



**Minutes of Tamahere Community Committee Meeting at  
Tamahere Community Centre, 7.30pm on Tuesday 4 June 2024**

**Present:**

**TCC:** Bevin Coley, Lyn Harris, Buddy Annals, Janis Swan, Anna Cao, Jane Manson

**WDC:** Crystal Beavis, Mike Keir, Geoff King

**Tamahere Lions:** Sue Fookes

**Community:** Maggie Wilcock, Janette Chynoweth, Cindy Jacobs

- 1. Apologies:** Charles Fletcher, Russell Gibbs (TMRT), Scott Mathias (Tamahere Forum)

**Motion:** That the apologies be accepted

**Moved:** Lyn Harris

**Seconded:** Anne Cao

**All in Favour**

- 2. Confirmation of Minutes** of meeting held on 7 May 2024.

- **Note Correction:** Reference to Cambridge Times (refer *Councillors Report* heading) should read Cambridge News.

**Moved: Minutes are approved with correction:** Lyn Harris

**Seconded:** Bevin Coley

**All in favour**

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

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

**Motion:** Correspondence is accepted

**Moved:** Lyn Harris

**Seconded:** Jane Manson **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.

- *Tamahere Park Toilet Block:* Lyn sent a letter to Megan May. At this stage there has been no acknowledgement of receipt or any response. There are no planned replacement toilets to be built in the Waikato District Council (WDC) area over the next year (only new where they do not currently exist). There is 1 set of toilets (module of 2 toilets) per year budgeted in the WDC plan (area wide).
- *CCTV:* Disappointing progress. Six months ago Hamilton City Council upgraded their system. The new system requires payment per stream and with planned CCTV coverage around the district the monitoring of the cameras would be a costly operating expense. It is now part of the annual plan review with potential rating implications.
- *Embassy Park Toilet Relocation:* Costs to refurbish are significant. It would be better to put any funds available towards another block next to the existing two toilets.
- *Tamahere Park website:* Aksel had reserved two website domain names ([tamaherepark.nz](http://tamaherepark.nz) and [tamaherepark.co.nz](http://tamaherepark.co.nz)). These bookings expire on 18 June.

Geoff has outlined (via email) Council web pages and a proposed digital booking system that would provide digital destinations for promoting Tamahere Park.

- **Action:** TCC needs to notify Aksel as to whether these domain names need to be transferred or lapsed.

**Motion:** WDC Service Delivery Report be accepted

**Moved:** Bevin Coley **Seconded:** Jane Manson **All in favour**

**6. Councillors' Report** - Report circulated by Crystal and accepted as read.

- *WDC Annual Plan hearings:* Affordability of rate increases continues to be a concern for all ratepayers.
- *QV revaluation 2024 delayed:* Publication/release of new QV's due out this month.
- *Maaori Wards:* WDC values their Maaori Wards and their contribution to Council business.
- *Fieldays traffic restrictions:* Following the confusing information provided by RISS Cr Beavis clarified traffic restrictions during the weekday mornings. For daily information please go to the Fieldays website and look for the "Attend Fieldays" link or email [info@nzdfs.co.nz](mailto:info@nzdfs.co.nz).
- *Temporary road closure:* Sunday 9 June – temporary road closure of Waverley/Holland Road rail crossing.
- *Keeping of Animals Bylaw:* Great early feedback from ratepayers. Draft Bylaw to be proposed June/July for public consultation.

**Motion:** Councillor's report be received.

**Moved:** Bevin Coley **Seconded:** Anne Cao **All in favour**

**7. Tamahere Reserve – reclassification & renaming**

- WDC Gazette notice wording from Rebecca not yet received.
- Lyn contacted Sue Robertson & Jane Manson to see if they have a record of Ngaati Haaua attending a TCC meeting giving background to their desire to name Crawfords Quarry (aka Tamahere Reserve) Maniapoto Reserve and the information that supports this. No information has been found to date.
- Cr Beavis to invite Cr Tilly Turner to a Tamahere Community Committee meeting to discuss the renaming of the reserve. Cr Beavis will confirm a date with Cr Turner if agreeable.

**8. Tamahere Community Plan Development:**

- Thank you to Dominique Thurlow for attending our meeting.
- The purpose of the Community Plan is to help strengthen the partnership between WDC & the Committees/ Boards that represent their local areas. It is to clarify to Council what these local representatives do. It is also designed to help clarify to the Committees/Boards what they are here to do and their governance type role.
- The focus of the plan is on the 4 Wellbeings; Economics, Social, Cultural and Environmental. It is to be written from the Committee perspective rather than Council plans or community expectations.

