



**Election of New Committee
for the Triennium beginning 4 November 2025
Minutes of Tamahere Community Committee
for first meeting of the Committee
Tamahere Community Centre
7.30pm on Tuesday 4th November 2025**

Present: (22)

WDC: Mayor Aksel Bech, CEO Craig Hobbs, Elizabeth Saunders, Cr Crystal Beavis, Cr Mike Keir, Geoff King,

TCC (retiring): Charles Fletcher (Chair), Bevin Coley, Anne Cao-Oulton, Jane Manson

Tamahere Lions: Sue Fookes

Tamahere Forum: Scott Mathias

Community: Maggie Wilcock, Sue Robertson, Peter Mayall, Mark Manson, Lauren McLean, Peter Nation, Marion Fletcher, Robert Cribb, Andrew Mowbray, Joey Smith, Leo Koppens

Apologies: Lyn Harris

Chair: Craig Hobbs took the Chair and announced the Election of a new Committee would proceed.

Election: Craig Hobbs detailed the process he was to adopt for the election and began with the Nomination Forms he had received. Nomination were invited from the floor (with a view to electing a maximum of 12 persons). 10 Nominations were received and they were declared elected to the Tamahere Community Committee for a term of three years until the next triennial elections in 2028.

New Committee

Elected: Lauren McLean, Maggie Wilcock, Mark Manson, Lyn Harris, Peter Mayall, Anne Cao-Oulton, Charles Fletcher, Peter Nation, Sue Robertson, Jane Manson (St Stephens rep) plus a School Board Rep to be advised by the School board.

New Members

Acknowledged: Craig Hobbs congratulated the new committee members on their election and all members were advised of Council requirements for disclosure of potential conflict of interest and any other requirements advised by Council (Note: as a Committee, the Council requirements for a Community Board do not apply but may assist with guidance going forward).

This Committee sets its own Rules and Guidelines in a Charter.

Address from Mayor Aksel Bech:

- Aksel thanked the District for putting their faith in him to elect him as Mayor and advised that this triennium would not be like the previous one.
- There will be a new governance structure and priorities.
- Rates revision and affordability will be an overall priority.
- He will focus on efficiencies and look to delegate appropriate decision making to Community Boards and Community Committees for decisions
- This may also include devolving a budget to local Community Boards and Community Committees to allow them to address and resolve outcomes in a more efficient and cost-effective manner. There will be rules!
- Some items devolved initially could include Road Naming, Community Leases, Budgeting, Responsibility for Blueprint updating and implementation within budgetary constraints.
- He contemplates delegation of up to \$50,000 for projects locally.
- More items could be delegated as they become apparent. Boards and Committees can make suggestions towards these matters.
- The Mayor advised that our elected local ward Councilor's will have significant roles in the new Council:
 - Mike Keir to be appointed Chair of the Roading Committee where the bulk of Councils spending occurs, and
 - Crystal Beavis to be appointed the Chair of the Policy and Regulations Committee.

Election of

Chairperson: Craig Hobbs called for nominations for the chairperson for the new Tamahere Community Committee

Charles Fletcher was nominated and elected unanimously.

Election of

Secretary: A proposal was made to appoint two people to share the role of Secretary and it was agreed to have Co-Secretaries.

Lyn Harris and Sue Robertson were nominated and agreed to job share the role. They were elected unanimously.

Craig Hobbs vacated the Chair with thanks for the constructive election process and outcome. The relevant election requirements were declared to be complete.

Charles Fletcher assumed the Chair to proceed with the first meeting for the newly elected Tamahere Community Committee, following the notified agenda.

Charles welcomed everyone to the meeting, congratulating the Mayor and our Councilor's on their election. Elizabeth Saunders and others not on the new committee were excused ongoing attendance.

Mayor Aksel Bech and Council CEO Craig Hobbs indicated a desire to remain for the meeting.

