



**Minutes of Tamahere Community Committee Meeting at  
Tamahere Community Centre, 7.30pm on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**Present:**

**TCC:** Charles Fletcher (Chair), Bevin Coley, Lyn Harris, Jane Manson, Buddy Annals

**WDC:** Geoff King, Mike Keir, Tracey Morgan, Asanka Meththa

**Tamahere Lions:** Sue Fookes, Howell Round

**Tamahere Mangaone Restoration Trust:** Russell Gibbs

**Community:** David Ralfe, Maggie Wilcox

1. **Apologies:** Anne Cao, Janis Swan, James Yearsley, Scott Mathias, Cr Crystal Beavis

**Moved apologies be accepted:** Lyn Harris      **Seconded:** Bevin Coley  
**All in Favour**

2. **Confirmation of Minutes** of meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023

**Moved: Minutes are approved:** Bevin Coley      **Seconded:** Jane Manson  
**All in Favour**

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

4. **Correspondence (Oct/Nov 2023) - circulated by email prior to meeting.**

**Inwards:**

- Crystal Beavis, Cr WDC: Reminding TCC of the Proposed Water Supply Bylaw opportunity to make a submission (support of opposition). Consultation closes Sunday 5 November.
- Geoff King, WDC: ChargeNet installation update – install is scheduled to start Monday 6 November & could be completed by the end of November.
- Geoff King, WDC: Email sent to Russell Gibbs (TMRT) & forwarded to TCC for clarification of process for the Tamahere Reserve reclassification & name change.
- Lisa Laurence, TMCS: Booking requirements for the Tamahere Community Centre for 2024
- Geoff King, WDC: Councils Works update & issues report for November 2023
- Tim van de Molen, Waikato MP: Acknowledging Charles's note of congratulations. Confirming his interest in meeting TCC & requesting 2024 meeting dates.
- Alicia Sunnex (Strategic Initiatives and Partnership Coordinator), WDC: Invitation to TCC to attend a Housing Strategy information gathering meeting at Council offices Wednesday 15 November (6.30pm – 7.00pm)
- Howell Round, Tamahere Lions: Graffiti solution at Tamahere on-ramp to Waikato Expressway – notes planting on Auckland Southern Motorway.
- Howell Round, Tamahere Lions: Suggests a meeting of interested parties to progress the project one evening WB 6 November.
- Geoff King, WDC: Follow-up to Charles's email regarding Tamahere Forum going live. Possible method to reach out to other residents via Council Newsletter.
- Geoff King, WDC: Website invoices for approval – motion required from TCC.

- Russell Gibbs, TMRT: Notification to TCC of Megan May's (WDC) promotion.
- Russell Gibb's, TMRT: TCC copied into email to Geoff King seeking clarification of process for the reclassification & name change of Tamahere Reserve.
- Geoff Pooch, Tamahere Country Club resident: Feedback regarding the Tamahere Forum website.
- Toby McIntyre, Policy Adviser WDC: WDC Proposed Speed Management Plan – Targeted Engagement. Closes Friday 1 December.
- Crystal Beavis, Cr WDC: Notification of SH1B rail crossing community survey closing Friday 3 November.
- Geoff King, WDC: Confirmation that ChargeNet intend to install 2 x 75kW fast chargers at Tamahere Village.
- Geoff King, WDC: Further updates regarding ChargeNet – Tamahere EV Charge Station.
- Katherine Simpson, WRC: Invitation to take part in a Tauwhare Pa hui for the Public Transport Trial (19 October)
- Geoff King, WDC: Tamahere Community Email distribution lists
- Geoff King, WDC: Crawford's Quarry Reclassification paper
- WDC: Consultation opened for Proposed Water Supply Bylaw 2023

