



**Minutes of Tamahere Community Committee Meeting at
Tamahere Community Centre, 7.30pm on Tuesday 7th March 2023**

Present:

TCC: Charles Fletcher (Chair), Lyn Harris (Secretary), Bevan Coley, Janis Swan, James Yearsley, Jane Mason

Community: Robyn Denton, Aksel Bech, Mike Fredrickson, Leon Green

Tamahere Mangaone Restoration Trust: Russell Gibbs, Leo Koppens

Tamahere Lions: Sue Fookes

Tamahere Community Centre Committee: Shelley Howse

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

NZTA Waka Kotahi: Eduardo Majorel, Sarah Loynes

1. Apologies: Anne Cao, Julia Crosby, Buddy Annals

Moved apologies be accepted: Bevan Coley **Seconded:** Janis Swan
All in Favour

2. Confirmation of Minutes of meeting held on 7th February 2023 with the addition of Frances Christie (Tamahere Country Club Manager) recorded as being present

Moved Amended Minutes are approved: Lyn Harris **Seconded:** Janis Swan
All in Favour

3. Matters arising

- Disclosure of Interests – Geoff reported the Pecuniary and Non-pecuniary Interest and Gifts Return Form cannot be changed as it is prescribed by law, but voluntary for this Committee
 - Committee members who choose to complete the form can provide these to Geoff King.
 - At all future meetings any member having a pecuniary interest in anything on the agenda needs to declare it (so that voting can be properly managed).
- Flooding on Birchwood Lane – Diagonally across the road from Vintners Lane has been surveyed and consideration has been given to this flood prone area. It is not an “easy fix” and it will take time for the Council to decide on the best form of remediation.
- Speed Issues: There was a recent accident on Matangi Road – speed was definitely a factor.
 - Council believes signage is adequate and it is driver behaviour that needs to be modified.
- Heritage Signs
 - Hall Committee has confirmed they would like a sign outside the Hall.

- Lianne van den Bemd attended a Heritage Committee meeting to support and understand what signage is required by the community. The Church would like three signs in the area: Church site, Hall site & Park site.
- There is a story board planned for Tamahere but the historical information has not been completed yet.
- The cost of each sign has been indicated to be \$4 – 5,000 each.
- The Arnold Koppens carving now resides in the Tamahere Park Council office. The associated story board has never been completed. The wording has now been accepted – this could form one side of a story board sign with the wording for the other side yet to be determined. Points of historical interest should be identified on a map on the board. This board could be placed in the Piazza area.

Action: Jane, Shelley & Leo to meet to discuss the Heritage sign boards.

Motion: Jane Manson is appointed as the Tamahere Community Committee representative on the Tamahere Woodland Heritage Committee.

Moved: Charles Fletcher **Seconded:** Bevan Coley **All in favour**

- Daffodils

- Lyn has confirmed to Antoinette van der Weerden confirmation of TCC interest in the project and requested 3,000 bulbs with any extras if available.
- Lyn & Leo have met and discussed possible planting locations. This has been feedback to Antoinette along with photos. WDC must sign off on the location to be planted and will provide all information for the WDC Health & Safety process.
- TMCS has confirmed interest in participating in the project. Shelley Howse will be my point of contact for the school. (thank you Shelley)
- Agreed date for planting: 9.00am Tuesday 16 May 2023.
- Lyn has asked if CityCare could provide a digger like they did last year(2022). This is still TBC.

4. Correspondence (February/March 2023) - circulated by email prior to meeting

IN – Email

- Shelley Howse: Attendance at TCC Monthly meeting next week
- Mike Keir: Treaty of Waitangi & co-governance opinion
- Paul Johnson & Mike Keir: “Fitness Island” project connection”
- Antoinette van der Weerden: Correspondence regarding bulb planting at Tamahere Park 2023
- Dean Forman: “Fitness Island” hand-over
- Geoff King (to Charles): Background to CCTV project delay
- DIA: Acknowledgement of submission for the Review into the Future for LG in NZ
- James Yearsley: Feedback on LG Reform submission
- Waikato District Council regarding Bylaws now open for consultation: Public Places Bylaw (closes 27 March 2023) & Proposed Traffic Bylaw (closes 27 March 2023)
- Alison Ewing: Predator Free Tamahere – reporting and copy of minutes request
- Geoff King: Feedback to Charles regarding TCC Charter and investigation into what is available for public disclosure with regard to rate information

