

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MANGAKINO/POUAKANI REPRESENTATIVE GROUP MEETING  
HELD AT THE BOARDROOM, MANGAKINO SERVICE CENTRE, MANGAKINO  
ON TUESDAY, 21 AUGUST 2018 AT 10.00AM**

- PRESENT:** Cr Barry Hickling (in the Chair), Cr Tangonui Kingi, Mrs Lisa de Thierry, Mr Mark Seymour
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Head of Operational Services, Head of Democracy, Governance & Venues, District Parks Operations Manager, Parks & Community Spaces Manager, Building Project Manager, Policy Manager, Senior Policy Advisor, Policy Advisor, Democratic Services Support Officer
- MEDIA AND PUBLIC:** Messrs Warwick Morehu, Tony Jeurissen, & Brian Nicholas (NZ Police), Mr Andy Hema (TTCB Chairman), plus 3 members of the public

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially NZ police representatives and members of the public in attendance.

Note: *The Chair approved a request from the Policy Advisor to discuss the District Plan Review following item 4.3.*

## 1 APOLOGIES

### MP201808/01 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Tangonui Kingi  
Seconded: Mr Mark Seymour

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

**CARRIED**

## 2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

## 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

### 3.1 MANGAKINO/POUAKANI REPRESENTATIVE GROUP MEETING - 19 JUNE 2018

Minutes of a meeting of the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group held on Tuesday, 19 June 2018 had been circulated (A2303060).

### MP201808/02 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Tangonui Kingi  
Seconded: Mrs Lisa de Thierry

That the minutes of the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group meeting held on Tuesday 19 June 2018 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

## 4 REPORTS

### 4.1 PRESENTATION: POLICE UPDATE

Taupō police Area Commander Inspector Warwick Morehu, Senior Sergeant Tony Jeurissen and Iwi Liaison Officer Sergeant Brian Nicholas were in attendance. Inspector Morehu gave a mihi in te reo and thanked the members for the invitation to attend, noting it was great to touch base with rural communities. Key points of discussion were:

- The minister of police had announced 1800 new staff; 1280 would be deployed to districts, including 200 staff with a specific focus on preventing crime related to gangs and drug-related offending.
- Would look at how best to utilise 125 new front line service staff coming in to the BOP area over the next 5 years.
- Juggling staff was an ongoing issue, especially managing leave. Currently had 140 staff in the area however, just having 3 staff away affected police teams as those gaps had to be filled.
- Methamphetamine / 'P' and synthetic cannabis underpinned most organised crime, including burglaries, car theft, family harm incidents, and firearms and weapons (especially knives).
- Key priority was always health and safety of staff. A lot of investment was going into staff development, in particular leaders.
- New cars (different style of commodore) were being rolled out. Vehicles were an important part of the police tool kit and needed to be high performing / functioning.

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

- Estimated 20 (of the 125 new staff) would be allocated to the Taupō area. Would need to re-evaluate demand in Taupō and Tokoroa as required.
- Although crime in Tokoroa was lower than Taupō, severity of Tokoroa issues was a lot greater than Taupō. It would be remiss to not bear that in mind when considering where to locate new staff.
- Youth justice age would change from 17 to 18 in 2019, meaning that 17-year old lower risk offenders would now be dealt with by the Youth Court. Police were working more at the front end with youth to try and prevent them entering the justice system.
- Crime overall was quite low for Mangakino. Felt this was due to community and council input.
- Though local gang crime was not particularly great, there was still impacts on victims and community members who felt intimidated by their appearance.
- Major concern for Mangakino was staff shortage. Currently had one full-time staff and were sorting through employment issues in relation to the second position. Anticipated that would be sorted by the end of September, at which time the position could then be re-filled. In response, a member noted that safety of the current officer was a huge concern for the community, as one person alone could not service an entire community and/or work on their own. The situation also exposed the Mangakino community to risk as nearest back-up if needed would have to come from Tokoroa or Taupō. Additionally, members of the community also had concerns about gangs. Letters from some community members providing feedback in relation to those concerns would be handed to Mr Morehu at the end of the meeting. In reply, Mr Morehu advised that under-resourcing was the state of policing nationally. Te Kaha was in a similar situation as they had two full-time staff however, if one went on leave, the nearest help was 70km away in Opotiki. Constantly risk assessing where threats were and who was exposed to a particular threat, where the greatest need was for staff etc. Equally, assessing how to react in relation to gangs, whilst considering that any actions taken could have a huge (often negative) effect on a town.
- All members of a community, including local authorities, had shared obligations to encourage community pride and ownership in events and facilities. Mr Jeurissen recounted a phone call received from His Worship the Mayor approximately 10 months ago advising him that the Mangakino police station building could do with a paint. Such instances were welcomed and appreciated by police.
- It was difficult to attract staff to Mangakino primarily due to perception of the area. A more sustainable option was to recruit someone who had a connection to the area, eg family based in Mangakino, grew up in the area.
- Internal restructuring included family harm and youth aid teams now working together, and trialling of a

