

TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MANGAKINO-POUAKANI REPRESENTATIVE GROUP MEETING
HELD AT THE POUAKANI MARAE, 57 MOANA CRESCENT, MANGAKINO
ON TUESDAY, 18 APRIL 2023 AT 10.30AM

PRESENT: Cr Kirsty Trueman (in the Chair), Ms Charlene Campbell, Mr Whitu Karauna, Cr Anna Park, Mr Mark Seymour (until 1.13pm), Mayor David Trewavas (until 11.02am), Cr Yvonne Westerman

IN ATTENDANCE: Acting Chief Executive, Acting Infrastructure Manager, Acting Parks and Reserves Manager, Events and Venues Manager, Governance Quality Manager, Infrastructure Project Manager – Operations, Policy Advisor, Iwi Engagement Partner, Community Engagement Advisor – Northern Taupō District, Southern Lake Taupō Engagement Partner, Senior Funding and Partnerships Advisor, Co-Governance Management Partner, Senior Committee Advisor

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: 11 members of the public

Notes: (i) *The meeting was opened by Chair Cr Kirsty Trueman at 10.30am with Cr Anna Park, Cr Yvonne Westerman and Ms Charlene Campbell present, and immediately adjourned until 10.42am.*

(ii) *Items were considered in the following order: 1, 2, 3, 5.1, 4.1, 5.2 - 5.4*

(iii) *Mayor David Trewavas left the meeting at 11.02am. He was not present for resolutions MP202304/02-06.*

(iv) *Mr Mark Seymour left the meeting at 1.13pm. He was not present for resolution MP202304/06.*

1 KARAKIA

2 WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES

MP202304/01 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Yvonne Westerman

Seconded: Cr Anna Park

That the apology received from Ms Sapphire Tanirau be accepted.

CARRIED

3 NGĀ WHAKAPĀNGA TUKITUKI | CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Mr Mark Seymour declared that his daughter was the Treasurer of Country Kidz ECE who had applied for Community Grants funding, and that his grandchildren attended. Mr Seymour did not participate when this application was considered.

4 WHAKAMANATANGA O NGĀ MENETI | CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 MANGAKINO-POUAKANI REPRESENTATIVE GROUP MEETING - 21 FEBRUARY 2023

The minutes were amended in the following manner:

Item 5.7, Members' Reports: Member Mr Mark Seymour clarified that there were other roads waiting for repairs, not just Tirohanga Road.

MP202304/02 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Yvonne Westerman

Seconded: Cr Kirsty Trueman

That the minutes of the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group meeting held on Tuesday 21 February

2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record, as amended.

CARRIED

5 NGĀ RIPOATA | REPORTS

5.1 MANGAKINO POUAKANI COMMUNITY GRANTS 2022/23

The Senior Funding and Partnerships Advisor introduced herself to the group and outlined her role. She advised that she and the team were working on tools to assist those that were looking for funding. Council subscribed to Generosity New Zealand which was a database that community groups could also use.

Seven applications had been received and there was \$12,500.00 of funding to be allocated.

The following people addressed the Mangakino Pouakani Representative Group in support of applications for funding and answered members' questions:

#2 - Mangakino Central Charitable Trust – Ms Marlene Johnson

Ms Johnson advised the Group that feedback from a local Council staff member was that on Wednesdays and Fridays the Mangakino township had a lot less rubbish around due to the tamariki being at the hub youth programme the afternoon prior. She clarified that the quote provided with the application was to offer a five days per week programme but this would not start until the fourth school term. Activities offered included cooking, arts and crafts, puzzles, pool, table tennis and disc golf. They were not restrained by the size of the venue but by the ratio requirement of tamariki to adults which was currently 12 tamariki per adult. Children from both Mangakino and Whakamaru schools attended, as well as children from outside the district over school holidays. Rangatahi aged between 13 and 18 years old were given space to do homework with adult support and on Friday nights were able to watch television and play music in their own space. In future they would like to offer tutoring for rangatahi and also a pick up service from Whakamaru School.

#6 - Mangakino School – Mr Bennett and student Spencer Boreham

Student Spencer Boreham and teacher Mr Bennett introduced themselves and read out comments from students about not wanting to participate in sports events because they did not have appropriate uniform. A supporting pamphlet for the application was handed out to members (A3324228). Mr Bennett clarified that while uniform was required for sports events, bushwalks, bike rides and wet weather gear, sports events was the priority.

Mayor David Trewavas left the meeting at this point (11.02am).

#7 - Whakamaru School – Ms Leanda Moor and 2 students

Teacher Ms Leanda Moor and two students of Whakamaru School summarised their application and clarified the number of children and adults attending the school camp.

The Senior Funding and Partnerships Advisor apologised on behalf of the Graeme Dingle Foundation and Mangakino Rugby League Club Inc who had intended to attend the hui but were not able to.

She summarised the other applications received and advised that the grant had been oversubscribed with over \$40k of funding requested. This was consistent with other funding grants.

