

TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MANGAKINO-POUAKANI REPRESENTATIVE GROUP MEETING
HELD AT THE MANGAKINO COMMUNITY HUB, CIVIC CENTRE, RANGATIRA DRIVE, MANGAKINO
ON TUESDAY, 23 APRIL 2024 AT 10.00AM

PRESENT: Cr Kirsty Trueman (in the Chair), Ms Charlene Campbell, Mr Whitu Karauna, Cr Anna Park, Mr Mark Seymour, Cr Yvonne Westerman

IN ATTENDANCE: General Manager Strategy and Environment (W Zander), Iwi and Co Governance Manager (D Rameka), District Customer Relations Manager (T Russell), District Aquatics Manager (P Ramsay), Acting Manager Housing & Property Investment (C Haskell), Parks Manager Town Centres (J Gordon), Senior Community Engagement Advisor (G Smith), Infrastructure Project Manager Operations (P Van Niekerk), Team Leader Customer Support Tūrangi (J Cathro), Parks Advisor Planning and Operations (B Vi), Community Engagement Advisor Northern Taupō District (C Dredge), Senior Funding and Partnerships Advisor (B Forlong), Funding and Partnerships Advisor (E Godwin), Governance Quality Manager (S James), Legal and Governance Coordinator (D Periam)

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: 9 members of the public

- Notes:
- (i) Chairperson Cr Kirsty Trueman recited karakia to open and close the hui.
 - (ii) Items were considered in the following order: 1, 2, 3, 5.1, 4.1, 5.2 – 5.4
 - (iii) Mr Whitu Karauna left the meeting at 11.27am and returned at 11.29am. He was not present for resolution MP202404/05

1 KARAKIA

2 WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES

MP202404/01 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anna Park
Seconded: Mr Mark Seymour

That the apologies received from Mayor David Trewavas and Ms Sapphire Tanirau be accepted.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group meeting voted in favour of resolution MP202404/01 above.

3 NGĀ WHAKAPĀNGA TUKITUKI | CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Ms Charlene Campbell declared she was a member of the Whakamaru Ratepayers and Residents Association. Ms Campbell did not participate when this application was considered.

Mr Mark Seymour declared he was a member of the Tirohanga Settlers and Sports Association. 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 - 20 FEBRUARY 2024

MP202404/02 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Yvonne Westerman
Seconded: Cr Kirsty Trueman

That the minutes of the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group meeting held on Tuesday 20 February 2024 be approved and adopted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group meeting voted in favour of resolution MP202404/02 above.

5 NGĀ RIPOATA | REPORTS

5.1 PUBLIC FORUM

Ms Claire Middlemiss – President of Mangakino RSA and Club supported by Stu Lamont

Ms Middlemiss provided an update regarding the Mangakino RSA and Club. She explained that the RSA was built in 1946 and was given to the Mangakino residents 26 years ago. The club had been there for 78 years and it held many functions there including ANZAC services, weddings, funerals and birthdays.

The club owned the building but the land that the building was on was leased land. The lease had run out and it had not been renewed. There were three options for the club, these were lease the land until 2027, purchase the land that the club was on or close the club and move off the land. Ms Middlemiss explained that they needed help from the community as they did not want to lose the club. They wished to purchase the land and they required money for this. They had approached banks to get a loan but they could not get a corporate loan as the club was a not for profit organisation and the bank requested personal guarantees for the land. Wairarapa Moana were happy to work with the club to come to a solution. In answer to a question, Ms Middlemiss explained that Wairarapa Moana was not interested in a rent to buy arrangement. Members suggested reaching out to Lotto New Zealand. Ms Middlemiss expressed that they were struggling with rates as well, when the new valuation was done, the price of the building increased from \$300,000 to \$1.4 million.

MP202404/03 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mr Mark Seymour

Seconded: Mr Whitu Karauna

That the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group receives comments from members of the public.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group meeting voted in favour of resolution MP202404/03 above.