new roster system that could, for example, include police staff tasked to visit / patrol Mangakino on a Saturday morning. This would increase police visibility and also allow staff to work more collaboratively and in partnership with rural communities.

- Police had an ongoing relationship with South Waikato Council, which helped when managing issues that arose during summer season at Whakamaru Reserve.
- Many offenders were bailed by police which was a massive drain on staff and the tax payer, as was sending low-end offenders to prison, which was pushing the prison population up. Needed to increase support services to help manage the situation.
- Mr Morehu's closing comments were that he was "proud of our community, proud to police here, police try their best".

#### **MP201808/03 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Tangonui Kingi

Seconded: Mr Mark Seymour

That the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group receives the police update and thanks Area Commander Inspector Warwick Morehu, Senior Sergeant Tony Jeurissen, and Sergeant Brian Nicholas for attending.

**CARRIED**

#### **4.2 CURRENT ACTION POINTS UPDATE**

The following action point updates were noted:

- The Solicitor Property had written (2-3) letters to DoC in relation the Lake Maraetai lakefront MOU; to date had not received any response.
- The Head of Operational Services advised that
  - the underpass was currently being measured up, with repairs being completed in September;
  - the parks and reserves team would tidy around Te Awhina Hall – discussions were ongoing;
  - had received report back on fire at rugby league club, which would be forwarded to Mangakino Community Agency along with a letter.
- In reply to member questions and concerns about the frisbee golf baskets, Mangakino Central Charitable Trust Coordinator Lara Davies advised that
  - weather permitting, the baskets would be installed over the upcoming weekend;
  - currently sourcing funding for the last sign that would contain rules of the game;
  - planned to hold an official opening this summer;
  - there was one basket near the road however, the projection direction of the frisbee would mean it would end up away from the road;
  - had been onsite with the Community Ranger Mangakino to ensure location of all tees and baskets were clear of wastewater pipes;
  - MCCT had public liability insurance however, any issues arising from use of the course was the individual's responsibility;
  - community involvement had been great, with all sponsorship coming from within the community;
  - discussions had been held with nearby residents.

#### **MP201808/04 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Tangonui Kingi

Seconded: Cr Barry Hickling

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

**CARRIED**

### 4.3 REVIEW OF THE TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL LIQUOR CONTROL BYLAW 2013

Senior Policy Advisor Hilary Samuel was in attendance to discuss the Taupō District Council Liquor Control Bylaw, and highlighted key points as follows:

- Legislative changes required that the current bylaw needed to be updated by December 2018.
- The bylaw would be renamed - Alcohol Control Bylaw.
- The current liquor ban areas needed to be reviewed to see what was still relevant, and if there was any issues or concerns with the ban in Mangakino.
- Currently two bans in place that covered district town centres during weekends - Mangakino, Turangi, and Taupō - and another for the New Year period – from 12 noon December 27 until 7am January 4.
- Currently undertaking pre-consultation phase of review. Bylaws required a formal consultation, hearings and submissions process.
- There were strict guidelines about where liquor bans could be imposed. Any new proposed ban areas had to be substantiated with appropriate evidence.
- The proposed amendments would be presented at the September council meeting then put out for public consultation in October / November.
- Police did not have any issues with the current ban areas, and suggested that some areas could be reduced.

