



**Minutes of Tamahere Community Committee Meeting at  
Tamahere Community Centre, 7.30pm on Tuesday 1 October 2024**

**Present:**

**TCC:** Charles Fletcher (Chair), Lyn Harris (secretary), Buddy Annals, Janis Swan

**WDC:** Cr Crystal Beavis, Cr Mike Keir, Geoff King, Greer Gisborne

**Tamahere Lions:** Sue Fookes

**Tamahere Mangaone Restoration Trust (TMRT):** Russell Gibbs

**Community:** Maggie Wilcock, Roseanne Bath, David Ralfe, Sue Robertson

**1. Apologies:** Bevin Coley, Jane Manson, Anne Cao, Scott Mathias

**Motion:** Apologies be accepted

**Moved:** Charles Fletcher      **Seconded:** Lyn Harris  
**All in Favour**

**2. Confirmation of Minutes** of meeting held 3 September 2024.

- Correction to Minutes: Amend email address for verbal submission requests to be sent to [amy.viggers@hcc.govt.nz](mailto:amy.viggers@hcc.govt.nz).

**Motion:** Minutes are approved with correction

**Moved:** Lyn Harris      **Seconded:** Buddy Annals  
**All in favour**

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

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

- *Addition to Inwards correspondence:* email received by Lyn from Nigel Redpath (16/09/24), Birchwood Lane resident, re: graffiti on Alfred Main Drive bridge.
- *TCC Discretionary Fund:* We have been notified that this has increased from \$5k to \$10k p.a. Thank you to those at Council that made this happen. This will be discussed further at the November meeting.
- *Tamahere Forum Quarterly account:* The next invoice has been presented to Council for website management & maintenance for September to December.

**Motion:** Invoice 0057 for Website management and maintenance for 3 months at \$2,625.00 (no GST), presented by Scott (Planet Food News), is approved for payment by the Waikato District Council from TCC funds.

**Moved:** Lyn Harris      **Seconded:** Buddy Annals  
**All in favour**

**Motion:** Correspondence is accepted

**Moved:** Lyn Harris      **Seconded:** Janis Swan  
**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 Office & Community Space Report:* Really positive comments relating to the Council office in the Tamahere Village with an increase in the usage of the facility. WDC staff support the space well and the booking system that sits with Greer has worked very efficiently. Huge thank you to Greer who is a very welcoming and ensures the office works smoothly.
- *Tamahere Reserve:* Cr Turner has another meeting scheduled for next week as she gathers more information to present to TCC. Cr Beavis caught up with Cr Turner who is working towards having a representative attend our November meeting. It appears Ngaati Haua is not the only hapu that needs to be consulted regarding the reclassification and naming of the Reserve.
  - Geoff confirmed that the current WDC Reserve Management Plan includes Tamahere Reserve – it is described as “64A Tauwhare Road, local purpose reserve (ecological)”. This plan is due to be updated in 2026. There is no reason for an earlier review of Tamahere Reserve unless the reclassification triggers this.
  - **Action:** Geoff – is there going to be pre-engagement consultation prior to the 2026 review?
  - Charles asked about the background to the Scientific Reserve that is at the back of Taupiri hill on the eastern side of the expressway.
- *CCTV and Crime Prevention Project:* The 9<sup>th</sup> October Council Workshop was cancelled on the day attendees arrived at the Ngāruawāhia council offices. Charles’s contact has reviewed the information provided by Council and does not believe this will produce the outcome desired by Council nor the cost benefits Council seeks. Charles is concerned and observed the Council’s management of this Project is not very professional, Council staff do not seem to have the skills to manage the project in a manner which will produce good outcomes at a sensible cost and the time delays border on gross incompetence by Council.
- *Footpath drop-off on Cambridge Road (expressway off ramp) and connection to Hillcrest:* Geoff reported this part of the road and footpath/cycleway is now not planned to vest with WDC and will remain with NZTA. Any solution has to be provided by NZTA, not Council
- *Airport Road:* David Ralfe tabled correspondence from NZTA regarding Airport Road speed reduction and engine braking prohibition notices. He is very disappointed with the current position and asks TCC if it can assist as this is a child safety issue. Charles agreed to take this up with NZTA.

**Action:** TCC seeks support from Luke McCarthy or Megan Wood at Council to get traction on this project, particularly if NZTA does not see this as a priority.
- *Southern Links Project:* Funds have reportedly been provided for the Piarere and Southern Links project. There is no updated information on the NZTA website regarding this project. David Speirs replacement will be announced soon (a week or so).

**Action:** Cr Beavis will inform Charles who David Speirs replacement is at NZTA as soon as the announcement is made (she believes she knows who the person is that has the appointment).

- *Trust & Confidence Strategy:* This is an internal strategy regarding how Council staff will respond/ engage with our community. It is a staged plan with targets set over a number of years. It is survey responsive to hit targets. Charles hopes it will be effective (not just lip service/virtue signaling).

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

**Moved:** Charles Fletcher

**Seconded:** Lyn Harris

**All in favour**

## 6. Councillors' Report

Report circulated by Crystal and accepted as read.

