

**- TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MANGAKINO/POUAKANI REPRESENTATIVE GROUP MEETING
HELD AT THE BOARDROOM, MANGAKINO SERVICE CENTRE, MANGAKINO
ON TUESDAY, 20 JUNE 2017 AT 10.00AM**

PRESENT: Cr Kirsty Trueman (in the Chair), Mayor David Trewavas, Cr Barry Hickling, Cr Tangonui Kingi, Mrs Lisa de Thierry (from 10.05am), Mr Mark Seymour, Miss Memory Te Whaiti

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive, Group Manager Operational Services, Democracy & Community Engagement Manager, District Parks Operations Manager, Parks Operations Manager – Mangakino, Civil Defence Manager, Strategic Partnership Advisor – Welfare Manager, Strategic Relationships Manager, Communications Advisor, Democratic Services Support Officer

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: Natalie Haines and Alan Hurcomb (Mercury Energy), Andy Hema (TTCB)
Three members of the public

Councillor Trueman welcomed Miss Te Whaiti to her first meeting of the Representative Group.

1 APOLOGIES

MP201706/01 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kirsty Trueman

Seconded: Cr Barry Hickling

That the apology received from Mrs Lisa de Thierry (for lateness) be accepted.

CARRIED

2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 MANGAKINO/POUAKANI REPRESENTATIVE GROUP MEETING - 18 APRIL 2017

MP201706/02 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mr Mark Seymour

Seconded: Cr Barry Hickling

That the minutes of the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group meeting held on Tuesday 18 April 2017 be confirmed as a true and correct record with the following amendment:

Page 3, under 'Tirohanga Sports & Settlers Association' second paragraph, remove words 'struggling families'.

CARRIED

4 REPORTS

4.1 PRESENTATION: MANGAKOWHIRIWHIRI STREAM WETLAND RESTORATION PROJECT

Mercury Energy representatives Natalie Haines (Taupō based) and Alan Hurcomb (Whakamaru based) were in attendance to provide an update to the Group on the Mangakowhiriwhiri Wetland Project. Key points noted were:

- Initial project discussions were held with interested parties in late 2015. From there, it was decided to wait until the project was underway before disseminating information to the wider general public.
- The restoration project idea came from a Whakamaru Station Manager whose private property overlooked the swampy weed infested area (at the base of the Mangakowhiriwhiri Stream, where it entered Lake Whakamaru).
- The aspiration was to create a thriving native dominant swampland including a swamp forest habitat to encourage bird life.
- In late 2015, funding was secured from Mercury Energy to engage former DOC ecologist Nick Singers to develop a five year plan.
- Project works were funded 50/50 from Waikato Ecological Enhancement Trust and Waikato Regional Authority.
- The majority of the restoration work would be done over the first three summer seasons. Due to higher than usual rainfall and wet conditions over the recent summer, weed control work that was planned to start in November 2016 through to January 2017 did not start until April 2017. The next scheduled work would be done from November 2017 - January 2018. Local schools and community would be invited to assist with planting planned for 2018-2019 summer.
- A project vision plan was distributed to members (A2007932) The plan included a small bund which would prevent daily flooding and draining of the wetland. However, there was concern around water stagnating due the bund therefore it would require precise execution by suitably qualified engineers.
- Replacing weeds with native species provided benefits for the environment, water and local community.
- A university student was assisting with developing a wetland monitoring plan that would link in with local schools.
- Access improvements included installation of two gates for 4WD vehicle access and a boardwalk for public use. Vegetation work needed to be completed before surveying could be done to determine where the boardwalk would go. This would both enhance the area and provide access to unique protected indigenous vegetation further along.

The following was noted in relation to questions, answers and related discussion:

- In relation to the boardwalk, there were health and safety issues to consider for it to be bike friendly. Congestion in the area would also be likely. Personal preference was that it be restricted to foot traffic only as the bike causeway was already under-used.
- Swan numbers would be included in bird count statistics post project completion.
- The existing storyboards were an excellent initiative and well utilised. The team would look at implementing something similar potentially along the boardwalk eg storyboards on the restoration project journey.

MP201706/03 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kirsty Trueman
Seconded: Cr Tangonui Kingi

That the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group receives the update and Ms Natalie Haines and Mr Alan Hurcomb be thanked for their presentation.

CARRIED

4.2 DISTRICT CIVIL DEFENCE WELFARE PLAN UPDATE

The Emergency Manager and Strategic Partnership Advisor – Welfare Manager were in attendance to provide an update to the Group on the District Civil Defence Welfare Plan.

