

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MANGAKINO/POUAKANI REPRESENTATIVE GROUP MEETING  
HELD AT THE BOARDROOM, MANGAKINO SERVICE CENTRE, MANGAKINO  
ON TUESDAY, 22 AUGUST 2017 AT 10.00AM**

- PRESENT:** Cr Barry Hickling (in the Chair), Cr Tangonui Kingi, Mrs Lisa de Thierry, 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, Policy Contractor, Programme Manager, Democratic Services Support Officer
- MEDIA AND PUBLIC:** 7 members of the public

**1 APOLOGIES**

**MP201708/08 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Tangonui Kingi  
Seconded: Mrs Lisa de Thierry

That apologies from Mayor David Trewavas and Cr Kirsty Trueman be received and accepted.

**CARRIED**

**2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Nil

**3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**3.1 MANGAKINO/POUAKANI REPRESENTATIVE GROUP MEETING - 20 JUNE 2017**

Minutes of a meeting of the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group held on 20 June 2017 had been circulated.

**MP201708/09 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Tangonui Kingi  
Seconded: Mr Mark Seymour

That the minutes of the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group meeting held on Tuesday 20 June 2017 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

**4 REPORTS**

**4.1 CURRENT ACTION POINTS UPDATE**

The following action points updates were noted:

- Traffic volume counters would be placed on Tirohanga Road in November 2017. Funds to complete

1.5 kilometre widening of the road would be included in LTP budgets.

- The Infrastructure Manager had discussed the possibility of getting pictorial ‘high cyclist area’ signage between Ropiha and Ranginui Roads with NZTA. NZTA advised that the request did not meet their policy requirements as there was not any sensitive sites nearby eg schools, etc - *remove item.*

## **MP201708/10 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Mr Mark Seymour

Seconded: Cr Tangonui Kingi

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

**CARRIED**

## **4.2 PRESENTATION: LAKE MARAETAI LAKESIDE DEVELOPMENT OPTIONS**

Mr Deryck Shaw, director of APR Consultatants Ltd was in attendance to present development options for the Lake Maraetai lakefront area. Hard copies of his presentation (A2030659) were distributed to members and key points highlighted as follows:

- APR Consultants Ltd were commissioned by Mangakino Community-Led Development (MCLD) to prepare a survey and options report in relation to developing the Lake Maraetai lakeside area. The report supplemented a preceding report regarding private and commercial accommodation in Mangakino.
- Feedback from community engagement and stakeholder meetings was formed the basis for the project ideas and options.
- Complexities applicable to the area included tourists, freedom campers, waahi tapu sites (Matekuri Island), Iwi claims, and tensions and different aspirations of various users.
- The strategic background incorporated the vision, mission and values of the community.
- Advantages were listed under community benefits, economic advantages and wider constructive outcomes.
- Community survey results identified both appealing and non-appealing aspects of the lakefront. The majority of participants (50%) liked that there was a large grassy area and, 25% of participants considered lake weed to be the most unappealing factor. Additional toilets, showers and recreational facilities were the highest priority elements over the next 3-5 years.
- Key development priorities were listed under ‘New Facilities’, ‘Better Management’ and ‘Required Upgrades’. An immediate priority was road maintenance and upgrades.
- Conserving water quality of the lake; ensuring and fostering safety practices; resolving camping issues; building new and upgrading existing facilities/infrastructure; provision of more rubbish bins and, planting more trees were incorporated within the action plan.
- Relocation of the playground to the proposed family area as well as separate pontoons/areas for boaties and swimmers was a remedy to avoid conflict amongst users (pg 19).