- *Roading budgets cut:* A number of roading plans will not be happening as Council has just been advised it will not be receiving an expected allocation of funds from NZTA. Roothing feedback is part of the early engagement LTP process and is looking at funding options as well as assessing the rehabilitation and resealing requirements in the district. **Note:** Tauwhare roundabout at the Tamahere interchange is being resealed this week with overnight road closures.
- *Mayoral Awards nominee/s:* Tamahere Community Committee took the opportunity of nominating Jane Manson for the award to be presented Thursday 3 August. Jane is currently away and so Jane's daughter Alex, has agreed to attend the Mayor's Community Awards event.
- *Local Waters done well:* WDC has entered into two non-binding agreements for setting up CCO's (Council Controlled Organisation). One investigates a proposed joint venture with seven other Waikato Councils and the other is with HCC to design a joint waters CCO with Hamilton alone. A third option is for WDC to develop its own CCO for water. Decisions need to be made by June 2025. WDC is currently working out a separation plan with Watercare as the current contract will terminate in 2026. WDC understands that as a Council they need to look for economies of size/scale.
  - A water treatment plant has been planned for the southern part of HCC & WDC boundaries (Southern District Scheme) but this is 20-25 years away.
  - Note: The Tamahere council office has a copy of all current WDC plans and documents which the public can access.
- *Early Engagement LTP 2025-34:* The council is looking where money should be spent in a restrained financial environment. It is important for Tamahere residents to provide feedback to Council at this early stage to help form the proposed plan reflecting budgetary restraints.
  - **LTP early Engagement survey closes Sunday 20 October 2024 - Have your say!**
- *Proposed fees & charges:* Consultation closes Friday 11 October.
- *Rob McGuire:* We would like to join our Councilors in extending our sympathies to Rob's family. Charles remembers him as a great community servant who spent a large part of his life contributing to the Waikato District. He and his wife are 2024 recipients of a Mayoral Award.

**Motion:** Councilors' report be received.

**Moved:** Charles Fletcher

**Seconded:** Buddy Annals

All in favour

**7. Tamahere Park:**

*Exercise equipment*

- a. Seating: Double seat to be installed. The Heritage Sign and the new seating are with City Care for installation and artificial turf will be added to avoid damage from grass mowing.
- b. Lighting: The pole location for the light is not ideal but Council has committed to purchasing the light to be installed. The light will be paid for now and held until ready to install. Mike indicated that he understands the light will be fit for purpose, despite some expressed misgivings. Installation can happen in April 2025 as summer comes to an end, when there is a requirement for the light.
  - i. Sue Robertson suggested a fundraiser to raise funds to complete the project.
  - ii. Paul Johnson needs to be engaged with this as it would be a great way to promote the equipment.

**8. NZTA – HCC roundabout for SH26:** Update – Charles

- Charles made a submission via Zoom to the HCC meeting. His submission included the need for footpaths, safe crossings and the entire roundabout needs to improve the safety aspect of the intersection.
- Following public submissions HCC now understand that there is a need for crossings on the side roads and pedestrian initiated crossings on the main road.
- Crystal reported that the HCC Councilor's have since approved 'option B' for raised crossings on Matangi Road and Silverdale Road and a traffic-light controlled crossing on Morrinsville Road.

**9. Reports**

- **CCTV Update:** Postponed – Workshop date is now 9 October.
- **Civil Defence:** Cr Beavis now feels an operable plan has been developed. The airport has been contacted to find out the airports plan in the case of any emergency. Key holders have been established and the retirement homes have stated they would be able to provide beds. Exact numbers are not known.
- **Heritage Report:** No further updates
- **Predator Free Tamahere (PFT):** Jane Morgan & Alison Ewing are currently away – no updates this month.
  - Next Speaker event is scheduled for 9<sup>th</sup> December.
- **Tamahere Lions:**
  - E-Trike is due to be launched at the Velodrome next Saturday at 11.00am.
  - Tamahere Lions is assisting with TMCS Ag Day – Thursday 17 October.
  - They are also assisting at the 100k Cycling Flyer out at Lake Karapiro on Saturday 12 October.
  - Tamahere Lions Market Day is Saturday 12 October.
  - Sue has been in touch with Georgina Maguire regarding the playground shading project – it is early days.

- **Tamahere Mangaone Restoration Trust (TMRT):** Russell’s written report was circulated prior to the meeting and is taken as read.
  - The Trust is making good progress from Bilsthorpe Lane.
  - The Trust has requested that Geoff provides the meeting with a progress update on Tamahere Reserve. It would be great to be kept up to date on progress.
- **Tamahere Model Country School (TMCS):** Buddy’s written report was received prior to the meeting.
  - **Ag Day is Thursday 17 October.** Everyone is welcome to attend.
  - Remedial work will continue at the school through the school holidays. School grounds will be closed during this time.
    - Term 4 starts Monday 14 October.
  - Community Christmas Parade: the school could use the Piazza area.
    - Cindy Jacobs has suggested a larger community event.
    - The school is looking to engage more with the community e.g. Tamahere Country Club, St Stephens Church.
  - **Motion:** Buddy heads up a sub-committee to organize an end of year celebration including utilizing the Piazza.

**Moved:** Charles Fletcher    **Seconded:** Lyn Harris  
**All in favour**

- **Tamahere St Stephens Church:**
  - Next Market Day – **Saturday 19th October.**
- **TCC Community Plan 2024-26:** Sub-committee meeting scheduled for Monday 7 October at 10.30am at Lyn’s place.
- **LTP Workshop feedback:** Community is strongly encouraged to go online and feedback to Council.

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

**Moved:** Charles Fletcher    **Seconded:** Buddy Annals  
**All in favour**

**10. Submissions**

- WDC 2024/25 fees & charges update closes **Friday 11 October 2024.**
- LTP 2025-2034 Early Engagement: Survey is now available for community response. Survey closes **Sunday 20 October 2024.**

**11. Other Business**

- Zealong Tea Estate: Contacted Charles regarding the Tamahere Forum. They are setting up a Michelin star restaurant and are looking at ways of advertising what they have to offer.
  - **Action:** TCC is to develop policy for information and the use of its web site for Council news and local business information and how this would be presented in the Forum.

**12. Date of next meeting: 7.30pm on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024.**

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

Meeting closed at 9.20pm