



**Minutes of Tamahere Community Committee Meeting at  
Tamahere Community Centre, 7.30pm on Tuesday 5 November 2024**

**Present:**

**TCC:** Charles Fletcher (Chair), Lyn Harris (Secretary), Janis Swan, Anne Cao, Bevin Coley, Jane Manson

**WDC:** Cr Crystal Beavis, Cr Mike Keir, Tony Whittaker, Mayor Jacqui Church

**Tamahere Lions:** Sue Fookes

**Tamahere Forum:** Scott Mathias

**Tamahere Mangaone Restoration Trust (TMRT):** Russell Gibbs

**Community:** Maggie Wilcock

- 1. Apologies:** Buddy Annals, Geoff King, Sue Robertson

**Motion:** Apologies be accepted

**Moved:** Lyn Harris

**Seconded:** Anne Cao

**All in Favour**

- 2. Confirmation of Minutes** of meeting held 1 October 2024.

**Motion:** Minutes of 1 October 2024 meeting are approved.

**Moved:** Lyn Harris

**Seconded:** Janis Swan

**All in favour**

- 3. Matters arising (not on this agenda):** Discussion on Discretionary Fund – see item 5.

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

**Motion:** Correspondence is accepted

**Moved:** Lyn Harris

**Seconded:** Anne Cao

**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.

- *CCTV and Crime Prevention Project:* Charles was not impressed by the Council representatives' presentation to the rescheduled workshop for Councillor's. The Councillors who attended the workshop did not support the HCC active monitored option presented to them (at approx. \$750,000 pa district wide) as they felt it was too expensive. An alternate option is now being investigated with details still to be researched by Council staff (Charles has alerted the staff to the SaferCities option which Eden Park uses).

- Tamahere Community Committee initiated the Tamahere Village CCTV project in early 2021 with quotes and options presented by Charles at our September 2021 meeting. Council funding and community support/donations were the foundation for this project proceeding and

commitments obtained from interested parties. By July 2022 the Council was looking for applications for “spade ready” projects in the district to submit to the Governments “Better off Funding” proposal. Tamahere residents felt that the CCTV project would meet the criteria well and lodged an application (which may have been the only complete CCTV proposal). Mayor Alan Sanson (at the time) determined CCTV monitoring be rolled out around the district to improve safety in our communities, utilizing approx. \$680,000 of the Better of Funding allocation to WDC.

- Waikato District Council and Councillor Beck confirmed Tamahere’s CCTV application was successful and fully funded. The contractor was informed.
  - Since this time there have been many delays including the slow release of funds from DIA and the time taken for Council staff to consider options, technology requirements including camera choices, engagement with NZ Police in 3 districts and HCC.
  - There have been no final outcomes to this project, and it is now reported that Council staff are further investigating cheaper monitoring options.
  - Mayor Church reports that the project is still working within the Better off Funding timeframes as set out by central Government.
  - Mayor Church is happy with the progress made to date, but Charles expressed concerns as to the lack of outcomes to date, the poor engagement by Council with TCC resulting in serious concerns and the apparent lack of capability of the responsible Council staff. The Mayor did not approve of comments as to the capabilities of Council staff and her objection was noted. Charles noted that facts are facts evidenced by progress so far, the nature of the Report to Councillor’s (which he thought was misleading), the lack of meaningful consultation with TCC, not seeking the benefit of TCC research and expertise plus the change of direction to “district wide” has left a sour taste and grounds for ongoing concerns as TCC will apparently not now get CCTV as proposed in its approved BoF application.
- *TMRT MOU*: Tony confirmed the MOU between WDC and TMRT is now complete. The Council is now working to get consistency of dates running through the Works Program and other council plans.
  - *TCC Discretionary Fund Report (as at 30 Sept 2024)*: Tamahere Community Committee (TCC) had been notified that the 2024/25 annual fund was to be increased to \$10,000 p.a. in recognition of the annual running costs of the Tamahere Forum. This is very much appreciated by the Committee.
    - Charles noted the Tamahere Forum is working well and it, and the email database, is now a useful tool for the Council to get community information out at short notice.
    - The new allocation was confirmed by the Councils Discretionary Fund Report to 30 September 2024 recently received by TCC showing a credit balance of \$6,938. Tony indicated there may have been an error made by Council but that needs clarification.
    - Charles noted that TCC is a voluntary group of people supporting its Councillor’s and actively engaged as a link between the Council and the local community and that WDC, like all councils in New Zealand, is struggling to get community engagement, so this is the very least the Council should be doing, otherwise

there is no point to our ongoing efforts (especially if not recognized and supported by the Council). Mike Keir expressed his support for the TCC efforts and expressed concern that the Mayor may not fully appreciate the consequence of not supporting TCC in this and other issues.

