

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MANGAKINO/POUAKANI REPRESENTATIVE GROUP MEETING  
HELD AT THE BOARDROOM, MANGAKINO SERVICE CENTRE, MANGAKINO  
ON TUESDAY, 14 JUNE 2022 AT 10.00AM**

**PRESENT:** Cr Kirsty Trueman (in the Chair), Mrs Lisa de Thierry (from 10.10am), Cr Kylie Leonard, Mr Mark Seymour (until 11.51am), Miss Memory Te Whaiti (from 10.14am), Cr Yvonne Westerman (until 12.12pm)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Parks and Reserves Manager, Community Development and Engagement Manager, Three Waters Manager, Senior Community Development Advisor, Community Development Advisor, Parks Manager Town Centres, Communications Advisor, Senior Committee Advisor

**MEDIA AND PUBLIC:** 1 member of the public

- Notes:
- (i) *The Chair opened the meeting with a karakia.*
  - (ii) *Items were considered in the following order: 1, 2, 3.1, 4.2, 4.1, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, 4.6*
  - (iii) *Mrs Lisa de Thierry entered the meeting at 10.10am, and Miss Memory Te Whaiti entered the meeting at 10.14am. They were not present for resolution MP202206/01.*
  - (iv) *Mr Mark Seymour left the meeting at 11.51am. He was not present for resolutions MP202206/07-08.*
  - (v) *Cr Yvonne Westerman left the meeting at 12.12pm. She was not present for resolution MP202206/08.*

## **1 APOLOGIES**

### **MP202206/01 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Kylie Leonard

Seconded: Cr Yvonne Westerman

That the apologies for absence received from Mayor David Trewavas and Mr Whitu Karauna be accepted, and that the apologies for lateness received from Mrs Lisa de Thierry and Miss Memory Te Whaiti be accepted.

**CARRIED**

## **2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Nil

## **3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

### **3.1 MANGAKINO/POUAKANI REPRESENTATIVE GROUP MEETING - 12 APRIL 2022**

The minutes were amended as follows:

- Item 4.2 Mangakino/Pouakani Community Grants 2021/2022: correct spelling Dianne Apene should be Dianne Ahipene.
- Item 4.3 Current Action Points Update: correct spelling Matakuri Island to Matekuri Island.

**MP202206/02 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Mr Mark Seymour

Seconded: Cr Kirsty Trueman

That the minutes of the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group meeting held on Tuesday 12 April 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record, as amended.

**CARRIED**

**4 REPORTS****4.1 NEW MANGAKINO SCHOOL PRINCIPAL**

Cherie Hill had been teaching for 24 years and while she was originally from Taranaki, she had been in the Taupō and Reporoa area for the last 12 years. She advised that Mangakino School currently had 48 students and four teaching staff including herself. The school were holding a community consultation the following week to design the curriculum and had shared details with the Chair. They were looking forward to renovations at the school which were due to commence in October and give it a new fresh look.

The school hall was currently used as a dining hall at lunchtime, and also for Kiwi Can, sports on wet days, and hired out to community groups that wished to use it. The Ministry of Education had advised that the hall no longer qualified for funding for maintenance. The Community Development and Engagement Manager advised that she and her team would be in touch to offer support and advice for applying for funding from the Council.

**MP202206/03 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Kylie Leonard

Seconded: Mrs Lisa de Thierry

That the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group receives the update from the new school Principal.

**CARRIED**

**4.2 CURRENT ACTION POINTS UPDATE**

The Community Development and Engagement Manager introduced two new members of her team, the Senior Community Development Advisor and the Community Development Advisor. Member Miss Memory Te Whaiti advised that leftover funds from the renovation of the kōhanga reo next to the marae were able to be utilised to commence renovations on Te Awhina Hall. She added that the re-roofing of Te Awhina Hall would commence soon. After this had been completed, next steps would be recladding the exterior and refurbishing the interior.

