



**Minutes of Tamahere Community Committee Meeting at
Tamahere Community Centre, 7.30pm on Tuesday 2nd December 2025**

Present: (17)

TCC: Charles Fletcher (Chair), Lyn Harris, Anne Cao-Oulton, Jane Manson, Lauren McLean, Mark Manson, Peter Mayall, Peter Nation, Sue Robertson

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

Tamahere Mangaone Restoration Trust (TMRT): Russell Gibbs

Tamahere Forum: Scott Mathias

Community: Royden Collingwood, Joey Smith, Don Law

1. **Apologies:** Aksel Bech, Maggie Wilcock, Sue Fookes, Leo Koppens

Motion: Apologies be accepted

Moved: Lyn Harris

Seconded: Anne Cao-Oulton

All in Favour

2. **Confirmation of Minutes** of meeting held 4th November 2025.

Motion: Minutes of the meeting held 4th November 2025 are approved.

Moved: Sue Robertson

Seconded: Jane Manson

All in Favour

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

4. **Correspondence (September 2025)** (45 in | 42 out) - *circulated by email prior to meeting*

Motion: Correspondence is accepted.

Moved: Lyn Harris

Seconded: Anne Cao-Oulton

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.

Charles extended special appreciation and a big thank you to Geoff for his ongoing contribution to the Tamahere Community Committee as the Council's senior leadership representative.

- **TMRT Trail & Bridges:** The project is paused and under review given the cost blowout. Discussions are ongoing. An alternate long-term access option is being considered.

- *Tamahere Reserve*: The consultation for this project is under review. Progress is expected later this month.
- *Tamahere Forum*: TCC will be utilizing the Forum to assist with the engagement with our community and gather information.
- Invoices for the Tamahere Forum have been presented for approval:
Motion: That the following Planet Food News Invoices are paid by the Waikato District Council from TCC LTP funds:
Invoice 0093 for \$875.00 (no GST), for consultancy media & communications management of tamahereforum.org for the period 1 Jan to 1 Feb 2026, is approved for payment by 8 January 2026
Invoice 0094 for \$875.00 (no GST), for consultancy media & communications management of tamahereforum.org for the period 1 Feb to 1 Mar 2026, is approved for payment by 8 February 2026
Invoice 0095 for \$875.00 (no GST), for consultancy media & communications management of tamahereforum.org for the period 1 Mar to 1 Apr 2026, is approved for payment by 8 March 2026

Moved: Geoff King

Seconded: Lyn Harris

All in favour

- *Toilets for Tamahere Park*: Proposed project has gone to six suppliers for pricing.
- *CCTV at the Village*: This is now operational.
- *Tamahere/Matangi/ Tauwhare Bus Service*: In the most recent Tamahere Forum a request was made for feedback on how ratepayers felt the bus service was working for them.
 - The feedback to date has been primarily positive. Geoff will work with WDC to ensure the transport service feedback is provided to the correct people. Public bus services are currently controlled by WRC & NZTA. With the trial being over a 3-year period ending in 2027 it may be that WDC will have taken over the role of public transport from WRC. Consideration needs to be given to the fact that general rates are paying for the shortfall in revenue for the service.
 - **Action:** Scott will summarise the information received from social media and the Forum to provide TCC with an overview of the outcome of the feedback.

Motion: WDC Service Delivery Report be received.

Moved: Peter Mayall

Seconded: Jane Manson

All in favour

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

Cr Beavis reported:

- A key focus is on establishing the Waikato District and Hamilton City council-controlled operation (CCO) for water supply and treatment
- Expected changes to resource management frameworks, and local government reform (including the replacement of regional councilors with Combined Territories Boards), is another key focus

- Preparation for the next WDC LTP 2027-37 is underway, and community feedback will be important. Feedback is expected to be called for by February 2026. The four well-beings have been removed from council planning.
- *Southern Wastewater Treatment Plant*: Reports are available from the Hamilton City Council website. The favoured location is currently on Raynes Road.
- *Roading*: Jane asked councilors when Tamahere Drive would be repaired. Prior to this work being scheduled, St Stephens Church would like to be recognized as a key stakeholder. Current parking space near the church needs to be maintained.

Motion: Councilors' report be received.

