

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MANGAKINO/POUAKANI REPRESENTATIVE GROUP MEETING
HELD AT THE BOARDROOM, MANGAKINO SERVICE CENTRE, MANGAKINO
ON TUESDAY, 19 JUNE 2018 AT 10.00AM**

PRESENT: Cr Kirsty Trueman (in the Chair), Cr Barry Hickling, Cr Tangonui Kingi, Mrs Lisa de Thierry, Mr Mark Seymour.

IN ATTENDANCE: Head of Operations, Head of Democracy, Governance & Venues, District Parks Operations Manager, Parks Manager Community & Open Spaces, Asset Manager Transportation, Senior Policy Advisor.

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: Nil

1 APOLOGIES

MP201806/01 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mrs Lisa de Thierry

Seconded: Mr Mark Seymour

That the apology received from Mayor David Trewavas be accepted.

CARRIED

2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 MANGAKINO/POUAKANI REPRESENTATIVE GROUP MEETING - 17 APRIL 2018

The following changes were noted to the minutes:

- Pg. 2 - correct spelling of Kaahu Road
- Pg. 2 - the trees on the corner of Spencer and Pokuru Roads were on the roadside
- Pg. 4 - add the word 'flag' after 'ripped'.

MP201806/02 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kirsty Trueman

Seconded: Cr Barry Hickling

That the minutes of the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group meeting (as amended) held on Tuesday 17 April 2018 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

4 REPORTS

4.1 CURRENT ACTION POINTS UPDATE

The following was noted in relating to the action points:

- Lake Maraetai Lakefront Management Agreement – the District Parks Operations Manager would follow up with DoC for an update.

- Further information to be requested from the Mangakino Community Agency in relation to the account for the lights at the rugby grounds.
- The stock underpass near Paerata Road needed to be looked at again.
- Heating upgrade to Tirohanga Hall programmed to be completed in July.

The following comments were noted during questions, answers and related discussion:

- All council buildings were in the process of being checked for asbestos. This would include the hall at Tirohanga.
- The Head of Operations would follow-up on the safety assessment of the building on the sportsground following the recent fire incident.

MP201806/03 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mrs Lisa de Thierry

Seconded: Cr Barry Hickling

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

CARRIED

4.2 INTERIM RESPONSE TO SUBMISSION ON THE CONSULTATION DOCUMENT FOR THE LONG-TERM PLAN 2018-28

An interim response from Council in relation to the MPRG's submission on the Consultation Document for the Long-Term Plan 2018-28 had been circulated.

The Senior Policy Advisor briefly outlined the LTP submissions process to date and advised that a more formal response would be brought back to the MPRG once Council had adopted the LTP on June 26. Council had received 340 submissions and heard from around 100 presenters over three days. Subsequently 29 changes had been made to the circulated draft which was currently before Audit NZ.

The following was noted during questions, answers and related discussion:

- A portable shower was included.
- Changing facilities budget had increased from \$100k to \$200k in Year 1 of the plan.
- Rural seal extension programme had been increased by \$50k to \$450k per annum and extended for the full 10 years.
- Children 5 years and under would be free at all council pools. No change to other pool entry prices.
- The amount of funding available for the Grants & Partnership distribution increased from \$538k to \$600k.
- Waikato River Trail Trust would be able to apply for a Partnership Agreement.
- Widening of Waipapa Road was specifically in relation to the bends in the gully between Mangakino and Maraetai.
- Confirmed that the installation of a streetlight on Tirohanga/Forest Roads would be investigated.
- An amount of \$200k had been included to the LTP in Year 4 to upgrade the ring main on Forest View Road, Whakamaru.

At the request of a member, staff would provide a hardcopy of the matrix used for prioritising rural road seal extension and an update regarding the trees on Pokuru/Spencer Road.

MP201806/04 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mrs Lisa de Thierry

Seconded: Cr Barry Hickling

That the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group notes the interim response from Council to the submission made on the Consultation Document for the Long-term Plan 2018-28.

CARRIED

4.3 PROPOSED SPEED LIMIT CHANGES

The Senior Policy Advisor was in attendance to discuss proposed speed limit changes pertinent to Mangakino and the surrounding area.

Engineers had undertaken relevant assessments and speed limit changes were proposed for Lake Road (reduce current speed from 100km/ph to 80km/ph) and Rangatira Drive (reduce current speed from 100km/ph to 80km/ph). As daily road users, locals were encouraged to provide community feedback and knowledge.

