



**I give notice that
a Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group Meeting will be held on:**

Date:	Tuesday, 18 April 2017
Time:	10.00am
Location:	Boardroom Mangakino Service Centre Mangakino

AGENDA

MEMBERSHIP

Chairperson Cr Kirsty Trueman

Deputy Chairperson Cr Barry Hickling

Members Mayor David Trewavas
Cr Tangonui Kingi
Mrs Lisa de Thierry
Mr Mark Seymour
Miss Memory Te Whaiti

Quorum 3 members

Gareth Green
Chief Executive Officer

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3.1 MANGAKINO/POUAKANI REPRESENTATIVE GROUP MEETING - 21 FEBRUARY 2017

Author: Raeleen Rihari, Customer Services/Democracy Support Officer

Authorised by: Tina Jakes, Democracy & Community Engagement Manager

RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. That the minutes of the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group meeting held on Tuesday 21 February 2017 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group Meeting Minutes - 21 February 2017 

4.1 CURRENT ACTION POINTS UPDATE

Author: Raeleen Rihari, Customer Services/Democracy Support Officer

Authorised by: Tina Jakes, Democracy & Community Engagement Manager


PURPOSE

To provide an update to members on outstanding items from the previous meetings of the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group receives the current action points update.

ATTACHMENTS

1. 2017 Mangakino-Pouakani Action Sheet [A1866533] 

4.2 MANGAKINO POUAKANI COMMUNITY GRANTS - ROUND TWO

Author: Rose Prisk, Community Development Coordinator

Authorised by: Brian Fox, Group Manager: Corporate and Community

PURPOSE

To consider applications for funding from the Mangakino - Pouakani Community Grants Fund for the 2016/17 financial year.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Group has \$11,634.00 excluding GST available to allocate to community groups and organisations.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group approves/declines the following applications for the 2016/17 financial year:

1. \$_____ to Mangakino Community Festival Committee to Purchase a laptop & external hard drive
2. \$_____ Mangakino Volunteer Fire Brigade for the purchase of spotlights/charger/battery for a rapid response vehicle.
3. \$_____ to Whakamaru School for Developing Musicality - Class/school ukulele programme.*
4. \$_____ to Mangakino Central Charitable Trust to purchase bikes for our 'Young Guns' Health & Fitness Youth Program.*
5. \$_____ to Mangakino Rugby League Club to club equipment.
6. \$_____ to Taupo Family Centre (No Words Needed) for the Hope Walk
7. \$_____ to Tirohanga Sports and Settlers ASN for chair/stool coverings and Kitchen utensil upgrade.*

Note: * denotes GST registered organisation.

BACKGROUND

The proposal has not been presented previously.

The Mangakino/Pouakani Ward has \$11,634.00 excluding GST available in this round to allocate to community projects. This is for groups and organisations that provide a service on behalf of Council or for one off events, projects or capital projects.

APPLICATIONS

Seven applications were received (see Summary Table - Attachment 1 - and bound compilation of applications for further details. MPRG members also had access to drop box to view applications).

*Note: * denotes GST registered organisation.*

1	Mangakino Community Festival Committee	To purchase a laptop & external hard drive	\$1,575.00
2	Mangakino Volunteer Fire Brigade	Rapid response vehicle (spotlights/charger/battery)	\$3,415.00
3*	Whakamaru School	Developing musicality - class/school ukulele programme	\$1,200.00
4*	Mangakino Central Charitable Trust	To purchase bikes for 'Young Guns' health & fitness youth programme	\$2,320.00
5	Mangakino Rugby League Club	Club equipment	\$1,798.00
6	Taupo Family Centre (No Words Needed)	Hope walk	
7*	Tirohanga Sports and Settlers Association	Chair/stool coverings and kitchen utensils upgrade	\$3,000.00

CONSIDERATIONS

Financial Considerations

Through the Long Term Plan process, Council approved \$25,000 for the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group to distribute. The Group agreed that there would be two rounds of funding within each financial year. This is the first round for the 2016/17 financial year.

Legal Considerations

Local Government Act 2002

The matter comes within scope of the Council's lawful powers, including satisfying the purpose statement of Section 10 of the Local Government Act 2002. The matter will enable the Council to meet the current and future needs of communities for good quality local public services. (i.e. efficient, effective and appropriate to present and anticipated future circumstances).

