



**Minutes of Tamahere Community Committee Meeting at
Tamahere Community Centre, 7.30pm on Tuesday 4 February 2025**

Present:

TCC: Charles Fletcher (Chair), Lyn Harris (Secretary), Janis Swan, Anne Cao, Buddy Annals, Jane Manson
WDC: Cr Crystal Beavis, Cr Mike Keir, Geoff King, CEO Craig Hobbs, Mayor Jacqui Church
Tamahere Forum: Scott Mathias
Community: Maggie Wilcock, Sue Robertson, Cindy Jacobs, Bill Hodgson, Aksel Bech

We **welcomed the new Council CEO, Craig Hobbs**, to our meeting and Tamahere and invited him to join our meetings at any time. Craig kindly spoke informally at the end of the meeting.

1. Apologies: Russel Gibbs, Leo Koppens, Sue Fookes

Motion: Apologies be accepted

Moved: Lyn Harris

Seconded: Buddy Annals

All in Favour

2. Confirmation of Minutes of meeting held 3 December 2024.

Motion: Minutes of the meeting held 3 December 2024 are approved

Moved: Janis Swan

Seconded: Jane Manson

All in favour

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

4. Correspondence (November 2024) - circulated by email prior to meeting

Motion: Correspondence is accepted

Moved: Lyn Harris

Seconded: Anne Cao

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 and Crime Prevention Project:* A new assessment has been completed to standardize the cameras around the District. We do not know if this repeats or ignores what has been done for Tamahere Village and Piazza. This is intended to help minimize Council maintenance costs. Charles has not yet heard from or had a meeting with the WDC team, apparently scheduled for next week.
- *TMRT/Gully restoration:* WRC has issued Land Use consent for Land (disturbance) and Bed (structure) conditionally. WDC is working on these consents as well as building consents for bridges. It is hoped that work may be initiated in April or May 2025. The budget for delivery of this work remains in place from last year.
- *Pine trees* – The Council is working with TMRT following release of the most recent report.

- *Bat monitoring:* Hamilton City Council (HCC) undertook extensive study into the bat habitat around the Peacocke's area and associated gully system. Collaborative work has happened between interested parties to integrate the information gathered which includes the Tamahere gully system.
- *Southern Links:* NZTA is planning a workshop day on Monday 10 February which Charles will be attending. People from WDC & HCC will also be attending. This is a great strategic opportunity for Tamahere to ensure delivery of an efficient network system.

Motion: WDC Service Delivery Report be accepted

Moved: Lyn Harris **Seconded:** Anne Cao **All in favour**

6. Councillors' Report

Report circulated by Crystal and accepted as read.

- *New WDC CEO:* Craig Hobbs is our new CEO and was introduced to those attending the meeting.
- *Woodcock Road/ Tauwhare Road intersection:* This had finally reached the top of the new/improved roading "list" for work to be done on this intersection. NZTA have withdrawn funding for new roading projects and as a result no work is planned by Council, at least for the next two years in the hope that NZTA funding will be restored by Government. Potentially WDC could undertake a design review of the intersection, to do safety works using current Council funds, but this may not be economical.
- *LTP:* Councillors have been busy with LTP workshops since returning from the Christmas break. Public transport costs are no longer part of the General Rates charged by WDC. These will be rated through WRC. There is no confirmed level of rating to be applied for public transport through WRC at this stage. There will continue to be rate increases above CPI levels over the next few years by WDC.
- *3 Waters CCO:* For the first five years councils will be working on their own water projects. The council will decide whether to work with HCC or find their own provider, similar to Watercare, who can look after three waters through the district.
Action: Our Councillors will keep us updated on progress.
- *New roading contracts:* Fulton Hogan will be looking after contracts in the south of the district (including Tamahere) and Higgins will look after contracts in the north. Both contracts commence in July.
- *Tamahere Reserve:* A meeting has been scheduled for Monday 10 February.
- *Creative Communities Scheme:* Cindy has offered to assist with applications for anyone wishing to apply for funds.
Action: Mike will provide a list of successful applicants from last year.
- *Tamahere Response Plan:* **Action:** Cr Beavis will provide a draft of the Response Plan for the next TCC meeting (Tuesday 4 March).
- *NZTA Roadworks:* Night closure to resurface Narrows Bridge is scheduled during the night week beginning 9 February.

Motion: Councilors' report be received.

Moved: Jane Manson **Seconded:** Janis Swan **All in favour**

7. Tamahere Reserve:

Charles has spoken to a number of people within WDC to gather background information on the property called Crawfords Quarry. It is important for us all to understand how important this area is to the community. A meeting is now scheduled between TCC, WDC & TMRT to consider all options for this reserve.

