



**Minutes of Tamahere Community Committee Meeting at
Tamahere Community Centre, 7.30pm on Tuesday 3 September 2024**

Present:

TCC: Charles Fletcher (Chair), Lyn Harris (Secretary), Buddy Annals, Anne Cao, Janis Swan

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

Waikato Regional Council: Pamela Storey

Hamilton City Council: Robyn Denton, Amy Mackay, Cr Louise Hutt

Tamahere Lions: Sue Fookes

Tamahere Manguone Restoration Trust (TMRT): Russell Gibbs, Leo Koppens

Tamahere Forum: Scott Mathias

Community: Maggie Wilcock, Aksel Bech, Kitty Burton, Phil Bertrand, Catherine Lang, Glenn Ottom, Dan McDaid, Christine Miller, Fiona Rhodes

1. Apologies: Bevin Coley, Jane Manson, Mayor Jacqui Church

Motion: Apologies be accepted

Moved: Lyn Harris

Seconded: Buddy Annals
All in Favour

2. Confirmation of Minutes of meeting held 6 August 2024.

Motion: Minutes are approved

Moved: Lyn Harris

Seconded: Anne Cao
All in favour

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

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

Motion: Correspondence is accepted

Moved: Lyn Harris

Seconded: Buddy Annals
All in favour

5. NZTA & HCC considerations for SH 26 – presented by Robyn Denton (HCC Network & Systems Operations Manager – Transport)

The work being undertaken by Hamilton City Council (HCC) for SH 26 is as a result of the Expressway and a realignment of SH 26. NZTA plans to revoke the state highway status so that the road will then fall within Hamilton City Council and Waikato District Council boundaries for maintenance. Safety improvements are required on this road before the revocation can be completed. These improvements start from the Hillcrest Burger King roundabout to the LIC roundabout (the bridge over the Waikato Expressway is the boundary between HCC and WDC).

A funding agreement is now in place between NZTA and HCC. NZTA has agreed to a \$11.2 million budget. HCC will carry out improvements between the Burger King roundabout and the Expressway over-bridge. \$6.4 million of this budget is planned for the proposed roundabout at the intersection of SH 26, Matangi Road and Silverdale Road – the subject of our discussion tonight.

NZTA considered traffic signals and a roundabout as the two best options for this intersection. Due to traffic volumes the roundabout is considered the best option and HCC agreed this would be fit for purpose. In addition, consideration has been given to stormwater, lighting, walking and cycling.

An initial study of this intersection indicated low numbers of people walking and cycling, which is considered unsafe to negotiate the traffic at 80kph at this location. HCC voted 7:6 in favour of providing safe access for cyclists and pedestrians.

From residents' feedback it is clear that this intersection has been under-represented by cyclists and pedestrians due to safety concerns. There is a significant interest in future proofing this intersection to allow safe access for pedestrians and cyclists.

HCC is undertaking a series of workshops to consider all aspects of the project with one being held tomorrow (4 September). There is an HCC council meeting on **Thursday 26 September**, starting at 9.30am, where the public is able to have a say, prior to the Councillors' vote.

Action: If you would like to have a say please email: amy.biggers@hcc.govt to let her know you will be attending and wish to be heard.

Questions/Discussion:

- Is there anything else we can do to ensure that this intersection is safe for pedestrians and cyclists?
 - i. There is public accessibility at Council meetings for people to be heard – attendance at the meeting 26 September is encouraged.
 - ii. Visit the HCC website for more information and to keep up to date.
 - iii. Public advocacy is essential for this project to ensure that pedestrians and cyclists are provided for.
- How is has the proposed roundabout considered aspects of futureproofing and connectivity?
 - i. Tamahere, Matangi and Silverdale are key stakeholders in this project. This intersection is key to connectivity around this area for pedestrians and cyclists, particularly for the University and schools.
- Was an underpass under SH 26 considered?
 - i. This was dismissed very early on in this project due to assumed low rates of use, high water table and cost.
 - ii. Intensification of population growth within Hamilton and Ruakura will make this intersection very busy in the near future.
- Cameras have been seen in the area – are there cameras operating near the traffic signals?

