

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MANGAKINO/POUAKANI REPRESENTATIVE GROUP MEETING  
HELD AT THE BOARDROOM, MANGAKINO SERVICE CENTRE, MANGAKINO  
ON TUESDAY, 11 FEBRUARY 2020 AT 10.05 AM**

**PRESENT:** Cr Kirsty Trueman (in the Chair), Mrs Lisa de Thierry, Cr Kylie Leonard, Mr Mark Seymour, Mayor David Trewavas, Cr Yvonne Westerman

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Chief Executive, Head of Operations, Head of Democracy, Governance and Venues, Project Management Advisor, Strategic Partnerships Advisor, Democratic Services Support Officer

**MEDIA AND PUBLIC:** Nil

Note: (i) *His Worship the Mayor entered the meeting at 10.27am during item 4.3 discussions and was not present for resolution MP202002/02.*

**1 APOLOGIES**

**MP202002/01 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Kirsty Trueman

Seconded: Mr Mark Seymour

That the apology received from Mayor David Trewavas for lateness be accepted.

**CARRIED**

**2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Nil

**3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Nil

**4 REPORTS**

**4.1 ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON**

The Head of Democracy, Governance and Venues briefly outlined (the two) available voting processes for the election of the deputy chairperson and recommended that members use System B, which was the simplest option.

**Ms Lisa de Thierry**

**Nominated by Cr Kirsty Trueman**

**Seconded by Mr Mark Seymour**

**MP202002/02 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Kirsty Trueman

Seconded: Cr Yvonne Westerman

That the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group confirms that System B be used to determine the election process for the Deputy Chairperson.

**CARRIED**

**MP202002/03 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Kirsty Trueman  
Seconded: Mr Mark Seymour

That the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group elects Mrs Lisa de Thierry as the Deputy Chairperson of the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group.

**CARRIED**

**4.2 CURRENT ACTION POINTS UPDATE**

The following points were noted:

- In answer to a question in relation to Te Awhina Hall, the Chief Executive explained the role of the Head of Community, Culture and Heritage, Mr Dylan Tahau and background surrounding the hall. Mr Tahau managed relationships with Māori, which in the current scenario involved Pouakani Marae. Ownership of the site was the subject of a pending court case and treaty claims. Around two years ago Council had commissioned a comprehensive building condition report. The report identified major health and safety issues with the building and that it was not suitable for use. The building was subsequently shut down, which prompted an occupation from local Māori. Discussions to address concerns were held with marae representatives, and were resolved by Council committing to do particular works. Since then, Council had removed some smaller outer buildings and mown the grounds as required. Members requested that this item remain on the action sheet.
- A streetlight had been installed on Tirohanga and Forest Roads. However, Mr Seymour noted that the light had been positioned in the wrong place because it was not illuminating the intersection properly. He also noted that the current light was solar powered, and that the right location where it should have been sited had the appropriate power connectivity – *remove item*.
- The Head of Operations would follow up with New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) regarding turning bus signs on Western Bays Road. Cr Leonard noted that for safety reasons Council may have to provide additional assistance as the bus committee would likely not fund this.
- St John had donated a defibrillator for Mangakino, which they wanted placed outside the Mangakino Service Centre. There was a defibrillator already in the Mangakino Four Square store though when St John went to use it, it was obscured by shop goods. Members' decided that the defibrillator should instead be placed in an appropriate box at Whakamaru, and a sign placed on the noticeboard outside the Whakamaru shops.
- In reply to a question, the Chief Executive advised that Council had a contractor who completed regular service checks of defibrillators through the district; the defibrillator at Tirohanga would be added to that schedule.
- Keep 'Speed sign at Marotiri School' on action sheet.
- Parking, camping, toileting and freedom camping were problematic at the lakefront over summer. With upcoming events needed to look at ways to improve the situation, including more fencing in the area.
- In reply to a question, the Chief Executive advised that fencing would be reinstated by contractors post forestry operations at Tirohanga. The contact person at Council for any queries about this was Mr Alan Menhennet.

**MP202002/04 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Mr Mark Seymour  
Seconded: Mrs Lisa de Thierry

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

**CARRIED**

### 4.3 MANGAKINO CHANGING FACILITIES UPDATE

The Project Management Advisor took the report as read and briefed the new councillor members on the project for a changing facility at the Mangakino sportsground. Key points noted were:

- In 2017 there was a fire at the Mangakino Rugby Club with prompted the need to do something at the sportsground.
- In April 2018, Council passed a resolution to add \$100k to the Mangakino open spaces budget, bringing the total amount available for the facility build to \$200k. This amount was in line with what had been approved for Turangi to build their changing facility.
- In March 2019, meetings were held with stakeholders to scope requirements. That information was used to inform concept designs on building options of which cost estimates were between \$700k - \$850k. The plans and costings were brought back for the members to review. Following discussions, the \$800k option was chosen. Subsequently members requested an additional \$200k from Council towards the project, which was approved on the proviso that the community matched the \$400k funding provided by Council.
- The Strategic Partnerships Advisor advised that they were unable to secure any funding towards the required \$400k. Funding applications had been submitted to Trust Waikato and Bay Trust but both were declined due to applications for other Council projects having already been granted. Funding criteria terms were that an organisation would only be approved for one application per year.
- A building condition report completed on the rugby clubrooms showed that damage was extensive.
- Ownership of the building was now vested in Council.
- The Head of Operations noted that renovations would be a more expensive option than a rebuild.
- The facility would be used for all sports codes including local rugby league and soccer teams. King Country Rugby also used the grounds for training sessions as it was centrally located.
- People were having to get changed in their vehicles.