The Parks and Reserves Manager received the group's approval to remove the Lakefront management agreement and Whakamaru dam side footpath items from the Action Sheet.

He advised that Wairarapa Moana had some budget available for boardwalking and structure for the Pouakani Totara tree. The Parks and Reserves team were maintaining the front alongside Wairarapa Moana and were pleased to report that there was very little dumping occurring.

*Mrs Lisa de Thierry entered the meeting at this point (10.10am)*

The Parks and Reserves Manager suggested a new item to be added to the Action Sheet. This was a basketball court project which would look at the possibility of building a half court and combining the area with other sports in between the gym and skate park. The next step would be to set up a focus group at the school and involve the students.

The name of the item Mangakino lakefront toilet was renamed to Mangakino Lakefront Development Project.

**MP202206/04 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Miss Memory Te Whaiti

Seconded: Cr Kylie Leonard

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

**CARRIED**

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

The Community Development and Engagement Manager acknowledged and thanked member Mrs Lisa de Thierry for her service and support in the community engagement space over the last few years.

She advised that her team were taking a new approach to community engagement and had begun by employing more resource to fulfil their mandate of increasing engagement in the district.

One of the plans going forward was to go out into the communities to determine their aspirations. The team would offer their support to apply for funding by guiding members of the community in the process and technical details. In addition, the team would recruit someone into a new role which was focussed on assisting with community funding, and also Council funding outside of the Long Term Plan.

The other role which they would soon be recruiting for was the Northern Taupō Engagement Partner who would look after Taupō East, Kinloch, Mangakino, and Pouakani, and would be the main contact for the representative groups. The role would be based in the Mangakino office and hopefully filled by September 2022. The Community Development and Engagement Manager encouraged members to ask anyone they regarded suitable for the position to apply.

**MP202206/05 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Kylie Leonard

Seconded: Cr Yvonne Westerman

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

**CARRIED**

**4.4 UPDATE FROM THE MANGAKINO COMMUNITY COORDINATOR**

In addition to the Community Report provided, member Mrs Lisa de Thierry advised that a Destination Management Plan meeting had been held in Mangakino and 12 people attended. It was a good conversation and took different perspectives into consideration.

The Mangakino District Services and Citizens club were renaming and would be entering the Stella awards 2022.

Mrs de Thierry acknowledged the passing of community member Tui Hill who had contributed to the community for over 60 years.

**MP202206/06 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Miss Memory Te Whaiti

Seconded: Cr Yvonne Westerman

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

**CARRIED**

## 4.5 COMMUNITY OPERATIONS UPDATE

### Whakamaru Hall

The Parks and Reserves Manager advised that the Whakamaru Hall had a leaking roof and would require re-roofing. The leak was affecting the main hall only, not the part that the playcentre used. In addition, the main water supply was provided by the Pennington's farm across the road and would not comply with new drinking water regulations. As part of any roofing upgrade there would be an opportunity to explore options which could involve a rainwater tank. The community would also need to be consulted to ascertain their needs in terms of using the hall, and other halls in the area going forward.

### Planting

The Parks and Reserves Manager tabled documents (A3152190 and A3152191) showing possible plant species and areas proposed as offset mitigation of the wastewater treatment plant resource consent. The areas identified were the edge of the lakefront near Matekuri Island, between Number 6 fairway of the golf course and the lakefront, and the steep bank where Rimu and Rewa streets meet. He confirmed that any tall trees would be planted away from houses such as in the lower part of the bank, or at the lakefront.

### Lakefront Development

The Parks and Reserves Manager and the Parks Manager Town Centres handed out a document (A3151144) provided by Xyst Ltd, along with concept drawings (A3151145, A3151146). Previously APR Consultants had engaged with the local community and visitors to gauge requirements such as for camping and toilets. After a key stakeholder meeting Xyst Ltd designed the concept drawings provided, and asked the group for feedback. The Parks and Reserves Manager asked the group to think about 20 years into the future and beyond.