- Maggie reminded us of the booklets that have been produced in the past by the Committee reflecting on goals set and milestones reached over 3-year tenures.
  - **Action:** Maggie to bring an example of the booklet editions to our meeting next week.
- Dominique suggested that further training may be required by Committee members, but the areas of training required were not yet known.
- Deadline: Sunday 30 June 2024.
- **Action:** Lyn to book a meeting space at the Waikato District Council Tamahere Office for Tuesday 11 June 7.00pm. **This booking has since been confirmed. All Committee members are invited to attend.**

## 9. Reports

- **CCTV updates:** Geoff updated previously
- **Civil Defense:** Cr Beavis has confirmed the first meeting this coming Friday (7<sup>th</sup>). The group will include a representative from Tamahere Eventide, Tamahere Country Club and TCC (Bevin).
- **Heritage Report:** Jane confirmed they are going to print with the information they have. One QR code will be provided to start with that will take them to the gully restoration story. Two boards are being completed with one being installed at Tamahere Recreation Park. Location to be confirmed. The suggested location was near the children's playground, new exercise equipment and planted shade trees as a light is planned to be installed near there.
- **Predator Free Tamahere (PFT):** report received from Jane Morgan which was circulated to the committee prior to the meeting.
  - Following the great success of the community event in May another speaking event is planned for August. We look forward to hearing more about this.
- **Tamahere Lions:**
  - eTrike is being used which is great to hear.
  - Tamahere Lions will be helping out at Fieldays which should be a busy time.
  - **Action:** TCC to send Fulton Hogan and NZTA its appreciation for the work done well. Lyn to contact Sue for Fulton Hogan contact.
  - *Kings Birthday Honours List 2024:* Congratulations to Lions member, Howell Round (Dr William Howell Round), for his appointment as Officer to The New Zealand Order of Merit for his services to medical physics and biomedical engineering.
- **Tamahere Mangaone Restoration Trust (TMRT):** Russell's written report was circulated prior to the meeting and is taken as read.
  - Geoff contacted Russell prior to the meeting regarding unpaid invoices. This appears to have been resolved.
  - 202 Matangi Road: BCD have confirmed that they will be completing the survey this week. Maggie presented WDC survey plans (20years old) that show an easement running down the side of 202 Matangi Road to provide walkway & machinery access to the gully.
  - **Action:** Maggie will circulate the map & plan to Councillors Keir & Beavis.
  - With the current MOU set to expire at the end of this month. Geoff has suggested that the current MOU gets rolled over for another year.

- **Tamahere Model Country School (TMCS):** Buddy's written report was circulated prior to the meeting and is taken as read.
  - Candis (TPNZ) & Jazz have confirmed attending our July meeting.
  - Cr Beavis reminded us of Geoff Penno (Wkto Police Commander) joining our July meeting. Both groups need time for a discussion/presentation.
- **Tamahere St Stephens Church:**
  - Next Market Day – 15<sup>th</sup> June (Feildays).

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

**Moved:** Bevin Coley **Seconded:** Janis Swan

**All in favour**

#### 10. Tamahere Forum - TCC website (<https://tamahereforum.org/>)

- The interaction rate is slowly climbing via the mailout system – those that are opening are clicking through to the website for more information – great news.

#### 11. Other Business

- Bus trial updates – Geoff provided feedback following last month's meeting and will continue to feed information through as it comes to hand.
- Waikato Regional Council: Cr Keir reiterated the need to build a better working relationship with the WRC.
  - The drainage system around Tamahere is maintained between WRC & WDC. Broadly speaking WDC looks after road drains & WRC look after land drains. Stormwater drainage is a problem around the Tamahere /Matangi area, and we need to know what we can do to ensure the existing drainage system is working and maintained.
- Waikato Regional Council Transport Plan: Waikato District Council submitted to the WRC Transport Plan that costs should be spread across the whole population rather than confined to distances from a bus stop. Several people made submissions concerning WRC's proposed rate increase with Maggie making an in-person presentation.
- Country Living Zone: Cr Keir has suggested TCC needs to give further consideration to the extension of the Country Living Zone on the southern side of Airport Road.
  - WDC has told the committee that there is currently no plan to change the existing designated zones.
  - We are aware Tamahere Country Club has requested consent from WDC to extend the current facility to the east & south. The southern side encroaches on what the Council considers to be productive soil – this area has not been extensively farmed for productive purposes for some time. Indications are that this consent may not be granted.
- Exercise Equipment
  - The naming of seats and lighting for one of the fitness zones is still to be completed. A lighting quote has been received - \$2.5 - \$3k. Cr Keir needs to look at what funds are available to complete the project. **Action:** Cr Keir will provide an update at the next meeting.
  - Cr Keir will connect with Charles (on his return) and Paul. Paul has worked with the QR system before and may be able to assist with formulating the instructions on how to use the installed apparatus.

- Succession planning/new Members:
  - Committee to consider possible new members. People to consider would be from the businesses operating in Tamahere and other active community groups.

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

**12. Date of next meeting: 7.30pm on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2024.** Meeting closed at 9.07pm