- Crystal Beavis: Importance of local community input into review of Public Places bylaw & proposed Traffic bylaw
- Karlene Rhind: Draft of WDC submission on He mata whariki, he matawhanui
- Geoff King: TCC & Disclosure of Interests – Confirmation that committee members do not need to complete the form but in general is recommended.
- Lianne Van Den Nemd: Further information regarding Creative Communities Scheme (CCS) Funding (current round closes 10 March 2023)
- Mike Keir: Feedback to Charles on TCC submission LGR panel.
- Russell Gibbs, TMRT: Written report submitted 7 February meeting

OUT – Email

- Lyn Harris to Antoinette van der Weerden: Confirmation of participation - community bulb planting activity in May 2023 and further correspondence regarding bulb numbers & planting location
- Lyn Harris to Grace Shaw: Thanking Grace for posting out 2023 meeting dates and confirmation of elected Deputy Chair.
- Charles Fletcher to Frances: Sent Frances copy of Minutes of February meeting.
- Charles Fletcher to Committee & Councillors: Local Government reform – submission to date & looking for Committee feedback
- Charles Fletcher: Response to Shelley (attendance at TCC meeting 7 March)
- Charles Fletcher: Treaty of Waitangi – an explanation by Sir Apirana Ngata
- Charles Fletcher: Confirming “Fitness Islands” project connection with Paul Johnson
- Charles Fletcher: Circulated TCC Fitness Pad Feasibility Options
- Charles Fletcher: TCC Submission – Review into the Future for Local Government in New Zealand (2022)
- Charles Fletcher: Circulation of WDC LG Reform submission
- Lyn Harris: Predator Free Tamahere; correspondence advising meeting date & reminder for report
- Charles Fletcher: Communication with Graham McAdam (Hall Committee Chair) regarding availability of funds for community signage from WDC (copy of Eureka sign attached)
- Charles Fletcher: To Geoff King regarding the proposed TCC Charter, and disclosure of WDC rate information
- Charles Fletcher: Local Government Reform Submission – requesting committee assistance and circulation information provided by Council

Moved that correspondence be approved: Charles Fletcher **Seconded:** Lyn Harris
All in favour

5. Waka Kotahi (NZTA) – Tamahere Interchange Update

For NZTA, Eduardo Majorel reported:

- This was always a 2-stage project – stage 1 is complete

- Next week the 2nd stage will begin, with apologies for the late start. This will include; the cycle rack installation at each bus stop, 2m wide footpath from Regal Haulage to the bus stop on the on-ramp & traffic lights.
 - Traffic management will be in place.

Community comments:

- Feedback on stage 1 traffic management: Complete closure was very difficult for the community to work round as the re-route options are long detours – especially the Hooker Road – Pencarrow Road loop back to Airport Road. Signage, before the Cherry Lane exit, when the Tamahere off ramp is closed, could afford the opportunity to use Alfred Main Drive/overbridge as a much shorter alternative.
 - Eduardo stated the traffic management system was being reviewed.
- Follow-up survey: will capture (in-part) the up-take of cycling to school/bus connections. Anecdotally, there has been a big increase in cycling since completion of stage 1.
- Airport grass verges near round-about are getting very long, as not being mowed monthly.
 - **Action:** Sarah Loynes (NZTA) will follow-up – mowing just prior to the third week of the month is ideal.
- On-ramp to expressway via Cambridge Road (heading south) is in very poor condition with faint road markings and challenging potholes.

6. Tamahere Park - Management of Bookings

Currently anyone wanting to book the use of Tamahere Park (sports fields) contacts the Council and a booking is made via the WDC main office on a first in basis. This is not ideal. Maybe we need to consider a locally managed booking system.