- **Action:** Tony has undertaken to report back once Council has considered its position.
- *Tamahere Reserve Name change & reclassification:* Councillors Turner & Beavis are working on this project and will come back to us once they have been able to ascertain the correct tribe to be consulted over the name (a recent bereavement means someone else in the iwi has to be brought up to speed). Mayor Jacqui Church is aware of the Tamahere community efforts and involvement with this reserve over that last 14 years and recent communications from TCC expressing frustration at the recent 2+ years of mucking around, Councils failure to properly consider TCC community views and the current concerns which remain unresolved because of other parties (who have no financial interest, contributing nothing over the years and whose opinions, without discussion with TCC) have unduly influenced council staff.
- *Communication Advisors:* There are several communication advisors within the council who have been directed to send information out regarding activity in all Wards on a regular basis. It is hoped this will improve communication between council and rate payers.

Maggie Wilcock noted the old Council paper communications included something from all parts of the district but current communications do not include all wards and leave us feeling somewhat ignored and isolated.

- **Motion:** Council has Invoice NZ204566, for the TCC Website builder hosting annual fee of \$598.00 (incl. GST), paid from Scott Mathias's credit card. **Resolved** that this payment be reimbursed to Scott Mathias and is approved for payment by the Waikato District Council from TCC funds.

**Moved:** Lyn Harris

**Seconded:** Bevin Coley

**All in favour**

**Motion:** WDC Service Delivery Report be received.

**Moved:** Charles Fletcher

**Seconded:** Anne Cao

**All in favour**

## 6. Councillors' Report

Report circulated by Crystal and accepted as read.

- *Early Engagement Long Term Plan 2025-34:* Thank you to the community for their great response. This will assist the Council in shaping the LTP. The plan will come back in March/April for final consultation. With a very limited roading budget the Woodcock & Tauwhare Roads intersection upgrade will not happen in the near future. It is hoped that the drastic speed restrictions proposed for this area will improve safety at this intersection.
- *WRC transport rate re-think:* This is good news for ratepayers. The Regional Council is looking for a fairer way to rate transport and there are a variety of models under consideration.
- *District Plan milestone:* Variation 3 is now an operative part of the District Plan however this does not impact any part of Tamahere or Matangi.

- **“Have your say” opportunities:**
  - *Speed limits:* The Speed Management Plan is a significant piece of work that looks at many of the roads in the Tamahere/ Matangi/ Tauwhare. There are a number of areas where a reduction in speed has been recommended. Feedback to the council is strongly encouraged. Feedback closes **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November**.
  - *Update of Significance & Engagement Policy:* This policy will determine how the council should consult the community and on what topics – what has an impact on your community, and does it constitute a level of significance that requires public input? Tony was asked to confirm the significance of this Policy to Council. Council needs a clear indication from ratepayers as Consultation is an expensive process. How important is it? Feedback closes **Monday 11 November**.
  - *Alcohol bans in public places:* The council’s Alcohol Control Bylaw does not look at bans in any area within Tamahere and Matangi.
- *Mayoral Award:* Cr Beavis and Mayor Church personally extended their congratulations to committee member, Jane Manson, on being a recipient of a Mayoral Award 2024.
- *Matangi Community Plan:* Matangi Committee has been working on a community plan for the last (approx.) 4 years. They had a consultation meeting with the community last weekend which was well attended and have also been consulting through Matangi Link – a community web page. The draft plan was distributed to Tamahere Community Committee. The plan looks great and we think the Matangi group has worked really well to put this together.

**Motion:** Councilors’ report be received.

**Moved:** Bevin Coley

**Seconded:** Janis Swan

**All in favour**

## 7. Tamahere Park & Piazza:

- The original Tamahere Village concept included the piazza area with the retail shops opening onto it. Unfortunately, the Village development has shops mostly open onto the parking areas with very little ability to also have direct opening to the Piazza.
- The Tamahere community has expended a considerable sum to have the Piazza and performance stage completed by the Council and Charles raised two issues for consideration to enable the Piazza to be utilized with a community focus:
  - Should we officially change the name of Tamahere Park to also include “Piazza”?
  - How can we promote events on short notice without red tape and costly paperwork with Council i.e. a Piazza is a part of the Village so its very nature is for informal events support by food trucks on a ‘pop up’ basis?
- Maybe Council could designate and signpost the Piazza area – a defined area for such activities and events.
- Jane noted that Food Trucks have their own Council approval to operate, including management plans, so that should be sufficient for them to turn up and operate in the Piazza to support a community event

- The Council has an events person. Can we have this person streamline the requirements for events to be held in the Piazza zone. We do not currently have a volunteer from within the community offering to lead events in the piazza. The idea would be to have a simple, standard action plan that allows the community to better utilize the space.
- Do we use the Council's Tamahere office as the point of contact for Piazza events to be actioned from?
- **Action:** Tony offered to report back to the committee on what can be done to "officially" recognize the piazza area.