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

- Maintenance of the current boat ramp, installation of signage (very important from a risk management perspective) and, construction of the swimmers jetty would be the first works scheduled.
- Much of the amenity work could be done at relatively low cost.
- The most practical time to move the playground would be when the car park was being upgraded.
- At the most recent community meeting held in July, there was strong desire within the community for works to commence as soon as possible, and many offers of voluntary service.
- Costings for the project were expected later in the week and would be emailed to group members once received. The planned works would be phased over a few years.
- There were many complexities with land tenure. Iwi, Land Information New Zealand (LINZ), Taupō District Council, and Waikato Regional Council were the main stakeholders. The area was also

- under treaty claim with Wairarapa Moana.
- Pouakani Marae trustees noted waahi tapu sites and Matekuri Island as their only concerns when concept plans were presented at a recent meeting.
- It was clarified by a member that Pouakani Marae trustees were not representative of Iwi therefore there had not been any Iwi consultation undertaken. There were many tribes who had affiliations to Mangakino/Pouakani lands and waterways, including Lake Maraetai.
- As a parallel process and without compromising the current treaty claim, it was suggested that Council oversee the approval, consultation and engagement process with the current tenures as there was a strong desire within the community for planned works to be progressed.
- APR costings were for project works only and did not include resource/building consent fees/charges.
- It was great to see plans to develop the lakefront and Mangakino moving forward.

#### **MP201708/11 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Barry Hickling  
Seconded: Mr Mark Seymour

That the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group receives the information on Lake Maraetai development options and Mr Deryck Shaw be thanked for his presentation.

**CARRIED**

#### **4.3 PRESENTATION: UPDATE ON DESTINATION GREAT LAKE TAUPŌ (DGLT)**

Destination Great Lake Taupō (DGLT) general manager Damian Coutts was in attendance to provide a brief update on DGLT activities. Key points noted were:

- It was difficult to extract data specific to Mangakino/Whakamaru from the broader district.
- For the year ending 30 June 2017, tourism direct spending for the district was \$612M.
- Although no direct impact on Mangakino was obvious from visitor spend, benefits would eventually filter through.
- United States visitors had the highest spend for international guests and in the last ten months alone, grew by 48%.
- Tourist figures comprised 80% domestic and 20% international
- Of concern was that spend in the commercial backpacker accommodation sector was down which commercial operators believed was driven by a shift to freedom camping. However, there was an increase in backpacker spend on activities.
- Tongariro crossing was the highest visited site district wide. Operators had the highest turnover irrespective of the least number of operational (good weather) days.
- Growth rates were occurring in winter, autumn and spring which was very positive.
- Timber Trail lodge developers reported a volume shift and Waikato River Trails were in the process of obtaining funds for further trail extensions. There was a collective strategic plan to connect the trails which Mangakino was positioned well to receive spin-off benefits.

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

- Ratepayer funds should not be used to resource tourist attractions and activities.
- The introduction of a targeted visitor/tourist tax was a very complex and contentious issue. It was difficult to find an equitable way to implement a levy proportionately that did not burden the community.
- The single largest tourism spend came from the food and beverage sector. With that in mind, it would be extremely difficult to differentiate community members from visitors/tourists alike if a levy was to be applied for 'tourists'.
- Council was currently looking into the government's infrastructure fund.

**MP201708/12 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Barry Hickling  
Seconded: Mrs Lisa de Thierry

That the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group receives the update on Destination Great Lake Taupo.

**CARRIED**

**4.4 PRESENTATION: DISC (FRISBEE) GOLF PROPOSAL**

Mr Murray Holland presented a proposal on Disc (Frisbee) Golf on behalf of Mangakino Central Charitable Trust (MCCT) representatives Mr Denis Hibbs, and Ms Lara Davies, who were also in attendance.

Key points noted were:

- The idea for disc frisbee golf had been previously discussed with the Parks Operations Manager – Mangakino who had suggested putting together a proposal for Council to consider which was not accepted at the time.
- At least one hundred signatures and a further 25 via an online survey had been gathered in support of the proposal.
- Disc Golf was one of the fastest growing sports and there was over 6000 courses worldwide.
- New Zealand had entered a team in the 2017 world games for the first time ever and had achieved second placing and won the team spirit award.
- For the more serious player, professional frisbees were in the vicinity of \$15-\$30 however, cheap frisbees were just as good for those people wanting to try their hand at it.
- There were physical and mental health benefits for participants, in particular walking and developing skills for mastering throwing techniques.
- Their preferred site was between the golf course and lake (Option 1) primarily because it was the only available site that had wheelchair access.