The proposal has been evaluated with regards to a range of legislation. The key legislation applicable to the proposal has been reviewed and the relevant matters for consideration are as follows:

Policy Implications

The proposal has been evaluated against the Long Term Plan, Annual Plan and Grants & Partnership Policy. There are no known policy implications.

Risks

None

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE DECISION OR PROPOSAL

Council's Significance and Engagement policy identifies the following matters that are to be taken into account when assessing the degree of significance of proposals and decisions:

- a. The level of financial consequences of the proposal or decision;

- b. Whether the proposal or decision will affect a large portion of the community or community of interest;
- c. The likely impact on present and future interests of the community, recognising Maori cultural values and their relationship to land and water;
- d. Whether the proposal affects the level of service of an activity identified in the Long Term Plan;
- e. Whether community interest is high; and
- f. The capacity of Council to perform its role and the financial and other costs of doing so.

Officers have undertaken a rounded assessment of the matters in clause 11 of the Significance and Engagement Policy (2016), and are of the opinion that the proposal under consideration is of low importance.

ENGAGEMENT

Taking into consideration the above assessment, that the decision is of a low degree of significance, officers are of the opinion that no further engagement is required prior to Council making a decision.

COMMUNICATION/MEDIA

Requests for applications were advertised through the Dam City Advertiser and Taupō Times during March as well as Council's website, with the closing date 31 March 2017.

Applicants will be advised of the outcome of their applications by letter and details of grant allocations will be posted on Council's website.

CONCLUSION

The Group has \$11,634.00 excluding GST available to allocate to community groups and organisations, however if applications do not meet the criteria set out in the new Grants and Partnerships Policy, there is no requirement to allocate the full amount at this time. Any unused funds can be held over to the further funding round held next year.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Summary table of funding applications [A1910918] 

4.3 MANGAKINO COMMUNITY LED DEVELOPMENT - REQUEST TO ADD COMMUNITY RESOURCE BUILDING TO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Author: Greg Hadley, Districts Parks Operations Manager

Authorised by: Kevin Strongman, Group Manager, Operational Services

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group (MPRG) to consider a request from the Mangakino Community Led Development Group (MCLD) for a community storage facility to be erected within the Council depot site on Depot Road, Mangakino. Also as per the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Council and MCLD, to ensure that the facility is vested in Council ownership as custodian on behalf of the community once the MCLD group ceases in June 2017.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Mangakino Community Led Development Group (MCLD) has a community project underway for the construction of a community storage facility.

MPRG agreed in principle to locate a storage shed on freehold Council land at the Mangakino depot site. The storage shed would store a range of community assets.

It is proposed that the community storage facility be accepted as a future community asset and vested into Council ownership when the MCLD Group ceases in June 2017 as per the MOU between Council and MCLD.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group supports the siting of a community storage facility on Council land at 10 Depot Road, Mangakino and vests the storage facility in Council ownership as a community asset as per the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Council and Mangakino Community Led Development.

BACKGROUND

The proposal has been before MPRG at a prior meeting on 17 November 2015, refer item number 5 and the following resolution was made:

MP201511/05 **RESOLVED that the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group agrees in principle to support the Mangakino Community Led Development Group's proposal to locate a storage shed on freehold Council land at the Mangakino depot site for the storage of community assets subject to further receipt of further details of the proposal once finalised and, final approval from Council for a licence to occupy.**

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Following this meeting, further investigation was undertaken and a suitable location at the depot site identified along with finalised plans (Attachment 1). Building and resource consents have also been obtained.

Due to the short time frame between building completion and vesting in Council ownership in June 2017 (if agreed), a licence to occupy is not required.

DISCUSSION

Council adopted a recommendation on 3 December 2014 whereby Council agreed to take ownership of community assets acquired by the Mangakino Community Led Development Leadership Group by way of an MOU (Attachment 2) between the two parties (Resolution TDC201412/03).

