

TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MANGAKINO/POUAKANI REPRESENTATIVE GROUP MEETING
HELD AT THE BOARDROOM, MANGAKINO SERVICE CENTRE, MANGAKINO
ON THURSDAY, 18 JUNE 2020 AT 10.00AM

- PRESENT:** Cr Kirsty Trueman (in the Chair), Mrs Lisa de Thierry, Mr Whitu Karauna, Cr Kylie Leonard, Miss Memory Te Whaiti, Mayor David Trewavas, Cr Yvonne Westerman
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Chief Executive, Head of Democracy, Governance and Venues, District Parks Manager, Project Management Advisor (via audio visual link), Co-Governance Manager, Strategic Partnerships Advisor, Democratic Services Support Officer
- MEDIA AND PUBLIC:** New Zealand Police Acting Senior Sergeant Taupō Response Vanessa Meharry

The Chair welcomed everyone and invited Mr Whitu Karauna to open the meeting with a karakia.

- Notes:
- (i) *Items were heard in the following order: 1-3, 4.2, 4.1, 4.3-4.5, 4.7, 4.6*
 - (ii) *Apologies were also noted from the Taupō District Council Head of Operations Kevin Strongman, and Senior Communications Advisor Andy Taylor.*
 - (iii) *Cr Yvonne Westerman noted a conflict of interest should the committee enter into discussions about the Mangakino basketball court.*
 - (iv) *Cr Kylie Leonard entered the meeting at 10.07am during item 4.2. She was not present for resolutions MP202006/01, 02 and 03.*
 - (v) *Miss Memory Te Whaiti entered the meeting at 10.12am during item 4.2. She was not present for resolutions MP202006/01, 02 and 03.*
 - (vi) *His Worship the Mayor left the meeting at 11.50am during item 4.6. He was not present for resolutions MP202006/06 and 07.*
 - (vii) *Mr Whitu Karauna left the meeting at 11.55am during item 4.7 and re-entered the meeting at 11.57am.*
 - (viii) *At the start of item 4.7, parks and reserves ranger Mr Rui Kohiti addressed the Group and gave a brief mihi about himself.*

1 APOLOGIES

MP202006/01 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor David Trewavas
Seconded: Cr Yvonne Westerman

That the apologies received from Cr Kylie Leonard (for lateness) and Mr Mark Seymour (for absence) be accepted.

CARRIED

2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Yvonne Westerman - town basketball courts.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 MANGAKINO/POUAKANI REPRESENTATIVE GROUP MEETING - 11 FEBRUARY 2020

MP202006/02 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kirsty Trueman
Seconded: Mrs Lisa de Thierry

That the minutes of the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group meeting held on Tuesday 11 February 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

4 REPORTS

4.1 PRESENTATION: POLICE UPDATE

Acting Senior Sergeant Vanessa Meharry was currently overseeing the Taupō Response. She gave apologies on behalf of locally based Constable Te Awa Anderson who was no longer able to attend.

The covid lockdown period had brought additional difficulties to navigate due to the many changes that were filtering through from government on a daily basis. On a positive note, there had been a significant reduction in crime during that same period. However, things were starting to pick up especially with the lowering to the current level 1.

Additional key points noted were:

- Tokoroa police Senior Sergeant Kelly Brown had resigned; her position was yet to be filled.
- Tokoroa based Sergeant Murray Hamilton was in charge of family harm incidents for Mangakino.
- Constable Te Awa Anderson had transferred in from outside the district.
- There were crossovers with policing between South Waikato and Taupō districts due to Mangakino being centrally positioned between both.
- Police were transitioning through a period of change under its new Police Commissioner Andrew Coster, particularly with their business guiding document which set out their values, diversity and Treaty of Waitangi obligations.

Following questions from members, Ms Meharry undertook to seek an update from (former) Senior Sergeant Kelly Brown regarding a hui she had attended at Pouakani Marae to discuss youth issues.

His Worship the Mayor thanked the Taupō district police for doing a great job during the lockdown period.

MP202006/03 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mrs Lisa de Thierry
Seconded: Cr Kirsty Trueman

That the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group receives the update and thanks Acting Senior Sergeant Vanessa Meharry for attending.

tCARRIED

4.2 PRESENTATIONS: UPDATE ON THE MANGAKOWHIRIWHIRI STREAM WETLAND RESTORATION PROJECT AND MARAETAI STATION FISHING INITIATIVES

Mercury NZ Ltd representatives Natalie Haines and Stu Lamont circulated photos in support of their discussions and (respectively) gave progress updates on the Mangakowhiriwhiri Stream Wetland Restoration Project and fishing initiatives at the Maraetai power station.

The primary focus over the past year was weed control and planting. Planting was undertaken in collaboration with Whakamaru Primary School students during October to December 2019 with Waikato River Trails personnel assisting with the weed control.

Administrative functions including health and safety requirements had been onerous. Funding for different elements of the project was received from the Waikato River Authority (WRA), Waikato Catchment Ecological Enhancement Trust (WCEET) and Mercury NZ's own mitigation fund (established for hydro system operations). To date \$10k had been spent on design work for a gravelled walkway and bridge

through the bush, which was expected to be completed early next year.

Safety at the Maraetai and Whakamaru Stations was of the highest priority and several measures had been taken to mitigate potential risks. Additional warning signage and a new boom (cost \$40k) had been installed at Maraetai. The boom was designed to funnel anyone in the water towards a ladder so they could get out. The boom was installed in response to recent break-ins; the site had been accessed by cutting the boundary fence netting wire. Although the fence wires were not live, the wires behind it were.

School fishing tours for Whakamaru school students would resume once out of level one.

MP202006/04 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor David Trewavas

Seconded: Cr Kirsty Trueman

That the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group receives the information and thanks Ms Natalie Haines and Mr Stuart Lamont for their updates.

CARRIED

4.3 CURRENT ACTION POINTS UPDATE

The following action point updates were noted:

- Members requested that the Head of Community, Culture and Heritage touch base with the marae regarding Te Awhina Hall.
- The District Parks Manager would seek an update in relation to the turning bus signs on Western Bays Road.
- Defibrillator signage (x2) and add Tirohanga defib to maintenance schedule completed – *remove items*.
- Current operations budget restrictions would not enable any major impacts / changes to parking, camping and toileting issues at the Mangakino lakefront. The mobile café operator had a coin operated shower alongside the café, which was currently locked. Discussions ensued and members requested that officers look into the operator's current license conditions and report back to the Group.
- Mr Mark Seymour had requested an opportunity to view and comment on the renovation plans. Advised that the Tirohanga community would be happy to contribute towards these costs.
- The Head of Democracy, Governance and Venues had discussed the cleaning of Tirohanga Hall post-hirage with the booking coordinator Wendy Hilhorst and process agreed. – *remove item*.
- A member noted that streetlights along Tirohanga Road would make it a lot safer in foggy conditions, which was common during winter time.
- Suggested location for the bike stands was on the College Street side of Ata's café.
- Members discussed the (Mangakino to Tokoroa) bus services and agreed that the Thursday service could be dropped. A member requested information signage at bus passenger pick-up points to notify people what times / days the bus service would be operating. Discussions were also held about families having to privately fund and transport their children to Te Herenga kura kaupapa Māori in Tokoroa as this was not included in the Ministry of Education (MoE) funded bus services. A member suggested that whanau write to the local member of parliament to provide some support.

MP202006/05] RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor David Trewavas

Seconded: Mrs Lisa de Thierry

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

CARRIED

MP202006/05 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor David Trewavas

Seconded: Mrs Lisa de Thierry

That the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group recommends to Council that the weekly public bus

service from Mangakino to Tokoroa is reduced to Tuesday and Friday and that \$19,000 is included in the Transportation budget for 2020/21.

CARRIED

4.4 UPDATE FROM THE MANGAKINO COMMUNITY COORDINATOR

The Mangakino Community Coordinator noted that there was a typing error in her report on page 2, fifth bullet - *'Whanau ora already paying into the account for next winter'* should have read *'Whanau were already paying into the account for next winter'*.

The Mangakino Lake Hop event scheduled to be held on Saturday, July 11, was building momentum and looking to be a significant event for the Taupō district. Last years event was a great success.

A member noted that a recently uplodated video on the Destination Great Lake Taupō (DGLT) website that highlighted the Great Lake Walkway and Waikato River Trails also promoted Mangakino well.

MP202006/06 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor David Trewavas

Seconded: Cr Kirsty Trueman

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

CARRIED

4.5 COMMUNITY ISSUES

- The District Parks Manager advised that contractors had commenced repairs to a section of retaining wall at the Mangakino lakefront, which was expected to be completed by the end of the week. Also, a piece of foreshore had slumped into the lake at the southern end of Matekuri Island. Matekuri Island was not Council land however in the interest of protecting the lake edge, this particular section of road had been blocked off with soil. The soil would be spread out and planted in the following week to prevent vehicles from accessing this area.
- A member noted an ongoing safety issue with a sharp bend on the road going through the bush at on State Highway 30, and suggested that solar flashing lights should be placed at the top end of the road to capture drivers attention and alert them to start slowing down. Around 95% of accidents on this section of road were not reported. Additionally, there was an increase in cyclists now using this road. She had met onsite with Downers NZ and Sergeant Fane Troy (area road policing manager) on separate occasions to highlight her concerns. Requested a letter of support or high level advocacy from Council to NZTA for this. Another member also suggested notifying Fonterra to alert their milk tanker drivers to also be extra careful in this area too.
- Mr Karauna noted that it would take some time to define what his new role as Māori representative would entail though he was pleased to have Māori representation on this committee. Following, the Chief Executive noted that having Māori representation on Council committees was the first step. Council was currently undertaking a process of consulting iwi leaders and gathering information to look at best options for the Taupō district regarding Māori seats.
- The Chair advised that she had received an email from Vanessa Eparaima (executive chair of Raukawa Settlement Trust and chair of Raukawa Charitable Trust). Ms Eparaima indicated Raukawa's desire to have a representative on the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group, which would support their relationship and connection to the local community. Other member's noted that although there were advantages in having this relationship, careful consideration needed to be given to other key stakeholders such as Wairarapa Moana Incorporation and such relationships duly managed. The Co-Governance Manager undertook to see how best this could be facilitated. The Head of Democracy, Governance and Venues advised that the process to add another member required a resolution from Council; the terms of reference would then be updated / amended.
- Members thanked Council, Civil Defence and Whanau Ora for their support shown to the Mangakino

community throughout the challenging covid lockdown period.

- A member had noticed a couple of white rubbish bags dumped on the main highway (approximately halfway to Taupō).

MP202006/07 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kirsty Trueman

Seconded: Miss Memory Te Whaiti

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

CARRIED

4.6 MEMBERS' REPORTS

Cr Kirsty Trueman

- Acknowledged the Pouakani Marae for their help and support for the community during lockdown.
- Encouraged everyone to contribute any ideas to Council that would help regenerate the district / Mangakino post Covid19.

Mr Whitu Karauna

- Rotorua Lakes DHB had a hui at the marae re improving Māori health, which was well attended.
- Mangakino Orangatanga was formed specifically to deal with Māori Health. This group worked alongside Mangakino Health Services, with whom they had a contract to run a smoking cessation programme.

Miss Memory Te Whaiti

- The marae was currently offering air bnb stays as well as transitioning into offering marae stays for tourists. Rangatahi / youth club would also be held at the marae. Renovations to the caretakers house would take place during summer.

MP202006/08 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mrs Lisa de Thierry

Seconded: Miss Memory Te Whaiti

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

CARRIED

4.7 MANGAKINO CHANGING FACILITIES UPDATE

The Projects Management Advisor addressed the Group through audio visual link (MS Teams) and took his report as read, highlighting that the total budget for the refurbishment was now \$640k. The target date for project completion was March 2021, in time for the 2021 winter sports season.

The Project Management Advisor then answered questions of clarification. Conversations then transferred to Te Awhina Hall after a member queried? contested why funding of \$640k had been allocated to the renovations when a third of that amount was what was required to bring the Te Awhina Hall building in-line with building standards. In reply, the Co-Governance Manager undertook to follow up with the Head of Community, Culture and Heritage regarding providing an update as to the status of Te Awhina Hall.

MP202006/09 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mrs Lisa de Thierry

Seconded: Cr Yvonne Westerman

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

CARRIED

5 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil

The meeting closed with a karakia by Cr Kirsty Trueman at 12.21pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group Meeting held on 11 August 2020.

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CHAIRPERSON