MINUTES of a meeting of the Te Kauwhata Community Committee held at the Te Kauwhata Rugby Club, Mahi Road, Te Kauwhata on **WEDNESDAY, 3 JUNE 2026** commencing at **7.00pm**.

Present:
Mr T Hinton (Chairperson)
Mr C Howells
Ms H Kaur
Mr D Peel
Mr M Peters (*until 7.59pm – Fire Brigade call-out*)
Councillor M Raumati
Mrs L Tupuhi

Attending:
His Worship the Mayor, Mr A Bech (*until 8.11pm)*
Ms E Saunders (Senior Democracy Advisor)

Members of the Public:
Ms J Sedgwick
Mr F Green

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE
Agenda Item 1

Resolved: (Mr Hinton/Mr Peel)

THAT the Te Kauwhata Community Committee accepts the apologies from Ms A Van de Munchkof, Mrs E Jonathan, Mr H Solomon & Mrs K Barnsdall (Strategic & Initiatives Partnership Manager) for non attendance.

CARRIED **TKCC2606/1**

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA
Agenda Item 2

Resolved: (Mrs Tupuhi/Mr Peel)

THAT the agenda for a meeting of the Te Kauwhata Community Committee held on Wednesday, 3 June 2026 be confirmed:

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

CARRIED **TKCC2606/2**

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST
Agenda item 3

There were no disclosures of interest.

MINUTES FOR CONFIRMATION
Agenda item 4

I. Both Mr M Peters & Mrs L Tupuhi were present at the last meeting and names need to be added to the list of attendees.
II. It was noted that the Walkers & Powells families were contacted after the last meeting and provided approval for their names to be put forward for Road Naming at Lakeside.
III. Mrs Tupuhi reiterated an email sent the previous evening that given timeframes, the developer at Lakeside will just continue with the approved list of names they already have and will not change it at this late stage.

Resolved: (Mr Peters/Mrs Tupuhi)

THAT the minutes for a meeting of the Te Kauwhata Community Committee held on Wednesday, 6 May 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record with the following amendments:

- ***a. addition of Mr M Peters & Mrs L Tupuhi to the list of members present for the meeting.***

CARRIED **TKCC2606/3**

PUBLIC FORUM

Agenda Item 5

The following issues were raised in public forum:

Mr F Green – Te Kauwhata Netball

i. Mr Green had been asked by the Te Kauwhata community Netball players to approach the Committee to put forward a proposal to install a Netball court by the Squash Club.
ii. Netball players understand they need permission or support from the Community Committee first before planning could commence and it was noted the three (3) current buildings on the Domain had been built by volunteers in the community and this proposal could be no different.
iii. The proposal would hopefully be funded by Community contributions along with fundraising by the local sports clubs. It was noted that 70% of costs could be done through community volunteer contributions and the rest fundraised through other means.
iv. The location of the proposed court was discussed and it was noted the lower field at the Domain that does not currently get used cannot be considered due to the Domain Walkway.
v. Multiple different sports can utilise the proposed court (Pickleball etc..) and the potential issues with increase in demand for carparks was noted.
vi. The majority of the Committee were in favour of the proposal however it was noted by Cr Raumati that she would abstain at this stage due to the potential big changes coming for the community with the Headstart pathway Central Government announcement but supports the Committee majority providing their support.

Resolved: (Mr Hinton/Mr Peel)

THAT the Te Kauwhata Community Committee support in principal the progression of the proposed Netball court for the community.

CARRIED **TKCC2606/4**

Cr Raumati abstained from voting on the motion.

Simplifying Local Government (Head Start Pathway)l

i. His Worship the Mayor, Mr Bech addressed the Committee and noted the progress to date on the Simplifying Local Government (Head Start Pathway) proposal.
ii. A presentation of the proposed options for discussion along with maps were provided to the Committee with His Worship providing an overview of each option.
iii. The four (4) options laid out for discussion were:
    1. Waikato Region;
    2. Hamilton metro (i) and Waikato towns and rural (ii);
    3. Hamilton-Waikato-Waipa and
    4. Do nothing.
iv. To assist with the conversation there were four (4) maps provided as part of the proposal which were:
    1. Waikato River/Hauraki Plains catchment boundary;
    2. Hamilton–Waikato metropolitan adopted by FutureProof;
    3. Principal iwi and
    4. Water catchments (Freshwater Management Units).
v. It was noted that a proposal of this scale would trigger the use of the Council Significant & Engagement policy however the short three-month timeframe does not allow for extensive engagement with each community.
vi. The Committee were advised they were welcome to provide feedback on the proposal and answer the questions that are now live on the Council website in the 'feedback form'.
vii. It was noted that Council staff could provide assistance to the committee if they wanted to hold their own engagement session or community meeting in the coming weeks.
viii. In response to a query regarding discussion with the former Franklin area, His Worship confirmed he had met with the Chairperson of the Franklin Local Board and the Local Councillor however there did not appear to be as much enthusiasm for this option has originally thought.
ix. Are Council looking at these plans with a 'What is best for Waikato District' viewpoint or 'What is best for Waikato Region'? Whilst Council are looking at these plans with a dual lens it was noted that the priority is 'What is best for Waikato District' and then waying that up against what is best for the region.
x. It was noted that when discussing the proposed options it was important to remember that Central Government have made a clear proposal to remove Regional Councils.
xi. The CTB will lead regional issues and govern the regional council, taking over all of the current regional council's roles and obligations.