#### **Outward:**

- Charles to Committee: Queried if the Proposed Water Supply Bylaw needed a submission from TCC.
- Charles: Circulated feedback from Rob Hutchinson, Fulton Hogan supporting the planting initiative to stop/reduce graffiti on Tamahere on-ramp to the Waikato Expressway to TCC, Tamahere Lions, TMRT.
- Charles: Sent material to Scott Mathias for consideration to be added to the Tamahere Forum.
- Charles: Circulated to TCC information regarding WDC Workshop: Use of Council Land Policy
- Charles: Circulated to TCC Website invoices needing approval at meeting 7 November.
- Charles: Explanation to Geoff King (WDC) regarding invoices for payment via TCC Discretionary Fund.
- Charles: Follow-up to Paul Johnson regarding the two fitness zones in Tamahere Park.
- Charles: First circulation to TCC of Tamahere Forum invoices.
- Charles: Notification to Geoff King (WDC) that <https://www.tamahereforum.org/> is now live.
- Charles: Letter to Glenys Farries, Fulton Hogan regarding graffiti at the Tamahere on-ramp of the Waikato Expressway.
- Charles: Confirming to the TCC that Tamahere Forum details have been posted to the Neighbourly Noticeboard.
- Charles: Circulation of information to TCC regarding WDC LTP and 3-Waters as a result of a recent workshop.
- Charles: Letter to Tim van de Molan (Waikato MP) congratulating him on winning his seat & inviting him to attend one of our meetings.
- Feedback on tamahereforum.org website – received from Buddy.
- Charles: additional clarification requested in response to Geoff King's follow-up regarding installation of Tamahere EV Charge Station.
- Charles: circulation of Wiremu Tamihana's articles to Committee and TMRT.
- Charles: circulation of WDC Mayoral Awards articles on website.
- Charles: Feedback to Scott Mathias regarding website content.
- Charles: request to Committee to feedback on website (tamahereforum.org) – link supplied.

- Charles: Circulated Crawford’s Quarry Reclassification paper to Committee.

**Motion:** Correspondence is accepted

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

5. **CCTV Update** – presented by Asanka Meththa (WDC Project Manager, CCTV project)
  - There are 9 locations within the District selected for CCTV installation.
  - WDC is still working with HCC on the MOU.
  - Megan May has approved design work to proceed with Council looking to see cameras spread around the Wards.
  - Charles commented that a huge amount of work had already been undertaken for the CCTV install/location specification for the Tamahere Ward.
    - Consultation had been undertaken with the Police and the HCC project person.
    - The location of the Tamahere Village had been specifically targeted to mitigate the impact of ram-raiders, boy racers and efficient use of current Council infrastructure locations.
  - Asanka was concerned with compatibility issues between what had been specified to date and the current thinking of WDC & HCC.
  - There is already CCTV installed at Tamahere Community Hall in conjunction with Tamahere Model Country School (TMCS)
  - Cr Mike suggested that it would be advantageous for Asanka and Charles to meet outside the meeting to discuss specification suitability.
  - Funding is available via WDC for the entire project district wide. No specific budget has been confirmed for the Tamahere installation.

**Action:** Asanka to meet with Charles, Scott (CCTV provider) & HCC representative to come to a common understanding of requirements & costs.

6. **WDC Service Delivery – Tamahere Community Committee Issues Report**

Report circulated prior to the meeting by Geoff King and accepted as read.

- *Toilet Upgrade:* Geoff confirmed that the current porta-loos are being emptied and cleaned once a week. Feedback from Charles indicated that this is inadequate with upwards of 500 people using the facility each weekend. Charles has heard many complaints relating to smell & cleaning standards.

**Action:** Geoff has offered to follow this up with the WDC team with Cr Mike suggesting an additional clean and empty each week.

- *Riff Raff Toilet:* Council is waiting to see the final cost of the Toilet upgrade currently underway at Tamahere Park before making a decision as to whether the Riff Raff toilet will be installed at the park. One of the reasons the Riff Raff toilet was going to work well being located near the stage was due to a small storage area at the back of the container that could provide a secure location supporting community events on the stage.

