



**Minutes of Tamahere Community Committee Meeting at
Tamahere Community Centre, 7.30pm on Tuesday 2nd May 2023**

Present:

TCC: Charles Fletcher (Chair), Lyn Harris (Secretary), Bevin Coley, Anne Cao, Buddy Annals (TMCS), Jane Manson

Community: David Ralfe, Greg Tait

Tamahere Mangaone Restoration Trust: Russell Gibbs

Tamahere Lions: Sue Fookes

WDC: Cr Mike Keir, Geoff King, Grant Tregidga, Vishal Ramduny, Cr Crystal Beavis (late)

Waikato Regional Council: Katherine Simpson

Waka Kotahi (NZTA): Eduardo Majorel

Base Civil: Paul Roberts

1. Apologies: Janis Swan, Cr Crystal Beavis (may arrive late due to another meeting)

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

2. Confirmation of Minutes of meeting held on 4th April 2023

Moved Amended Minutes are approved: Lyn Harris **Seconded:** Bevin Coley **All in Favour**

3. Matters arising

- No additional matters arising

4. Correspondence (April/May 2023) - circulated by email prior to meeting

IN – Email

- WDC Democracy: Growth Projections Workshop Material for Web Zoom Tuesday 2 May 2.30pm – 4.00pm
- David Ralfe: Request for May agenda
- Teresa Lange (Events Officer, WDC): Event processes workshop for our communities. Online drop-in session Tuesday 16 May 6.00pm – 7.00pm
- Leo Koppens: Spraying in Maneapoto Reserve
- Antoinette Van Der Weerden (CityCare): Tentative booking for groundwork preparation for bulb planting. Subject to WDC approval.
- Geoff King (WDC): TCC Works & Issues report for May meeting
- Teresa Lang (WDC): Tamahere bulb planting and Health & Safety
- Antoinette Van Der Weerden (CityCare): Confirmation of bulb delivery time.
- Matt Horsfield (WDC): Connectivity Workshop notification & invitation for 3.00pm Thursday 4 May 2023

- Shelley Howse (TMCS): Tamahere bulb planting project information
- Leo Koppens (TMRT): Support for request to do groundwork prior to bulb planting.
- Russell Gibbs (TMRT): Follow-up on Connectivity Workshop meeting details
- David Ralfe: Follow-up on Airport Road safety concerns
- Antoinette Van Der Weerden (CityCare): Feedback on planting location of bulbs in Tamahere Park plus confirmation that no groundwork will be undertaken by CityCare for this community project.
- Vishal Ramduny (WDC): Request to invite Matangi Community Group to our May meeting to hear about the trial bus service for the area.
- Geoff King (WDC): Request for agenda item on Bus services proposed for Tamahere & presentation by WDC & WRC.
- Democracy, WDC: Invitation to Freedom Camping Bylaw Workshop to provide guidance to staff & confirm what will be included in the open consultation material. Date – Wednesday 7 June @ 1.30pm in Council Chambers
- Democracy, WDC: Invitation to Adaptive Management Planning – Port Waikato, Raglan Workshop to receive proposal & provide direction relating to future adaptive management planning work. Date – Tuesday 30 May @1.30pm in Council Chambers
- David Ralfe: Speed reduction SH 21 (Airport Road). Communication with Sarah Loynes (Waka Kotahi) providing specific support information for the case to reduce the speed on SH 21.
- Democracy (WDC): Confirmation of receipt of April 4 Minutes.
- Sarah Loynes (Waka Kotahi): Response to David Ralfe regarding the case to reduce the speed on Airport Road (SH21)
- Leo Koppens (TMRT): Confirmation of attendance at Connectivity Strategy Workshop
- Crystal Beavis (WDC, Councillor): Amendment to Minutes requested.
- David Ralfe: Correspondence regarding speed reduction on Airport Road (SH21) to Grant Tregidga (WDC) providing a summary of issues & desired outcome.
- Doesjka Trevarthen: Note of support to TMRT targeted rate.
- Leo Koppens (TMRT): Notification of Taiao Strategy Hearing on Tuesday 18 April 2023
- Janis Swan: Request for Tamahere Blueprint information and apologies for 2 May meeting
- Sue Robertson: Confirmation of circulation of TMRT consultation dates
- Crystal Beavis (WDC, Councillor): Outline of targeted rate proposal for restoration of the Tamahere gully network for circulation.
- Sarah Loynes (Waka Kotahi): Letter seeking more information regarding the bus issue on Airport Road (SH 21)
- Russell Gibbs (TMRT): Notification of TMRT website update which now includes information regarding the targeted rate community consultation.
- Russell Gibbs (TMRT): Notification of WDC media release regarding Tamahere targeted rate community consultation.
- Christie Roberts (WDC): Notification of Media release calling for feedback on the proposed targeted annual rate for Tamahere gully network restoration.
- Leo Koppens: Thoughts on appropriate locations for Daffodil bulb planting.