	Applicant	Funds requested for...	Deliberation
1	Graeme Dingle Foundation*	To support the Kiwi Can programme - improving the wellbeing of local tamariki	Due to the grants being oversubscribed and the fact that they could receive funding from other sources, the Group declined this request.
2	Mangakino Central Charitable Trust*	To support the Mangakino Hub Youth Programme - creating a space for an After School Programme where tamariki have a safe place to learn and express themselves.	The Group supported this application and asked if a letter could be sent showing their support. The Senior Funding and Partnerships Advisor confirmed that funding providers looked at seed funding and supported those who received funds from other sources.

3	St John Mangakino*	To install and maintain AED units in the Mangakino Pouakani ward. This includes signage for AED's, quarterly travel for maintenance and purchase of one cell AED for the St John community educators.	Council had funded AED units in the past but there was not a policy and no schedule joined up across the district. Following discussion it was agreed that Council would enquire with Te Whatu Ora and local health providers regarding a service agreement for the entire Taupō District and also look at approaching community funding trusts.
4	Country Kidz ECE*	To purchase new bikes for tamariki at Country Kidz ECE	The Senior Funding and Partnerships Advisor confirmed that the accountability report had been received. The Group supported this application.
5	Mangakino Rugby League Club Inc	To purchase club wide equipment and strapping	The Group supported this application and noted that rugby league was the biggest sport in town and touched all the generations.
6	Mangakino School*	To purchase sports uniforms	The Group supported this application and acknowledged that it was important for students to take pride in their school through wearing uniform.
7	Whakamaru School*	To support costs for Whakamaru School Year 7 and 8 end of year camp to Waihi	The Group supported this and agreed that the children should be given the opportunity for education around ocean safety given New Zealand's drowning statistics. The Senior Funding and Partnerships Advisor advised that she and her team would work alongside the school to help them make up the shortfall in funding and also look at sustainable funding going forward.

MP202304/03 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mr Whitu Karauna

Seconded: Ms Charlene Campbell

1. The Mangakino Pouakani Representative Group approves in full, in part or declines the attached applications for the 2022/23 financial year:

Graeme Dingle Foundation – declined
Mangakino Central Charitable Trust - \$3,000.00
St John Mangakino – declined
Country Kidz ECE - \$2,000.00
Mangakino Rugby League Club Inc - \$1,500.00
Mangakino School - \$4,000.00
Whakamaru School - \$2,000.00

2. The Mangakino Pouakani Representative Group provides rationale for in part or declined decisions.

CARRIED

5.2 ANNUAL PLAN 2023-24

The Acting Infrastructure Manager introduced the report and advised the Group that it was a great opportunity for them to make a submission to the Annual Plan 2023/24.

Following the submission template attached to the meeting agenda, the Group agreed to support the East Urban Lands (EUL) investment and postponement of funding a portion of depreciation.

EUL Investment

The Group agreed that Council should invest in the EUL because it would increase funds for Council and

lessen the impact on the rate payers as a benefit. There were concerns around the current value of the land to be developed and the Acting Chief Executive clarified that by Council completing the earthworks, it was expected that this would increase the value significantly.

Depreciation question

Chair Cr Kirsty Trueman clarified that Council could not change how the rates were formulated in the Annual Plan, this would have to be done in the Long-term Plan. The proposed postponement would smooth the rates rise over the next three years so that ratepayers were not as significantly affected this year, particularly in the Mangakino ward.

Additional comments for the submission

The Mangakino Pouakani Representative Group asked for the following to be included in the submission:

- Supported Council lobbying central government to broaden the criteria for rates rebates, and to increase the value of the rebates.
- Supported all of the development in Mangakino including the basketball courts, lakefront development, tree planting and Whakamaru water.
- Would like to signal that the campervan dump station currently situated outside the Mangakino Sports Hub needed to be relocated to a more suitable position.
- Supported a district-wide solution for AED units.
- Would like to signal that the community would like a mower for the Mangakino Golf Club.

The Group agreed that members Mark Seymour and Whitu Karauna would attend the Annual Plan hearing on behalf of the Mangakino Pouakani Representative Group.

MP202304/04 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anna Park

Seconded: Ms Charlene Campbell

That the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group:

1. makes a submission on Taupō District Council's draft Annual Plan 2023-24; and
2. delegates authority to Mr Mark Seymour to sign this on behalf of the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group.

CARRIED

5.3 MANGAKINO POUAKANI SNAPSHOT

The Acting Infrastructure Manager introduced the Community Engagement Advisor – Northern Taupō District who updated the Group regarding the feedback on the Lakefront Development. A report with detailed information would be made available at the next hui. She spoke to other matters in the report and the Chair Cr Kirsty Trueman thanked her for all that she has done for the community.

The Infrastructure Project Manager – Operations introduced himself to the Group and outlined his role. He advised that there was a tender out for roading and water upgrades, and a footpath on Wairenga Road. He was meeting with the contractor that afternoon to mark out the area and then would make letter drops to affected homes. Those that were holiday homes would be notified by email. The first priority would be Wairenga Road and would start the following week. Following this they would move to Tawa Street. Three street lights would be added on Wairenga Road, hopefully before the end of May 2023. Additional street lights would also be added on Tawa Street, as well as kerb and channels, and footpaths. The Infrastructure Project Manager – Operations clarified that the footpath would be on the left side of Wairenga Road (the Kohanga Reo side). Street lights would also be on that side following the footpath.

