

**TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MANGAKINO-POUAKANI REPRESENTATIVE GROUP MEETING**  
**HELD AT THE MANGAKINO COMMUNITY HUB, CIVIC CENTRE, RANGATIRA DRIVE, MANGAKINO**  
**3421**  
**ON TUESDAY, 15 OCTOBER 2024 AT 10.00AM**

- PRESENT:** Cr Kirsty Trueman (in the Chair), Cr Anna Park, Mr Mark Seymour, Ms Sapphire Tanirau (until 10.35am, then from 10.48am onwards)
- IN ATTENDANCE:** General Manager Strategy and Environment (W Zander), Iwi and Co-Governance Manager (D Rameka), Parks and Reserves Manager (G Hadley), Infrastructure Project Manager (J Dayne), Project Manager (T Perry), Parks Advisor (B Vi), Iwi Engagement Partner (T Walker), Senior Emergency Management Advisor (H Nicholson), Senior Community Engagement Advisor (J Charteris), Community Engagement Advisor – Northern Taupō District (C Dredge), Parks Manager Town Centres (J Gordon), Senior Policy Advisor (T Wood), Asset Manager Transportation (C Sharland), Asset Engineer – Transport (A Dahal), Senior Committee Advisor (K Watts)
- MEDIA AND PUBLIC:** Ryan Piddington, Strategic Consents Manager and Katy Scoullar, Community Engagement Manager from Mercury  
Six members of the public

*Notes:* (i) Ms Sapphire Tanirau left the meeting at 10.35am and returned at 10.48am. The committee waited to resolve on item 5.6 until she had returned. She was not present for resolution MP202410/06.

(ii) Items were considered in the following order: 1, 2, 3, 4.1, 5.1 – 5.7, resolution for 5.6, 5.8.

**1 KARAKIA**

All present at the meeting said the opening karakia.

**2 WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES**

**MP202410/01 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Anna Park  
Seconded: Mr Mark Seymour

That the apologies received from Mayor David Trewavas, Ms Charlene Campbell, Mr Whitu Karauna and Cr Yvonne Westerman be accepted.

**CARRIED**

*Note:* All members present at the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group meeting voted in favour of resolution MP202410/01 above.

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

Nil

## 4 WHAKAMANATANGA O NGĀ MENETI | CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

### 4.1 MANGAKINO-POUAKANI REPRESENTATIVE GROUP MEETING - 20 AUGUST 2024

#### MP202410/02 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kirsty Trueman

Seconded: Mr Mark Seymour

That the minutes of the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group meeting held on Tuesday 20 August 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 MP202410/02 above.*

## 5 NGĀ RIPOATA | REPORTS

### 5.1 PUBLIC FORUM

Item **withdrawn**.

### 5.2 UPDATE FROM MERCURY - WHAKAMARU BATTERY CONSENTING FRAMEWORK

Mr Ryan Piddington, Strategic Consents Manager and Ms Katy Scoullar, Community Engagement Manager from Mercury introduced themselves to members.

They presented a PowerPoint (A3650409) to the group with details around the project summary and timeline for the new Whakamaru Battery Energy Storage System.

An engagement session would be held the following day at the old Mercury office in Whakamaru from 12pm to 6pm and was an opportunity for interested members of the community to learn more about the project. Further information was also available on Mercury's website.

The battery storage would supplement the power currently available and allow it to be used more efficiently. This would be the second battery storage built in New Zealand, the other one was near Whangarei. New Zealand's renewable energy from wind and solar could not be stored so the battery would assist in the morning and evening peaks of power use.

Mr Piddington clarified the following:

- The battery could sustain a generator in a power outage but only for 2 hours because it was primarily targeted for peak time power use.
- The power would go into the national grid and was designed to turn on quickly.
- The investment was in the hundreds of millions and the construction was expected to take between 12 and 24 months.
- It was understood that the noise level was a concern.
- The consent application would be for the most ambitious design for the site, to accommodate up to 300MW.
- The battery would be connected to lines from the power station and would run independently of the hydro system so would not affect the flow of the Waikato River.

**MP202410/03 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Anna Park  
Seconded: Cr Kirsty Trueman

That the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group receives the update from Mercury regarding the Whakamaru Battery Consenting Framework.

**CARRIED**

*Note: All members present at the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group meeting voted in favour of resolution MP202410/03 above.*

**5.3 WHAKAMARU WATERSKI ASSOCIATION - REQUEST FOR NEW LEASE**

The Parks Advisor introduced herself to the group and advised that this was a request for a third lease. The period of up to 14 years was in line with the current Reserve Management Plan. If granted, the lease would be back dated to commence from 1 December 2019. In answer to a question, she advised that it was a long time since the lease lapsed because there had not been resourcing in the team, and due to COVID-19.