- Aksel introduced Mike Fredrickson (owner of Alpha Sport) and Leon Green (President of Lacrosse Waikato)
- Mike has been involved with the development of a Women's Cricket League.
 - Women's Cricket League plays at Tamahere Park every Saturday and alternates between T20 & 35 over games. Games start between 9.30am & 10.00am depending on the format being played.
- Leon has been involved with the establishment of Women's Lacrosse with Tamahere Park as its "home ground" (5+ years established).
 - Currently: Women play Saturdays from 8.30am – 4.00pm (approx.) & Men often train on Sundays at the Park.
 - The Lacrosse playing grounds are used all year round.
- Tamahere Park is an integral part of Tamahere Model Country School's sporting activities.
- All groups want to work together .
- **Suggested Booking System**
 - Adopt a booking system like that developed for the Suburbs Community Sports Club in Hamilton
 - Users set up a booking system that incorporates representatives from all the Users of the Park.
 - The constitution of the group needs to include a representative of all groups using the Park (Cricket, Lacrosse, TMCS Football)
- WDC will still mark & maintain the Park

- The “User Group” needs to work within an existing community entity. Aksel suggested that entity be the Tamahere Community Committee. James suggested that this could be by way of endorsement from the TCC rather than active involvement as the reporting structure.
- If the TCC becomes responsible for the User group then a TCC person needs to be appointed for reporting purposes.

Action: Geoff to obtain WDC recommendation/ feedback on booking suggestion

Action: Aksel will provide further information on how the Suburbs system works.

7. Piazza Activation

- Charles has spoken with Dallas Fisher to discuss activities for the Tamahere Piazza. It needs a champion to promote the vision and manage events. A monthly event (having a community focus and theme) is required.
- Dallas has to look after his health but is willing to provide contacts and support.
- Dallas supports including food trucks, but they are not the “main event”
- The event should not compete with existing regular community activity. (e.g. Tamahere Markets). This needs promotional support.
 - Other ideas: Big screen movie night
 - Music on the stage – e.g. school bands | emerging musician entertainment events
 - Commorative date activations e.g. Christmas, Easter, ANZAC
- The Booking system group could also manage Piazza event bookings.

8. Te Awa Cycleway opening

- **Date:** Sunday 26 March 2023
- Tamahere Lions & St Stephens Church representatives attended the Tamahere area activation meeting arranged by WDC.
- **Outcome:**
 - St Stephens will have a (stamp) site at the Church.
 - Tamahere Lions will have a (stamp) site at the bottom of Riverglade Drive – on the cycleway.

9. WDC Service Delivery – Tamahere Community Committee Issues Report

Report circulated and accepted as read.

- Birchwood Lane traffic – The amount of traffic using Birchwood Lane has exceeded expectations.
- There will be further discussion regarding traffic activity in Tamahere, as a result of the completion of the Expressway, at the next meeting – NZTA (Sarah Loynes) and WDC (Luke and Grant) will attend.
- Better off Funding for CCTV project – DIA has indicated that this will be available at the end of March. Conditional on process being complete.

10. Councillors Report (Crystal Bevis written report circulated prior to meeting)

The circulated report is accepted as read.

- Staff have been redeployed to assist with Cyclone Gabrielle disaster recovery in our district. This has meant changes/delays to timing for other projects.

- Cr Bevis recommends that the Committee review the Traffic Bylaw as this provides Police with a greater influence on boy racer activities.
 - **Submissions close:** Monday 27 March
- Action:** Lyn, Charles, James to confer for making a TCC submission.

11. Tamahere Community Centre Committee (Hall)

- Charles welcomed Shelley to the meeting & thanked her for coming
 - Shelley (previously a TCC member) is a teacher at the school and involved in the daffodil planting project for the school. She indicated that it is good to be working together. Heritage signage was discussed
 - Our committee would like to keep in closer contact with the Hall committee
- Action:** Lyn to forward copy of Eureka Heritage sign to Shelley

12. Tamahere Community Committee Charter – circulated prior to meeting

Action: Committee members to provide written feedback to Charles so that he can update the document & re-circulate for the next meeting (April).