A Vote of thanks is recorded for the long Service given to our community by:

- Bevin Coley,
- Janis Swan, and
- Buddy Annals (School Representative),

who have all made a significant contribution to the Committee over many years and who are now not continuing on the Committee. A big **thank you** to each one.

1. **Apologies:** Lyn Harris

Motion: Apologies be accepted

Moved: Anne Cao-Oulton

Seconded: Lauren McLean

All in Favour

2. **Confirmation of Minutes** of meeting held 7th October 2025.

Motion: Minutes of the meeting held 7th October 2025 are approved.

Moved: Jane Manson

Seconded: Charles Fletcher

All in Favour

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

4. **Correspondence (October 2025)** (22 in | 47 out) - circulated by email prior to meeting

Motion: Correspondence is accepted.

Moved: Jane Manson **Seconded:** Sue Robertson

All in Favour

5. **Local Council Elections**

In the Tamahere Woodlands area it is reported that 40% of those eligible voted. The second highest percentage in the District. This was up by 2% from the previous election.

6. **WDC Service Delivery – Tamahere Community Committee Issues Report** - Report circulated prior to the meeting by Geoff King and accepted as read.

- A Quantity Surveyor has provided a provisional price for a new second toilet block for Tamahere Park. Council has attempted to negotiate the price submitted from the Current provider. This was not successful.
- Now Council is approaching other suppliers.

- Council is reviewing their Procurement Policies and the policy of only using preferred suppliers. They will try to make the onboarding of alternative suppliers easier.
- CCTV installation should be finished next week with Chorus installing a fiber connection here at the Tamahere Community Centre – WiFi connectivity will be available as provided in other Council facilities.
- The Bilsthorpe walkway project is on hold pending Council considerations, in consultation with TMRT, on lower cost options.

Motion: WDC Service Delivery Report be received.

Moved: Charles Fletcher

Seconded: Anne Cao-Oulton

All in favour

Geoff presented Invoices from Plant Food News for **Approval for Payment.**

Motion: That the Plant Food News Invoices for Website management and maintenance are approved for payment by the Waikato District Council from the TCC Discretionary Fund:

- Inv 0088 – Tamahere Forum – 1-Nov to 1-Dec \$875
- Inv 0089 - Tamahere Forum – 1-Dec to 1-Jan \$875
- Inv 0091 – Website Builder Annual subscription \$287.50

Moved: Maggie Wilcock

Seconded: Peter Nation

All in favour

7. Councillors' Report

Report circulated by Councillor Crystal Beavis and accepted as read.

- Both newly re-elected Councillors thanked everyone for their support.
- The **Reserves and Beaches Bylaw** is out now for early consultation. It is easier to get your suggestions considered and included if they are put in at this stage of consultation. This Bylaw controls a broad-brush approach over all Reserves in the District and Crystal noted that a beach is a “public road” in New Zealand. Maggie Wilcock is reviewing this Bylaw and will advise the Committee on possible considerations TCC might want to comment on. Submissions close 14-Nov-25.
- Hamilton City Council have opened Community Consultation for the Morrinsville Road projects. Submissions close 9-Nov-25.
 - Part One of an NZTA review of speed limits open for submissions until 28 Nov 25 proposing that speeds for Morrinsville Road be lowered to 70kph right through to the LIC corner.
 - Part 2 of the Morrinsville Road project is the Peanut Roundabout proposal, at Silverdale Road and Matangi Road intersections, up to the Burger King roundabout with SH 1C. This includes new crossings for side streets and new walking and cycle paths.

- Also being consulted on are Options for doing the work on the new Morrinsville Road Roundabout.
 - Option 1 a total closure of the area around the Roundabout for about 4 months, or
 - Option 2 partial closure for approx 9 months of disruption for the works by keeping the road and intersections open.

It was suggested that if Matangi Road northern entry is closed there are likely to be speed problems on Tauwhare and Woodside Roads as vehicles take alternative routes.

Lauren McLean suggested that Road Transport Leaders be approached to ask Heavy Road Transport vehicles to please stay out of the Village, by finding an alternate route if possible.

