



**Minutes of Tamahere Community Committee Meeting at
Tamahere Community Centre, 7.30pm on Tuesday 1st August 2023**

Present:

TCC: Charles Fletcher (Chair), Buddy Annals, Bevin Coley, Anne Cao, Janis Swan, Lyn Harris

Community: Mark Eman (Hamilton Airport Community Liaison Group), Maggie Wilcock

Tamahere Mangaone Restoration Trust: Russell Gibbs

Tamahere Lions: Sue Fookes

WDC: Mayor Jacqui Church, Geoff King, Cr Mike Keir, Cr Crystal Beavis

1. Apologies: Jane Manson, James Yearsley

Moved apologies be accepted: Charles Fletcher **Seconded:** Buddy Annals
All in Favour

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

Moved Minutes are approved: Janis Swan **Seconded:** Bevan Coley
All in Favour

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

4. Correspondence (July 2023) - circulated by email prior to meeting

IN – Email

- Pippa Stevenson: Response to Charles regarding the possible continuance of the Tamahere Forum in some format.
- Geoff King, WDC: Provided Tamahere Office stats report.
- Matt Horsfield, WDC: Community Facilities Strategy Early Engagement following up request for a drop-in session for southern part of WDC region. Preliminary date set as Wednesday 9 August – TBC.
- Lenka Brezinova, Regal Haulage: Interested in attending TCC meeting in August.
- Reserve Planning Team Leader, WDC: Announcement of Early Engagement for Community Strategy.
- Mary Rinaldi, WDC: Announcement that formal consultation has opened for WDC Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2023. Consultation will be open until Monday 14 August 2023.
- Gavin Ion, WDC: Acknowledgement to Charles for receipt of One Roof article on Tamahere.
- Geoff King, WDC: TCC Discretionary Fund update providing Closing Balance as at 30 June 2023.

- Crystal Beavis, WDC Councillor: Forwarded documents to assist with the work required to develop the Community Response Plan for Tamahere.
- Jacqui Church, WDC Mayor: Invitation to Hall Committee and Residents Ratepayers Association Get -together.
- Geoff King, WDFC: Acknowledgement to Charles & follow-up activity regarding the damage to the grass verge created by vehicles.
- Elizabeth Saunders, WDC: Acknowledgment that Agenda had been uploaded to the Council website.
- Toby McIntyre, WDC: Confirmation of WDC adoption of the Traffic Bylaw 2023.

OUT – Email

- Charles: Letter to Pippa Stevenson regarding the vision to reinvigorate Tamahere Forum.
- Charles: Agenda sent to Mark Eman for TCC meeting Tuesday 1 August.
- Charles: Invitation to Regal Haulage to speak to TCC at our September meeting (5 September)
- Charles: Request for drop-in session for Community Facilities Strategy Early Engagement
- Charles: Response to Lenka Brezinova’s invitation to Regal Haulage Open Day (forwarded from Sue Robertson). Open Day scheduled for Saturday 19 August 10.00am – 2.00pm
- Anne: Confirmation of next TCC meeting date to Carolyn Eyre.
- Charles: Invitation to Mark Eman join our next TCC meeting to discuss activity at Hamilton Airport. Mark is a member of the Hamilton Airport Community Liaison Group.
- Charles: Note to Geoff King showing the report for TCC Funds with WDC, March 2020.
- Charles: Circulation of OneRoof article – “Tamahere – the elite suburb that’s become a magnet for doctors ... and Aucklanders”.
- Charles: Tamahere Blueprint 2023 sent to Jim Ebenhoh and copied to other WDC staff.

Moved that correspondence be approved: Lyn Harris **Seconded:** Bevin Coley
All in favour

5. WDC Service Delivery – Tamahere Community Committee Issues Report

Report circulated by Geoff King and accepted as read.

- Feedback on Works, Actions & Issues Report:
 - CCTV update: Frustrated with the slow response from HCC regarding the MOU with WDC. Funding is approved by DIA and WDC.
 - Geoff sent out 2 reports earlier this month
 - Tamahere Office & Community Space 2022/23
 - Summary & Update of the TCC Discretionary Fund.
 - Cr Keir – WDC Tamahere office lease only is about 18mths to go. Fosters leased the office space at a very favourable rate. Reset is to a market rate lease & Cr Keir would like to see funds available for renewal of the lease. Consensus is that the Office is working well and of considerable benefit to the WDC and the Community. WDC staff enjoy working in the space.

- **Action:** Geoff will follow up with what the Council plan for ongoing lease of the existing space. The Council looks at viability and benefit for the services provided for the community.
- Vote of thanks to the team that completed the bollards, replacing the farm fence on the boundary between the sports fields and Wiremu-Tamihana Drive. Geoff will pass this on.
- Modular toilet: The target is to get the project completed as soon as possible. The contractor will be confirmed to us.
- Riff Raff toilet: Assessment is complete and being budgeted to make useable. May be repurposed elsewhere depending on cost and funding – Geoff to update. Use at Tamahere is reliant on available funds following the completion of the Modular toilet.