Approval from MPRG is required for the community storage facility to be included as future community asset as per clause 2.2 below:

- 2.2. *Community assets developed by MCLD will be agreed to on a case by case basis by the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group. Any such agreement may be recorded in any manner that the parties agree is appropriate.*

If agreed, whilst the ownership of the facility will pass to the Council, the management of the facility will be with the Mangakino Central Charitable Trust (MCCT) by way of an MOU between MCLD, MCCT and TDC (Attachment 3).

Based on this information it is considered that there are two options:

OPTIONS

Analysis of Options

Option 1. Accept the community storage facility

Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The facility will be owned by Council on behalf of the community. The facility will be maintained and managed by a community organisation. In future if no longer required for community use it can be utilised for Council operations – a newer building than the current storage sheds on site 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional operational costs associated with accepting ownership – insurance

Option 2. Do not accept the community storage facility

Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No additional costs to ratepayers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The community would lose an opportunity for much needed storage

Analysis Conclusion:

The preferred option is Option 1 as this will ensure the on-going ownership and sustainability of the building for use by community organisations or council.

CONSIDERATIONS

Financial Considerations

The financial impact of the proposal is estimated to be \$70.00.

Long-term Plan/Annual Plan

The expenditure outlined is budgeted for in the draft Annual Plan.

Legal Considerations

Local Government Act 2002

The matter comes within scope of the Council's lawful powers, including satisfying the purpose statement of Section 10 of the Local Government Act 2002. The matter will enable the Council to meet the current and future needs of communities for good quality local infrastructure. (i.e. efficient, effective and appropriate to present and anticipated future circumstances).

The proposal has been evaluated with regards to a range of legislation. The key legislation applicable to the proposal has been reviewed and the relevant matters for consideration are as follows:

Please explain what legislation applies and how the proposal is or is not consistent with these or any steps that may be required.

The following authorisations **Choose an item.** required for the proposal:

Resource Consent

Building Consent

Environmental Health

- Liquor Licencing Licence to occupy

Policy Implications

There are no known policy implications.

Risks

There are no known risks.

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE DECISION OR PROPOSAL

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- d. Whether the proposal affects the level of service of an activity identified in the Long Term Plan;
- e. Whether community interest is high; and
- f. The capacity of Council to perform its role and the financial and other costs of doing so.

Officers have undertaken a rounded assessment of the matters in clause 11 of the Significance and Engagement Policy (2016), and are of the opinion that the proposal under consideration is of low importance.

ENGAGEMENT

Taking into consideration the above assessment, that the decision is of a low degree of significance, officers are of the opinion that no further engagement is required prior to Council making a decision.




COMMUNICATION/MEDIA

No communication/media is required.

CONCLUSION

MPRG has the ability to accept the community storage facility as a community asset to be vested in council (as per the terms of MOU) when the MCLD Group ceases in June 2017.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Community Storage Facility plans [A1913240] 
2. MOU between Council and MCLD [A1358628] 
3. Draft MOU between Council, MCCT & MCLD [A1913239] 

4.4 DRAFT FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW UPDATE

Author: Jane Budge, Senior Policy Advisor

Authorised by: Alan Menhennet, Group Manager: Finance and Strategy

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to update the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group on progress of the draft Freedom Camping Bylaw review and for the members to consider a submission.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Freedom camping is an issue that requires managing. A Freedom Camping Bylaw can restrict and prohibit freedom camping within areas across the district.

Council agreed at its meeting on 7 February 2017 to adopt the draft freedom camping bylaw for public consultation. The Council has proposed various sites for all camping and certified self-contained only camping within the Mangakino/Whakamaru area.

The proposed areas were in line with the working group established for this issue, and the community's preference to have a number of sites for freedom camping. Previous feedback from the Mangakino/Whakamaru community has recognised that freedom camping makes a significant contribution to their community's viability.

The sites proposed include:

- Atiamuri Boat Ramp– self-contained
- Lake Maraetai Area 1 – self-contained
- Lake Maraetai Area 2 – all camping
- Mangakino Recreation Reserve – all camping
- Whakamaru Domain Area 1 – all camping
- Whakamaru Domain Area 2 - – all camping
- Whakamaru Recreation Reserve – all camping

The sites proposed are either on a Council controlled carpark or within the Mangakino and Whakamaru Reserves. The Mangakino & Whakamaru Reserve Management Plan allows camping on the reserves.