Hard copies of a PowerPoint presentation titled 'Taupō District Welfare Plan' were distributed to members.

The Strategic Partnership Advisor – Welfare Manager went through the presentation and highlighted the following points:

- Preparedness was absolutely essential
- Welfare worked across the 4Rs: reduction, readiness, response and recovery. Each component had associated hazards that would be unique to each community.
- Response principles were to preserve life, care for injured, sick and dependants, economic and social activity; protect assets, buildings and natural and physical resources; provide animal welfare; prevent any escalation of the emergency and maintain law and order and governance.
- The structure and process included the local welfare committee and manager, roles and responsibilities and, agency and community engagement.
- The Civil Defence Manager had been working with the Mangakino-Pouakani marae.

The Civil Defence Manager noted that:

- Members were encouraged to attend an upcoming Civil Defence foundational course in Turangi and should have received meeting invites. The course would provide great insight into emergency management centre processes in the event of an emergency.
- It was important that a community response plan (CRP) specific to Mangakino-Pouakani be developed in conjunction with the local community, especially given that there was the potential to be isolated from outside support during an emergency event. The plan should also identify specific hazards, assembly points, roles and responsibilities and key contacts etc.

Note: The Civil Defence Manager would email a CRP template to members.

MP201706/04 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mr Mark Seymour
Seconded: Cr Tangonui Kingi

That the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group receives the update on the District Civil Defence Welfare Plan.

CARRIED

4.3 CURRENT ACTION POINTS UPDATE

The following was noted in relation to the action points:

- Higgins were scheduled to complete works around the Waitomo Fuels site before the end of June. Waitomo Fuels would oversee work on the portion of land owned by them.
- In relation to Tirohanga Road, the Group Manager Operational Services provided volume data from a traffic counter placed at the SH1 end which showed that although 17% was heavy traffic, overall volumes were lower compared to other roads eg Broadlands, Waipapa. However, members identified that the traffic count was taken during the low season for dairy milking and therefore the counters would not have captured Miraka trucks/tankers that were prevalent when dairy farming recommenced in August. Truck volumes were particularly high in November. A member provided road measurements they had gathered in support of the request to widen the road and reiterated that the narrowness of the road was extremely dangerous. The Group Manager Operational Services thanked the member for the information provided which would be included when undertaking the relevant works assessment. He further noted that not all road widths were consistent and works budget was allocated on a highest priority basis. The Group Manager

Operational Services advised that traffic counters would be installed in October/November. This information will then be fed into the roading matrix which will identify priority roads.

- Traffic counter data on Forest View Road suggested that heavy trucks were not excessive in the area – *remove item*.
- Results from a speed counter sited on Rangatira Road were yet to be collated.

MP201706/05 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kirsty Trueman

Seconded: Mr Mark Seymour

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

CARRIED

4.4 COMMUNITY ISSUES

The following community issues were noted:

- All were welcome to attend the Playcentre's 50th anniversary on 26 June.
- The Group Manager Operational Services would follow up a suggestion for pictorial signage depicting a high cyclist area between Ropiha Road and Ranginui Road (approximately 6km stretch of road) on SH30 as visibility of cyclists in winter was marginal and numbers increased significantly in summer.
- In light of a recent incident, police were expected to do a press release cautioning holiday homeowners and accommodation providers to be careful who they let their properties to.

MP201706/06 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mrs Lisa de Thierry

Seconded: Cr Barry Hickling

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

CARRIED

4.5 MEMBERS' REPORTS

Members reported on the following topics:

- Attended the Welcome Inn for the Tirihanga District which was a great success. ball.
- Attended a Destination Pureroa meeting. A large scale map which would include Mangakino accommodation etc was expected to be completed in a few months time.
- A date for the next Business After 5 meeting was yet to be confirmed however ideally it should be held before summer.
- The Hui Hut had changed owners. Winter opening days were Wednesday to Friday – open seven days in summer.
- The community storage shed was nearly completed.
- A recent open workshop facilitated by Sustainability Options from Tauranga for the 'Cosy Homes' initiative was held. Participants learnt many valuable practical skills such as fixing holes in walls, draft proofing etc. Twenty-six homes had been assessed in the past month.
- 'Cosy Homes' was similar to the 'Whare Ora' initiative albeit each had slightly different eligibility criteria.

MP201706/07 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mrs Lisa de Thierry

Seconded: Cr Tangonui Kingi

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

CARRIED

5 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil

The Meeting closed at 11.02am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group Meeting held on 22 August 2017.

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CHAIRPERSON