

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MANGAKINO/POUAKANI REPRESENTATIVE GROUP MEETING
HELD AT THE BOARDROOM, MANGAKINO SERVICE CENTRE, MANGAKINO
ON TUESDAY, 19 MARCH 2019 AT 10.00AM**

- PRESENT:** Cr Barry Hickling (in the Chair), Cr Tangonui Kingi, Mrs Lisa de Thierry, Mr Mark Seymour
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Chief Executive, Head of Operations, Head of Democracy, Governance & Venues, District Parks Manager, Parks Community & Open Spaces Manager, Asset Manager Water, Strategic Partnerships Advisor, Democratic Services Support Officer
- MEDIA AND PUBLIC:** Seven members of the public

Cr Barry Hickling welcomed everyone to the meeting and requested that all in attendance observe a one minute silence for the victims of the recent tragedy at the Christchurch mosques.

Note: (i) Items were heard in the following order: 1 – 4.1, 4.6, 4.5, 4.7 – 4.9.
(ii) His Worship left the meeting during item 4.4 (at 11.40am) and re-entered the meeting during item 4.4 (at 11.46am). He was not present for resolution MP201903/05.

1 APOLOGIES

MP201903/01 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Tangonui Kingi
Seconded: Mr Mark Seymour

That the apologies received from Cr Kirsty Trueman and Miss Memory Te Whaiti be accepted.

CARRIED

2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 MANGAKINO/POUAKANI REPRESENTATIVE GROUP MEETING - 16 OCTOBER 2018

Minutes of a meeting of the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group held on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 had been circulated (A2369424).

MP201903/02 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mr Mark Seymour
Seconded: Mrs Lisa de Thierry

That the minutes of the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group meeting held on Tuesday 16 October 2018 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

4 REPORTS

4.1 PRESENTATION: UPDATE ON THE MANGAKOWHIRIWHIRI STREAM WETLAND RESTORATION PROJECT

Mercury Energy environmental advisor Natalie Haines and local maintenance operator Stu Lamont provided an update on the Mangakowhiriwhiri Stream Wetland Restoration Project. Key points noted were:

- The project to transform what was originally a weed infested swamp land into a beautiful wetland was the vision of engineer Andrew King, who could see the swamp land from his residence at Whakamaru.
- Nick Singer (DoC) developed a five-year restoration plan.
- Funding for weed control and planting had been sourced from the Waikato Catchment Ecological Enhancement Trust and the Waikato River Authority.
- Three summers of weed control had been completed.
- An ecologist had advised that plants must originate from locally grown species.
- Collaborated with Waikato River Trails and undertook a planting day and weed spray of grasses.
- All fringes were now planted with specially selected native grasses that could handle fluctuating water levels.
- Further weed control would be done later this year and additional plants sourced. Willow trees in the centre area would be drilled, poison applied, and trees (as opposed to low grasses) would be planted around the perimeter.
- Received quotes for the proposed walkway design, which greatly exceeded the original cost estimation provided by Nick Singer.
- Engineers had been engaged to design the walkway which needed to be robust and safe given it would be above water.
- Additional challenges that were not included in budgets were removal of dumped rubbish, dead blackberry, gorse, and dying poplars.
- Health and safety issues were of the highest priority when managing people going on site.
- The Whakamaru School principal had been outstanding to deal with, and had already met with Greening Taupō staff regarding the schools programme. Greening Taupō provided the necessary tools and exercises for inclusion in school learnings. Children had also participated in a planting day with Nick Singer, which was great.
- A visit to Whakamaru Power Station beginning with the senior students was planned; currently sorting adult / student ratios. Students would assist with removal of weeds growing around new plants and the release of new native plants.
- Currently sourcing quotes for the boardwalk excluding a bund, which created additional issues. Aimed to install the boardwalk sometime this year.
- Had taken students from Mangakino School into the station to show the dangers of swimming around the dam / station area, which was prohibited. Mercury Energy were currently identifying safer supervised swimming and fishing places.
- Taupō District Council had been really supportive with the wetland project and safety issues.

MP201903/03 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mrs Lisa de Thierry

Seconded: Mr Mark Seymour

That the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group receives the information and thanks Ms Natalie Haines for her update.