However, it is also recognised that some of the sites may require further infrastructure and that Council will need to be mindful of this.

This is the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group's (the Group) opportunity to consider the draft Freedom Camping Bylaw and if it wishes, make a submission. The Group may wish to support the proposed site, propose other sites, or recommend that there be no sites at all. Due to the timing of this paper it is recognised that the Group may need to make a late submission or pass a resolution recommending a course of action.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group notes the information contained in this report on the proposed draft Freedom Camping Bylaw.

BACKGROUND

Freedom camping is an accommodation option for both domestic and international tourists while travelling around New Zealand. New Zealand has a long history of freedom camping, and many New Zealanders freedom camp for a variety of reasons. Of those that freedom camp they do so in different types of vehicles and for different reasons. However, freedom camping can at peak times, place pressure on our communities.

Over the 2015-16 summer there was significant national media coverage on freedom camping around New Zealand. In the Taupō District, there was a noticeable increase in the presence of freedom campers, and this raised concerns about whether there is appropriate management in place.

The Freedom Camping Act 2011 (the Act), permits freedom camping on Council controlled and managed land unless it is restricted through a bylaw or another enactment. A Freedom Camping Bylaw made under the Act can restrict or prohibit freedom camping from any area within the district. However, a Freedom Camping Bylaw must not completely prohibit freedom camping in all areas of the district.

Without a bylaw the presumption for freedom camping is that it is allowed within all local authority areas.

Currently, there are a number of sites that are used for freedom camping in Mangakino and Whakamaru both on council-owned land and land privately owned. Mangakino is also currently deemed a motorhome friendly town by the New Zealand Motor Caravan Association (NZMCA). The association has a current membership over 70,000 which is expected to increase significantly over the next couple of years. The motorhome friendly town scheme recognises areas where they feel welcome, and their members will go out of their way to visit a town that markets themselves as motor home friendly. *'With on-the-road motor home expenditures exceeding \$650 million annually (\$211 million of which come from NZMCA members), the message is clear motorhomers and communities can certainly establish a mutually beneficial relationship'* (<https://www.mhftowns.com/about/>).

The presumption under the Reserves Act 1977 is that camping is prohibited on reserves unless specifically provided for through a reserve management plan. There are currently four reserves where camping is allowed, Reid's Farm Recreation Reserve in Taupō, and a further three in the Mangakino/Whakamaru area: Mangakino Recreation Reserve, Whakamaru Domain and Whakamaru Recreation Reserve.

There are a number of emerging issues associated with freedom camping, including:

- growing visitor numbers and freedom campers;
- pressure on places where freedom camping is allowed; and
- an increasing number of complaints.

At its May 2016 meeting, Council directed officers to establish a working group of stakeholders and Councillors, and to investigate the issues with freedom camping and consider potential solutions. This working group was established as a think tank to help officers with their analysis. The group suggested to Council that freedom camping does place pressure on our community and recommended various areas where freedom camping may be allowed. It was also generally recognised that the issues associated with freedom camping need to be managed; a key part of that management is an easy and effective enforcement regime which comes with a freedom camping bylaw.

At the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group's (the Group) meeting on 20 September 2016, the Group directed officers to talk with your community. At a community led After 5 function held on the 20 October officers discussed freedom camping with members of the community.

The community clearly showed officers their preference to have lots of areas for freedom camping. A comment made by one of those present reflected their overwhelming preference to allow camping by noting that if Taupō lost 10 campers it would not notice but if Mangakino lost 10 campers it would severely impact their community.

The areas proposed for Mangakino/Whakamaru, include:

Areas	Camping type	Reasons
Atiamuri Boat Ramp	Certified self-contained	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • close to the Waikato River trail and SH1 • car park area
Lake Maraetai Area 1	Certified self-contained	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • recognised area and clearly defined for camping • car park area • close to a public toilet • away from the boat ramp which could lead to day user conflicts
Lake Maraetai Area 2	All camping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • recognised area and clearly defined for camping