- i. Yes – cameras are being used as part of the study to monitor activity along SH 26 (TCC and NZTA were able to confirm needs for safety changes at the Tamahere interchange after cameras captured data for one month).
- ii. Approx. 2,800 students move through this area every school day from Primary school to Secondary school levels.
- iii. HCC staff support the provision of cycling and pedestrian access for this intersection.
- There is a finite budget provided by NZTA. Budgets invariably get blown out – is there provision for this?
 - i. HCC recognizes the costs and will be working to provide a safe environment. The speed objective is to get traffic travelling through this intersection at 30km/hr.

Charles thanked Robyn for her presentation and taking the time to come to our meeting.

6. WDC Service Delivery – Tamahere Community Committee Issues Report - Report circulated prior to the meeting by Geoff King and accepted as read.

- *Financial Update:* Geoff circulated information to the committee prior to the meeting.
- *Tauwhare Road:* Primary area of concern is the Tauwhare Road/ Woodcock Road intersection with a focus on traffic needing to turn right into Woodcock Road.
- *Additional area of concern:* From the on ramp at Alfred Main Drive to the boundary with HCC. This area is unsafe for cyclists and pedestrians as the path just drops away. Geoff confirmed that this was still in NZTA's scope of work to complete before the road is revoked as SH 1 and maintenance taken over by WDC.

Action: Geoff will confirm if there is anything TCC can do to encourage this work to be completed.

- *Tamahere Reserve & Reclassification:* We look forward to feedback from Cr Turner.
- *Year-end event with other WDC Committees & Boards:* **Date proposed:** Wednesday 27th November at 5.30pm. Members of the committee will attend if available at the time.

Action: Lyn to confirm with Dominique Thurlow at WDC.

- *Private Road Naming (Peria Way):* Consideration was given to the name Peria Way and the basis for the suggested name. We noted that HCC & Waipa District Council had been consulted but not Matamata Piako District Council where "Peria Road" exists.

Motion: Peria Way, as proposed by the local hapuu and developer, is approved by Tamahere Community Committee.

Moved: Lyn Harris **Seconded:** Janis Swan
All in favour

Motion: WDC Service Delivery Report be accepted

Moved: Charles Fletcher **Seconded:** Lyn Harris
All in favour

7. Councillors' Report

Report circulated by Crystal and accepted as read.

- *SH 26 roadworks – detours planned from mid-September:* Cr Beavis reports “NZTA will be undertaking roadworks on SH 26 just south of Eureka for a month starting in mid-September. A full road closure is proposed with two potential detours on local district roads”.
 - Major roadworks on SH1 are also planned between Karapiro and Turangi (220km) over the coming period.
- *Mayoral Awards nominee/s:* Crystal has nominated Rob & Jill McGuire, Mike has nominated Lockie Verner. Tamahere Community Committee have the opportunity of nominating someone we consider has made a significant difference in our community through volunteering.

Motion: Jane Manson is nominated as the Tamahere Community Committee candidate for our Council’s Mayoral Awards.

Moved: Janis Swan **Seconded:** Anne Cao
All in favour

- *WDC “Our Plan”:* This is an internal improvement program providing focus for council staff activities.
- *Exercise equipment in Tamahere Park:* Charles met with Steph (WDC) to discuss the completion of this project.
 - Seating: two seats will be installed back-to-back near the exercise equipment close to the 4 Square store.
 - The Heritage sign will also be placed in this area.
 - Artificial lawn will be installed to complete the space between the exercise equipment and the playground footpath.
 - Lighting: A light has been ordered by WDC to be installed on the post closest to the exercise area in the Piazza zone, based on a recommendation from Cushman Wakefield, the Councils electrical contractor. Unfortunately, the light has been ordered from overseas, has a low 147 lumen rating and is expensive (\$1,204.95). This will barely light the exercise area. A 20k-lumen rated light would be more appropriate and cheaper. Council is to be advised that we are not happy with the lighting WDC has arranged and would prefer at much stronger light with a motion activation switch. Crystal noted her husband has expertise in this area and may be able to assist.

Action: Mike will discuss this further with Steph to see what changes can be made.

Motion: Councilors’ report be received.