In reply to member questions, Mr Holland advised that part of the disc golf culture was encouraging people to pick up rubbish. They would also supply baskets and set up the site.

The Deputy Chair apologised for the initial response received from Council and noted that he fully supported the proposal which was a great idea.

**MP201708/13 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Mr Mark Seymour  
Seconded: Cr Barry Hickling

That the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group:

1. Supports the Disc (Frisbee) Golf proposal in principle;
2. Requests that officers look into licence to occupy arrangements to facilitate the Disc (Frisbee) Golf request;
3. Thanks the representatives from Mangakino Central Charitable Trust for their presentation.

**CARRIED**

**4.5 EASTER SUNDAY TRADING**

The Policy Contractor gave a brief overview of historical and current arrangements for Easter Sunday trading. New legislation provided for local authorities to expand and create local policies that permitted retail trading in parts of the district or, district wide. However, the policy could not force that shops open or that employees worked.

The Chief Executive noted that some councils thought it was not important as they valued the opportunity for

people to retain the day off. Conversely, others valued the economic benefits with opening up to all retailers. Members favoured empowering business owners to make their own choice by enabling all retailers to operate. This would also remove the risk of business owners being fined.

Additionally, the Policy Contractor noted that the Class 4 gambling policy was due for renewal at the end of 2017. Currently there were 245 machines district wide which could only be relocated within the district: Taupō, Turangi or Mangakino (NB. Mangakino town currently had no gaming machines). The policy had polarised social impacts as on one hand it encouraged gambling and on the other, supported members of the community via grants funding.

Part of the review also required that a social impact analysis be undertaken. This was completed for the Taupō district in 2016. The results recorded that \$8M was spent on gaming machines, of which only 13-15% was distributed back to the district through grants. Of particular note, charitable trusts were not obligated to inject funds back into the community from which it was generated.

RSA's were able to retain proceeds from gaming machines on their sites and most of the funds were reinvested back into their own assets.

#### **MP201708/14 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Tangonui Kingi  
Seconded: Mr Mark Seymour

That the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group receives the information in relation to Easter Sunday trading.

**CARRIED**

#### **4.6 DISCUSSION ON THE LONG-TERM PLAN 2018**

The Programme Manager invited the Group to provide feedback for its Long-Term Plan (LTP) submission. However, members decided to hold a separate informal meeting/workshop (early to mid September) to draft an LTP submission.

The Democracy & Community Engagement Manager noted that should the LTP submission not make the end of September cut-off, there would be another opportunity to make a submission in March/April 2018. The GM Operational Services advised that he would include planned developments eg Lake Maraetai lakeside, Tirohanga Road maintenance and widening etc within his LTP budget submissions.

#### **MP201708/15 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Mrs Lisa de Thierry  
Seconded: Mr Mark Seymour

That the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group provides feedback to staff regarding possible inclusions in the Long-term Plan 2018.

**CARRIED**

#### **4.7 REPRESENTATION REVIEW**

The Democracy & Community introduced the item noting that the Local Electoral Act 2001 (s19) required councils to complete a representation review at least once every six years. TDC's last review was done prior to the 2013 elections and the current review needed to be completed before the 2019 elections.

A paper was tabled (A2030656) showing current ward arrangements which were all non-compliant with the 10% +/- ratio rule applicable to local authorities. The non-compliance was due to a change in rules as previously, it was permissible to be outside of ratio if no objections had been received. If Council was to proceed with the current arrangements, a strong rationale needed to accompany the request to remain non-compliant. Therefore other arrangements needed to be considered to align with ratio requirement eg implementation of rural wards.