xii. The Committee continued to discuss the proposal and different options with points noted in particular around options that include Hamilton Airport and what the plans of Waipa District Council are and whether a proposal including them could be done.

xiii. The Committee queried how would this proposal provide good Governance moving forward particularly when it comes to the performance of Council staff? It was noted that staff are currently going through a transformation journey that would see a significant change to staffing levels moving forward. The concerns raised regarding staff performance was noted by the Committee.

xiv. It was important the Committee are cognisant of and understands there are six (6) Iwi groups included in the models presented. It was noted Council currently have a great relationship with both Waikato Tainui and Ngati Maniapoto through their Joint Management Agreements (JMA).

xv. The Committee noted the principles of Te Ture Whaimana should be upheld whatever option is chosen particularly with the relationship that Waikato Tainui have with the Waikato River.

xvi. In closing the Committee briefly discussed the best way to collate feedback from the community to ensure all voices would be heard. It was noted that feedback needs to be provided by 9th July 2026.

xvii. There are a series of videos coming out at the end of the week and once these are 'Live' these can be shared with the Committee and Te Kauwhata community.

REPORTS

Discretionary Fund Report to 28 May 2026
Agenda Item 6.1

The report was received (*TKCC2606/2 refers*) and it was noted the commitments on the North Waikato Development Fund from years 2021 – 2024 can now be removed from the report.

ACTION: Finance to remove the commitments from the years 2021-2024 from the North Waikato Development Fund report.

6.2 Works & Issues Report June 2026
Agenda Item 6.2

The report was received (*TKCC2606/2 refers*) and no further discussion was held.

CCTV cameras:

i. The Council Facilities team would process the Cornerstone invoice for payment. This item is now completed and can be removed.

ACTION: **Completed.** Item can be **removed** from the Works & Issues report.

Road Naming Lakeside:

i. The Walkers & Powells family have provided approval for their family names to be used for Road names at Lakeside.
ii. It was noted the approved list of Road names had yet to be provided by Mr Tupuhi to the Committee as per the action from the last meeting in May 2026.
iii. Any committee members who are sending or receiving any e-mail correspondence either to/from each other or any other key stakeholders (Council, members of the community etc..) need to ensure they are including all other members of the committee into that correspondence to keep everyone up to date and across any issues.
iv. A brief discussion was held in regards to the process for receiving information from Ngaa Muka. It is preferred that all information or correspondence is received in writing however as Mr Solomon (Ngaa Muka Chairperson) was an apology the discussion was paused until the next meeting.

ACTION: Item to **remain** on the Works & Issues report.

TKCC Facebook Page:

i. Mr Wrigley provided an update to the Committee via email and apologised for the delay in getting the page up and running,
ii. Progress is being made in this space however further support from Council staff may be required to complete.

ACTION: Council Communications Advisor to make contact with Mr Wrigley to provide support as required for the Facebook page creation. Item to **remain** on the Works & Issues report.

Lake Waikare Project:

v. Mrs Tupuhi gave an overview of the Community Information evening that occurred in May and provided an update on the progress of the project.
vi. The final Draft Action Plan was circulated to both the Te Kauwhata & Meremere Community Committees in May 2026.
vii. A working group meeting will be held on Friday, 5 June 2026 which is not open to the public.

ACTION: Item to be **removed** from the Works & Issues report.

Athletics club storage:

i. Item still progressing with paperwork for the storage container still to be completed.

ACTION: Item to **remain** on the Works & Issues report.

Te Kauwhata Road Bollards:

i. Item still progressing and Cr Raumati is awaiting further correspondence from Council.

ACTION: Item to **remain** on the Works & Issues report.

Mahi Road Stormwater Network Upgrade:

i. No further discussion held.

ACTION: Item to **remain** on the Works & Issues report.

Community Voice Panel:

i. Update provided by His Worship the Mayor during Public Forum.

ACTION: Item to **remain** on the Works & Issues report.

Chairpersons Report (*Verbal*)
Agenda Item 6.3

The following updates were verbally provided by the Chairperson:

i. An update on the Domain Walkway project was provided and it was noted there had been further discussion on the sports equipment.

ii. It was confirmed that the funding money for the Domain can not only can be used for sporting equipment but also exercise and play equipment.

<u>Councillors Update – June 2026</u>
Agenda Item 6.4

The report was received (*TKCC2606/2 refers*), taken as read and whilst there was no further discussion it was noted that Cr Raumati shared a Simplifying Local Government post on the Community Facebook pages this morning.

<u>Committee Members Update</u>
Agenda Item 6.5

The following updates were verbally provided by the Committee Members:

i. The Committee were asked to consider the possibility of naming the Domain Walkway after Mr Gilbert Powley who is a long time Te Kauwhata resident. Mr Powley has had significant input into the community and in particular the Domain over the years as a keen fitness man and marathon runner.
ii. No decision is required to be made now or in the coming months but putting the idea on the table for the Committees consideration would be appreciated.

<u>CLOSE OF MEETING:</u>

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 8.46pm.

Minutes confirmed and approved on ………… day of ……… 2026.

Mr Tim Hinton
CHAIRPERSON