The Policy Advisor introduced himself to the Group and spoke on behalf of the Team Leader Policy about the upcoming Housing Strategy consultation. There would be four goals and five focus areas of the strategy for consultation to provide more choices and a range of prices while being stable and resilient. These included enabling development of papakainga and developing Māori land, improvement of Council owned elderly housing, and facilitating and supporting affordable housing developments.

The strategy would set a direction on which the policy team would check with the community for their

feedback to check if they were the right goals and principles to follow.

In answer to a question, the Policy Advisor advised that the policy team had researched housing schemes across New Zealand, and also looked at methods and opportunities internationally. The District Plan would enable papakainga to be developed through its regulatory systems.

The Policy Advisor also advised that three bylaws were being reviewed. These were Cemeteries, Freedom Camping and Alcohol Control. The proposed change to the Alcohol Control Bylaw was to expand the area in Taupō town to include Tītiraupenga Street as requested by Police. The cemeteries did not include urupā, only cemeteries on Council land. The proposed changes balanced behaviours and was more inclusive. The Freedom Camping bylaw review did not include the Mangakino Lakefront Development because this would be reviewed as development continued. The bylaw proposed to remove the freedom camping site Whakamaru Domain which was used for grazing cattle and motorcross rides. The Whakamaru Recreation Reserve would remain as a freedom camping site.

The Acting Infrastructure Manager updated the Group on the two water projects on behalf of the Manager – Water and Wastewater Treatment. One of the two reservoir roofs that supplied Mangakino's water had been replaced and the other would be replaced in future. The SCADA system for all water and wastewater sites was in the process of being upgraded. This system ensured the data being reported for compliance purposes was captured without any data loss to ensure compliance with the Taumata Arowai Quality Assurance rules. Graphics would also be updated to align with industry standards and best practices utilising abnormal situational awareness guidelines.

In answer to a question, the Acting Parks and Reserves Manager advised that the damaged fencing at Mangakino was being replaced that week.

The roof and ceiling of Whakamaru Hall was being replaced but it was not certain when this would be completed.

The Acting Infrastructure Manager advised that Council was endeavouring to get volunteers to mow at the front of the Pouakani Totara and that Wairarapa Moana Incorporation had been provided with draft signs but had not erected any yet. Forest and Bird had started a tree of the year competition and the Pouakani Totara had been submitted and would be in the finalist list.

The Acting Infrastructure Manager advised that Council had received a Memorandum of Understanding from the Sports Hub and were trying to get an agreement in place to suit everyone. This could include a high bond for parties wanting to hire it and include alcohol. Council would help with getting these agreements in place.

The Acting Infrastructure Manager advised that there was no standard answer regarding rural intersection lights. Traffic volumes contributed to the need to install them but if data could be supplied showing near misses or accidents, that would help. It was noted that they had been requested from a safety standpoint and would make drivers aware that there was an upcoming intersection if driving at night.

MP202304/05 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anna Park

Seconded: Mr Mark Seymour

That the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group notes the information contained in the Mangakino Pouakani Snapshot report.

CARRIED

5.4 MEMBERS' REPORTS

The following members' reports were received:

Mr Whitu Karauna

- As part of the lakefront development, he proposed that Matekuri Island be made into an ecological reserve to encourage birdlife and increase native plant regeneration. In answer to a question, the Acting Infrastructure Manager advised that Council was currently working with Predator Free New Zealand to establish or look at starting an assessment of predators in the lakefront area. This involved putting in tracking tunnels to determine what is there. They would work with Mangakino and Whakamaru schools to see what is at the lakefront and shores and involve the children. This would likely start in June or July 2023.

- Asked the Group and Council officers to confirm the status of the Mangakino School Hall. It was important that Mangakino did not lose another hall in the town. This was added to the Action points list to be discussed at a future meeting.
- In answer to a question about the Pouakani Marae being used for Civil Defence emergencies, Cr Anna Park advised that work would soon begin by Council staff to work with communities in the Taupō district and establish Civil Defence hubs and support in the event of emergencies.

Mr Mark Seymour

- Tirohanga and Paerata Roads still had trees that needed to be cleaned up and fences repaired. The Acting Infrastructure Manager noted that this work was most probably a few months away due to the amount of urgent work still being done in Wairakei Drive.
- Tirohanga Hall hireage issues were still being worked through but a solution had almost been reached.

Ms Charlene Campbell

- The best way for her and members to report issues such as broken footpaths to Council was via a service request on the Antenno application on her phone. She would share knowledge of this with community members.
- The Mangakino Firewood project had taken delivery of several loads of firewood for the Mangakino community.

Mr Mark Seymour left the meeting at this point (1.13pm).

MP202304/06 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anna Park

Seconded: Ms Charlene Campbell

That the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group receives the reports from members.

CARRIED

6 NGĀ KŌRERO TŪMATAITI | CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil

The meeting closed at 1.14pm with a karakia from Cr Kirsty Trueman.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group Meeting held on 20 June 2023.

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CHAIRPERSON