## 8. Reports

- **CCTV Update:** as previously reported – item 5 above.
- **Civil Defence:** Cr Beavis has confirmed support from Tamahere Bakery to provide some food in the event of a Civil Defence event. Cr Beavis continues to work through the details of the plan and details will be continually added as they are confirmed. Cr Beavis is looking for more residents with a vested interest in a Civil Defence response.
- **Heritage Report:** Jane reported that both the heritage sign and the underpass sign are now in place. St Stephens Church sign and cemetery sign are still to be done. This will happen in approx. 2 years' time.
- **Seating & turf area** beside the exercise equipment and incorporating the Heritage sign:
  - The seating & turf area will be completed later this week with Cr Keir kindly donating the artificial turf as the Tamahere Park donation fund has been almost exhausted (these funds were donated for various improvements within the park).
  - Cr Keir indicated that the artificial turf would have cost approx. \$2,000 if done by the Council's approved contractor, so he has arranged to get it done privately with materials costing \$520.
  - It seems the Council cannot pay anyone who is not an approved contractor. Obviously, this is madness as the community has saved \$1,500.

**Motion:** We invite Waikato District Council to find some way to reimburse JFK Ltd, c/- Mike Keir the sum of \$520.00 for the artificial turf materials, from the Tamahere Park Donation Fund held and controlled by Waikato District Council.

**Moved:** Bevin Coley      **Seconded:** Janis Swan  
**All in favour**
- Cr Keir indicated further funds are needed to finish the lighting project. The light has been paid for by Council but not the light sensor or the electrician required for installing the light. Approx. \$3 - \$4k will be required. Sue Robertson has previously suggested a community fundraiser e.g. a fun run incorporating the use of the exercise equipment. **Paul Johnson** may be able to facilitate this fundraiser. Funds will be required in May 2025.
- **Predator Free Tamahere (PFT):** Alison Ewing's report was circulated prior to the meeting and is taken as read. The next Speaker event is scheduled for 9<sup>th</sup> December at the Tamahere Community Centre. The guest speaker will be from Waikato Regional Council on the topic of pest plants.
- **Tamahere Lions:**
  - Last month Lions took part in a number of community events to raise funds for more community projects.

- The community will see the e-Trike out & about following its successful launch.
- **Tamahere Mangaone Restoration Trust (TMRT):** Russell's written report was circulated prior to the meeting and is taken as read.
- Russell presented the following resolution for the Tamahere Reserve's future use and management. The Tamahere Mangaone Restoration Trust [TMRT] would like to put forward the following resolution for the Tamahere Community Committee [TCC] to consider and approve:

*The Tamahere Reserve is an area of land of some 4.6ha situated in Tauwhare Road. The reserve has, for quite some time, been the focus of a name change and a reclassification by Council. The TCC, TMRT resolution dated 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020 needs to be revisited. [see attached]*

*TCC is to convene a workshop to discuss the future of the Tamahere Reserve with the following stakeholders invited:*

*Councillor Bevis*

*Councillor Keir*

*Megan May GM Service Delivery (or the appropriate person representing WDC)*

*Charles Fletcher TCC Chairperson*

*Lyn Harris TCC Secretary*

*TMRT Trustees; Leo Koppens and Russell Gibbs.*

Tony Whitaker indicated that the Council has a relationship with TMRT and an operating MoU, so the Council should be able to sort this out direct with TMRT without the need for a formal TCC resolution. This resolution was not voted on in the meeting. **Action:** Charles will follow up with an email to Tony for this proposed workshop. He noted that TCC has been directly involved with this community project for over 14 years and that TMRT was formed to satisfy Council requirements to be working with an approved legal entity. Charles forwarded the 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020 minutes direct to Tony.

**Action:** Tony will respond directly to Russell regarding the TMRT report with further updates.

- **Tamahere Model Country School (TMCS):** Buddy's written report was received prior to the meeting and taken as read.
  - Current Roll: 413 (as at 24 October)
  - Weather tightness programme: More extensive remedial work appears to be needed for one building. This requires further assessment which will take time.
  - School Christmas Event: the school will host their annual Christmas Carols Event in the Piazza. **Date: Friday 6 December 2024 – time tbc**
  - Upcoming events: Dressing the tree – Tuesday 26 November & Golf Day – Friday 29 November
- **Tamahere St Stephens Church:**
  - **Next Market Day** – Saturday 16th November.
  - **2024 Christmas Festival** – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December 10.00am – 4.00pm (closed on Sundays)



- **School & Community choirs in the church** – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30am, 1.30pm and Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30am only.
- **Twilight Market** – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 4.00pm – 8.00pm.
- **Final Market Day for 2024** – Saturday 21st December 8.30am – 1.00pm.
- **TCC Community Plan 2024-26:** The draft is underway – it is a work in progress with multiple contributors.
- **Tamahere Forum:** Scott is really pleased with the level of participation happening on the website. This is increasing steadily. He reiterated that messages need to be short & crisp to engage with rate payers who are short of time. He appreciates receiving details regarding local events or any local information that needs sharing.

