

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MANGAKINO-POUAKANI REPRESENTATIVE GROUP MEETING**  
**HELD AT THE TIROHANGA SETTLERS HALL, 839 TIROHANGA ROAD, RD 1 ATIAMURI**  
**ON TUESDAY, 20 JUNE 2023 AT 10.07AM**

**PRESENT:** Cr Kirsty Trueman (In the Chair), Mr Whitu Karauna, Cr Anna Park, Mr Mark Seymour

**IN ATTENDANCE:** General Manager Operations and Delivery (A Moraes), Acting Parks and Reserves Manager (J Gordon), Programme Manager (L Chick), Senior Committee Advisor (K Watts), Team Leader – Transportation Operations (I Cruz), Communications Team Lead (D Beck), Iwi Engagement Partner (T Waaka), Community Engagement Advisor (G Smith), Committee Advisor (N Turnbull)

**MEDIA AND PUBLIC:** Nil

*Note: The meeting was opened and closed with a karakia by Chair Cr Kirsty Trueman*

**1 KARAKIA**

**2 WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES**

**MP202306/01 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Anna Park

Seconded: Mr Whitu Karauna

That the apologies received from Mayor David Trewavas, Cr Yvonne Westerman, Ms Charlene Campbell, Ms Sapphire Tanirau be accepted.

**CARRIED**

**3 NGĀ WHAKAPĀNGA TUKITUKI | CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Nil

**4 WHAKAMANATANGA O NGĀ MENETI | CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**4.1 MANGAKINO-POUAKANI REPRESENTATIVE GROUP MEETING - 18 APRIL 2023**

The minutes were amended in the following manner:

Item 5.1 Mangakino Pouakani Community Grants 2022/23 application #6: updated to include student name Waina Tareha who spoke alongside teacher Mr Bennett and student Spencer Boreham.

**MP202306/02 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Anna Park

Seconded: Mr Whitu Karauna

That the minutes of the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group meeting held on Tuesday 18 April 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record, as amended.

**CARRIED**

## 5 NGĀ RIPOATA | REPORTS

### 5.1 PUBLIC FORUM

Item **withdrawn**.

### 5.2 MANGAKINO POUAKANI SNAPSHOT

Council officers provided updates to the group on hot topics around the rohe.

The Acting Parks and Reserves Manager had been working with Whakamaru and Mangakino Schools to organise wetland planting and pest control activity days with students.

The Horticulture team at Council were planning to reinstate the garden beds outside the shops along Rangatira Drive as they were overgrown and required new plantings.

Council was still endeavouring to contact Wairarapa Moana in regards to erect the signage, and to find volunteers to mow at the front of the Pouakani Totara Tree. This was not urgent as Council officers were visiting the area regularly to check on the condition of the area.

The Acting Parks and Reserves Manager provided an update on the Basketball Court Project. She advised that costing estimates had been received and would be reviewed thoroughly before a decision would be made as the costings were significantly higher than what was budgeted. In answer to a member's question regarding what was included in the budget, she explained that the cost would cover the geotechnical engineering work on the court ground, shade for the BBQ areas, protection for the windows, increased cost of concrete, the court concept design, and more seating.

The Acting Parks and Reserves Manager mentioned to the group that she was planning to meet with the Secretary of the Mangakino Hawks Rugby League Club (RLC) and Council's Events Team to align the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Council, RLC, and the community.

The General Manager Operations and Delivery explained to the group that Council's Property Team were planning a site visit at the Mangakino School Hall to assess the building. He advised that an update would be provided at the following meeting (A3361876).

The Team Leader – Transportation Operations provided an update to the group regarding the Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Facilities. She explained that the original proposal was for the charging bays to be installed outside Russmans restaurant in the parking area off State Highway 32 (A3361820). A discrepancy between the apparent legal boundary and the fence line with the adjoining farm required consultation with the farm owner, who did not approve the proposal. The Lines Company subsequently investigated other options and settled on an area of berm outside South Waikato Veterinary Services on Forest View Road. The owners of that business were consulted with and approved the parks being constructed and infrastructure installed, TDC subsequently approved construction.

The Team Leader – Transportation Operations provided an update to the group on behalf of the Infrastructure Project Manager – Operations regarding the four projects that were underway. She advised that the Water Renewal Project was 90% complete with some technical connection matters that required action before completion. The Wairenga Road footpath installation project work was going to be commenced on 20 June 2023. The roading improvements project on Tawa Street was due to commence in July 2023, with potential delays due to winter weather. Following the accessibility audit in 2019, the Team Leader – Transportation Operations engaged with members of the community to identify areas that are not accessible to key areas of the town centre, and also to the lake front. She advised that the project was still ongoing and concrete works were to commence in July 2023.

Chair Cr Kirsty Trueman noted that there were actions from the previous MPRG meeting in April that were not included on the current agenda, these included the Te Awhina Hall, and The Rural Intersection Lights topics. She requested that those actions be brought to the following meeting with updates from staff.

In answer to a member's question, the Acting Parks and Reserves Manager updated the group regarding the Whakamaru Hall, she noted that the roof upgrade was complete and an exterior tidy up of the area around the hall was programmed with an arborist.

In answer to a member's question, the Team Leader – Transportation Operations would make contact with the network managers at Waka Kotahi (NZTA) to enquire about relocating the metal pits next to the public toilets on Whakamaru Road. The tracks nearby being used for bikers and walkers were not visible to cars

accessing the toilets from the road which was a safety risk.

The Community Engagement Advisor circulated the Mangakino Lake Front Engagement Report (A3361141) and shared a PowerPoint presentation (A3361138) that summarised engagement initiatives. She answered questions of clarification, noting how positive and passionate the community was during the process.

*Mr Whitu Karauna left the meeting at this point (10:58am) and returned at 11:00am.*

#### **MP202306/03 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Mr Mark Seymour

Seconded: Mr Whitu Karauna

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

**CARRIED**

### **5.3 TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL LONG-TERM PLAN 2024-34**

The Programme Manager introduced herself to the group. She summarised the report and explained how the Long-term Plan was an important document for Council to be able to deliver the needs and aspirations on behalf of the community. She acknowledged the challenge on delivering community needs and that more detail would be provided in August as part of the pre-engagement process before the formal consultation process began in 2024.

#### **MP202306/04 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Anna Park

Seconded: Mr Whitu Karauna

That the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group receives this report.

**CARRIED**

### **5.4 MEMBERS' REPORTS**

The following members' reports were received:

#### **Mr Mark Seymour**

- Attended the Annual Plan Hearing Council Meeting in May 2023, and made a submission on behalf of the community which was received well by Council and had a positive outcome.

#### **Cr Kirsty Trueman**

- Mangakino Health Services had been sold and was getting new General Practitioners as Dr Mark Lockwood was retiring after 30 years of service.
- She reminded the group of the upcoming draft Housing Strategy drop in sessions for members to attend to provide Council with feedback. She encouraged the group to provide feedback as it could help with matters such as housing for the elderly and papakainga housing.

#### **MP202306/05 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Anna Park

Seconded: Mr Whitu Karauna

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

**CARRIED**

**6 NGĀ KŌRERO TŪMATAITI | CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**

Nil

The meeting closed at 11:34am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group Meeting held on 05 September 2023.

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**CHAIRPERSON**