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

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

7. **EV Charging station at Tamahere Village – update**

- Foundation work followed by concreting is required before the cabinet install can occur. This is all weather dependent.
- Geoff has been told that this project will be finished by the end of November.

**Motion:** Cr Keir and the TCC appreciate and acknowledge the work and effort that Geoff has put into this project to get it finalized.

**Moved:** Charles Fletcher      **Seconded:** Jane Manson      **All in favour**

## 8. Councillors' Report

Report circulated by Crystal and accepted as read.

- *Speed Limits (Proposed Speed Management Plan):* The Council has been asked to review District Speed limits with several changes proposed. Pre-engagement closes Friday 1 December.
- *Local works for traffic calming around Tamahere School:* Buddy will give feedback to Cr Keir following the TMCS BOT meeting next week.
- *Bus trial:* No updates to hand following Tauwhare Pa meeting. More information may be available for the December meeting.
- *Tamahere Community Center AGM:* Unfortunately, the Tamahere Community Committee were not informed of this event and so we missed this opportunity to catch up.
  - Are the Agenda, Minutes and annual accounts available for public viewing? Cr Keir did not know. Cr Keir confirmed that the Community Halls WDC management team were happy with the information being reported to Council.
  - The Tamahere Community Center is an incorporated Society, but it is not on the Charity's register.

**Action:** Cr Keir will discuss the AGM with Cr Beavis to get more feedback.

- *SH1B:* The survey of the local residents closed last Friday. There is real concern in the area as to what the final outcome will be.
- *LTP:* Cr Keir reported that there will be a potential double-digit rate increase for next year. District-wide infrastructure status is of greatest concern. The roading network is well behind in its maintenance program with not enough work or funding available to keep the network up to date.
- *Exercise Equipment:* Cr Keir reported that he would like to have the invoices for the exercise equipment for funding purposes.

**Action:** Charles will set up a meeting with Paul to get this underway.

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

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

## 9. Tamahere Expressway on-ramp to Hamilton – Graffiti issue & solution

- Tamahere Lions (Howell Round) support the planting project.
- Charles has been in touch with Fulton Hogan who supports the project. They will manage the traffic management part of the project.
- At this stage there are several unknowns:
  - What can be planted in front of the fence?
  - Will NZTA agree to this as they will need to maintain the plants?

- Once the graffiti has been removed from the walls how quickly can the planting begin?
- The best time to plant will be Autumn so that minimal watering would be required.
- Howell has been trying to contact Fulton Hogan, Auckland regarding the planting next to the Southern Motorway. At this stage he hasn't received a call back.
- Hamilton Garden's horticulturists may have a good idea as to what could be planted in that area.
- Leo (& the TMRT team) are happy to support the project and provide planting advice.

**Motion:** TCC supports the Lion Club's community initiative to solve the graffiti issue and will support the project moving forward.

**Moved:** Lyn Harris      **Seconded:** Bevin Coley      **All in favour**

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

- There has been some feedback on website, but Charles would like to have more.
- It would be great to have more community dates added to the Forum e.g., Jane has asked for the Tamahere Market dates to be advertised. Bevin has suggested the Lions meeting dates and information could be added. It would be great to see something on Predator Free Tamahere on the website to encourage more people to be involved.
- We need to consider how we can provide an opportunity for residents to financially contribute to keep the Forum website running long term.
- Signage is required to advertise the website around the Tamahere area.
- Website invoices needing approval (circulated prior to meeting):
  - Invoice 0023      \$3,000.00 (excl GST)    \$3,450.00 (incl GST)
  - Invoice 0024      \$2,625.00 (excl GST)    \$3,018.75 (incl GST)
  - Invoice 0025      \$520.00 (excl GST)      \$598.00 (incl GST)

**Motion:** The website invoices (as listed above) and circulated prior to the meeting be approved by Tamahere Community Committee (TCC) to be paid by Waikato District Council (WDC) using the TCC Discretionary Fund.