Moved: Mark Manson

Seconded: Sue Robertson

All in favour

7. **Tamahere Community Committee Charter 2025-2028** – circulated prior to the meeting and taken as read.

- Feedback at the meeting:
 - No provision was in the Charter to remove committee members who have behaved contrary to the intentions of the committee.
 - Conflict of Interest: Is clause 4(d) robust enough to deal with issues?
 - Appropriate lines of communication: Clarity needs to be provided as to who should lead stories or public discussions from the committee's perspective.
- Charles proposed amendments to the Charter. Changes were made to clause 4(e) & 4(g) in the Charter. With these amendments, the following motion was proposed:

Motion: Tamahere community Committee adopts the Charter for 2025-2028

Moved: Charles Fletcher **Seconded:** Peter Nation

All in Favour

- **Action:** Charles to circulate the updated Charter to committee members and WDC Democracy.

8. **Tamahere Reserve – Further updates on Concept Plan process.**

- Discussion to amend the initial approach to stakeholders has been completed. Next draft may need further changes.
- Consultation will continue to be led by Boffa Miskell which will include open sessions for community feedback. There will be at least one session scheduled to be held in the Tamahere Community Centre.

9. **TCC Community Plan Update & NZTA Southern Links update**

- In considering the Tamahere Ward over the next 50 years the sub-committee has suggested we look at the Ward cut into the 4 zones as each zone has its own unique characteristics.
- Geoff has provided a Tamahere map divided into 4 zones as proposed by the sub-committee. Charles has circulated this information to the committee & councilors. Cr Beavis feedback with a query relating to the boundary between zones 1 & 2 which can be considered.

- During the Boffa Miskell consultation, at the community center for the Tamahere Reserve, there will be a White Board opportunity for the community to consider the 4 zones and the significance for them - Blue Sky feedback will be sought.

10. Reports

- **CCTV** – There was an aggravated robbery at Tamahere Village this morning with police requesting the appropriate video footage.
 - Safer City agreement is in process.
 - WDC is using the installation model at Tamahere for installation of CCTV cameras around the district.
 - Charles has asked Scott Curruthers to do a presentation to TCC to show us the CCTV capabilities (should be available at the next meeting).
- **Civil Defence** – no further progress.
 - Cr Beavis will continue her search for a person who will lead the Tamahere Ward response and will add this to her monthly report as appropriate.
- **NZTA Southern Links** – Peter Mayall review & comments
 - A great review was circulated by Peter prior to our meeting. Charles suggested that Peter's report should be sent to the Minister with a covering note that Tamahere Community Committee and Waikato District Council have also been provided with this information.
 - TCC is now in communication with the NZTA Director who is leading this project. TCC sits as a stakeholder and expects regular updates to assist with keeping the community informed.
- **Predator Free Tamahere (PFT)**: Jane Morgan provided a positive report for this month (circulated and taken as read).
 - There is a community catch-up event tomorrow night – Wednesday 3 December with guest speaker Len Trigg.
 - PFT is looking for approx. 20m2 secure storage space for their trap library, tunnel boxes, DOC200s and lure/bait supplies. Please contact pftamahere@gmail.com if you have any suggestions. Committee members suggested contacting Mystery Creek as they may have space in their storage facility and the work being done by Mystery Creek is on both sides of the Waikato River so maybe PFT and PFMC could work together. Tamahere Eventide may also have some space.
- **Tamahere Lions:**
 - *Playground Shade Project*: Lions continue to be frustrated by Council. Major funders see this project as a Council responsibility and not willing to fund.
 - *Tamahere Best Artisan Market*: The last market day is Saturday 13th December. Lions will not continue with the Best Artisan Market at Tamahere in 2026 (at this stage).
 - *Lions wish TCC & all those attending the meeting a Happy Christmas.*
- **Tamahere Mangaone Restoration Trust (TMRT)**: Report received from Russell Gibbs and taken as read.
 - Russell reports that it has been business as usual this month, along with multiple meetings with Council.
 - Tamahere Reserve