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

- A member had observed people drinking at the skate park, especially out-of-towners / contractors therefore it was important that the ban remain in place in that area.
- No ban currently in place at the lakefront. Police were fairly pragmatic about enforcing bans and would not approach a couple enjoying a glass of wine with a picnic on the lakefront (for example). Enforcement of a ban was used as tool only when / where there were issues.
- Looking at putting in a temporary one-off ban in the updated bylaw (which could be done by Council resolution) for those areas outside of Council control eg concert carparks.

Ms Samuel then introduced the Taupō District Council District Plan Review, of which she was the Project Manager. Key points noted were:

- Council was required to undertake a District Plan (DP) under the Resource Management Act (RMA), review every 10 years, which was a very lengthy process.
- The document itself was very complex with many linkages to different parts of the same document.
- The new DP would be developed over the next 3 years, with significant community consultation and feedback being undertaken during that time to see what was still relevant. This would be followed by formal notifications, submissions, and hearings.
- The DP was the rule book for lot and building sizes, setbacks, site coverage, sub-division, etc. It also prescribed where residential, commercial and industrial growth areas were.

Policy Advisor Kendall Goode then discussed the 'Issues Identification Project' in relation to the District Plan Review. Key points noted were:

- The District Plan (DP) was broken down into different zones, and each had its own set of rules which dictated minimum standards.
- First phase of the review involved looking at what was / what was not working.
- To gain feedback had met with staff internally who used the DP on a daily basis – resource consents and infrastructure teams – and externally, resource management consultants. Had also emailed real estate agents for feedback though had not heard anything back. Yet to discuss with Iwi and other local stakeholders.
- Had crafted 11 strategic issues from that feedback which would create the foundation going forward, and cascade down to create the rules. The issues sat under five strands: Management of urban growth; Tangata Whenua; Management of industrial and commercial areas; Management of residential land; Management of rural land.
- The Draft National Planning Standards (NPS) had just been released and would be formalised next year. NPS was a national template that informed how a DP must be written. This would have some

challenges as everything would now have to fit within those new standards, eg there were currently areas with special zoning that would have to be brought into line.

- Research had shown some trending issues, in particular with lifestyle blocks - whether there was enough, what areas should have / should not have them. Also resource consents submitted in the last five years showed that many people had applied for resource consent because their building coverage exceeded the current site coverage allowance (of 30%) by 2% - Council would have to decide whether to stay with the status quo or slightly increase the allowance.
- Feedback could be submitted through Council's website, or by email to [hsamuel@taupo.govt.nz](mailto:hsamuel@taupo.govt.nz) or [kgoode@taupo.govt.nz](mailto:kgoode@taupo.govt.nz).

#### **MP201808/05 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Mr Mark Seymour

Seconded: Mrs Lisa de Thierry

That the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group receives the update on the Taupō District Council Liquor Control Bylaw 2013 and District Plan reviews.

**CARRIED**

#### **4.4 CULTURAL PRECINCT UPDATE**

The Building Project Manager was in attendance to provide an update on the proposed Cultural Precinct building. A power point handout was distributed (A2299822) and key points highlighted as follows:

- There was an opportunity to tap into the new government's Provincial Growth Fund of up to \$1b per year. Other potential funding avenues were crowd funding, philanthropist funds, Iwi, donor / sponsorship funding, etc.
- There was a need for a civic administration to house 162 staff and councillors.
- \$15.7m had been set aside in the LTP for the new building.
- The majority of feedback received following public consultation on the 2017/18 Annual Plan and whether to rebuild at 72 Lake Terrace was that the building should be located in the central business district (CBD) to create vibrancy there.
- Options to address the issues of either restoration or a new build were presented to Council and a new building was chosen as the council's preferred option. Staff then looked into and presented site options for the new building. 72 Lake Terrace went from being the first preferred option to third, with Tuwharetoa Street carpark (between Burger King and Liquor King) second, and the Great Lake Centre (GLC) area first / most preferred.
- The GLC was TDC managed land plus there were opportunities to make efficiencies and create a main focal point for Taupō. Its central location also meant it was easily accessible to the community and would add vibrancy to the CBD. However, while this site was the favoured option of the three, the other two sites (72 Lake Terrace and the carpark located on Tūwharetoa Street) had not been dismissed and would be revisited if the project did not go ahead.
- Council approved the development of a masterplan for the area to look at what areas could be capitalised on and to future proof any development going forward. That included opportunities to include new cultural, arts and heritage facilities to replace the existing Taupō Museum.
- Two master planners were selected. One had a strong background in architecture and the other in urban, street and landscape design, and had done a great deal of work in similar smaller communities like Taupō.
- Public consultation commenced on the proposed GLC site with various groups and stakeholders, the community at large, and Ngāti Tuwharetoa. Feedback would assist the master planners to extract what was important to the district.
- Council had confirmed some out-of-bound areas such as the cenotaph, and the Tongariro North Domain area.
- It was known for some time that the museum building was below par with a large part of it not having adequate insulation. Insulation issues combined with open spaces and poor environmental controls created a high risk of deterioration and / or damage to artefacts due to seasonal variances in

temperature and humidity. This limited the district's opportunities for receiving and displaying touring exhibitions and precious artefacts / taonga therefore it was logical to include the museum in the master planning process.

- The harbourmasters office land block had been part of a long-standing treaty claim. Understood there would be a co-management agreement upon settlement therefore unlikely to be many changes.
- The bowling club had asked if they could extend their lease from 2028 to 2040 however Council had delayed any response pending completion of the master planning process.
- Both the transportation and sports and recreation strategies would impact the overall scope of the area when considering Tongariro Street traffic (and car / bus parking) and the current location of the tennis and bowling clubs.
- Stage 1 of the master planning process should be completed by the end of this year; stage 2 included procuring designers to draft a concept design, and later a construction contractor; stage 3 involved construction of the building, fit out, moving and handover. Approximate timeframe was 2.5 years.

In closing, Mr King noted that he was available to talk anytime, and keen to engage with the community to take on-board any feedback.

#### **MP201808/06 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Mr Mark Seymour  
Seconded: Cr Tangonui Kingi

That the Mangakino Pouakani Representative Group receives the update on the Cultural Precinct.

**CARRIED**

#### **4.5 UPDATE FROM THE MANGAKINO COMMUNITY COORDINATOR**

The Community Coordinator report had been circulated (A2288044). Additional key points noted were:

- Business After 5 event on 29 August.
- Encouraged people to attend open meeting at Mangakino Area School later this afternoon concerning the future status of the school.

Cr Hickling commended Ms de Thierry on her excellent report.

#### **MP201808/07 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Tangonui Kingi  
Seconded: Cr Barry Hickling

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

**CARRIED**

#### **4.6 COMMUNITY ISSUES**

Mr Seymour noted the following:

- Thanked Council for the new heat pumps in Tirohanga Hall.
- The underpass was on Tirohanga Road – not Paerata Road.
- Trees had been trimmed at Tirohanga Hall and the account sent to Council. In response, the District Parks Operations Manager requested that Mr Seymour advise the contractor to contact Council directly before undertaking any further trimming work as under the new health and safety legislation (and as the PCBU - Person Conducting a Business or Undertaking), Council was responsible for any work undertaken at the hall site. All Taupō District Council contractors had to be approved by council.

**MP201808/08 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Mr Mark Seymour  
Seconded: Cr Tangonui Kingi

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

**CARRIED**

**4.7 MEMBERS' REPORTS**

Ms de Thierry noted that the new Waikato River Trails event would have financial spin-offs for Mangakino.

**MP201808/09 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Tangonui Kingi  
Seconded: Cr Barry Hickling

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

**CARRIED**

**5 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**

Nil

**The Meeting closed at 11.58am.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group Meeting held on 16 October 2018.**

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**CHAIRPERSON**