5.2 MANGAKINO POUAKANI COMMUNITY GRANTS 2023/24

The Senior Funding and Partnerships Advisor introduced herself and the Funding and Partnerships Advisor and she explained what her team did. The Funding and Partnerships Advisor then explained that applications for the Mangakino Pouakani Community Grants 2023/24 closed on Friday 12 April after being open for a month.

She provided the below context to the applications:

- Graeme Dingle Foundation had applied for funding that would be used for the Kiwi Can Programme, they had also applied for this with the Marotiri School in a separate application, Marotiri School was happy to decrease their amount applied for if Graeme Dingle was approved.
- Whakamaru Ratepayers and Residents Association applied for funding that would be used to build a cropping paddock fence, there was some uncertainty over who owned the land and where the fence could go.

11 applications had been received requesting a total of \$42,127.86. There was \$14,000.00 of funding to be allocated. The Funding and Partnerships team would link applicants with other funding opportunities available to them if their application was not successful.

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 was the general manager of Mangakino Central Charitable Trust. She first thanked the committee for the funding received previously for the toy library. She summarised the application and added that the Mangakino Community Hub was often rented for family events and they would like to be able to offer the pool table to be used and also for the Craft Along social get togethers that are scheduled every Thursday.

#8 Waikato River Trails Trust – Glyn Wooller

Mr Wooller introduced himself and summarised the application. He explained that the Waikato River Trails had roughly 58,000 people use it in 2023 and was becoming increasingly more popular.

In answer to questions he clarified the following:

- The Waikato River Trails Trust did have an agreement with Taupō District Council however this application was for capital costs which required money outside of the funding received via the agreement.
- They had reached out to Tokoroa Corrections who would help with the planting along the trail.
- Users of the trail were able to make donations towards the trust and there was information about how to donate on their website.

| | Applicant | Funds requested for... | Deliberation |
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| 1 | Tirohanga School | Sports t-shirts for the tamariki | Members supported a portion of the funds requested. |
| 2 | Mangakino Central Charitable Trust | To re-cloth and fix minor repairs to the pool table in the community hub | Members supported a large portion of this application. |
| 3 | Mangakino Rugby League Club Incorporated | Refrigeration chiller for the Mangakino Sports Hub | Members supported a portion of the funds requested. |
| 4 | Marotiri School | Kiwi Can Programme | Members declined this application as they choose to support the Graeme Dingle Foundation Waikato application as they felt this would support both the schools in the local area. |
| 5 | Graeme Dingle Foundation Waikato | Supporting the delivery of our free in-school Kiwi Can programme at Whakamaru and Marotiri School | Members supported a portion of the funds requested. |
| 6 | Mangakino School | Nga Oranga Matua – Maara Kai | Members supported a portion of the funds requested to allow the school to purchase seeds and plants. |
| 7 | Tirohanga Settlers and Sports Association | To purchase new kitchenware for the Tirohanga Hall | Members supported this application. |
| 8 | Waikato River Trails Trust | Trail maintenance essential equipment | Members supported a portion of this application. |
| 9 | Pouakani Marae Trustees | Pouakani Marae Rangatahi Houora Programme | Members supported a portion of this application. |
| 10 | Marotiri School | Kapa Haka and cultural tutor | Members supported a portion of this application to allow the students to get to the Kapa Haka |

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| | | | event. |
| 11 | Whakamaru Ratepayers and Residents Association | Cropping paddock fencing | Members supported this application provided there was approval from the landowner. |

The Senior Funding and Partnerships Advisor explained that Council was focused on the Long-term Plan 2024-34 and this included community funding. Proposed changes would be discussed with the Mangakino Pouakani Representative Group and the community. Changes included keeping the funding to geographical areas only and she advised that consultation was scheduled for June.

