
MINUTES of a meeting of the Te Kauwhata Community Committee held at the Te Kauwhata Rugby Club, Mahi Road, Te Kauwhata on **WEDNESDAY, 4 MARCH 2026** commencing at **7.00pm**.

Present:

Mr Tim Hinton (Chairperson)
Ms Angela Van de Munckhof (Deputy Chairperson)
Ms Lauren Hughes
Ms Estelle Jonathan
Mr Ian Wrigley
Mr Courtney Howells
Mr Mike Peters
Mr Derek Peel
Councillor Marlene Raumati

Staff Attending:

Ms E Saunders (Senior Democracy Advisor)

Members of the Public:

Mr Frank Green

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Resolved: (Mr Hinton/Mr Wrigley)

THAT the Te Kauwhata Community Committee accepts the apology from Mrs Liz Tupuhi and Staff member Mrs K Barnsdall for non attendance. Hayden Solomon indicated he would arrive late, but was in attendance by 7.10pm

CARRIED

TKCC2603/1

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA

Resolved: (MS VAN DE MUNCHKOV/CR RAUMATI)

THAT the agenda for a meeting of the Te Kauwhata Community Committee held on Wednesday, 4 March 2026 be confirmed:

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

CARRIED

TKCC2602/2

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest except for Mr Hinton's previously declared interest in Inform Landscapes, a contractor to Council.

MINUTES FOR CONFIRMATION

Resolved: (Cr Raumati/Ms van de Munchkov)

THAT the minutes for a meeting of the Te Kauwhata Community Committee held on Wednesday, 4 February 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record with the following amendments:

- ***Pg 1 - The name of Ms A Van de Munckhof is spelled incorrectly - remove the n from "de"***
- ***Cr Raumati requested that the discussions recorded around Speed cushions and the Blunt Rd Walkway are moved to general business***
- ***Ph 7 bullet point 3 under Te Kumete Road (Boatramp) - remove the words (with behavioura"***

CARRIED

TKCC2602/3

PUBLIC FORUM

Frank Green, Chair of Domain Committee was in attendance to observe discussion on Te Kauwhata Domain.

REPORTS

6.1 Te Kauwhata Works & Issues Report

The report was received (*TKCC2603/2 refers*) and the following discussion was held:

- **CCTV cameras action** – Cr Raumati confirmed camera is installed but not fully operational yet. Carried to General Business.
- **Lake Waikare project** – nothing added
- **TKCC Facebook Page** – Mr Wrigley has created a page but is considering a group as a preferred forum. Mr Peel recommended a page rather than a group as people can not share information from a group.

ACTION: Mr Wrigley invited to discuss further with Sheryl from the Communication's Team if needed

- **Boat Ramp** – no discussion

ACTION: Remove this item from the Issues Report

- **Athletics club storage** – Cr Raumati has connected TKCC with Parks and Strategic Property who will come and investigate where the proposed location of the container is. Hoping to get a decision for the Athletics Club swiftly.

ACTION: Mr Hinton to keep Athletics Club informed of progress

- **Mahi Rd bollards** – some community concern has been raised about the bollards that have been installed at the intersection of Mahi, Te Kauwhata and Main Roads. These were recently installed in response to a request from a community member using a mobility scooter to cross here.
- They were well intended but installed without Councillor or community consultation. They appear to create a false sense of security for children when crossing. Discussion held around road safety in town and the increased pressure of crossing at this location as the Lakeside Community grows. Opportunity for discussion between the school and TKCC.

ACTION: Cr Raumati to request the removal of the bollards

6.2 Discretionary Fund Report

The report was received (*TKCC2603/2 refers*) and the following discussion was held:

- **North Waikato Development Fund.** It was agreed that due to several factors including the growth in the town, the current focus on the Domain as a central hub, logistical challenges around the wetlands and rail corridor and mana whenua's concern for taiao in the Blunt Road area, the Blunt Road Walkway was no longer a priority and would be deferred.
- It was further noted that the old commitments from FY21-24 are to be removed from the report.

ACTION: Resolution (Mr Wrigley/Ms van de Munchkov) was made to move the funding allocation for the Blunt Road Walkway to the North Waikato Development Fund and defer the project.

ACTION: Finance to remove commitments made FY21-24 from the North Waikato Development Fund Report.

