



**Minutes of Tamahere Community Committee Meeting at
Tamahere Community Centre, 7.30pm on Tuesday 7 May 2024**

Present:

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

WDC: Crystal Beavis, Geoff King

Tamahere Lions: Sue Fookes

Tamahere Mangaone Restoration Trust: Russell Gibbs

Community: Maggie Wilcock

1. **Apologies:** Mike Keir, Jane Manson

Motion: That the apologies be accepted

Moved: Lyn Harris

Seconded: Anne Cao

All in Favour

2. **Confirmation of Minutes** of meeting held on 2 April 2024

Moved: Minutes are approved: Lyn Harris

Seconded: Janis Swan

All in favour

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

- NZTA: Charles has emailed David Speirs & awaits his response regarding the cycleway/pedestrian extension on Cambridge Road. It was also part of TCC's submission to Waikato Regional Council Land Transport Plan submission.
- Charles is going to be away for the next meeting (4th June).

Motion: Chair for the next meeting be Bevin Coley.

Moved: Charles Fletcher

Seconded: Janis Swan

All in favour

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

Motion: Correspondence is accepted

Moved: Lyn Harris

Seconded: Janis Swan

All in favour

• **WDC Service Delivery – Tamahere Community Committee Issues Report** - Report circulated prior to the meeting by Geoff King and accepted as read.

- *SNA update:* The council's stance will not change until legislation is passed to reflect central government's stance.
- **Action:** Geoff will circulate SNA's in existence in the Tamahere area and will indicate which ones have been ground truthed and which ones remain unverified.
- *Tamahere Park Toilet Block:* There are no changes scheduled for the existing toilet block. i.e. no toilet seat to be provided & no hand drying facility to be provided. There are no more funds available for the second block of toilets to be installed. TCC is to make a formal request to WDC.
- *WDC Tamahere Office:* The space is being well used by council staff and Tamahere residents. Requests for meetings with a Duty Planner are becoming

more frequent. The council may consider a regular time for a Planner to be available.

- *Users of the WDC Tamahere office* have requested more prominent signage as the entrance can easily be missed.
- **CCTV: Action:** Geoff to request that the WDC GM, Service Delivery provides TCC with an email response to CCTV progress.

Motion: WDC Service Delivery Report be accepted

Moved: Janis Swan **Seconded:** Bevin Coley **All in favour**

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

- *Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board* has been disestablished. Due to population growth the area is now being represented by two Boards: Tuakau Community Board and Rural-Port Waikato Community Board.
- A possible source of funds for the Tamahere community is by application to the **Rural Ward Fund** administered by Waikato District Council (WDC). The council provides funds to assist community groups, non-commercial groups and voluntary organisations operating within our district for events and projects.
- *Mike Keir:* Statement reported in Cambridge Times indicated that Mike is finishing up his current term with council and will not be seeking re-election.
- *QV revaluation 2024 delayed:* Publication/release of new QV's have been delayed by approx. 1 month.
- *Maaori Wards:* Not all councils instigated the Maaori Ward representation. Waikato District Council decided and reconfirms its support for this without a referendum.
- *Local Alcohol Policy:* ARLA must resolve 3 other appeals within Auckland Council. All councils are being held up due to this delay. The 2016 policy continues to be in effect until the appeal process is complete.
- *Zoning of land between Airport Road & Southern Links:* Currently this area is zoned Rural. It has been earmarked for future urban growth, but it is not prioritized. This is in keeping with TCC views. A review of the Waikato District Council's Economic Development Plan is due soon.
 - The land and buildings on the Regal Haulage site on Airport Road has been sold and leased back (details unknown – Bevan and/or Buddy may be able to find out and advise). The long-term future of this site is unknown and maybe something the community should be considering.

Motion: Councillor's report be received.

Moved: Charles Fletcher **Seconded:** Bevin Coley **All in favour**

6. Tamahere Reserve – reclassification & renaming

Discussion centered around the history of Crawfords Quarry and Maniapoto Pa – two neighboring sites.

Action: Lyn to contact Sue Robertson & Jane Manson to see if they have a record of Ngaati Haaua attending a TCC meeting giving background to their desire to name Crawfords Quarry (aka Tamahere Reserve) Maniapoto Reserve and the information that supports this.