MP202404/04 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mr Mark Seymour

Seconded: Mr Whitu Karauna

That the Mangakino Pouakani Representative Group:

1. approves in full, in part or declines the attached applications for the 2023/24 financial year:

Tirohanga School - \$1500

Mangakino Central Charitable Trust - \$1200

Mangakino Rugby League Club Incorporated - \$3000

Marotiri School – declined

Graeme Dingle Foundation Waikato - \$1500

Mangakino School - \$1000

Tirohanga Settlers and Sports Association - \$300

Waikato River Trails Trust - \$500

Pouakani Marae Trustees - \$2000

Marotiri School - \$1000

Whakamaru Ratepayers and Residents Association - \$2000

2. provides rationale for declined decisions.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group meeting voted in favour of resolution MP202404/04 above.

5.3 MANGAKINO POUAKANI SNAPSHOT

Community Engagement and Development

The Community Engagement Advisor Northern Taupō District introduced herself, she thanked community members for attending and acknowledged the work that the community had done for the community grants applications.

She provided the following updates:

- Pool party held at the Mangakino Community Pool at the end of the summer season was well attended, she thanked the team of lifeguards for allowing this event to happen
- An Easter Festival was held which was well attended by locals and visitors and it was run by The Festival Committee
- The basketball court was under construction, she enjoyed engaging with the local youth to pick the colours of the court, the tamariki decided on Lakers colours. She explained that she wanted the tamariki to take pride in the basketball courts and look after it. A grand opening would be planned with the date expected to be end of May but this would be confirmed.
- The Civil Defence Community Response Group was finalising their community response plan with a meeting scheduled for the following day and the group would then go out to the community with the plan.

- Council were supporting a community led network hui. She explained that the Community Engagement Team were figuring out how they could best support cohesion.
- A strategic meeting was held on 4 April at the Mangakino Community Hub and four organisations attended.
- Long-term Plan 2024-34 community engagement was scheduled for 4 June to 5 July. The community engagement team was planning events and she encouraged members of the public to make submissions.

The Iwi and Co Governance Manager explained that there had been recent events of threats and abuse towards Mangakino Customer Service Centre and Library staff so there would now be a minimum of two staff members on site at all times. There had also been reports of recent vandalism at the Mangakino Community Pool with chairs being thrown into the pool. The Senior Community Engagement Advisor was looking to bring key members of the community together to work on a resolution for both staff and community. Council officers were looking forward to working with the community to come up with a solution together rather than taking the lead.

Staff answered members' questions as follows:

- It was confirmed that the pool would be emptied after the summer season.
- The Parks Manager Town Centres said she would speak with the facilities team to see if a security camera can be installed.

Elected members shared the concerns and thanked the Iwi and Co Governance Manager for the update. They also expressed that they would like to invite a member of the police to come to a Mangakino Pouakani Representative Group meeting.

Basketball Court Project Update

The Acting Manager Housing & Property Investment introduced himself. He explained that he was involved in the onsite work of the basketball court. It was great to have the children involved in picking the colours. There was an interest to put art work on the fence. Turf was scheduled to be installed the following week. He explained that a grand opening of the basketball court was scheduled for May and there might be some professional basketball players in attendance to play games with the kids. In answer to a question the Parks Manager Town Centres explained that they will look into the possibility of the old basketball hoops being relocated to Whakamaru.

Mangakino Bus Shelters

The Infrastructure Project Manager Operations introduced himself. He distributed a document (A3541898) to the committee members which indicated the two proposed locations for bus shelters in Mangakino.

The following points were noted:

- Two new bus shelters were being proposed to be installed in Mangakino as part of the accessibility for Mangakino town. One outside of the library on the left where the current bus sign was. The second bus shelter was likely to be installed on the way out of town on Rangatira Drive where there was enough space that allowed the bus to pull off the road and allow cars behind it to pass. The shelters would be used for school buses and other buses.
- In answer to a question the Infrastructure Project Manager Operations explained that the cost of the bus shelters were estimated to be \$12,000 each, this included installation.
- There would be a vandal-proof film on the bus shelters so nothing could stick to it and the bottom would be steel.

