items in the Council budget. It is prudent that the Council budget this year and defer the 10 year LTP budgets for 12 months to allow Government to pass its legislation and make it clear how Councils are to develop and fund more appropriate plans for water and roading infrastructure.

*Creative Communities Scheme:* Applications close Thursday 7 March 2024. There are two opportunities per year to apply for funds. The funds can be used for creative events and Tamahere should be looking at this option for events using the Piazza.

*Keeping Animals Bylaw (early engagement):* Early engagement submissions close 31 March 2024.

*Reclassification of Tamahere Reserve:* A submission from TCC is appropriate (see item 5 above). A meeting with Rebecca would be appropriate to clarify the use of Local Purpose (ecological) as the best classification for the Reserve – critical to the classification is maintain public access at all times going forward.

**Action:** Charles & Leo to meet prior to making submissions.

*Airport Community Liaison Group:* No complaints from the local community have been received by the airport since their last meeting. Hamilton Airport is still hopeful of attracting a business to run a flying training school, but it is unlikely to be at the scale of the last one.

*Fitness Stations:* Mike has sent a list of sponsors through to Charles. Mike thought the idea of a QR code at each of the fitness stations was worth pursuing. The code would have information relating to the equipment as well as acknowledgement of the sponsors.

**Action:** Charles to discuss with Scott Mathias what needs to happen to set up the QR code system.

*Bus Trial:* No update was available.

*Water:* Watercare’s withdrawal from their contract with WDC (effective in 2026) has come as a surprise to the Council. This has significant ramifications going forward and Council will revisit all options including working with HCC and Waipa.

*Water Reservoir in Tamahere:* WDC is still considering the costs associated with setting up the reservoir on Alfred Main Drive. All new pipe infrastructure would need to be provided for this proposed location to be viable. Geotechnical issues will need consideration.

**Motion:** Councillor’s report be received.

**Moved:** Janis Swan

**Seconded:** Lyn Harris

**All in favour**

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

The current regularity of publication twice per month provides good information to the community. Scott has reported on current activity by email. This indicates active engagement by a good percentage of the Tamahere community who are reading the emails being sent out and viewing the web page.

A number of people commented that the yellow colour used on the website makes it hard to read. A change or toning down to the back ground colour would be appreciated.

**8. Reports**

- **CCTV updates:** refer Megan May’s emailed response.
- **Civil Defense:** Crystal has this project in-hand.
- **Heritage Report:** Heritage Day for the wider Waikato district is planned for Saturday 20 April 2024. A number of local community events are being organized particularly around Matangi. If anyone is interested in being involved or has an event idea please contact either Kitty Burton of Cr Beavis. It is TMCS 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year but this date coincides with school holidays. This date also coincides with Tamahere Market Day which would make it difficult to have a St Stephen’s Church heritage event.
- **Predator Free Tamahere (PFT):** report received from Jane Morgan which was circulated to the committee prior to the meeting, with appreciation for the results.
- **Tamahere Lions:**
  - The trike is still on its way.
  - Fulton Hogan is still to come back to Lions regarding the planting project, to cover the graffiti, which should happen April/May.
- **Tamahere Mangaone Restoration Trust (TMRT):** Russell’s written report was circulated prior to the meeting and is taken as read. Leo was present to answer questions.
  - Council has not yet released any of the Targeted Rates funds to TMRT.
  - TMRT considers progress is being made with Council for the release of those funds for restoration work, which has been delayed significantly and has been a frustration to members.
  - Discussions with land owners, for access, are ongoing. Some are positive, some are not keen on a Council covenant or legal right if random members of the public can come and go across their property.
  - Titoki Landcare has assisted TMRT over the last month, which has been much appreciated.

- **Tamahere Model Country School (TMCS):**
  - Buddy indicated that sail shading will be installed this month.
  - He raised a question about playground matting and it was suggested he contact Paul Johnson regarding cushioning in the playground (similar to the Tamahere Park exercise equipment being installed this month).
- **Tamahere St Stephens Church:**
  - The Market has been going really well along with the new kitchen upgrade.
  - New families have joined St Stephens Church as well as people from Tamahere Country Club
  - Archbishop Sir David Moxon continues to lead bus pilgrimages starting from St Stephens Church.
- **WDC Mayors Steering Group:** No further developments.

**Motion:** All of the above reports be received

**Moved:** Charles Fletcher

**Seconded:** Bevin Coley

**All in favour**

## 9. TCC Submissions

- **WR Transport Committee 2024 Regional Land Transport Plan:**
  - Charles made a submission on behalf of TCC. The Regional Land Transport Plan will be directly affected by changes to Central Government legislation currently being formulated.
  - TCC has received a very helpful response from David Speirs (NZTA Waka Kotahi). NZTA believes the walkway/cycle link is the responsibility of WDC. This is not WDC understanding – this needs to be clarified between the two parties. **Action:** Geoff to follow this up
  - David Speirs will endeavor to have a NZTA representative attend one of our meetings sometime soon.
- **Keeping of Animals Bylaw Review:**
  - **Action:** Maggie will send comments/thoughts/ideas through to Charles to assist with TCC's submission.
- **Community Plan Development:**
  - 2 x 2hour meetings are required for this project.
  - Charles will forward the template to Lyn & Janis to consider prior to the meetings.
  - Janis and Lyn plan on being away during the next two months so are constrained for time. Charles will be away in May-June.
- **Blueprint – community led v council led projects – Action:** Geoff to follow this up.
  - Tamahere's recent review of the Blueprint is now available from the WDC website.
  - Dominique (WDC Community Plan Development facilitator) may need to understand the Tamahere Blueprint so that there can be clarity as to the proposed new Community Plan and how that ties in with the Tamahere Blueprint.
- **Housing Strategy:**
  - WDC would like to facilitate housing development. It will not own or engage in housing development.

- Mike noted that the new District Plan, once fully operative with Appeals disposed of, is now one of the most restrictive and inflexible of all Councils – which he finds very frustrating.
- WDC does not see its role as providing social housing – particularly with no funding.

#### 10. Other Business

- ANZAC Day memorial service: Charles commented that we now have a facility at the Piazza to hold an Anzac Day event (nothing is planned for 25 April 2024) so we need to find a “Champion” to lead this event in the future, if the local community is keen. This should be considered for 2025. The Creative Communities Scheme could be available to support this and we should consider a Memorial at the Piazza for the Tamahere fallen from various wars over the last century – there is a board of names in the Hall.
- Succession planning/new Members:
  - Committee to consider possible new members.
  - A promotion through the Forum needs to be pursued.
- Tamahere Village/Soul: Feedback has been received from the community. More thoughts/suggestions are required.
- **Agenda Item for next meeting**
  - Maggie highlighted residents concern that nothing is happening with SNA’s (Significant Natural Areas) - most are designated on private land. The SNAs are marked on their titles but appear to have no meaning.
  - **Action** for Councillors/Geoff:
    - What is the current status of SNA’s from Waikato District Council’s perspective?
    - What is the future direction of SNA’s and their status/ effect on private land titles?

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

**11. Date of next meeting: 7.30pm on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2024**

**Meeting closed** at 9.25pm