Resolved: (Mr Hinton/Cr Raumati)

THAT the Te Kauwhata Community Committee:

- a. **receives the report for the Te Kauwhata Discretionary Fund and the North Waikato Development Fund to 12 February 2026; and**
- b. **resolves to return the amount of \$88.35 (#TKCC2803/09) be returned to the North Waikato Development Fund pool; and**
- c. **Resolves to return the commitment of \$100,000 (#TKCC2102/03) be returned to the North Waikato Development Fund pool for allocation to another project at a later time.**

CARRIED

TKCC2602/4

6.3 Councillors Report

The report was received (*TKCC2603/2 refers*) and the following discussion was held:

- The Committee requested dates for upcoming TKCC meetings. These can be found on the Council website.

6.3 Chairpersons Report

A verbal update was provided by the Chairperson with the following issues raised:

- Mr Hinton has attended two meetings of the Domain Users Group comprising of representatives of Rugby, Squash, Scouts, Athletics, Cricket, A&P Show, Community Garden and Mana Whenua. He has asked that the minutes of these meetings are added to TKCC agenda so the Committee can stay informed.
- The speed humps on Main Rd were damaged and have had to be removed.
- Splash'n Dash was a good day that brought the community together.

ACTION: Democracy Services to include Domain User Group minutes in the TKCC Agendas

GENERAL BUSINESS

The following items were raised under General Business:

Domain Users Group:

This active group has identified that:

- The booking system for the domain is really important. All users need to log their activity so we can make a case for our share of WDCs recreation funds. We need funds for upgrading the domain should be proportional with the increased usage.
- Walkways have really increased patronage but also impact irrigation.
- The Dog Park and Field 4 need improved drainage.
- The Athletics Club is thriving through Terms 4 and 1, bringing many young people to the domain. Their proposed storage container is necessary as there is no longer capacity at Rugby Club.
- The carpark is no longer fit for purpose, not large enough for demand.
- They would like clarity about what the community wants in the domain and we need to seek alternative funding where needed. Its our domain, not the councils.
- The Scout Den needs an overhaul.

Speed Cushions:

- These have now been removed. Discussion was held around whether they need to be reinstalled, or removed permanently. The Committee noted that the speed limits have been reduced since the cushions were installed at that there is no longer justification for them.

CCTV Cameras:

- Mr Hinton tabled invoices and quotes supplied by Police Officer Vodanovich, Feb 2026. He had arranged for Cornerstone to quote on fixing three CCTV cameras in the community.
- \$919.83+GST - Assessment invoice identified that the cameras at the library were over 10 years old and needed repair. The camera that has been in place on the Anexa building is now down as the building was demolished.
- Further estimates of \$5628.85+GST and \$4,000 were tabled.
- It was agreed that TKCC will not pay these costs. Rather Cr Raumati will ask for our cameras to be repaired and managed in house through council. She will also inquire as to whether the new server purchased by this committee for the library has been vested to Council.

ACTION: Cr Raumati to ask that the town's cameras are repaired, and clarify if the server has yet been vested to Council.

Training:

- Stakeholder Engagement Training Session postponed indefinitely

Spam Emails:

- Ms van de Munchkov noted that she has received multiple spam emails claiming to be from the chairperson of this committee, often asking the recipient to purchase items on their behalf. Other committee members have experienced the same scam over the past year. Please be wary of this.

ACTION: Democracy to notify IT of this cyber breach

Waerenga Community Hub:

- Mr Howells advised that there have been three recent meetings and this \$2.2M project is progressing well. The landowners has received a title in compensation for the land gifted between Goodin Rd and the Rec Centre. Council have vested the land to the community. An architect is designing the facility at present. The hub will include school parking soccer field, meeting rooms commercial kitchen, bathrooms, a multi-use space which may host before and after school care. Neil Bateup is advising the committee on how to set up a trust like Aparangi.

Events Committee:

- Mr Peel confirmed the next meeting is Mon 9th. 7.30pm at St Andrew's Hall. The committee will be planning ANZAC commemorations. They will drop the 11am parade and focus on the Dawn Parade and Waerenga GunFire Salute. All welcome to attend the meeting.

Te Matatini (National Kapahaka Competition – 2027):

- Cr Raumati confirmed that Te Matatini will be hosted by Waikato Tainui in Feb 2027, with WDC as host council. This is a significant honour and opportunity for the region.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.04pm.

Minutes confirmed and approved on day of 2026.

Mr Tim Hinton
CHAIRPERSON