Mangakino Community Pool

The District Aquatics Manager introduced herself and explained that she was going to provide an update on the successful season of the Mangakino Community Pool.

The following points were noted:

- There were over 4,700 users throughout the 2023/24 summer season which had increased compared to the previous summer season.
- The pool party held at the end of the season with roughly 200 people in attendance, they would look at doing this again at the end of summer seasons in the future.

- Both the school and community made good use of the pool.
- She was working with the Taupō District Council funding team to see what funding avenues would be available to see what facilities they could get such as shade sales, diving board etc.
- The community has asked for a longer season with extended hours and a senior citizens only hour too, she explained that they were exploring all these options and what is possible.
- The fire extinguisher had been replaced four times and it cost \$500 each time.
- The pool would continue to be emptied after the end of each summer season.
- There had been discussions with TDC's facilities team to install security cameras.
- She expressed that she wanted to work with the community to look after the pool so it could be used for many years to come.

Parks and Reserves Update

The Parks Manager Open Spaces explained that there would be a paper coming to the committee's next meeting to approve the lease for the Te Awhina Hall. There had been some historical information found which delayed the paper for this meeting but it was confirmed that ownership was with the marae.

In answer to a question she explained that contractors Tonkin+Taylor had been onsite at the Mangakino Lakefront to inspect the hole in the boat ramp. Tonkin+Taylor would provide her with a sense of what was happening and what was needed to build a second ramp. Once a plan had been determined, she would ask Mercury Energy to lower the lake so the repairs can be done. At this stage there was no timeframe but she would come back to the committee when there was a more established plan.

Gold clams

The General Manager Strategy and Environment provided an update on Gold Clams. They had been found at the Aqua Water Park and this was shut down by Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI). TDC was working closely with Waikato Regional Council and MPI on a long term solution as they did not want the gold clams to get into Lake Taupō. An elected member explained that the business does get compensated by MPI while they are shut down so they would not lose the business.

MP202404/05 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Anna Park

Seconded: Ms Charlene Campbell

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

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group meeting voted in favour of resolution MP202404/05 above.

5.4 MEMBERS' REPORTS

The following members' reports were received:

Ms Charlene Campbell

- Maru Trust had reached out regarding pyjamas for children and adults in the community. She has contacted the schools to get a tally on the children.
- A community meeting was scheduled to be held on 18 May, Dr Glen Davies would be talking about diabetes, keto diet and other topics. It was free for the community to attend.

Mr Mark Seymour

- There were new water restrictors on the Tirohanga water scheme and he explained that some people were not getting their allocated water. They were meant to get 27 litres a minute but they were not getting that. He clarified that the pressure was fine but the quantity was not good.
- Taupō District Council had been taking down the forestry on Pokuru Road. He expressed the view that Council would make very little money on this as it costs \$100 a tonne to cut the trees down and

send to the ports.

- Waiting on the Long-term plan
- Dairy season was good but the sheep and cattle season was not great.
- The V8 Supercars went well in Taupō and the people involved should be congratulated on that. It was great to see the public attend and see the skill level of the drivers.

Cr Yvonne Westerman

- She had received comments from the Mangakino Rugby Club managers that three or four campervans had emptied their sewage at the dump station. She explained that the relocation of the dump station was included in the Long-term Plan 2024-34 for the lakefront development.

Cr Kirsty Trueman

- Motorbikes had been driving in front of Mangakino School, there were some rocks and barriers there currently but was hoping more could be put there to stop the motorbikes driving down there.

Cr Anna Park

- Thanked the community for attending the Mangakino Pouakani Representative Group meetings, she expressed it was great to hear from the community about what is needed.

MP202404/06 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Yvonne Westerman

Seconded: Ms Charlene Campbell

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

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group meeting voted in favour of resolution MP202404/06 above.

6 NGĀ KŌRERO TŪMATAITI | CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil

The meeting closed at 11.37am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group Meeting held on 2 July 2024.

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CHAIRPERSON