Motion: WDC Service Delivery Report be accepted

Moved: Geoff King **Seconded:** Buddy Annals
All in favour

6. Councillors' Report (Crystal Beavis written report circulated)

Report circulated by Crystal and accepted as read.

- *Community Committees* (predominantly for the Hall Committees) catch-up: WDC staff and committee representatives had a great catch-up. Charles and Anne attended for TCC. Unfortunately, there was no representative from the Tamahere Hall Committee.
- *Blueprint Plan updates:* Some Blueprints have been a little slow coming in which is why there is a delay in taking these plans to the Wellbeing & Sustainability Committee which will now happen in September.
 - Charles noted we have had no feedback on our current Blueprint submission and enquired if WDC staff or the Committee will seek comment on WDC recommendations and costings for the LTP in response to what has been submitted by local committees?
 - The previous TCC Blueprint submission was overridden by staff rejecting a number of priorities (Charles suggested that might be inappropriate going forward given the effort put into the current submission and the aspirations/vision for the future).
 - There will be a public meeting of the Committee for discussion to take place. Crystal or Mike will alert us when this is coming up so we can attend (not sure of speaking rights).
- *Civil Defense:* Following Cyclone Gabrielle some parts of the district were adversely affected. WDC is now looking for Community members to support a local community plan.
 - This needs to be an initiative by Council, as Civil Defense is WDC responsibility, to set up a local community meeting. The meeting could need to include representatives from the School, Hall Committee, TCC, Church, Retirement Village, Regal Haulage, Tamahere Village businesses and other local businesses, farmers, etc.
 - Council staff are looking for 1 – 2 people in the Community to lead this initiative.
 - Currently there are no groups near us that have a Community Response Plan.
 - The committee would need to identify what adverse events may affect Tamahere. Charles referenced the Fire near TMCS & the community response as an example of the type of emergencies that can occur in the community. There are flooding spots around Tamahere, Matangi, Woodlands that we need to be aware of.

- Maggie confirmed that a Civil Defense Group was set up some time back and this seems to have slowly fizzled out. James was part of this. Charles will follow up with James.
- *Ngati Haua*: The Council met with Ngati Haua today which went well. Cr Keir would like to have more of these get-togethers.
- *Aero-space factory*: Councillors' took the opportunity to look at what is happening there now with new plane manufacturing. It looks like it is being invigorated as a local industry and is a great news story. They are exporting new planes and this is an awesome facility.

Motion: Councillors' report be received.

Moved: Cr Crystal Beavis

Seconded: Cr. Mike Keir

All in favour

7. Hamilton Airport Plans & Community Issues - Mark Eman
(as 1 of 3 local representatives)

- The **Airport Community Liaison Group (CLG)** was initially set up due to the establishment of CTC as a business near Hamilton Airport and the noise from all the small planes flying circuits. CTC trained 200-300 pilots each year. A Noise Management Plan (NMP) was developed by the CLG to restrict night time circuit training so that this activity can no longer occur after 10.00pm. This time is extended to 10.30pm during Daylight Saving to provide sufficient time for the students to conduct night time training (summer).
- Waikato Aero Club continued operations after the Covid 19 pandemic. However, because L3 was unable to bring in international students over this time, the company elected to cease operations.
- Charles & Leo were recently advised the Airport has since purchased the CTC facility (L3 Airline Academy) and is looking for alternative operators to use this facility. Mark understands that the Airport Company is seeking alternative businesses to replace that lost by the departure of L3 (*formerly CTC*). Through the CLG, the Airport is fully informed of the concerns of the local community regarding any large increase in the flight of smaller training planes over the local district
- The CLG is now meeting every 6 months due to the change in activities at Hamilton Airport. There have been NO complaints in recent times (since CTC closed down)
- Charles sort to clarify current thinking regarding the WDC Noise Corridor (reverse sensitivity issues) in Tamahere and if it is still valid as a limitation to property development/ subdivision?
 - Mark indicated the steps taken by WDC to add this to the District Plan years ago was a positive initiative and allowed covenants to go on titles to land which was subdivide within the envelop to mitigate sound effects and so new owners were on notice as to the possible consequences of living under the flight path of planes landing and taking off from the airport.
 - Since then the envelop has been changed a number of times decreasing, lengthening and increasing. Maggie pointed out that some properties had been subdivided and built on when the envelop was decreased but are now back in the envelop as a result of a later increase by Council.
 - Some discussion noted that things have changed a lot since the original limitations were imposed over Tamahere: modern planes which have much less noise than the old Boeing jets, need shorter runway and take-off space for elevation, double gazing

as standard for new buildings, etc so a review as to the on-going need for this restriction to a small number of properties now impacted, especially since there are homes now built within the envelop with not problems to the Airport.