- Sarah Loynes: Apologies for non-attendance at 4 April meeting

OUT – Email

- EV Charging Stations Update (ChargeNet)
- Better off funding for CCTV project; Asanka Meththa, WDC
- Civil Defense & Better off Funding update request; Tony Whittaker, WDC
- Waka Kotahi attendance at May's meeting; Sarah Loynes
- Response to Shelley's request for more information on the Tamahere bulb planting project
- Response to Antoinette regarding delivery of bulbs, location of planting & requests for groundwork preparation for bulb planting 16 May.
- Confirmation to Geoff & Vishal for agenda item to be added for May meeting – Waikato Regional Council & Waikato District Council on the proposed bus services for Tamahere (& Matangi).
- Letter to Sarah Loynes (Waka Kotahi) regarding David Ralfe's concerns raised at TCC meeting 4 April.
- Circulate to Tamahere residents & rate payers forthcoming TMRT targeted rate consultation dates along with Cr Beavis's outline of what the targeted rate will be used for.
- Circulation to the TCC regarding what we would like to do to commemorate the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III. Focus on promoting sustainability & acknowledging volunteers.

Moved that correspondence be approved: Lyn Harris **Seconded:** Jane Manson
All in favour

5. Waikato District Council (WDC) and Waikato Regional Council (WRC)– Presentation of Tamahere, Matangi & Hamilton trial bus service

Vishal & Katherine's combined presentation:

- December 2020 a Waikato Transport Survey was conducted to ascertain what transport services were required.
- The outcomes indicated that a bus service was wanted.
- Funds are available from the LTP for a trial service. WDC & WRC are exploring:
 - Communities desire for the service
 - Where should the service go (direction)
 - How often should the service be available?
 - The 2020 survey indicated that patronage may not be that great within the Tamahere area.
- Advantage of service – Matangi & Tamahere fall within Zone 1 (Hamilton) Zone.
- Tamahere Country Club (not indicated on the presentation map) needs to be added to the list of groups needing to give feedback.
- The consultation process is just beginning. Long-term permanent funding would need to be found for this to be a long-term service.

- Vishal & Katherine are continuing with Community engagement and taking on board feedback.
- With less commuter parking being available in Hamilton CBD it is thought that this service may be desirable as an alternative way to get to work.

Committee feedback:

- The timing of the service will be critical to patronage.
- Discussions required with both the retirement villages in the area to ascertain their needs.
- The service needs to be reliable.
- Linkage with Hamilton on Saturdays would support the Market Days at St Stephens Church and Lions Market at Tamahere Community Centre
- When will the trial start?
- How long will the trial go on for?
- The service would need to connect with Hillcrest.
- The suggestion was made that 2 circuits be considered: 1 for Tamahere to CBD & the other for Matangi via Newstead to CBD.
 - **Action:** An electronic copy of the presentation to be circulated to the Committee following the meeting.
 - **Action:** Vishal & Katherine will come back to Tamahere Community Committee after consolidating feedback from all groups

6. NZTA Update

Provided by: Eduardo Majorel

- The next stage of the Tamahere Interchange redevelopment will start on Monday 8 May 2023. Progress is reliant on weather conditions.
- This will install lights, provide two raised crossings, lighting and extend footpath on Airport Road & on-ramp. There will be road closures during the night but most of the work will involve shoulder closures.
- There will be no road works during Fieldays or local Market days.
- Traffic counting is not for Eduardo to comment on.
- **Action:** Eduardo to feed back to appropriate group as to the monitoring of traffic using this interchange.

7. WDC Report Update on Roding

Provided by Grant Tregidga: Outcomes and discussions following meeting with NZTA 20th April.

- WDC is responsible for speed reduction measures for Birchwood Lane. Currently assessing speed bumps. Speed & traffic volume information is still being gathered.
- Airport Road speed:
 - Case has been presented to NZTA. There is a process required to get this agreed to.
 - We will receive further feedback at our next meeting.
 - Community is looking for a speed reduction to 60 km/hr from the interchange to Narrows Bridge plus engine braking restrictions.
 - Grant suggested TCC needs to start a dialogue with the Director of Transport

- Wiremu Tamihana/Airport Roads intersection – no roundabout in the plan. This would assist in slowing traffic down as they came towards the intersection.
- TMCS footpath v crossing: The opportunity arose for WDC to extend the footpath from Lil Pumpkins to school crossing. This project is now underway.

8. WDC Service Delivery – Tamahere Community Committee Issues Report

Report circulated by Geoff King and accepted as read.

- **CCTV project:**
 - MOU with Hamilton City Council (HCC) has not been finalized.
 - Funding is still not available.
 - Pricing will change as funding delivery has not hit deadlines due to missing budget release dates.
- **Riff Raff Toilet and New Toilet Block:**
 - WDC is in possession of the toilet. Assessment is still underway which will include how to fix the broken doors.
- **Reserve Naming:**
 - No decision has been made. The Reserve Management Plan update needs to be completed before this happens.
 - Decision on the Reserve's reclassification (currently Local Purpose Reserve (Quarry site)) has not been completed.
- **Population Growth:**
 - Charles participated in a group meeting to consider the report commissioned by WDC on population growth in the WDC area.
 - Cr Keir, Cr Beavis & Charles raised concerns regarding aspects of the report, but they are not confident that there will be any changes.
 - Tamahere has been identified as having negative growth through to 2050.
 - The report did not take into account Tamahere Country Club or Atawhai Assisi/Eventide growth.
 - This information will be used for the LTP 2024-2027 funding decisions.
- **Civil Defense Plan:**
 - Charles has received some information and will follow up for more.
 - Charles will liaise with the Chair of the Tamahere Community as the Center plays a pivotal role in the plan.