CARRIED

4.2 COMMUNITY GRANTS 2018/19

The Strategic Partnerships Advisor tendered apologies on behalf of the following people who were unable to attend / present at today's meeting:

- Cathy Buntting; Growing through Grief Taupō
- Miles Richardson; Taupō Cadet Unit
- Eve Te Namu; Taupō Community Reo Group

The following people addressed the Group in support of their respective funding applications:

1 Country Kidz Early Learning Centre – Sandra Evans

(Distributed pictures of cots purchased with community grants funds received last year.)

- Application requested funds for a custom made changing table with a ladder attached that would enable older children to climb up onto the table themselves, which would help prevent staff back strain or injury. The centre currently had a standard table that staff had to lift children up onto.
- Licensed for 4 under 2 year old's. All spaces were filled and seven children were on their waiting list.
- Overall roll number was 57 children.

In answer to questions, Ms Evans advised that:

- The centre was a community based preschool primarily servicing rural farming communities. Children came from Whakamaru, Tirohanga, Marotiri and Kinloch.
- The majority of children were of European descent with approximately 12% Māori and one of Indian descent.
- Change tables were purchased from a teaching aides provider and were specifically made for centres.
- The requested table was robust and sturdy enough to hold larger / heavier children. It also had a handy storage cupboard underneath and ladder.

3 Mangakino Community Agency - Danielle Karauna

(Distributed MCA profit and loss statement).

- Advised that she had only recently commenced working at the Mangakino Community Agency.
- Application requested funds to establish youth nights and holiday programmes.

In answer to questions, Miss Karauna advised that:

- Current youth night activities involved going to the pools however, the pool opening period was due to end shortly.
- The planned programme would be held in the first week of the holidays, and start at 9am daily.
- Activities undertaken during the previous holiday programme included the Totara tree walk at Pureora, and pa harakeke (flax weaving).
- Had over 50 participants attend the previous programme however, predicted that numbers would be slightly less this time round.
- The programme accommodated children between the ages of 8 to 16. Children under the age of 8 could attend but had to be accompanied by a parent.
- There were no other holiday programmes on offer in Mangakino, only an after school programme 'The Young Guns'.
- The previous coordinator had moved away from the area therefore funds were sought to re-start the programme from the ground up, as well as cover costs for away trips and purchase new sports equipment.

4 Mangakino Golf Club – Andrew Munro

- Thanked the Group for the opportunity to present.
- Mangakino Golf Club was a long-term occupier of Council land on the lakefront, and was run by volunteers. With ongoing costs continuing to increase, sought support from Council with ground maintenance costs.
- Had scheduled a meeting with New Zealand Golf regional support manager Mark Webb regarding

promoting and attracting juniors to take up golf. Would also discuss NZ Golf supporting tuition and potential holiday programmes for youth in Mangakino.

- The club's youngest member was 23.
- Requested funds for a ride-on mower for course maintenance as it would be more suited for the land area and contour.
- The Club was operationally and financially sound although it did not have significant surplus funds at its disposal.
- The Waikato Golf Club chief executive had provided positive feedback of the club overall.

In answer to questions, Mr Munro advised that:

- NZ Golf had identified that the club needed to get more young people involved.
- A peppercorn lease of \$2 per annum was paid.
- A member preferred that if funds were granted, the ride-on mower be purchased from a supplier within the Taupō district as the application quotes had been sourced from the South Waikato area.
- The Club had previously applied to other funders however, had not done so for the current items requested.
- Subscription fees were \$290 for an annual adult membership; green fees were \$15 for the 9-hole course; and \$20 for the 18-hole course.
- Approximately 70 financial members.
- Frisbee golf started at the number 2 tee.
- The course was in a very good state. The club undertook a sowing programme and weed spraying a few years ago.
- There were substantial limbs requiring removal at the number 2 fairway adjoining Lake Road. The District Parks Manager would follow up.

5 Mangakino Rugby League – Kristen Karauna

- Miss Karauna was the secretary for the Hawkes Rugby League Club.
- Application requested funds to cover a bus for the senior team away so players, whanau and supporters could travel together.

In answer to questions, Miss Karauna advised that:

- The farthest place the team travelled to was Papamoa / Tauranga.
- The Club normally hosted around six games per season.
- The Club had received \$1k from the Sports Advisory Council.
- The first pre-season game was to be held this weekend (Saturday 23/03) with the first competition game scheduled on April 6, 2019.

6 Marotiri Hall Trust – Marilyn Kidd

- Application requested funds of \$3,000 to purchase a further 50 chairs for the hall.
- The previous chairs were fabric and had become shabby looking. The chairs were originally from the Great Lake Centre and had been donated to the hall by Council around 20 years ago.
- The hall was situated at the Marotiri School and was used for various activities and events including ladies exercise groups; school productions, prize giving, speech competitions; and private events such as weddings and birthdays.
- Unlike other community halls, the Trust received no funding from Council.
- Trust funds for ongoing maintenance costs were raised through hall hire fees, fundraising and grants. A major fundraiser each year was a regular Friday quiz night. The quiz nights were held during winter and attracted around 50-60 people; and provided a great opportunity for community and social interaction.
- The hall was regularly maintained and upgraded to ensure it was kept to a high standard. In 2016 / 17 the wooden joinery was replaced with aluminium joinery, a new deck was installed, and various painting work completed.
- The Trust had a buffer of around \$7,000 to cover / go towards unexpected costs. It was important to have that contingency fund as the Trust did not have the ability to loan funds.

In answer to questions, Ms Kidd advised that:

- 30 chairs (not included in the current requested amount) had already been purchased.
- The Marotiri School roll was approximately 160.
- Hall hire fees were \$120 for an evening event. Costs varied for day use however usually cost around \$60.
- Most recent use of the hall had been for children's birthdays. Upcoming events were a 50th birthday at the end of March, and a farm auction on April 10.

11 Mangakino Central Charitable Trust – Lara Davies

- Application requested funds to purchase of a new computer to support the swipecy system used at the gym.
- There had been a considerable increase in participants on the Young Guns after school programme, therefore requested funds for a laptop which could be taken along to programme activities.
- Art and Soul numbers were also increasing.

In answer to questions, Ms Davies advised that:

- Quotes provided were from Noel Leeming and Harvey Norman and were comparable in price. However, Noel Leeming was their preferred supplier having dealt with them previously. Goods would still be provided at the special price quoted even if the promotional period had passed.
- The Art and Soul collective was run by a good group of volunteers. The outlet also sold Council rubbish stickers.
- Art and Soul rent costs were funded by COGS and Creative Taupō.

MP201903/04 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mr Mark Seymour

Seconded: Cr Tangonui Kingi

That the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group approves/declines the following applications for the 2018/19 financial year:

1. \$ 750.00 *Country Kidz ECE for a new changing table
2. \$ 360.00 *Growing Through Grief Taupō for 'Seasons of Growth' programme
3. \$2,000.00 *Mangakino Community Agency for youth nights and holiday programmes
4. \$3,240.00 *Mangakino Golf Club for new ride on mower, petrol and oil
5. \$1,500.00 Mangakino Rugby League Club for travel costs for the season
6. \$2,000.00 Marotiri Hall Trust to purchase 50 chairs
7. \$ 750.00 Taupō Cadet Unit for the purchase of waterproof backpacks for cadets
8. \$0 Taupō Community Reo Group for Te Reo classes
9. \$0 *Waipahihi School for transport and entry to the Tough guy Tough girl challenge
10. \$ 500.00 *Whakamaru School for bilingual signage to exterior of building
11. \$1,400.00 *Mangakino Central Charitable Trust to purchase 3 x Laptops

Notes:

- * Denotes GST registered organisation.
- Growing through Grief Taupō - funds granted were for travel cost portion only.
- Mangakino Community Agency – request for more detailed information of where funds would be spent.

- *Taupō Cadet Unit – encourage that the programme be promoted district wide in letter to advise of funding application outcome.*
- *Taupō Community Reo Group and Waipahihi School – applications declined due to insufficient funds remaining.*

CARRIED

4.3 CURRENT ACTION POINTS UPDATE

The following action points updates were noted:

- Lake Maraetai lakefront MOU on hold pending settlement process being finalised.
- Tirohanga Road underpass pavement resurfaced in September - *remove item.*
- Meeting had been held regarding Te Awhina Hall. Staff to schedule an additional meeting with Miss Memory Te Whaiti to discuss details of what needed to be done, cost for building work, etc. so a funding application could be collated.
- Mangakino Community Agency had forwarded a spreadsheet detailing payments made to The Lines Company costs however, awaiting copies of actual invoices which Council required for Audit NZ.
- The Head of Operations undertook to follow up on potential power supply issues regarding to the streetlight installation on Tirohanga / Forest Roads and would report back at the next Group meeting.
- The District Parks Operations Manager advised that all district parks and reserves teams met once a month (Taupō, Turangi, Mangakino). Last month all teams were involved in an intensive maintenance day in Turangi, with the exercise being repeated in Mangakino tomorrow. Would use that opportunity to look at the golf course trees (as per Andrew Munro's comments during his funding presentation).

MP201903/05 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Barry Hickling
Seconded: Cr Tangonui Kingi

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

CARRIED

4.4 DRAFT TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL SPORTS AND RECREATION FACILITY STRATEGY

The Parks and Recreation Specialist presented information on the Draft Taupō District Council Sports and Recreation Facility Strategy. Key points noted were:

- Keen to hear from any sporting group that had been missed in the current scope.
- Sport Waikato (whom Council already had a well-established relationship with) had been engaged to undertake the next phase of engagement with stakeholders, develop surveys and questionnaires, as well as provide specialist services including undertaking research and understanding national trends.
- This was the first ever sports and recreation strategy for Council. Initially the strategy was going to only cover sports fields however a decision was subsequently made to extend the brief wider.
- Considerable time had been spent exploring the intent of the strategy which was about people, places, spaces, resourcing, partnerships and future proofing.
- For funding purposes the final version adopted would need to align with central government framework and the Sports New Zealand Strategy.
- Those sporting bodies that met the criteria and were not currently included could still be added.
- Stakeholder feedback would be collated and reviewed in April / May 2019 and brought back to the Group for comment.
- The draft would be developed in June / July 2019 prior to elections and then put on hold until after the elections were held.
- The future assessment process for allocation of resources would be fair and equitable.

The following comments were noted during questions, answers and related discussion:

- Clubs in the process of being established could be added. His Worship undertook to provide details of a

- pending softball club.
- Sports / recreational parks were a huge part of Council's infrastructure and costs for ongoing maintenance were substantial.
- The Strategy would better inform asset management plans going forward.

MP201903/06 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Tangonui Kingi

Seconded: Mrs Lisa de Thierry

That the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group receives the information on the Draft Taupō District Council Sports and Recreation Facility Strategy.

CARRIED

4.5 TRANSPORT STRATEGY ENGAGEMENT

The Head of Operations presented the item and took the report as read.

The following comments were noted during questions, answers, and related discussion:

- Important major connecting routes were Poihipi Road (to Taupō), Waipapa Road link to Whakamaru Road / SH32 (to Tokoroa), Scot Road and Ongaroto Road link to SH30 (to Te Kuiti), Tirohanga Road (link to Rotorua and Tokoroa; also well utilised by Miraka tankers coming in / out).
- It was important that the major link roads in and around Mangakino / Whakamaru / Tirohanga were safe and able to remain open, especially during winter.
- The many narrower roads were problematic especially for overseas drivers and larger vehicles such as motor homes, milk tankers and logging trucks.
- Needed to ensure safety of walkers and cyclists from Mangakino to Waipapa Road, and coming in to Mangakino and out at Lake Maraetai village.
- Suggested removing 1-hour parking restrictions in town, rationale being that people were there to spend money so it needed to be made easier for them.
- Suggested removal of planter boxes in town which were unnecessarily taking up valuable space.
- Entrance / exit at Whakamaru shops was very dangerous - especially when full with vehicles - and needed to be investigated.
- Air links were a vital part of tourism and emergency services.

MP201903/07 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mr Mark Seymour

Seconded: Cr Tangonui Kingi

That the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group receives the report in relation to the Transport Strategy engagement.