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • close to a public toilet • away from the boat ramp which could lead to day user conflicts • camping allowed within the Mangakino & Whakamaru Reserve Management Plan
Mangakino Recreation Reserve	All camping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • status quo area • large open area • however, no public toilet and would require further infrastructure • camping allowed within the Mangakino & Whakamaru Reserve Management Plan
Whakamaru Domain Area 1 – all camping	All camping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • status quo area • large open area • public toilet • would require further infrastructure • camping allowed within the Mangakino & Whakamaru Reserve Management Plan
Whakamaru Domain Area 2 – all camping	All camping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • recognised area and clearly defined for camping • large open area • public toilet • would require further infrastructure • camping allowed within the Mangakino & Whakamaru Reserve Management Plan
Whakamaru Recreation Reserve – all camping	All camping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • recognised area and clearly defined for camping • large open area • public toilet • requires closing during Christmas/New Year due to conflict of use with current user • would require further infrastructure • camping allowed within the Mangakino & Whakamaru Reserve Management Plan

Council adopted the draft Freedom Camping Bylaw for public consultation under section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA) at its meeting on 7 February 2017.

DISCUSSION

Taking the community's feedback into account a number of areas have been proposed by Council. The working group also reflected the community's preference for a number of areas.

The sites proposed by the working group were:

- in line with the agreed philosophy;
- in recognised camping areas; and
- aligned with the community's preference to have numerous sites.

Officers took a caravan on an informative road trip around the district to let members of the community know how they can have their say on freedom camping. The caravan was set up outside the service centre on 30 March between 4:00-5:30pm. Officers spoke to approximately 20-30 people and many were supportive of the proposed sites. They also mentioned that adequate management and enforcement needs to be considered but that the sites looked adequate.

However, it is recognised that some of the areas may require further infrastructure, including public toilets and that Council needs to be mindful of this.

This is the Group's opportunity to consider the draft Freedom Camping Bylaw and if it wishes, make a submission. The Group may wish to either, support the proposed site, propose other sites, or recommend that there be no sites at all.

Due to the timing of this paper it is recognised that the Group may need to make a late submission or pass a resolution recommending a course of action.

CONSIDERATIONS

Financial Considerations

There are costs associated with the development, consultation and enforcement of this proposal. The development of a potential Freedom Camping Bylaw has been included in the Annual Plan 2016-17 work programme and will be met through existing budgets.

Legal Considerations

The matter comes within scope of the Council's lawful powers, including satisfying the purpose statement of Section 10 of the LGA.

The Freedom Camping Act allows the development of a Freedom Camping Bylaw under section 11 of the Act. Under section 11(2) of the Act; a local authority must be satisfied that a Freedom Camping Bylaw is necessary for one or more of the following purposes:

- a. to protect an area;
- b. to protect the health and safety of people who may visit the area; and
- c. to protect access to an area.

The Council considered that the proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw is the most appropriate and proportionate way to address the issues associated with freedom camping and is likely to encourage more appropriate behaviours. It is also likely to address the identified access issues to the lakefront by outlining the areas where freedom camping can be undertaken.

The ability to camp on public land is not a 'right' under the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (NZBORA). However, the limitations proposed by the Freedom Camping Bylaw only seek to impose justifiable and reasonable limits on people to ensure the safety of the community and minimise any incidences of public disturbance. The Freedom Camping Bylaw also seeks to protect access to areas within the district and is therefore not inconsistent with the NZBORA.

Policy Implications

The proposal has been evaluated against other Council Policy. Any new bylaws, reserve management plans and policy form part of the Council's overall operating procedures and are consistent with existing policy.

Risks

There are risks associated with not meeting our legislative obligations under the Freedom Camping Act and the LGA if this work is hastily developed. A thorough review has been undertaken to minimise any of these concerns.

There is a risk that parts of the community could criticise the Council for not adequately taking into consideration their views. However, this has been mitigated by undertaking both a pre-engagement process seeking the community's views on the issues associated with freedom camping, and a pre-consultation on potential areas and sites. Further individual engagement has occurred with affected parties and at stakeholder meetings.

There is a continuing risk of insufficient areas to cater for the increasing number of freedom campers wanting to come to the district. Officers recognise that the Freedom Camping Bylaw is likely to require revision in the future.