9. Councillor's Report (Crystal Bevis written report circulated)

The circulated report is accepted as read. Mike asked for any questions.

- **Rate increase** will be 7% and revaluations will remain on the 3-year cycle review.
- **TMRT targeted rate** - final public consultation is tomorrow (3 May)
 - Feedback can be given on-line until Friday 5 May.
 - Council funding has been & will be contributed to this project as outlined in the LTP. To open these areas up for community use more funding is required.
- **LTP for 2024-27** – Council wants the plan operational by June 2023
 - Workshops have been held. The community needs to give feedback to WDC as to what is important. If it's not in the LTP then it won't get done.
- **Taiao Strategy review** – we are still losing biodiversity in the WDC area.
 - WDC is looking for ways to assist with regeneration of indigenous species.

- **Cemeteries Bylaw review** – consideration was given to mortuary waste, dogs on leads and allowance of natural burials.

Motion: Councillor's report be accepted

Moved: Cr Keir **Seconded:** Jane Manson
All in favour

10. Invited Visitors:

Matangi Community group were invited to the meeting, but it clashed with their meeting and so could not attend. Cr Crystal Beavis attended this meeting and Charles with Cr Mike Keir also attended the first half hour of that meeting held at the Councils Tamahere meeting space.

11. Reports

1. **WDC Blueprint:** This follows on from the Workshops conducted by WDC to discuss where funding should be directed. It is difficult to extend the budget into areas other than current council services.
 - TCC needs to fresh the Tamahere Blueprint currently in place.
 - Review needs to be completed this month.
 - **Action:** Lyn to book WDC meeting room on WT Drive for Monday 15 May. The meeting will start at 7.30pm.
 - **Action:** Lyn to send out an invitation to attend to all Committee members.
2. **Predator Free Tamahere (PFT):** Karel Kuper's written report was circulated prior to the meeting.
 - Report taken as read.
 - The Committee supports the work being done by PFT. Cr Keir reported 2 possum kills, Charles has had 15 from his 2 traps.
3. **Exercise Equipment:** Charles & Mike to meet to discuss funding.
4. **Tamahere Lions:** Verbal project update given by Sue.
 - AED plus lockbox: Has an annual maintenance contract been entered into to maintain the integrity of the AED?
5. **Tamahere Mangaone Restoration Trust (TMRT):** Russell circulated a written report.
 - Final consultation/drop-in session is being held tomorrow at the Tamahere Community Centre. There were only about 4 people at the first consultation session in April.
 - Over 3,000 plants will be picked up in June & then will be planted in the gullies.

Motion: Russell's report be accepted

Moved: Russell Gibbs **Seconded:** BevinColey
All in favour

6. **Tamahere Model Country School (TMCS):** Buddy's written report was circulated prior to the meeting.
- The wastewater system project is not finished yet. MOE needs to complete the project before final separation can be made between the Hall & the school.
 - A limited number of children are accepted each year from out-of-zone. The roll is currently sitting at just over 400 students.
 - Tickets to the Havana Nights Ball can be purchased from the school office.

Motion: Buddy's report be accepted

Moved: Buddy Annals

Seconded: Bevin Coley
All in favour

7. **Tamahere St Stephens Church**

Verbal report provided by Jane Manson

- 140th Anniversary will be commemorated on Sunday 28 May. It will be celebrated alongside after Sunday service (10.30 – 11ish). There will be commemorative historical tours around the cemetery.
- Funding has been approved for 2 heritage signs which will follow the standard already set. Final wording will be presented to the Committee at a later date.

12. **WDC & TCC Charter**

- Holdover for next meeting – Charles will present update.

13. **Other Business**

EV Charging Station

- ChargeNet had set a timetable for installation. Charles has emailed Anthony (ChargeNet) but has had no response.

Commemoration for the Coronation of King Charles III

- We missed our deadline for ordering a commemorative tree through WDC.
- 26 May – Portrait hanging ceremony at WDC offices.

Daffodil Planting

- Tuesday 16 May 2023 at 9.00am behind the Hall in Tamahere Park
- Groundwork has been approved by WDC. CityCare is organising.
- TMCS is supporting this community event. Hopefully some Lions members will also be able to assist. All welcome!

Facebook

- Alison is currently the administrator of TCC Facebook. She would like to pass this on to a committee member. Please let me know if you will take this on.

Date of next meeting: 7.30pm on Tuesday 6th June 2023

Actions: See marked through the Minutes above.

Items for Next Meeting:

- Tamahere Roading Update – Interchange updates
- CCTV & EV Charging Progress
- Committee Charter discussion

- Tamahere Park Booking system update.
- Civil Defense Plan for Tamahere

Meeting closed at 9:40 pm