Action: Cr Beavis to approach Cr Tilly Turner to see if she would be able to come and discuss the renaming of the reserve at a Tamahere Community Committee meeting.

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

Charles commented that TCC has contracted Scott to run the Tamahere Forum website for 12 months. Scott has been very responsive to requests and his journalistic skills have been well utilised by the committee. This will need to be reviewed and options considered.

8. Reports

- **CCTV updates:** GM Service Delivery, WDC to respond.
- **Civil Defense:** It has been a challenge for Cr Beavis to get the group together with some people not being readily available. Cr Beavis feels there may be someone at Tamahere Country Club who has knowledge in the civil defense area.
- **Heritage Report:** No further updates on the Heritage Boards.
- **Predator Free Tamahere (PFT):** report received from Jane Morgan which was circulated to the committee prior to the meeting.
 - Thank you Jane for your reports. We received positive feedback following your meeting last week. PFT seems to be progressing really well with positive results.
- **Tamahere Lions:**
 - E-trike has arrived and is being hired from the Velodrome.
 - Tamahere Expressway on ramp wall has been repainted. There is currently discussion around drilling holes in the wall and planting ivy to try & discourage graffiti. Fulton Hogan has been receptive to the idea. **Action:** TCC to send Fulton Hogan and NZTA its appreciation for the work done well.
- **Tamahere Mangaone Restoration Trust (TMRT):** Russell's written report was circulated prior to the meeting and is taken as read.
 - The Trust has delivered plants to the gully ready for planting this season.
 - 4,000 plants will go into the ground by July.
 - Still working on issues with the Council.
- **Tamahere Model Country School (TMCS):** Buddy's written report was circulated prior to the meeting and is taken as read.
 - Candis (TPNZ) is interested in attending a committee meeting.
 - **Action:** Buddy will invite her/TPNZ to our July meeting (Tuesday 2nd July)
- **Tamahere St Stephens Church:**
 - Next Market Day – 18th May.
- **Tamahere Community Plan Development:**
 - Following meetings/discussions with Charles, Dominique Thurlow will be attending our next meeting (8.00pm – 9.00pm) to navigate us through this process.
 - The template has been circulated to the committee, which we can modify in any way.
 - The Plan is to record why the committee exists and what the committee would like to achieve.
 - **Action:** Lyn to recirculate to the committee plus send to Russell, Sue & Maggie for their input.

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:**
 - No updates following hearing.
- **Keeping of Animals Bylaw Review:**
 - The pre-consultation is now complete. Formal consultation will follow.
- **Waikato Regional Council LTP and proposed public transport charges.**
 - NZTA Southern Links & footpath cycleway into Hillcrest was highlighted in our submission.
 - Southern Links has been identified by the Coalition government as being a road of national significance which has the implication that it will proceed sooner rather than later in the NZTA program.
 - TCC has not made a submission.

10. Other Business

- Bus trial updates – no feedback has been received from Waikato Regional Council (WRC) who are leading this initiative.
 - **Action:** Geoff will give feedback/comment at June's meeting.
- Exercise Equipment
 - The naming of seats and lighting for one of the fitness zones still to be completed. Cr Keir will provide an update at the next meeting.
 - **Feedback:** Equipment is hard to use unless you are very tall. It would be great to understand how the community should use the apparatus.
 - **Action:** Paul is invited to provide his comments and feedback.
- Tamahere Toilet Block
 - As previously commented in the Service Delivery Report no further work is planned for the toilet block. Buddy provided a photograph of a newly installed toilet in Hamilton with all the basic requirements provided.
 - **Action:** Lyn to write a letter to Council requesting improvements in keeping with the standards set by the Community for the Tamahere Park.
- Succession planning/new Members:
 - Committee to consider possible new members. People to consider would be from the businesses operating in Tamahere and other active community groups.
- Airport Flying hours: Brett Whiteley circulated a note to some local residents regarding his resignation from the Airport Community Advisory Group. He has been a community representative for 14-15 years but is finding it impossible to get the airport to limit its flying times being offered to potential new pilot flight training school operators.
- **Action:** Janis to circulate the flyer if she still has access to it.

Actions: See marked through the Minutes above.

11. Date of next meeting: 7.30pm on Tuesday, 4th June 2024. Meeting closed at 9.25pm