13. Reports

1. Tamahere Park Exercise Equipment

- Charles met with Paul Johnson who will now draw a firmed up plan for each exercise area. Charles will present this to the Committee for comment.
- Cr Keir has requested that he be kept in the loop to ensure funding remains available as it is from multiple pots in Council and needs some management.

2. Tamahere Lions: No new updates.

- Lions are happy to be involved in the Heritage signs project.
- Lions are looking forward to taking part in the Te Awa Cycleway opening.

3. Tamahere Mangaone Restoration Trust (TMRT): Russell circulated a written report

- Glyn Morgan from DOC has been really helpful & supportive of targeted rate.
- Amendment to MOU is underway (still to be finalized)

Motion: Russells report be accepted

Moved: Russell Gibbs **Seconded:** James Yearsley **All in favour**

4. Tamahere Model Country School: Buddy circulated a written report prior to meeting

- At the last meeting Charles discussed the availability of sharing CCTV compatibility with the proposed Village system.
- The school is unsure if their space is deemed public or private as information flow is controlled by these definitions. They are waiting for an opinion.

Motion: The school report be accepted

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

5. Tamahere St Stephens Church

- St Stephens Church will be a resting stop for the Te Awa Cycleway official opening on 26 March.
- They will be providing; a “commemorative” stamp, Juice truck stop & probably a coffee stop.

- St Stephens plans to make an application for funds for Heritage signs.
Motion: Tamahere Community Committee supports the application for funding from the Waikato District Council Heritage Project Fund for signs for St Stephens Church, the Tamahere Community Centre and Tamahere Village.
Moved: Jane Manson **Seconded:** Charles Fletcher **All in favour**
- If a third sign is required an application to the Rural Discretionary Fund may be needed. **Action:** Jane will follow-up on this.

10. TCC Submissions

Local Governance Review Panel

- Cr Beavis acknowledged and thanked Charles for the time & effort put into the TCC submission . Local governance is important for local control and input.
- The reforms proposed do not link cohesively and so cannot work together. This is developing into a huge problem for all local councils.
- Charles asked that all members of the committee assist where they can with feedback and contributions to TCC submissions – following distribution of draft wording.

WDC Blueprint Update for Tamahere

- Committee review is required via a workshop
Action: Jane will look for 2022 notes for circulation
Action: Geoff will provide the Committee with the critical timeline.
- Ward Feedback: Charles suggested to our Councillors that it would be advantageous to get Committee Chairs from Tamahere, Gordonton, Matangi and Eureka together to investigate areas of common objectives.
Action: Crystal and Mike will work on this.

Airport Plan

- The Plan is due for an update
- Flight training school is no longer operating. The airport is keen to get a new tenant.
Action: Charles will invite a local committee representative to a Tamahere Committee meeting

11. Other Business

EV Charging Stations

- **Action:** Geoff to provide Charles with the ChargeNet contact person so that he can follow-up on the installation timeline

Village Growth – Water Reservoir and Pumping Station location

- Cr Keir confirmed this is a long term project and he undertakes to update the Committee as required.

Bylaw Reforms

- Cr Beavis highlighted two currently out for consultation;
 1. Proposed Public Places Bylaw – new Bylaw - [Proposed Public Places Bylaw 2023 | Shape Waikato \(waikatodistrict.govt.nz\)](https://shape.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/proposed-public-places-bylaw-2023)
 2. Traffic Bylaw – review - <https://shape.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/proposed-traffic-bylaw-2023>

Action: Committee to review the bylaws as per links provided and feedback to Lyn & Charles by 20 March 2023

Date of next meeting: 7.30pm on Tuesday 4th April 2023

Actions: See marked through the Minutes above.

Items for Next Meeting:

- Tamahere Roading Update – School crossing, Birchwood Lane & interchange updates
- CCTV & EV Charging Progress
- Committee Charter discussion
- Blueprint – set a workshop date

Meeting closed at 9:40 pm