- Mark indicated the noise issue has never been about large commercial jet airliners. It has always focused on the far slower, noisier small training planes that take significantly longer to passage over properties, therefore creating a greater noise effect. The Airport company is letting it's consent for a runway extension expire. The explanation is that there is no expectation that more of the larger jet type aircraft are to be expected at this facility anytime soon
- Mark is happy to ask the Liaison Group to consider the changes that would be required to eliminate the restrictions for subdivision in the Tamahere District
- Noise complaints can be made on the Airport website.

8. Reports

- **CCTV update:** Refer Geoff's report
- **Tamahere Lions:** Sue reported
 - E-cargo trike – this project is proceeding. The trike will live at the Velodrome.
 - AED is still going to be exterior mounted in the Village near the pharmacy.
- **Predator Free Tamahere (PFT):** No report this month
- **Exercise Equipment:** No update this month
- **Tamahere Mangaone Restoration Trust (TMRT):** Russell's written report was circulated prior to the meeting and is taken as read.
 - Really pleased with tree numbers planted recently and about to be planted
 - Looking at gravity fed water tanks to mitigate the effects of dry weather on the young plants
 - Making good progress on issues with Council
- **Tamahere Model Country School (TMCS):** Buddy sent out report prior to the meeting.
 - No thefts this month
 - Speeding past the school is a big problem (School is working on this with parents and children).
- **Tamahere St Stephens Church:** The Church is planning on upgrading their kitchen soon
- **Heritage report:** Signage is a work in progress.
- **WDC Community Boards, Community & Hall Committees Steering Group Meeting** (Anne & Charles):
 - Last month it was predominantly a Hall Committee meeting.
 - Mayor Jacqui has done a good job at giving community groups some facetime.
 - Great opportunity to meet people within the Waikato District and share ideas.
 - Everyone in TCC is welcome – if you are available to attend any of these meetings – you are welcome (let Charles know of your interest).

Motion: All of the above reports be received

Moved: Charles Fletcher

Seconded: Bevin Coley

All in favour

9. TCC Submissions

- **WDC Blueprint for Tamahere:** Crystal will keep us posted.
- **Proposed WDC Freedom Camping Bylaw (closes 14 August)**
 - There are only 2 areas in the Waikato where you can go to Freedom Camp without self-containment.
 - There is a fixed number of nights that you can stay.
 - TCC Committee to feedback comments to Charles.
 - The Committee is encouraged to go to the WDC website and make their own submissions.
- **Waikato District Community Facilities Strategy (closes 13 August)** – People need to attend the meeting 9 August 2.30pm – 4.00pm at the Tamahere Community Centre to get better informed. Everyone is encouraged to attend.
- **Waikato District Connectivity Strategy (closes 13 August)** – This includes the Trail Strategy.
 - People need to attend the meeting on 9 August. This meeting is now being advertised on the WDC web site. Matt Horsfield has met with TMRT.
 - Tamahere has had a “Bridal” trail, but this activity has reduced.
 - Please go to the meeting and put together your thoughts and then give feedback to Charles. TMRT will alert us to any of their concerns.
- **Review of the Ngaruawahia, Hopuhopu and Taupiri Structure Plan and the formulation of the Ngaruawahia Town Centre Plan (dates to be advised)**
- **WDC Local Alcohol Policy** – closed but subject to 3 appeals.
- **Asset Management Plan**

10. Other Business

Regal Haulage – open day invite for Saturday 19 August 10.00am – 2.00pm. All Community members are welcome.

Charles will resend the invitation.

Tamahere Forum, and Communications channel for TCC

Charles indicated that Pippa Stevenson’s retirement means the Tamahere Forum is about to go off-line. He is concerned that we do not have a direct means of communication (web-site or email) to our community and ratepayers and sometimes we really need to send out communications, sometimes at short notice, as people are not receiving critical information unless they are, for example, looking at the Councils web-site.

- The Forum has an established list of email addresses.
- Mail Chimp is a good system to send out email highlights following meetings.
- Charles will follow possible leads with Tamahere Country Club and a community person from Matangi to try and find someone who can assist or champion a web-site and email system for TCC (unlikely anyone can fill Pippa Stevenson’s shoes)
- To be discussed at next meeting – Committee needs to address what we want this to look like, what do we want it to say, how do we think it should operate?

TCC representative for the Community Boards and Community Committee Steering Group

- All TCC elected members welcome

EV charging Station update

- Update at next meeting

Organising a Civil Defence Plan for Tamahere

- **Crystal** will work to progress this and enable community members to come together.

Tamahere/Matangi bus service trial Workshop – next meeting Monday 28 August, 7.00pm at the Tamahere Community Hall

- Buddy & Lyn will attend.
- **Lyn** to email reminder just prior to the meeting date.

Date of next meeting: 7.30pm on Tuesday 5th September 2023.

Apologies for next meeting from Janis & Mike Keir

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

Items for Next Meeting:

- CCTV Funding progress
- EV Charging Progress
- Committee Charter discussion
- Tamahere Forum or alternate communication channel to Tamahere community.
- **Invited guests:** Regal Haulage
- Blueprint update
- Exercise Equipment progress

Meeting closed at 9.15pm