

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MANGAKINO/POUAKANI REPRESENTATIVE GROUP MEETING  
HELD AT THE BOARDROOM, MANGAKINO SERVICE CENTRE, MANGAKINO  
ON TUESDAY, 11 AUGUST 2020 AT 10.00AM**

- PRESENT:** Cr Kirsty Trueman (in the Chair), Mrs Lisa de Thierry, Mr Whitu Karauna, Cr Kylie Leonard, Mr Mark Seymour, Cr Yvonne Westerman
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Chief Executive, Head of Operations, District Parks Manager, Senior Policy Advisor, Policy Advisor, Strategic Advisor – Property and Infrastructure, Strategic Partnership Advisor, Democratic Services Support Officer
- MEDIA AND PUBLIC:** Two members of the public

The Chair welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with a karakia.

- Notes:
- (i) Cr Kylie Leonard left the meeting at 11.00am during item 4.5 and re-entered the meeting at 11.04am.
  - (ii) Cr Yvonne Williamson left the meeting at 11.19am during item 4.5 and re-entered the meeting at the start of item 4.7. She was not present for resolutions ending in 07 and 08.
  - (iii) Mr Whitu Karauna left the meeting at 11.21am during item 4.5 discussions and re-entered the meeting at 11.23am.
  - (iv) Cr Kylie Leonard left the meeting at 11.36am. She was not presented for resolutions ending in 09 and 10.

## 1 APOLOGIES

### MP202008/01 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mrs Lisa de Thierry  
Seconded: Mr Mark Seymour

That the apologies received from Mayor David Trewavas and Miss Memory Te Whaiti be accepted.

**CARRIED**

## 2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

## 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

### 3.1 MANGAKINO/POUAKANI REPRESENTATIVE GROUP MEETING - 18 JUNE 2020

Page 3, item 4.3 'Current Action Points Update' last bullet, correction to Te Kura kaupapa Maori – replace 'Te Herenga' with 'Te Hirenga'.

Regarding item 4.1, members asked for the police to be invited to attend the next Group meeting as they had not yet met the recently appointed Mangakino based constable Te Awa Anderson.

### MP202008/02 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kylie Leonard  
Seconded: Mrs Lisa de Thierry

That the minutes of the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group meeting held on Thursday 18 June 2020 (as amended) be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

## 4 REPORTS

### 4.1 CURRENT ACTION POINTS UPDATE

The Head of Operations went through the action points. Key points noted were:

- Te Awhina Hall: An online Zoom meeting had been held with Miss Memory Te Whaiti last Friday, 7 August, with another planned in the upcoming week.
- Members requested that officers draft a letter to New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) on behalf of the Group to advocate for all current action items that sat under them, including
  - bus turning signs for Poihipi / Tihoi Road intersection
  - flashing / digital speed sign at Marotiri School
  - solar flashing lights at top end of road alerting drivers to slow down ahead of sharp bend on SH30.
- Tirohanga Hall: The Chief Executive advised that a funding application was submitted to the government's community halls fund. The outcome should be known within the next few weeks.
- Request for items to be added to action sheet
  - Reseal of Forest, Spencer and (bottom end of) Pokuru Road's once forestry operations have ceased
  - Mangakino changing facilities
- Cr Kylie Leonard passed on customer details for staff to follow up an issue with an incorrect rapid number for a farm on Forest Road.

### MP202008/03 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Yvonne Westerman

Seconded: Mr Mark Seymour

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

**CARRIED**

### 4.2 INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE

The Head of Operations went through the report noting that the process for all projects was initiation, planning, execution, construction then closure.

It was also noted that the figures for the sports changing facilities were incorrect and needed to be updated.

### MP202008/04 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Yvonne Westerman

Seconded: Mrs Lisa de Thierry

That the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group receives this report.

**CARRIED**

### 4.3 DRAFT TRANSPORT STRATEGY FOR CONSULTATION

The Policy Advisor briefed the members on the purpose and objectives of the draft Transport Strategy, which was currently out for public consultation with submissions closing on 4 September. Feedback was sought on a breadth of specific local issues including road safety, ensuring inclusivity for those who did not own vehicles, accessibility for people with mobility issues, bus network/services (what should Council be trying to achieve, who are the users, quality services) walking and cycling, shared town spaces, how to better connect schools, safe pedestrian crosses, etc.

The document gave Council a clear steer as to the communities needs and in turn provided kudos for LTP

funding. It was also used to inform asset management planning.

The following feedback was noted:

- Add kohanga reo
- Replace 'kindergarten' with ECE (Early Childhood Education) centres
- Suggested local groups to reach out to were (all) schools within the ward, Pouakani Marae, and bus users
- Members could email additional feedback to the Chair.

#### **MP202008/05 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Mr Whitu Karauna

Seconded: Mr Mark Seymour

That the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group

1. receives the attached draft Issues Paper and draft Transport Strategy.
2. agrees to make a submission to ensure that the Transport Strategy (and associated issues paper) reflects the key areas of importance to the local community and will provide an effective document for giving Council direction on priorities for the delivery of the Council's transport services and infrastructure.
3. notes the attached draft communications plan and draft engagement plan and advises of any additional groups that should be notified, or directly engaged.

**CARRIED**

#### **4.4 UPDATE ON THE TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL DISTRICT PLAN REVIEW**

The Senior Policy Advisor gave an outline of work to date on the District Plan (DP) review and answered questions of clarification. Key points noted were:

- Progress had been slower over the past year.
- Had commenced engagement with iwi partners to establish a process on how best to work together on the review. Iwi authorities had elevated status under the Resource Management Act.
- Keen to hear of any issues with the current plan that members were aware of. Also happy to do a workshop of any specific areas eg rural that were relevant to Mangakino.
- Currently looking a rural chapter, natural hazards, natural values, significant natural areas, landscapes and tangata whenua section. Commercial and residential zones would be looked at further along.
- Rural areas were one of the first sections being reviewed. Planning standards had introduced a new zone 'rural lifestyle' blocks. Separating rural lifestyle from general rural zoning enabled more flexibility including the potential to also introduce the ability to have a second dwelling eg flat or secondary house. Allowing this needed to be balanced so that it did not end up equivalent to full residential, eg two huge houses on a smaller lot.
- Aimed to have a draft plan by July 2021, with the full plan notified prior to the next election.
- There was a lot of land available in Taupō for residential supply. Any housing shortages were generally due to reasons other than the DP.
- Current papakainga provisions in the plan were not well used.
- Keen to include Rural Lifestyle and Maori Purpose Zones which were part of the new planning standards. Maori Purpose Zone would make things easier for marae eg more flexible building site coverage requirements, and marae based in residential zones could continue to operate without being subject to those zoning requirements.
- Strong direction released with new urban developments would allow more dense areas around town centres and key transport nodes.
- Residential land demand was based on projections for growth in the district. To date, Census NZ did not predict Mangakino to grow therefore needed to wait for latest results (due in October) to relook at supply and whether that matched demand, including for water connections. Regarding future developments, Council had done planning on TD 2050 though would look at projections beyond that to cater for longer term consents, as well as creating demand management.

*Note: The Head of Operations undertook to follow up on an issue noted with water connections only be available on one side of the street behind the Whakamaru shops.*

**MP202008/06 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Yvonne Westerman

Seconded: Mrs Lisa de Thierry

That the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group receives the update on the Taupō District Council District Plan Review.

**CARRIED**

**4.5 SUMMARY OF HISTORICAL LICENCE TERMS BUS STOP CAFE, LAKE ROAD, MANGAKINO**

The Strategic Advisor Property highlighted key points of her report. The licence to occupy covered a 3-year period to March 2010 and to date had continued under holding provisions. A 10-year lease request was applied for by Mr Gradwell in 2011 but that was not progressed by Council at that time. From 2015 onwards, a myriad of complexities with the land that required clarification became apparent. This included a 1995 conditional agreement with Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) and active treaty claims through the Waitangi Tribunal process.

Discussions ensued with the chief executive, staff, and lessee of the Bus Stop Café, Mr Gary Gradwell, answering member questions of clarification. Mr Gradwell advised that a (consented) deck addition had been built onto the café. However, consent had not been acquired for a roof covering over the deck which was later added.

In conclusion, members noted that the café was a long-standing business which was well patronised by locals and out-of-towners. It was requested that:

- staff meet with Mr Gradwell to ensure that the lease conditions were being adhered to; and,
- the Strategic Advisor – Property and Infrastructure to review the lease and ensure that Council was also meeting its obligations.

**MP202008/07 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Mrs Lisa de Thierry

Seconded: Mr Mark Seymour

That the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group receives the information and recommends officers await the outcome of the Waitangi Tribunal settlements process

**CARRIED**

**4.6 UPDATE FROM THE MANGAKINO COMMUNITY COORDINATOR**

The report was taken as read.

**MP202008/08 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Kylie Leonard

Seconded: Mr Mark Seymour

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

**CARRIED**

**4.7 COMMUNITY ISSUES**

Community issues noted were:

- There was a lack of commercial accommodation in town. Ms de Thierry was trying to set up a Business After 5 workshop and invite Dave Bamford and Bruce Maunsell who were part of the

steering group for the Timber Trail Lodge development, now placed along the Timber Trail Cycleway.

- Needed to ensure that local accommodation providers were being promoted through Destination Great Lake Taupo (DGLT).
- Some members of the community were keen to be involved in waka ama and had asked about using the waka formerly held by the Mangakino Community Agency (MCA).
- Four businesses were broken into last week.
- The forestry end of Pokuru Road was frequently being used to dump rubbish.
- The Chair had received calls from people about roaming dogs. She advised them that they needed to ring Council, and also take a photo of the dog (if able).
- Mr Seymour noted that submissions hearings on Plan Change 1 of the Waikato River were finally held last year and it was a good process to observe. A new rule described as 6e land, **63l and is cant have stock** in excess of 410 kilos on farm, for winter without resource consent. However, 6e land comprises most parts of Mangakino and Whakamaru, and all of Tirohanga, Marotiri and Tihoi because the current land classifications being used were done in 1962 when the land was scrub. The scale of mapping at that time was 1 to 25,000 or 2 to 50,000. There have been significant changes to vast quantities of land since 1962, however the classification remained. There were currently only four people with the required qualifications to reclassify land in the Waikato Regional Council therefore it would be a long time for the Waikato and Waipa areas to be done. An appeal against the rule was to be lodged to the environment court for which the estimated professional costs for QCs, hydrologists, etc, was circa \$350k. Federated Farmers NZ, ANZ and Fonterra were all party to the appeal. Taupō District Council should also be concerned due to the huge risk to the local economy as if the new ruling goes through, dairy farms would no longer be permitted and the land would have to revert to sheep or goat farms.
- There was a green substance (presumably pollen) leeching under the 'Lake Maraetai' lettering on the Cortenz entrance sign to Mangakino.

#### **MP202008/09 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Yvonne Westerman

Seconded: Mr Whitu Karauna

That the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group

**CARRIED**

#### **4.8 MEMBERS' REPORTS**

Cr Kirsty Trueman noted that the recent Mangakino Lake Hop event was a huge success and drew a massive crowd with cars parked from the shops down to the lake. The event organisers did an amazing job; envisaged that next year's event would be even bigger.

#### **MP202008/10 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 with a karakia from Cr Kirsty Trueman at 11.50am.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group Meeting held on 13 October 2020.**

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**CHAIRPERSON**