Action: Crystal will forward Lance's contact details to Charles.

Action: Charles will send agenda ideas to Tony Whittaker in preparation for Monday's meeting.

8. Tamahere Forum

- Geoff and Scott have tidied up account issues.
- In the WDC LTP there is now a proposal for TCC to be granted a discretionary fund of \$5k p.a. (this year it is \$10k) which represents approx. half the cost of running the Forum.
- Mayor Church suggested that we apply to WDC for further funding through alternative channels to make up the difference.
- The Council use the Forum as a means of communicating with our residents and have found it to be a very useful communication tool. Feedback to the Council is required to ensure the Forum can continue to operate.
- Charles expressed concern that the Council is very keen on "community engagement" and our Committee (all volunteers) have established the Tamahere Forum as a professional means of communication which seems to be effective and meaningful to the Tamahere community.
- **Action:** Charles will organize a meeting with Scott and Cindy with regard to the Forum.

9. Reports

- **CCTV Update:** as previously reported
- **Civil Defence:** This is a work in progress and updates will be provided. Cr Beavis is looking for volunteers that could assist during a Civil Defence emergency.
- **Predator Free Tamahere (PFT):** No report this month.
- **Tamahere Lions:** No report this month.
- **Tamahere Mangaone Restoration Trust (TMRT):** Russell's written report was circulated prior to the meeting and is taken as read. No further comments were made.
- **Tamahere Model Country School (TMCS):** Buddy reported there had been no break-ins or vandalism over the holiday break which was great news. School has only been back 2 days.
- **Tamahere St Stephens Church:** Jane reported -
 - The Christmas shop raised approximately \$36k to donate to charities. What an amazing outcome – fantastic work!
 - Renovation of the church hall is continuing.
 - **Action:** Cr Beavis will investigate possible funding assistance through WDC.
 - Bishop Moxon will be speaking in the Tamahere Community Centre at 5.30pm on Wednesday 12 February.
 - Next Market Day – 15 February 2025.
- **TCC Community Plan 2024-26:** **Action:** Charles to convene a meeting.
- **LTP Workshop feedback:** These workshops continue.

Motion: All of the above reports be received

Moved: Lyn Harris **Seconded:** Anne Cao **All in favour**

10. Submissions

- WDC – refer <https://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/say-it>
- WRC – refer <https://yourvoicematters.waikatoregion.govt.nz>

11. Other Business

- Tamahere Gully - Resource consent currently underway between WRC & WDC: Outcomes and cost expectations to be discussed/revealed at our March meeting.
- Tamahere Park:
 - Off leash Dog Park at Tamahere Park: Roger MacCulloch confirmed the small off leash dog park area for Tamahere at the entrance to the Recreation Park near the Community Centre. There are no plans to fence this area. Signage relating to this area and the Recreation Park is due to be updated and planning is currently underway. Submissions regarding the Dog Control Bylaw is not due for review until April 2027.
 - Seats and lighting: We have had a member of our community enquire into the possibility of donating a seat to the Recreation Park. **Action:** Geoff and Aksel will have an initial discussion over the seating plan and look at any “gaps” that still exist.
 - There is an electrician on the Hall committee that is prepared to look at the lighting near one exercise area and to quote on the job. We expect this will come under the quote currently with the council.
 - Playground shading: A suggestion was made by Tamahere Lions to attach umbrella brackets to some of the seats around Tamahere Recreation Park. Within 2 weeks approval was received, and Tamahere Lions completed the project. This is a fantastic initiative and many thanks to Tamahere Lions.
 - There is still no plan by Waikato District Council (WDC) to shade the Tamahere playground. The WDC General Policies Reserve Management Plan 2023 provide that playgrounds need to be shaded. It is essential for this playground to be shaded for the safety of those using the facility. Mayor Church suggested that any residents concerned about the lack of shade should lodge feedback on “Antenno” – WDC app for reporting issues in the district. This will assist with highlighting the need and therefore staff priority to the issue.
- Tamahere Information Day: Leo has suggested TCC organize an information day that would bring together WDC, WRC, PFT, Lions, TMRT & TCC to meet with community to share information and hear any concerns of those living here.
 - The proposed date is Wednesday 2 April from 4.00pm – 7.00pm. Venue to be confirmed (Piazza or in the Community Hall).
 - Further details need to be settled for this to proceed.**Action:** Lyn will contact Leo for further discussion and come up with a possible plan of action. Anyone wanting to join a planning sub-committee is welcome. Please contact Lyn directly.

12. Date of the next meeting: 7.30pm on Tuesday, 4th March 2025.

Actions: See **marked** through the Minutes above. The meeting closed at 9.25pm.