**Moved:** Charles Fletcher      **Seconded:** Jane Manson      All in Favour

**11. Reports**

- **Civil Defense:** Cr Beavis has reviewed the project historically completed with James Yearsley with James providing Cr Beavis with a summary. A lead person within the community is sort to progress the project.
- **Heritage Report:** The local heritage signage wording has been narrowed down to 300 words. The artwork has been agreed. The Heritage group are now waiting for a draft of how this will work.
  - The idea of QR codes at heritage sites is still being investigated. This works well with other Councils. We don't know where the QR code background information is stored or how it can be updated.
- **Predator Free Tamahere (PFT):** Alison circulated her report prior to the meeting.
- **Exercise Equipment:** Updated in Councillors report.
- **Tamahere Lions:** The AED is set to be installed soon at the Tamahere Village.
- **Tamahere Mangaone Restoration Trust (TMRT):** Russell's written report was circulated prior to the meeting and is taken as read.

- The targeted rate agreed by WDC and added to all Tamahere property owners' rate bill is tightly controlled by WDC. No funds are made directly available to TMRT. Accounts must be presented to the Council who then pay approved accounts. All financial reporting is managed by WDC. It is a different management system for the Tamahere Community Center targeted rate take. At this stage none of the financial reports on the targeted rates is publicly available.
- Russell commented (in his report) on the Council requiring an ecological assessment report on the gully. Maggie reported that this had previously been completed (approx. 8 years ago). Maggie will look for a copy of the report and forward it to Cr Keir.
- **Tamahere Model Country School (TMCS):** Buddy circulated his report prior to the meeting & is taken as read.
  - Buddy will provide feedback to Luke &/or Cr Keir following the next BOT meeting regarding the traffic calming suggestions presented via Cr Beavis keeping in mind the Speed Management Plan proposed by WDC.
- **Tamahere St Stephens Church:**
  - **Dressing the Tree:** This is to be held on Friday 1 December (TBC) with everyone welcome to attend.
  - Christmas Festival items are well underway for sale in December.
  - Kitchen renovations will be completed soon.
- **WDC Mayors Steering Group:** This focuses on the LTP.
  - Charles will keep us updated.
  - A Community Events Coordinator is needed in Tamahere to make community events happen. Dominique Thurlow is the new Community Led Development Advisor with WDC who could liaise with a local coordinator to assist. "Creative Community" funds can be applied for to help fund events. Tamahere Forum could be utilized to seek an interested "local".

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

**Moved:** Lyn Harris    **Seconded:** Bevin Coley  
**All in favour**

## 12. TCC Submissions

- **Proposed Water Supply By-law:** submitted 5 November. Awaiting timing of Hearings.
- **Review of District Speed Limits:** Sub-committee formed (Charles, David & Lyn) and will meet Thursday 9 November @ 10.00am.
  - **Suggest:** Annebrook Road should not be closed off at the Hillcrest end once it is no longer part of State Highway 1. Consideration to this suggestion would be appreciated.
- **Housing Strategy information gathering Workshop:** This focuses on Affordable Housing in the Waikato District and is looking for new ideas on how to make this happen. The council is trying to have Affordable Housing as part of all new developments. The invitation date has been circulated to the committee (Wednesday 15 November 6.30pm – 8.30pm at the Council office). Cr Keir suggested that the committee could seek further information on affordable housing from Askel.

## 13. Other Business

- 2024 TCC Meeting dates (confirm booking to Lisa, TMCS)

**Motion:** Tamahere Community Committee will hold 2024 meetings on the first Tuesday of each month for 2024 starting at 7.30pm. The first meeting will be booked for Tuesday 13 February due to Waitangi Day being Tuesday 6 February.

**Moved:** Lyn Harris

**Seconded:** Bevin Coley

**All in Favour**

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

14. **Date of next meeting: 7.30pm on Tuesday, 5 December 2023**

**Meeting closed** at 9.32pm