The review must also consider the following matters:

- Communities of interest: defining communities of interest, applying principles
- Effective representation: currently there were three wards and ten councillors
- Fair representation: Did population criteria achieve this? Currently, all wards did not comply with the applicable 10% ratio rule.
- Community boards: Currently had one in the Turangi-Tongariro ward. Could look at having a rural community board or re-establishing the Mangakino/Pouakani community board. Membership numbers (minimum of 4 up to a maximum of 12) would also be considered
- Voting systems: FPP or STV? Currently FPP system for the next two triennial elections however, this could be changed by Council resolution if wanted or, by poll demanded by electors before 19 September 2017
- Maori representation: If introduced, based on the Maori roll numbers there would be two Maori seats. Only voters enrolled on the Maori roll could vote for those seats though you did not have to be Maori to be eligible for nomination
- Council needed to make decisions by 23 November 2017

#### **MP201708/16 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Barry Hickling  
Seconded: Mrs Lisa de Thierry

That the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group receives the information on the Representation Review.

**CARRIED**

#### **4.8 REPORT FROM MANGAKINO COMMUNITY LED DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY COORDINATOR**

MCLD community coordinator Mrs Lisa de Thierry took her report as read and invited questions.

With only one question regarding a point of clarification in relation to the DIA funding, the Deputy Chair thanked Mrs de Thierry for her report which he observed was very comprehensive.

The Democracy & Community Engagement Manager advised that the Group chair, Councillor Kirsty Trueman had requested that this report be a regular agenda item.

#### **MP201708/17 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Tangonui Kingi  
Seconded: Mr Mark Seymour

That the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group receives the report from the Mangakino Community Led Development community coordinator.

**CARRIED**

#### **4.9 COMMUNITY ISSUES**

The following issues were noted:

- Longstanding resident Mrs Daphne Cotton reminisced on her time in Mangakino and in particular, the museum she established which was officially opened on 16 years ago on 22 August 2001 by then mayor, Mrs Joan Williamson.
- In reply to comments regarding power issues at the Tirohanga Hall, the GM Operational Services noted that he would arrange for an independent electrician to follow up. He also undertook to relocate spare heat/cool airconditioning units from council's Lake Terrace building into the hall. Mr Seymour advised that due to the size of the hall, three units would probably be needed.
- In reply to a member comment regarding heavy traffic volumes on the Paerata Road stock underpass, the GM Operational Services advised that he would arrange for the installation of a traffic

- counter.
- A member noted that any surplus shelving from council's Lake Terrace building would be gratefully received for use in the Mangakino community storage facility.
  - In reply to a member query regarding Pouakani Marae taking over ownership of the Te Awhina Hall, the GM Operational Services advised that for due diligence reasons, an independent report including a condition assessment of the building had been commissioned; those results were expected within the next week. The member then gave an overview of interactions between Marae representatives and Council since 2013 and questioned the lengthy timeframe it had taken to progress the transfer. The member also felt the hall should be preserved as an historical building. The GM Operational Services apologised for the delay and requested to meet with the member post meeting to discuss the matter further and learn more about the historical value of the building.
  - In reply to a member query regarding a recent fire at the rugby club change rooms and, the Mangakino Community Agency (MCA) paying The Lines Company (TLC) power bills for the past three years, the District Parks Operations Manager recounted that he understood at the time the field lights were installed it was a discreet supply that would not affect the building. Council were responsible for power costs of the park/field lights and MCA were to cover costs associated with the clubrooms. For clarification purposes, he would discuss the matter further with TLC. If it was subsequently found that MCA had been paying charges that should have in fact been billed to Council, Council would make the appropriate reimbursements.

#### **MP201708/18 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Mr Mark Seymour  
Seconded: Cr Tangonui Kingi

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

**CARRIED**

#### **4.10 MEMBERS' REPORTS**

There were no verbal reports made.

#### **MP201708/19 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Barry Hickling  
Seconded: Mr Mark Seymour

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

**CARRIED**

#### **5 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**

Nil

**The Meeting closed at 12.08pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group Meeting held on 17 October 2017.**

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**CHAIRPERSON**