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

- A member suggested that staff make contact with a company called Portabuild as she had spoken to them beforehand and they could likely come under the estimated pricing as per the concept plans. In reply, the Project Management Advisor noted that the two concept designs were drafted by Council's Landscape Architect, Fraser Scott and the company who had designed the Otumuheke Stream changing facility.
- Members suggested approaching local stakeholders for financial support e.g. Wairarapa Moana, Miraka, Crusaders Meat.
- The \$800k design was limited in size but included changing rooms, toilets and a small communal area. The rugby clubroom was much larger and if refurbished, could be used for multiple purposes e.g. community programmes, hired out for events, etc. Members' needed to decide whether to further examine refurbishing of the existing clubroom including the opportunities that would enable for the wider community, or building a (one-purpose) changing facility.
- Asbestos testing had been done, however the results were not available for this meeting. Given the age of the building, it was probable that there would be some asbestos.
- The community would be in favour of the quickest option available.

*Note: Members decided to go onsite to inspect the clubrooms building after the meeting.*

### MP202002/05 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kirsty Trueman

Seconded: Mr Mark Seymour

That the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group receives the information on the Mangakino Changing Facilities update.

**CARRIED**

#### 4.4 UPDATE FROM THE MANGAKINO COMMUNITY COORDINATOR

The Head of Democracy, Governance and Venues informed the new councillor members that Ms Lisa de Thierry was contracted by Council as the community coordinator for Mangakino.

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

- The Waikato River Trail (WRT) had been very popular, with the Mangakino and Whakamaru trail sections having the highest user statistics.
- In answer to a question, the Head of Democracy, Governance and Venues advised that she had spoken to Glyn Wooller from WRT who advised that he was working through the possibilities of extending the trails through farm lands with Wairarapa Moana Incorporation.
- Cr Leonard noted that the Ministry was currently reviewing school zones, which could have significant implications for the district. The purpose of zoning was to reduce school roll numbers.
- The recent community meeting held with police was not as well attended as the previous one. Although productive, there were some key issues that had not been well-traversed. Currently Mangakino had one full-time policeman and recruitment was underway for a second officer.
- The upcoming Mangakino Lake Hop event had 3,400 people interested already. Last year approximately 1100 people attended and every available space was taken.

#### MP202002/06 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Yvonne Westerman

Seconded: Cr Kylie Leonard

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

**CARRIED**

#### 4.5 COMMUNITY ISSUES

The following community issues were noted:

- Mr Seymour sought assistance from Council for alterations at the Tirohanga Hall including a bi-fold door into the children's playground area and a reasonable sized deck which would provide a better indoor / outdoor flow. The Tirohanga community were happy to contribute towards the costs. The Head of Operations would arrange for someone to go on site and see what was required, put together costings, etc.
- Mr Seymour raised an issue about the hall cleaning bond, which was currently processed and held by Council. In recent months there had been occasions where the hall had been left in an unsatisfactory state and members of the community had to clean up the mess. There was no vetting system for potential hirers; bookings were processed through Council and local resident Wendy Hilhorst. Discussions ensued and concluded with officers to follow up regarding implementing a process so that in future, payment of the cleaning bond could be made directly to the Tirohanga Settlers Hall Trust if required.
- Streetlights were needed where Pokuru, Paerata, Okama and Tram Roads linked with Tirohanga Road.
- Ms de Thierry tabled a letter from Ms Tania Dobbs regarding a lack of bike stands outside the shops for visitors and locals to park their bikes. She had provided pictures of several bikes leant against the wall outside Ata's Café. Bikes were also an issue outside the Mangakino Takeaways which at times made it difficult for people walking past. The Head of Operations undertook to look into the matter and find a suitable location for a bike stand.
- Needed to find ways to positively engage local youth. Would be good to have key agencies attend the next community meeting with police to help address youth issues. A member noted that it was equally important that the community was onboard and leading the process.
- There had been an issue with motorbikes being ridden through town, which was in-hand with local police.
- The Chief Executive encouraged members to call police for all incidents including minor issues as doing

- so would provide evidence and support police when trying to justify the need for more resources.
- Cr Trueman thanked Council for the 'Swan' sign at Whakamaru.
  - Touch rugby had started at Whakamaru and was attracting great crowds of around 160 people.

#### **MP202002/07 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Yvonne Westerman

Seconded: Cr Kylie Leonard

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

**CARRIED**

#### **4.6 MEMBERS' REPORTS**

- Members' agreed that Mrs Lisa de Thierry would continue to be the Group's representative on the Waikato River Trails Trust.
- Cr Trueman advised that she attends the Kinleith Consultative Group (KCG) meetings. KCG were looking at redesigning their wastewater disposal system so that most of the wastewater would be treated on site before entering the river. Restoring the river back to its original state was also discussed however, there were significant factors to consider including costs, birdlife being displaced, etc. Discussions were also yet to be held with Raukawa Charitable Trust.

#### **MP202002/08 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Kirsty Trueman

Seconded: Mayor David Trewavas

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

**CARRIED**

#### **5 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**

Nil

**The meeting closed at 11.39am.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group Meeting held on 19 June 2020.**

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**CHAIRPERSON**