- the Trust has been releasing plants following extensive planting.
 - The Trust is trying to find a safer public access route into the Reserve. At the moment it is quite a steep pathway.
 - A lot of water is following down through the gully.
 - Council has completed digger work in the floor of the gully which now enables better control of the water and for more planting to take place.
 - The Trust is looking forward to being a part of the Boffa Miskell consultation process.
- Bilsthorpe Lane Walkway:
 - Most of the planting is done.
 - The Trust is aware of Council discussions to negotiate a long-term easement at the end of Bilsthorpe Lane.
 - Council has already secured an easement through another property, having a second easement will make the walking experience better and will mean that maintenance access will be better (lowering the cost to build the second easement switch back)
- **Tamahere Model Country School (TMCS):** The new board is now working at the school, but no member has been appointed as the representative on TCC yet.
 - Joey joined our meeting as temporary school rep.
 - There are a number of capital projects that need to be progressed. Fundraising will be required for some of these projects.
 - The car park is one of the projects as it needs resurfacing. In addition to this the car park floods during heavy rain covering the bus stop area. Improving drainage will be part of this project.
 - The school is presenting “Christmas in the Park” and everyone is welcome. It is on Friday 5 December at the Tamahere Piazza starting at 5.00pm.
- **Tamahere St Stephens Church:**
 - Last Market Day for 2025 – Saturday 20th December 2025
 - Christmas twilight market day is Saturday 6th December at 4.00pm.
 - Shop & tea rooms are now open 10.00am – 4.00pm daily except on Sundays.
 - The choir will be singing in the church at 10.30am & 1.30pm this week and at 10.30am only next week.
 - TMCS came over to the church to decorate the tree.
 - St Stephens Church will be featured in the Kia Ora magazine – Jan/Feb edition.
- **WDC CEO – Chair’s meeting comments**
 - Charles and five other Committee/Board Chairs met with Craig (WDC CEO) today. This allows for an update from Craig on his view of the Council, suggestions from the Chairs and a discussion on issues coming up.
 - Council culture changes are happening within Council with the aim of improving efficiency & outcomes. There is a big staff meeting tomorrow where Craig will be setting out his expectations for the future and how staff are too function going forward.

- Staff salaries are running at \$120m pa and Craig is determined to get better value for money from staff (may mean less staff but higher pay for some for better outcomes).
- There are too many “consultants” doing work for Council with seriously deficient management and controls over their cost and project spending.
- Council has very poor performance with project spending and is not realizing value for money. This is now changing so that the spend on projects and how they are managed (less consultants) is to deliver a major improvement in cost and outcomes
- There are many projects approved via the LTP in past years with some of these projects “falling off” the list or off the radar for lengthy periods of time. The result is there are too many projects for the Council to deliver on. These capital projects need to be rationalized, with some being removed, so a big review is underway.
- The new water COO will mean that water infrastructure and assets will be removed from the Council books, along with the water revenue and cost, so Craig was asked if Council rates will drop by an equivalent sum (i.e. the Council rates/costs and the COO water rates/levies will be approx. the same as at present)? He was also asked about the Governments proposed rates cap at 4% and if this would be across all Council services and not a shuffle of some rates costs to user pays charges to circumvent the 4% rates cap? At this stage it seems to be too soon for a definitive answer but Craig is aware of the implications to Council going forward.
- **WDC LTP 2025-2034:**
 - This will not be a major re-write.
 - Community involvement will be required February/March 2026.

Motion: All of the above reports be received

Moved: Lyn Harris

Seconded: Jane Manson
All in favour

11. Submissions

- **WDC** – refer <https://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/say-it>
- **WRC** – refer <https://yourvoicematters.waikatoregion.govt.nz>
- **HCC** – refer “Have your say” – watch the Morrinsville Road Upgrade project.

12. Other Business:

- Tamahere Community Charitable Trust – Peter noted the Committee needs proper protection and consideration if it is being asked to do more for the Council and handle \$50k pa for smaller projects. Crystal indicated another community was looking at incorporating as a Society. **Action:** Charles would like to have a **Yes/No answer** from the committee at the next meeting as to whether we pursue this.
- Confirm when TCC meetings for 2026 will be held.

Motion: That the Tamahere Community Committee meetings be held on the first Tuesday of the month from February 2026 to December 2026.

Moved: Lyn Harris **Seconded:** Anne Cao-Oulton

All in favour

13. Date of the next meeting: 7.30pm on Tuesday, 3rd February 2026.

Actions: See **marked** through the Minutes above. The meeting closed at 9.46pm.