CARRIED

4.6 DRAFT WATER SUPPLY STRATEGY

The Asset Manager Water advised that the Water Supply Strategy was a 30-year strategy and was legislatively required under the Infrastructure Strategy. The current draft was relatively complete and had been developed following several workshops with Council. The strategy was a high level document which had local, regional, and national components with four key outcomes and goals to guide the direction over next 30 years. Additional key points noted were:

- A key focus was to accelerate items that related to the protection of public health.
- Responsible use of water was a high driver for regional council and key reason for developing and updating the strategy.
- Taupō district water consumption was high in comparison to other towns and averaged around 400 litres per person per day; wanted to reduce this to 260 litres per person, per day. Council were looking at ways

to minimise impacts on the environment and overall reduce water use. A target of 10-years had been set which was also the median level in line with other towns.

- The fourth outcome related to financial management and crossed over into asset management. The goal was to ensure fairness with how water was charged.
- Through consultation with stakeholders, Ngāti Tuwharetoa had suggested the inclusion of a fifth outcome around acknowledgment of Iwi ownership of the lake.
- Protection of public health through the provision of safe water was of highest priority. Full compliance on all schemes was factored into the Long-Term Plan.
- Waikato Regional Council renewal of water consents was a lot more stringent, especially with regard to the amount of water being taken.

In answer to a question, the Head of Operations advised that public health and financial management were the two main drivers of the strategy.

MP201903/08 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mrs Lisa de Thierry

Seconded: Mayor David Trewavas

That the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group receives the update on the Taupō District Council Water Strategy.

CARRIED

4.7 UPDATE FROM THE MANGAKINO COMMUNITY COORDINATOR

The Mangakino Community Coordinator took the report as read, and made additional comments:

- Wakeboarding sports event was held last week; speed water skiing to be held next week.
- Mangakino was becoming a preferred destination for water and reserve events.
- First time holding the Summer Sizzler event which involved 358 competitors. The weather was very hot; suggested another water station near the last section of the course (at bottom of golf course). Commended the local Hawkes League Club who not only did an excellent job providing support at the event but overall were always very proactive at fundraising for themselves.
- Economic spend in Mangakino was tracking well.
- A group of providers met last week to plan and discuss what Mangakino had to offer for next year's events eg Tour Aotearoa, IronMan. Good conversations and connections were happening.
- It was good to see what the priority areas were for the community in the community plan, eg Cosy Homes, firewood bank (19 loads of wood came into community last year – very positive feedback received).
- Building a relationship with the newly appointed general manager of Destination Great Lake Taupō. Important to ensure that Mangakino was involved in any upcoming marketing promotions.

MP201903/09 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mr Mark Seymour

Seconded: Cr Barry Hickling

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

CARRIED

4.8 COMMUNITY ISSUES

The following comments were noted:

- With the lakefront area being very busy over summer, demand for parking spaces was high. Suggested installing additional parks, in particular for boats.

- The newly installed pontoon was popular and well utilised over summer, with no reported safety incidents noted.
- Plenty of positive feedback had been received in relation to the sealing work completed outside Tirohanga Hall. However, the repair job done on the potholes between the hall and Pokuru Road was rough. The Head of Operations would follow up.
- Looked forward to the widening of Tirohanga Road. Noted there had been criticism about the unnecessary sealing of this road and the resulting tram tracks from the tar and metal. The Head of Operations undertook to look into the matter.

MP201903/10 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Tangonui Kingi

Seconded: Mrs Lisa de Thierry

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

CARRIED

4.9 MEMBERS' REPORTS

Mr Mark Seymour

- Advised that there was a public Long-Term Plan engagement at Tirohanga next Friday, March 29 between 10am and 12noon. The engagement had been advertised in Friday's March 15 newspaper however, more notice would have been appreciated. Would try and do a letterbox drop (tomorrow) to local residents.
- Held an event at Tirohanga Hall with proceeds of over \$1k going to the Mangakino Fire Brigade.
- Had been following conversations in relation to rates spend by Council in Turangi with a view to submitting a future similar request for Tirohanga.
- A new 'glamping' site was up and running near the old Tirohanga telephone exchange. The site would be added on accommodation maps and could be found under 'The Telephone Exchange' online.

MP201903/11 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mr Mark Seymour

Seconded: Cr Barry Hickling

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

CARRIED

5 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil

The Meeting closed at 12.35pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Mangakino/Pouakani Representative Group Meeting held on 21 May 2019.

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CHAIRPERSON