There had been 50 submissions from the Mangakino area of which 70% supported the proposed changes.

In answer to a question regarding the installation of speed humps, the Asset Manager Transportation advised that these created their own issues such as noise and vibration. Other traffic calming measures such as curb extension, narrowing of the carriageway, and installation of signage would be more appropriate for most circumstances.

MP201806/05 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mr Mark Seymour
Seconded: Mrs Lisa de Thierry

That the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group supports the reduction in speed on Lake Road and Rangatira Drive as outlined in the statement of proposal.

CARRIED

4.4 UPDATE FROM THE MANGAKINO COMMUNITY COORDINATOR

The Community Coordinator took the report as read.

The following was noted during discussion:

- Information had been passed on to Opus regarding safety concerns in relation to the width of Scott Road and the increased number of bikes using the road.
- Evening dining options were limited in both Mangakino and Whakamaru.
- The district branding sign on State Highway 30 had been damaged and needed replacing. This would be followed up with Destination Great Lake Taupō.
- The Generator event organised by the Waikato River Trail Trust was being reviewed. There was the potential for the finish to be at the Mangakino Lakefront.
- The branded Mangakino caravan had recently been on site at the Hole in One in Taupō for one week.

MP201806/06 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kirsty Trueman
Seconded: Mr Mark Seymour

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

CARRIED

4.5 COMMUNITY ISSUES

Members raised the following community issues:

- The increase in non-working rural dog fees had caused concern for a number of people in the rural community.
- Concern had been raised about the length of time people in rural areas had to wait for an

ambulance. A member suggested that a rural response team could be an option. The website www.goodsamapp.org had an app which could be downloaded. The app allowed callers to dial emergency services and simultaneously notified nearby medically qualified responders of a medical emergency. By alerting responders of an emergency, GoodSAM connected those in need with appropriately skilled responders to provide critical help before the emergency services arrived.

- Noted that information and coverage regarding the Greenlea rescue helicopter had petered out.
- A member thought that the proposed new wards as per the representation review had merit and was an improvement for rural areas. Noted that fifty percent of rates came from rural ratepayers who were poorly represented under current arrangements.
- Progress had been made on the Frisbee Golf initiative, with some sponsorship received for the hoops. The Head of Operations undertook to provide a plan to the group which would show the final layout and confirmation that affected parties had been spoken to.

The District Park Operation Manager outlined the process in place in Turangi in relation to the collection of leaves from trees on berms.

MP201806/07 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kirsty Trueman

Seconded: Mrs Lisa de Thierry

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

CARRIED

4.6 MEMBERS' REPORTS

The following verbal reports were received:

Cr Kirsty Trueman

- Would like to ensure that the users of the sportsground were involved in the changing rooms project and an open invitation to the community to participate was extended.
- The Tihoi Tavern had around 150 entries for the annual hunting competition.
- Welcome In to new farmers held at Tirohanga recently.
- A number of changes to school principals at three of the schools within the district.
- Attended the Emergency Management Conference in Wellington at the end of May. Key information related to the impact of social media in an emergency, the diversity of Auckland and impact on communications, and the different needs of millennials.
- Waikato Regional Council were looking at rescheduling the public bus service. An option for consideration was for Tokoroa and Forest View High School students to travel by bus rather than the current vans.

Mrs Lisa de Thierry

- Was a judge at the Young Enterprise business pitch heat held in Rotorua on 11 June 2018. Participants were from Tokoroa High School, Tauhara College, Taupo Nui a Tia College, and Western Heights High School.
- Onsite meeting with Destination Great Lake Taupō and famil for some of their new staff.

Mr Mark Seymour

- Updated on microplasma bovis and confirmed that there was currently no report in the Taupō area. Due to the risks, such things as calf club would not be happening in the area. The disease was spread by milk from infected cows to calves and by nose to nose contact, including close proximity contact such as 'robot milkers'. Noted that dairy calves were sold to beef farms which put them at risk as well.

Another member further noted that imported semen, embryo transplants and cheap veterinary products had contributed to the disease spreading.

The Head of Operations advised that council water staff (who accessed farms) were aware of the situation and had implemented measures to minimise the risk of transferring the disease.

MP201806/08 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kirsty Trueman
Seconded: Mrs Lisa de Thierry

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

CARRIED

5 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil

The Meeting closed at 11.25pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group Meeting held on 21 August 2018.

.....
CHAIRPERSON