

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 AUGUST 2024 AT 10.00AM

PRESENT: Cr Kirsty Trueman (in the Chair), Ms Charlene Campbell, Mr Mark Seymour, Mayor David Trewavas, Cr Yvonne Westerman

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive (J Gardyne), General Manager Strategy and Environment (W Zander), Iwi and Co Governance Manager (D Rameka), Personal Assistant to Mayor/CEO (C Bruckner), Executive Manager Mayors Office (J Later), Acting Senior Reserves Planner (G Hadley), Environmental Advisor (E Naylor), Construction Project Manager (M Amjad), Acting Operations Manager 3 Waters (S McMillan), Network Operations Engineer (D Blank), Community Engagement Advisor Northern Taupō District (C Dredge), Legal and Governance Coordinator (D Periam)

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: One member of the public

Note: Chairperson Cr Kirsty Trueman recited a karakia to open and close the hui.

1 KARAKIA

2 WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES

MP202408/01 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Yvonne Westerman

Seconded: Ms Charlene Campbell

That the apologies received from Cr Anna Park, Ms Sapphire Tanirau and Mr Whitu Karauna be accepted.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group meeting voted in favour of resolution MP202408/01 above.

3 NGĀ WHAKAPĀNGA TUKITUKI | CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

4 WHAKAMANATANGA O NGĀ MENETI | CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 MANGAKINO-POUAKANI REPRESENTATIVE GROUP MEETING - 2 JULY 2024

MP202408/02 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mr Mark Seymour

Seconded: Cr Yvonne Westerman

That the minutes of the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group meeting held on Tuesday 2 July 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 MP202408/02 above.

5 NGĀ RIPOATA | REPORTS

5.1 PUBLIC FORUM

Item withdrawn

5.2 MANGAKINO POUAKANI SNAPSHOT

Community Engagement and Development

The Community Engagement Advisor Northern Taupō District thanked everyone for their involvement with Long-term Plan 2024-34 and explained that there was a lot of submissions. Youth in the Mangakino area made a number of submissions for the first time ever. She would continue to work with the youth around civic education.

The murals at the basketball courts in Mangakino would be getting completed soon. The artist Taumata Soloman was scheduled in Mangakino the next day to do a session with the youth in the area to gain ideas on what they would like the mural to look like. Once he had the ideas he would then complete the murals.

The civil defence community response plan for the Mangakino community was almost completed which was the first in the district to be completed. The plan would be brought to the representative group at a future meeting. The group were creating a video, working on recruitment, and would be given access to similar training to Taupō District Council staff. The focus of the group would next be promoting the plan and getting it out to the wider community.

Tirohanga and Waihaha Water Schemes

The Operations Manager 3 Waters explained that the Tirohanga water scheme was under design for a new water plant which would bring it up to the new standards for protozoa treatments and this was a big task. The current scheme had a turbine which meant free power but the new scheme meant they could not do that. The plan was to utilise the turbine by turning it into a generator and this would help provide power to the pumps. The Waihaha scheme upgrades were almost completed and the scheme would reach the drinking water standards.

In answer to questions, the following was clarified:

- There were roughly 54 connections attached to the Waihaha scheme, there was a farm that had 15 of these connections.
- The Tirohanga water scheme went past the Tirohanga Hall.
- It was not clear where the money earned from the power made from the generator sold to the grid would go. A member explained the money should come back to the Tirohanga water scheme.
- The reason the turbine was changed was because of compliance requirements from Central Government.

A member of the public congratulated the 3 Waters Team on the Tirohanga Water Scheme and how it was delivered.

Long-term Plan 2024-34

The General Manager Strategy and Environment explained that Long-term Plan 2024-34 (LTP) hearings and deliberations concluded on Thursday 1 August 2024. He thanked Mr Seymour for speaking at the hearings on behalf of the Mangakino Pouakani Representative Group. The 14 projects in the Mangakino area had been approved in the LTP including Mangakino Lakefront Development. Power supply for the lakefront suppliers was being looked into.

The following were key decisions made this LTP:

- Rubbish collection would remain as status quo.
- East Urban Lands was approved and Council would partner with a consortium to provide 42 quality first homes.
- There would be increases to user pays fees and charges. The building site inspection minimum fee had come down from \$245 an hour to a 45-minute minimum which would cost \$181.
- \$1.5 million to address odour at Taupō Wastewater Plant

- Shifted some footpath funding to Wairākei Drive
- Changed rating differentials to bring the rates for electricity generators into line with commercial/industrial ratepayers.

The proposed rates increase was now 11.9% which was a shift from 11.6%. Staff had collated all information from hearings and deliberations and this was now with audit who would review it for four weeks and the LTP would be adopted on 30 September.