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE DECISION OR PROPOSAL

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- b. Whether the proposal or decision will affect a large portion of the community or community of interest;
- c. The likely impact on present and future interests of the community, recognising Maori cultural values and their relationship to land and water;
- d. Whether the proposal affects the level of service of an activity identified in the Long Term Plan;
- e. Whether community interest is high; and
- f. The capacity of Council to perform its role and the financial and other costs of doing so.

The matters covered in this paper affect a large portion of the community, and it is considered a significant decision for Council in accordance with the Council's policy.

Formal consultation is currently being undertaken in accordance with section 83 of the LGA. A Statement of Proposal on freedom camping has been adopted (and attached) outlining the issues associated with the problem and the possible solutions. Hearings will be held between 8-10 May 2017 (morning 9 May in Turangi if required) and deliberations on 7 June.

CONSULTATION

Formal consultation started on 17 February and closes on 18 April 2017. Officers also took a caravan on an informative road trip around the district to let members of the community know how they can have their say on freedom camping.



COMMUNICATION/MEDIA

A press release was released following adoption of the proposed bylaw for consultation. There was additional media coverage including in the council's weekly Connect page in the Taupō Times, a further media release regarding the caravan road trip, on social media, radio, and on the council's website.

CONCLUSION

This is the Group's opportunity to consider the draft Freedom Camping Bylaw and if it wishes make a submission. The Group may wish to either, support the proposed site, propose other sites, or recommend that there be no sites at all.

ATTACHMENTS

1. 2016 Draft Freedom Camping Bylaw - Consultation pdf version 14 February (A1867690) 
2. SoP Freedom Camping FINAL (A1858032) 

4.5 CODE OF CONDUCT

Author: Tina Jakes, Democracy & Community Engagement Manager

Authorised by: Brian Fox, Group Manager: Corporate and Community

PURPOSE

For the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group to note the adopted Taupō District Council 2017 Code of Conduct.

DISCUSSION

Each triennium the new Council is required to adopt a Code of Conduct.

The Code provides guidance on the standard of behaviour expected of elected members, and appointed or co-opted members. It applies when members have dealings with individuals, groups, agencies, entities or authorities in their role as members. It also highlights the importance of achieving 'good local government', effective and inclusive decision-making, strengthened community credibility and a culture of trust and mutual respect within the local authority.

The new Code includes a range of new features:-

- Refinement of the principles including a new principle that highlights the importance of elected members 'pulling their weight';
- Simplification of the roles and responsibilities;
- Encouragement for members to participate in activities to build and maintain collaborative and cooperative cultures within the council;
- A new process for investigating and assessing complaints, including a 'materiality' test;
- Additional guidance on penalties or sanctions;
- Clarification that complaints can only be made by members and chief executives and a more empowering and less prescriptive approach; and.
- Roles and responsibilities of members.

It should be read in conjunction with, and does not replace, the obligations set out in the Local Government Act, the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, any other relevant Acts and Council Standing Orders.

CONCLUSION

The Taupō District Council adopted an amended Code of Conduct on 28 February 2017. The Code helps to set out how the representative group members will work as a team and relate to other members of the group, the community and staff.

All members will need to sign the declaration on page 21 of the Code.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group notes the adopted Code of Conduct 2017 as attached and each member to sign the declaration on page 21 of the Code [A1816595].

ATTACHMENTS

1. Code of Conduct 2016-2019 

4.6 COMMUNITY ISSUES

Author: Raeleen Rihari, Customer Services/Democracy Support Officer

Authorised by: Tina Jakes, Democracy & Community Engagement Manager

PURPOSE

This item allows for discussion on community issues within the Mangakino-Pouakani area.

DISCUSSION

Matters that are of an operational and maintenance nature [e.g. road potholes, leaking water valves, trees, etc.] should be reported to staff for investigation and action in the first instance.

No debate and/or resolution is permitted on any of the issues raised.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group receives the information relating to community issues.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

4.7 MEMBERS' REPORTS

Author: Raeleen Rihari, Customer Services/Democracy Support Officer

Authorised by: Brian Fox, Group Manager: Corporate and Community

PURPOSE

This item permits members to provide feedback on any items of interest arising from meetings/conferences/seminars they have attended over the past month.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group receives the information on members' reports.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil