

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MANGAKINO/POUAKANI REPRESENTATIVE GROUP MEETING  
HELD ONLINE VIA 'ZOOM' AND LIVESTREAMED TO WWW.TAUPO.GOVT.NZ  
ON TUESDAY, 15 FEBRUARY 2022 AT 10.00AM**

**PRESENT:** Cr Kirsty Trueman (in the Chair), Mrs Lisa de Thierry, Mr Whitu Karauna (from 10.09am), Cr Kylie Leonard, Mr Mark Seymour, Mayor David Trewavas, Cr Yvonne Westerman (from 10.04am)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Chief Executive, General Manager Operations and Delivery, Community Engagement and Development Manager, Communications Manager, District Parks Manager, Parks Operations Manager Town Centres, Senior Engineering Officer-Transportation, ICT Support Officer, Governance Quality Manager

**MEDIA AND PUBLIC:** Nil

*Cr Kirsty Trueman welcomed everyone to the meeting and recited an opening karakia.*

**1 APOLOGIES**

**MP202202/01 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Mayor David Trewavas

Seconded: Mr Mark Seymour

That the apology received from Cr Yvonne Westerman (for lateness) be accepted.

**CARRIED**

**2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Nil

**3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**3.1 MANGAKINO/POUAKANI REPRESENTATIVE GROUP MEETING - 12 OCTOBER 2021**

*Cr Yvonne Westerman joined the meeting at this point (10.04am).*

The Senior Engineering Officer-Transportation provided a brief update on Council's upcoming consultation on the draft Speed Management Plan, which would be an item on the agenda for the next Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group meeting.

*Mr Whitu Karauna joined the meeting at this point (10.09am).*

**MP202202/02 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Kirsty Trueman

Seconded: Mrs Lisa de Thierry

That the minutes of the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group meeting held on Tuesday 12 October 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

## 4 REPORTS

### 4.1 CURRENT ACTION POINTS UPDATE

#### Te Awhina Hall

The Community Engagement and Development Manager advised that Council staff had been working with Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group member, Miss Memory Te Whaiti and the Marae to plan wānanga and facilitate discussions with the community about Te Awhina Hall, including exploring avenues for funding of upgrades.

#### Mangakino Lakefront

The District Parks Manager provided an update and responded to questions about the Mangakino lakefront toilet and future plans for the lakefront area in general. The following points were noted:

- The \$300k allocated in the Long-term Plan was no longer sufficient. Cost increases would be in the order of 40-60%.
- There was a six- to nine month delay sourcing materials due to supply chain issues resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic.
- It was an opportune time to take a step back and develop a more comprehensive plan for the whole of the Mangakino lakefront. It was difficult to progress individual projects when no high level concept plan had been developed and agreed.
- Considerations included:
  - Large numbers of different groups of people using the lake at peak times.
  - Owners of the 'Bus Stop Café' would need to be part of the discussions.
  - Location of the toilet block.
  - Alignment of the road.
  - Culverts up the hill.
- Operational budgets could be used to develop a high level concept plan for community consultation. Once feedback had been incorporated, the plan would then need to be provided to Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) and Mercury for approval.

The Head of Operations and Delivery suggested that the Community Engagement and Development Manager and the District Parks Manager formulate a plan and bring back to the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group for consideration.

#### Mangakino Sports Hub

The District Parks Manager advised that flooring would be installed at the Mangakino Sports Hub in March. Carpet tiles and linoleum would be laid in different areas of the Hub as appropriate. Holes in the ceiling would also be fixed in March.

#### Removal of Metal Dump Site

Staff were still awaiting a meeting with Waka Kotahi.

#### Whakamaru Dam Side Footpath

The other side of the dam was in the South Waikato district. Staff would discuss the footpath with South Waikato District Council staff to see if they could take the matter up with Mercury.

#### Pouakani Totara

The District Parks Manager advised that everything planned operationally had been completed. A few little trees originally planted would need to be replaced during planting season.

Group member Mrs Lisa de Thierry added that the area was looking great as a result of the team approach taken to the tidy-up. There were still wider discussions to be had and thinking to be done about the future of the tree, but progress was being made and Wairarapa Moana were leading the conversation.

Cr Yvonne Westerman advised that plans for protecting the second tree were being discussed and signage was also going to be installed.

**Whakamaru Water**

The Chief Executive advised project funding would be considered as part of the Annual Plan process.

**MP202202/03 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Yvonne Westerman

Seconded: Cr Kylie Leonard

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

**CARRIED**

**4.2 UPDATE FROM THE MANGAKINO COMMUNITY COORDINATOR**

Group member and Mangakino Community Coordinator Mrs Lisa de Theirry presented the report. In answer to questions she advised that:

- Firewood distribution was going really well, with extra timber available from the old Mangakino lodge site. The community was working together to ensure even distribution to those in need.
- The new school Principal would be invited to a future meeting.
- The development of the old Mangakino lodge site was progressing well, with plans for a community open day and more details to come.

At the conclusion of this item, members acknowledged the recent passing of Mrs Jenny Morrison, who together with her husband had been a valued member of the Mangakino community, including St Johns Ambulance, for many years.

**MP202202/04 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Mrs Lisa de Thierry

Seconded: Cr Kirsty Trueman

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

**CARRIED**

**4.3 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UPDATE FOR MANGAKINO-POUAKANI**

The Community Engagement and Development Manager introduced the item, noting that this was an opportunity for staff and members to discuss what was happening in Mangakino and surrounds, from an engagement perspective. The following points were noted:

- The next round of community grants was opening on 1 March and closing on 26 March 2022. The following round would be 4 July to 29 July 2022.
- The good work being done by funding recipients would be celebrated in due course – watch this space!
- Consultation on the draft Speed Management Plan would be tailored to the different communities around the district, to support people to understand what is proposed and to have their say.
- Whakamaru water conversations with the community were ongoing.
- Council staff would continue to liaise with Pouakani Marae and the community to ensure connections were strong and information shared, for example about avenues for funding upgrades.

**MP202202/05 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Mr Mark Seymour  
Seconded: Mrs Lisa de Thierry

That the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group receives the report from the Community Engagement and Development Manager.

**CARRIED**

**4.4 COMMUNITY ISSUES**

The following community issues were raised:

- Moana Crescent property owner access via reserve land. Staff would provide an update on this matter in due course.
- Waikato River Trails linking Karori Crescent walkway to the lakefront reserve. The District Parks Manager advised that the land was subject to Mercury's operating easement and therefore not within Council's control.

**MP202202/06 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Mr Whitu Karauna  
Seconded: Mr Mark Seymour

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

**CARRIED**

**4.5 MEMBERS' REPORTS**

The following members' reports were received:

**Mr Mark Seymour** advised that:

- Tirohanga residents were 'fizzing at the bung'!
- The Spencer Road tarsealing had been completed – well done to the team.
- The Tirohanga Hall newsletter had been renamed the Tirohanga Connection.
- Council was in the process of re-cladding the Tirohanga Hall and it was hoped that some ranch sliders could be installed at the same time to give hall users better access to the outside area.
- The Christmas function was enjoyable and well attended, but it had been difficult to get together in person since then due to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Farmer confidence in the area was pretty good; product prices were holding and the recent rain event had come at the right time. However, costs continued to rise across the board, including fertiliser, repairs, maintenance, fuel and wages / salary costs.
- The amount of productive land being sold was concerning, particularly land being converted from food production into forestry.

**Mrs Lisa de Thierry** provided an update relating to the Waikato River Trails, with points noted as follows:

- The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) had funded big signs to be installed at the start and end of the Trails. The signs could be moved as required.
- The Trust was considering a 5km extension from Atiamuri to Ohakuri and discussions with landowners were underway.

**Mr Whitu Karauna** reported on Covid-19 vaccination events in Mangakino. He thanked the owner of the Mangakino Hotel for the use of the lounge bar for this purpose. The Mangakino Rangatira community group had been putting together care packages for whānau. Another vaccination event was planned for the second weekend in March.

**MP202202/07 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Yvonne Westerman

Seconded: Mayor David Trewavas

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

**CARRIED**

**5 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**

Nil

The meeting closed with a karakia from Cr Kirsty Trueman at 11.04am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group meeting held on 12 April 2022.

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**CHAIRPERSON**