Whakamaru Water and Electrical Infrastructure Upgrades

The Construction Project Manager introduced himself and explained that there would be some renewals in Whakamaru, this was a merger with the lines company. Taupō District Council would be upgrading the water pipes as they had reached the end of their life. The works were scheduled to begin two weeks from this meeting and completed before mid-November. In answer to a question he was unsure if Chorus had been contacted to see if fibre could be installed at the same time. Members thought it would be a great opportunity to do this while the ground was already opened.

The following items on the actions table were discussed:

Mangakino Lakefront Development

The Acting Senior Reserves Planner explained that the unsealed section of Lake Road near Mangakino Lakefront was being upgraded. Contractors had been to the lakefront the day before looking at how the new boat ramp would be designed. While the project would not be approved until end of September when LTP was adopted, he was trying to move it along as much as possible. The cost of the project would depend on if Mercury would lower the lake level down while the boat ramp was being built, if not the project would become more complex and could cost an estimated \$200k more.

In answer to questions, the following was clarified:

- The new boat ramp was budgeted for year three of the LTP.
- The only option to get the hole in the current jetty fixed was to find a company that could pour concrete under water.
- If the current jetty was made smaller, large boats would still be able to fit.
- There were no costs for use of the boat ramps with no future plans to introduce fees.
- The revenue from the boat ramp charges in Taupō were collected and revenue received by the Department of Internal Affairs.

The Acting Senior Reserves Planner explained that while a management agreement for the Mangakino Lakefront was being worked through, Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) were looking after concessions. There were currently two concessions for coffee places and an application had been received for a third concession. A paper would be presented to the representative group about these applications. Members expressed that accessibility to power needed to be completed as vendors currently brought generators which were loud, smelly and caused the area to lose its feel.

Pouakani Totara Tree

The Acting Senior Reserves Planner explained planting was planned for September.

Basketball court project

The committee had previously requested that the old basketball hoops from the Mangakino Basketball Courts be installed at the courts in Whakamaru. Therefore the committee asked for this item to be changed to Whakamaru Basketball Courts.

Te Awhina Hall

The lease had been issued following the previous representative group meeting and the committee were happy to remove this item from the actions table.

Rural Intersection Lights

The General Manager Strategy and Environment explained that once the LTP was adopted then council would look at this project.

Mangakino Bus Shelters

The committee were happy to remove this item from the actions table.

Mangakino Dump Station

Committee members requested that the relocation of the dump station was added to the actions table. The dump station was currently located at the Mangakino Sports Hub. The Acting Senior Reserves Planner explained that the removal of the dump station was easy but the relocation was a bit more of a challenge. There had been discussions to move it to the recreation reserve between the marae and the lakefront which was used for camping however the marae committee asked that it was located elsewhere. In answer to a question it was clarified that the New Zealand Motorhome Association provided the unit for the dump station. There were various options that the team would research further and then would come back to the committee with some options.

MP202408/03 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mr Mark Seymour
Seconded: Mayor David Trewavas

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 MP202408/03 above.

5.3 MEMBERS' REPORTS

The following members reports were received:

Cr Kirsty Trueman:

- Mercury Energy were going to be installing roughly 20 container sized batteries near the Whakamaru Dam. They would be placed in the paddock between the substation and the river before the beginning of the Waikato River Trail. The batteries would store excess power and would be used when not producing enough power.
- Mercury Energy would also be upgrading the Whakamaru Dam road and they would speak to the community about this.
- Mercury were also interested in having an open day at the Whakamaru Dam.

Ms Charlene Campbell

- The Mangakino Health Centre had lost a full time doctor and a nurse who had moved to Australia. There was a doctor available every day except Wednesday. There was currently no replacement nurse. There had been price increases in the services provided.

Mr Mark Seymour

- There were two young ladies in the district that had multiple sclerosis and the mobility carparks often appeared to be taken by people that did not need the carparks. He asked that Council do more monitoring of this. Members agreed there needed to be more mobility carparks in the district but did note that the recent one installed in Mangakino by the café was great. The General Manager Strategy and Environment took this as an action to advise the compliance team and asked members to advise the community to report this activity so the team could action it.

The Acting Senior Reserves Planner explained he had brought predator traps to have some predator control from the lakefront to the north end of the golf course. The traps would sit in the bush with a spacing of about 150-200 metres. The Parks and Reserves team would check the traps but the plan was to eventually get members of the community involved. In answer to a question, he advised that members of the rural communities in the area had been spoken to about setting this up but there was not high interest. The Environmental Advisor was working with Tirohanga School to get the children involved with pest control.

MP202408/04 RESOLUTION

Moved: Ms Charlene Campbell

Seconded: Cr Yvonne Westerman

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 MP202408/04 above.

6 NGĀ KŌRERO TŪMATAITI | CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil

The meeting closed at 11.04am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group Meeting held on 15 October 2024.

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CHAIRPERSON