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**MINUTES** of a meeting of the Te Kauwhata Community Committee held at St John's Ambulance Rooms, 4 Baird Avenue, Te Kauwhata on **WEDNESDAY, 5 November 2025** commencing at **7.02pm**.

**Present:**

John Cunningham (Chair)  
Tim Hinton  
Ian Wrigley  
Lauren Hughes  
Courtney Howells  
Estelle Jonathon  
Liz Tupuhi  
Angela van de Munchkof

**Apologies:**

Cr Marlene Raumati  
Kuiarangi Paki

**Staff attending:**

Dominique Thurlow  
Vishal Ramduny (and daughter)

**Public attending:**

Tony Hall  
Harjeet Kaur  
Christine Lyons  
Ivan Marino  
Derek Peel  
Mike Peters  
Jan Sedgwick

### **1. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**RESOLVED: (JOHN CUNNINGHAM / IAN WRIGLEY)**

**THAT the Te Kauwhata Community Committee accepts the apologies from Cr Marlene Raumati & Kuiarangi Paki for non-attendance.**

**CARRIED**

**TKCC2511/1**

### **2. CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS**

**RESOLVED: ( JOHN CUNNINGHAM / LAUREN HUGHES )**

**THAT the agenda for the meeting of the Te Kauwhata Community Committee held on Wednesday, 5 November 2025 be confirmed; and**

- a. with all items therein being considered in open meeting; and**
- b. all reports be received.**

**CARRIED**

**TKCC2511/2**

### **3. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

**RESOLVED: (LAUREN HUGHES / TIM HINTON )**

- There were no disclosures of interests.

**CARRIED**

**TKCC2511/3**

#### **4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**RESOLVED: (JOHN CUNNINGHAM / TIM HINTON)**

**THAT the Te Kauwhata Community Committee confirms the minutes of the meeting of the Te Kauwhata Community Committee held on Wednesday, 3 September 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record.**

**CARRIED**

**TKCC2511/4**

#### **5. PUBLIC FORUM**

Ivan Marino thanked the committee for its support and reported that his Kapa Haka camp held over the school holidays was successful. 45 people attended and asked for another camp in the future.

#### **6. BOARD REPORTS**

Refer to 7. Reports.

#### **7. REPORTS**

##### **7.1 Works and Issues Report**

**CCTV** – The server funded by TKCC has been installed. John will connect Ian with the provider to discuss the precise components. The committee confirmed that the payment for this should be drawn from the Discretionary Fund.

**Saleyard Road** – John has met with Delilah at Kiwirail. Documentation is being prepared for the committee to consider.

**Te Kauwhata Domain** – Tim advised that there is a Domain Users Meeting scheduled on Tuesday 11 November at 5.30pm in the Rugby Club. Tim is also working with Council staff to progress a park bench in the dog park and the feasibility of a nature park.

**Whangamarino and Lake Waikare** – The WRC initiated action plan is on target for completion by Jun 2026. Liz reported good attendance at the recent public workshop in the

RSA Hall. The group discussed water quality and management of koi carp. The next area of focus will be the water level of the lake.

**Lakeside** – Liz reported that the new children's playground is scheduled to open either 6 or 13 December. This is aimed at young children and themed around Matariki. There are also a number of new footpaths being constructed around Lakeside at present.

## **7.2. DISCRETIONARY FUND REPORT**

**RESOLVED: (TIM HINTON / LIZ TUPUHI )**

**THAT the Te Kauwhata Community:**

- a. accept the Te Kauwhata Community Committee Discretionary Fund Report 2024/25 (July 2024-July 2025) as at 20 Oct 2025; and
- b. accept the North Waikato Development Fund Report Fund Report 2024/25 (July 2024-July 2025) Te Kauwhata Allocation as at 20 Oct 2025; and
- c. request the expenditure on 17 April 2025 of \$1,717.16 for the purchase of a CCTV camera be moved from the Development Fund to the Discretionary Fund.

**CARRIED**

**TKCC2511/5**

The Chairperson tabled two funding requests from Te Kauwhata Events Committee which had been submitted prior to the events, but never received or added to the agenda. The Community Led Development Advisor will follow up any glitches in the online or internal process.

**RESOLVED: (TIM HINTON / IAM WRIGLEY )**

**THAT the The Kauwhata Community Committee approve funding of:**

- \$1000.00 (plus GST if any) towards Diwali Celebrations for the Te Kauwhata Events Committee; and
- \$1950.00 (plus GST if any) towards traffic control for the 2025 Christmas Parade for Independent Traffic control Ltd.

**CARRIED**

**TKCC2511/6**

### **7.3. Councillors Report**

There was no Councillors report for this meeting.

### **7.4. Chairperson's Report**

- John Cunningham thanked Vishal for his service to TKCC and presented him with a token of thanks.
- John advised that the Bottle O appeal was heard at the High Court in September and well supported by 15 or more locals. The court has reserved their decision for a further 3-6 months.
- The LAP has been operative since 15 September which will prevent any new bottle stores opening on our main street.
- John confirmed that the new CEO Craig Hobbs and new councillors are affecting rapid change in WDC and the ELT has been reduced from 11 to 7.
- John Cunningham advised the committee that he is retiring as Chair and committee member. He will not stand for re-election in December.
- TKCC Elections are confirmed for Wed 3 Dec at 7pm. We can elect a maximum of 12 members. The members will then appoint a new chairperson and deputy.

### **7. Any other business**

- Liz confirmed that there is a meeting happening this week to progress the idea of a Lakeside Christmas celebration but she cannot be in attendance this year. Lauren to stay connected to Josh for updates.
- Tim reminded all that we usually have a shared supper after our December TKCC meeting. Please bring something to share.

## **8. Close of Meeting**

*The meeting closed at 7.45pm*

Minutes confirmed by the Chairperson on 3 December 2025 for approval at the next Committee meeting.

**JOHN CUNNINGHAM**  
**CHAIRPERSON**