- There is also community Consultation on the HCC Southern Wastewater Project at Jet Park Hotel on Wednesday and Thursday nights this week 4pm – 7pm.

Motion: Councilors' report be received.

Moved: Charles Fletcher

Seconded: Anne Cao-Oulton

All in favour

8. **Tamahere Reserve and community consultation**

Progress is underway with Boffa Miskell in preparing the Consultation Plan to prepare the Reserve Use and Management Plan. Matangi Community Committee have responded to our request to have representation in this consultation and Kitty Burton and another community member will participate.

9. **Blueprint Plan | Community Plan update & NZTA Southern Links update**

TCC needs to reconstitute a sub-committee to continue with the work to review and update the Community Plan and/or Blue Print Plan - meeting fortnightly.

This review was not going to be done quickly with many matters to be considered. It is very relevant now that announcements have been made confirming progress of the Southern Links project – Tim van de Molen MP confirmed yesterday that the Government is keen to see building the link between SH1 and SH3 start in 2 – 3 years.

We need to clarify from Council what its position is, under the new management structure going forward, regarding the District Blue Print Plan. Does the Council intend to have a local area Blue Print Plan (updates needed) and a local Community Plan?

Nominations were sort for this subcommittee: Charles Fletcher, Maggie Wilcock, Peter Nation, Jane Manson (when available), Don Law, David Ralfe, Sue Robertson, Lyn Harris, Lauren McLean and Ann Cao-Oulton are all keen to be involved.

Motion: That the subcommittee to update the TCC Community Plan and/or Blue Print Plan comprise: Charles Fletcher, Maggie Wilcock, Peter Nation, Jane Manson (when available), Don Law, David Ralfe, Sue Robertson, Lyn Harris, Lauren McLean and Ann Cao-Oulton

Moved: Anne Cao-Oulton

Seconded: Lauren McLean

All in Favour

10. Reports

- **WDC LTP 2025-2034**
No report
- **Civil Defence:** No report
- **Predator Free Tamahere (PFT):** The Report has been circulated and taken as read. The kill rate has now risen to 9517 with 523 this month. Great effort. Funding for more traps have been secured and these are already being installed.
- **Tamahere Lions:** Last Lions Market at Christmas Time. Taking a break from then.
- **Tamahere Mangaone Restoration Trust (TMRT):** No report.
- **Tamahere Model Country School (TMCS):** No Report. New School Representative to be advised.
- **Tamahere St Stephens Church:**
 - Next Market Day – Saturday 15 November 2025 8.30 – 1pm
 - Twilight Market - Saturday 6 December 2025 - 4-8pm
- **Tamahere Forum Update:** Forum working well providing extra information to the Community. Was very useful for election time and for the promotion of Meet the Candidates meetings. Need a few more articles of a personal nature, all to support this.

Motion: All of the above reports be received

Moved: Anne Cao-Oulton

Seconded: Jane Manson

All in favour

11. Submissions

- **WDC** – refer <https://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/say-it>
- **WRC** – refer <https://yourvoicematters.waikatoregion.govt.nz>

12. Other Business:

- **Buses** – The Airport is looking for a bus service to the City, usage of our local service is building but stops and timing needs review. We need to be aware that Waikato Regional Council will also have severe budget constraints as it will be looking to cut services.
- **Airport** – Peter Nation noted that no public transport is offered to or from the Airport which has resumed international flights. Perhaps a route for Tamahere could include the Airport.

- **Charter** – Charles will circulate the TCC Charter for 2022-2025 with a view to a discussion as to changes to be made and adopting a new charter for 2025-2028.

Introduction of Committee Members and other Meeting attendees. Everyone present was invited to introduced themselves, with a brief background of their life skills, time living in Tamahere and reasons for interest in the Tamahere Community.

13. Date of the next meeting: 7.30pm on Tuesday, 2nd December 2025.

The Committee usually meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month with no meeting in January. The date and time can be altered by discussion at the next Committee meeting

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

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