Charles noted that the [tamahereforum.co.nz](http://tamahereforum.co.nz) website is active, unlawfully copying data from our website and fraudulently attempting to portray itself as a local community website. The host is Voyager in NZ for an owner in the Ukraine who presumably seeks to extort funds from us or Council to secure ownership of this domain.

Scott has requested that Voyager investigate further as the Ukrainian group who own this site are unlawfully copying our community information.

- **Discover the Future of Tamahere** – Community Business Owners meeting: This was a community event hosted by Punnet Eatery (Newell Road) on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October. This was a well run and well attended get-together with Mark Morgan (CEO Hamilton Airport), Robert Dol (Project Director, Colliers Real Estate), Bendon Rosso (GM Tamahere Country Club) and Cr Crystal Beavis (Tamahere Woodlands Ward Councillor) speaking. All funds raised will be donated to Tamahere Lions. It was also promoted by the Tamahere Forum.
  - **Mark Morgan:** Focused on the future development around Hamilton Airport over the next 10 years. This will include a small retail development/service center to support the people working in the extended industrial area of the airport. International flights will resume June 2025 by Jetstar to Sydney & Brisbane.
  - **Robert Dol:** He is working with Mark on the airport development as well as the Peacocke's subdivision which is a huge growth area for Hamilton City. He focused on the joint NZTA & HCC initiative forming part of the Southern Links project – a road of National Significance.
  - **Brendon Russo:** Discussed the consented extension of Tamahere Country Club. Two areas of extension are to the east (which includes the Red Bin business area not currently owned by the Country Club) and the south. When these extensions are complete there will be over 450 residents and 150 employees. The hospital care facility will be partially opened next year.
  - **Crystal Beavis:** Promoted the idea of a local business owners regular get together. Cr Beavis is also an advocate for developing a trail package that could be promoted through Waikato Tourism. WDC is a financial contributor to Waikato Tourism. Heritage Day (held earlier this year) trialed this concept which appeared to work well by getting business owners to open their doors to tell a story about the work they do around the Waikato.

- Following the presentations there was a Q & A time:
  - **Reverse sensitivity zone** in the WDC District Plan (created for Hamilton Airport). Mark Morgan stated that Hamilton Airport was prepared to go to the Environment Court to maintain its position which is restrictive to growth in Tamahere and something our community wants removed from the Council plan.
  - **Narrows Bridge:** When will the Southern Links bridge be built to preserve the safety of the Narrows Bridge? Both Mark and Robert thought it would be some time (maybe 10years) before this part of the development would start. Crystal confirmed that at that stage NZTA would revoke that part of the roading system and the local councils would be responsible for the bridges maintenance. Cr Beavis assured the ratepayers that the bridge would have to be improved before it could be handed over to local councils.
  - **Growth of Tamahere:** When will Tamahere be able subdivide down to 2500m<sup>2</sup>? This will not happen any time soon due to water constraints.
  - **A big supermarket for Tamahere:** Most unlikely to happen due to development at the airport and the Peacocke's residential area where another big supermarket will be situated.

**Motion:** All of the above reports be received

**Moved:** Lyn Harris     **Seconded:** Jane Manson  
**All in favour**

## 9. Submissions

- WDC Significance & Engagement Policy – Closes Monday 11 November [TCC to submit]
- WDC Speed Management Plan 2024 – Closes Wednesday 27 November [TCC to submit]
- WDC Alcohol Control Bylaw changes – Early consultation closes Sunday 8 December
- WRC - Nil

## 10. Other Business

- Next meeting: 7.00pm informal start at Tamahere Reserve and then reconvene at Tamahere Community Centre (at approx. 7.30pm)
- Confirmation of TCC meeting dates for 2025. Scheduled for the first Tuesday of the month starting February 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Increased incidents of mail theft: The community needs to be made aware of the increase in mail theft in the Tamahere, Matangi & Tauwhare areas. The thieves are particularly looking for new credit cards.

## 11. Date of next meeting: Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2024

- **starting 7.00pm with a gathering at the Tamahere Reserve on Tauwhare Road, then**
  - **approx. 7:30pm relocate to Tamahere Community Centre**
- Everyone is invited to BYO to share in a more festive flavour during our discussions.

**Actions:** See marked through the Minutes above.

Meeting closed at 9.50pm