Feedback was provided as follows:

#### B – Vehicle and boat trailer car park

- should be one way with an entry and exit onto the road
- mixed car park with vehicles and boat trailers was a safety concern, particularly for families with young children

#### F - Concessionaire and small vehicle parking

- support was given for longterm leases to be provided for foodtrucks so that suppliers from around the district could come out to Mangakino

#### G – Playground and zipline

- The playground would be better placed close to the BBQ area so that parents and caregivers could supervise children.
- It was not safe being that close to both the water and road
- It was suggested that this area was changed to a quiet picnic area.

Additions:

- Charge stations for both Electric bikes and Electric vehicles should be added.
- Low decking should be turned to face towards the open recreation / event space.
- Planting would be done near the turnaround area, and on Matekuri Island to restrict other activities such as camping.
- There was huge appetite from the community for more boat jetties.

Following queries to the Parks and Reserves Manager, he explained that camping was not currently permitted at Matekuri Island but was not enforced because it was Mercury owned land. Member Miss Memory Te Whaiti would engage with Mercury in order to erect a sign and make visitors aware that the area was wāhi tapu. The Parks and Reserves Manager showed the group the proposed camping area to the west of Pouakani Marae but further discussion was required to finalise this as an alternative camping area.

A member raised a concern that no development was being done at Ātiamuri and that community members there were not aware of the Mangakino Pouakani Representative Group or funding opportunities for development. The Parks Manager Town Centres reassured the group that she was in regular contact with

Ātiamuri residents, most of which were temporary residents (holidaymakers).

The Parks and Reserves Manager advised that next steps would be for him to pass on the group's feedback to Xyst Ltd before they proceeded with community engagement and consultation.

### **Electric Vehicle Charging Facility – SH30 Whakamaru**

The Parks and Reserves Manager advised the group that the two-bay charging facility approved at the 12 April 2022 meeting (item 4.4) had changed location. It had been moved from outside Russman's to outside the Tokoroa and Districts Veterinary Services around the corner.

### **Three Waters Reform**

The Three Waters Manager presented to the group about why central government had begun the Three Waters reform in July 2020 (A3150714).

*Mr Mark Seymour left the meeting at this point (11.51am)*

He advised that the Water Services Entities Bill was currently at Select Committee and submissions were open until 22 July 2022.

In response to concerns raised by members, the Three Waters manager confirmed that the Government had heard the feedback and concerns around rural communities and their access to water supplies. Those that would be subject to the new regulations for private water supply would have a period of seven years to comply. The Rural Supplies Technical Working Group consisted of diverse groups including farms and marae and had provided recommendations to the minister.

The Three Waters manager encouraged the group to look for more information on the Taumata Arowai, Department of Internal Affairs, and Taituara websites.

*Cr Yvonne Westerman left the meeting at this point (12.12pm)*

### **MP202206/07 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Kylie Leonard

Seconded: Mrs Lisa de Thierry

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

**CARRIED**

## **4.6 MEMBERS' REPORTS**

The following members' reports were received:

**Cr Kirsty Trueman** advised that she had emailed Council staff giving feedback regarding the Tirohanga Hall renovations. There were health and safety concerns where fire exits had been blocked during construction and the ranch slider had not been installed.

**Miss Memory Te Whaiti** advised that Pouakani Marae would be having another hui about beneficiary status on Saturday 18 June 2022 from 10am and all of the community were welcome. The current definition of beneficiary was any Māori residing in the district but they were meeting to discuss and vote on this definition to inform future decision-making on the marae.

She advised that the marae were intending to hold wānanga after the July school holidays for NZQA level 4.

### **MP202206/08 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Kirsty Trueman

Seconded: Miss Memory Te Whaiti

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

**CARRIED**

**5 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**

Nil

The meeting closed at 12.21pm with a karakia by Memory Te Whaiti.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group Meeting held on 16 August 2022.

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**CHAIRPERSON**