Moved: Charles Fletcher **Seconded:** Buddy Annals
All in favour

8. Reports

- **CCTV Update:** MOU with HCC still under discussion. WDC staff are still gathering information regarding camera location, police location priorities, stock take of CCTV network and market analysis.
 - Charles will be attending the WDC meeting on the CCTV project.

- **Civil Defence:** Cr Beavis reported that this was nearly at an operational level. Once it reaches that point it will be shared with TCC.
- **Heritage Report:** Installation of the Heritage sign sits with CityCare.
- **Predator Free Tamahere (PFT):** Report received from Jane Morgan which was circulated to the committee prior to the meeting.
 - **Community event** - this went really well. Haydn Steel's presentation on the latest trap technology was impressive. He explained how traps can identify specific predators.
 - Next Speaker event is scheduled for 9th December.
- **Tamahere Lions:**
 - Graffiti update: Charles has sent an email to NZTA supporting this initiative, he will follow up.
 - The e-Bike is out & about.
- **Tamahere Mangaone Restoration Trust (TMRT):** Russell's written report was circulated prior to the meeting and is taken as read.
 - The new walking track resource consent process is frustrating the restoration group as it is creating time delays.
 - The MoU is near completion, but the final agreement is still being negotiated.
 - Naming and reclassification of the Tamahere Reserve (Crawfords Quarry) has taken a long time and has delayed maintenance in the reserve. This is a really disappointing outcome given the volunteer hours put into this restored gully area.
- Action:** Geoff to find out what steps are required to get a Concept Plan completed and work underway to maintain the reserve.
- **Tamahere Model Country School (TMCS):** Buddy's written report was circulated prior to the meeting and is taken as read.
 - The school roll is now 390 pupils. It may reach 400 pupils by the end of the year.
 - Due to a large 2024 Year 6 cohort the school has opened the roll for 2025 to a limited number of students outside the Tamahere area to ensure the school does not lose teaching staff or classrooms.
 - **Ag Day is Thursday 17 October.** Everyone is welcome to attend.
 - **School Production:** Tuesday 24 September (11am), Wednesday 25 September (11am & 6pm), Thursday 26 September (6pm). Tickets are available from the school office from Wednesday 11 September. Everyone is welcome.
- **Tamahere St Stephens Church:**
 - Next Market Day – **Saturday 21st September.**
- **TCC Community Plan 2024-26:** held over to next meeting

Motion: All of the above reports be received

Moved: Lyn Harris **Seconded:** Buddy Annals
All in favour

9. Submissions

- Pre-engagement for Spaces & Places and the creation of the Community Facilities Strategy. **Consultation closes Friday 6 September.**
 - The review includes neighbourhood parks, sport parks, community halls, aquatic facilities, community halls, libraries, public toilets, sports facilities. Council is looking for public feedback on how residents use the spaces and what they would like to

see in the future, by sharing their views on an interactive map of the facilities across the district.

- “Residents can just drop a pin and add a comment, or people can share their new ideas. It’s an easy way to have your say and for council to collect valuable insights from the people who use WDC spaces and places.”
- Suggestions and ideas received will help shape the Community Facilities Strategy, the Sports Park Reserve Management Plan and the Neighbourhood Parks Reserve Management Plan, which will then be open for formal consultation later in the year.
- To have your say, go to the WDC website and visit “Say it” or pick up a paper form from one of our libraries or offices.
- We strongly encourage everyone to go on-line and feedback to council on places such as Tamahere Recreation Park, Te Awa Road Playground, Tamahere Reserve – how would you like to see these spaces develop.

10. Other Business

- WDC Strategy Reviews: Charles previously circulated the WDC Playground Strategy 2017.
 - Te Awa Park playground – The park is really tidy but there is not enough parking to support how big the space is. Maggie and Lyn have both recently had a good look.
- Tamahere/Matangi/Tauwhare trial bus service:
 - Geoff sent through this month’s patronage statistics today.
 - Geoff noted that patronage numbers have increased following the school holiday break but have not yet resumed pre-holiday numbers.

Actions: See marked through the Minutes above.

11. Date of next meeting: 7.30pm on Tuesday, 1st October 2024.

Meeting closed at 9.50pm