**MP202410/04 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Mr Mark Seymour  
Seconded: Ms Sapphire Tanirau

That the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group agrees to grant a new lease to the Whakamaru Waterski Association under Section 54 (1)(c) of the Reserves Act 1977 for a period of up to 14 years commencing 1 December 2019 and ending 30 November 2033.

**CARRIED**

*Note: All members present at the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group meeting voted in favour of resolution MP202410/04 above.*

**5.4 MANGAKINO DUMP STATION**

The Parks and Reserves Manager summarised the report.

Members preferred option four because it would not affect neighbours and could be screened off. There used to be public toilets located at that site so the appropriate infrastructure should also be there.

They agreed that it would be best to relocate it in the best location for the future.

The next step would be to check with the Fire Brigade, Community Hub and surrounding businesses to check if the location suited them.

**MP202410/05 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Anna Park  
Seconded: Mr Mark Seymour

That the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group directs officers to further explore option 4 - the relocation of the dump station to 14 College Street and further information will be brought back to the committee for a final decision.

**CARRIED**

*Note: All members present at the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group meeting voted in favour of resolution MP202410/05 above.*

*Ms Sapphire Tanirau left the meeting at this point (10.35am).*

## 5.5 UPDATE ON THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY AND CHANGES TO THE DISTRICT PLAN

The Senior Policy Advisor explained that the Future Development Strategy was an updated name to align with changes from central Government. It was an update of the growth strategy named TD 2050.

The strategy looked forward 35 years and identified how many people were expected to be in the district, how many new homes would be required, and how much business land would be required.

The population projections showed that over the next 35 years in the district, the population would increase by 25,500 people and another 12,500 homes would be required.

Taupō district had existing residential growth areas and most of it would fit within there. However, calculations showed that after 20 years there would not be enough industrial land. Modest growth was expected for Mangakino which equated to an additional six houses per year. Some infill and greenfield development would be completed to cater for about 150 homes in Mangakino.

The Future Development Strategy would be reviewed every three years as per the legislation requirements.

The Future Development Strategy would go out for consultation with the community over November and December 2024, and a hearing would be held in February 2025.

### MP202410/06 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kirsty Trueman

Seconded: Mr Mark Seymour

That the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group receives the information on the Future Development Strategy and plan changes to the District Plan.

**CARRIED**

*Note: All members present at the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group meeting voted in favour of resolution MP202410/06 above.*

## 5.6 TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE UPDATE - MANGAKINO WARD

The Asset Manager Transportation introduced the Transport Asset Engineer to members and explained that he would present these items in the future.

Following a request from a truck driver who was not familiar with the curve of the road and had been there in the dark, officers proposed a give way sign and marking for safety at the intersection of Wereta and Otake Roads.

### MP202410/07 RESOLUTION

Moved: Mr Mark Seymour

Seconded: Cr Kirsty Trueman

That, pursuant to the Taupō District Council Traffic Bylaw, the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group imposes the following traffic controls and/or prohibitions on roads and/or public spaces in the Taupō District:

Sign/Marking	Why	Where
1. Install Give Way signage and markings at uncontrolled intersection.	Necessary to clearly instruct drivers to yield to traffic on the intersecting road, ensuring safer and smoother merging or crossing.	At the intersection of Wereta Road and Otake Road, Marotiri.

**CARRIED**

*Note: All members present at the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group meeting voted in favour of resolution MP202410/07 above.*

## 5.7 MANGAKINO POUAKANI SNAPSHOT

### Community Engagement and Development

The Community Engagement Advisor – Northern District introduced the new Senior Community Engagement Advisor, Jen Charteris. The previous Senior Community Engagement Advisor Gillian Smith had moved into the Senior Community Development Advisor role.

The Community Engagement Advisor – Northern District acknowledged that it was the International Day of Rural Women. She acknowledged and honoured these women who were a massive part of the district and contributed so much.

The Community Engagement Advisor – Northern District advised that the basketball mural had been postponed from the previous weekend but was on schedule to be completed the following Sunday and Monday.

On behalf of the Construction Project Manager, she advised that the Whakamaru Renewals project was underway in conjunction with the Lines Company and was expected to be completed by mid-November 2024.

More communications would be published in future regarding Mangakino, including a half page in the local Mangakino chronicle. Anyone who wished to contribute to the half page was encouraged to contact the Community Engagement Advisor – Northern District.

*Ms Sapphire Tanirau returned to the meeting at this point (10.48am).*

### Mangakino Community Response Plan

The Senior Emergency Management Advisor introduced herself and community member Ani Olson. She had worked with Ani and a group of residents to form the Mangakino community response plan. Following an emergency, it was acknowledged that the community activated and mobilised. The purpose of the community response plan was to bring like minded people together and coordinate the plan for the first 72 hours following an emergency.

The Mangakino community response plan had been completed, the first in the Taupō district. Representatives from emergency services had been involved in the planning which was available on Council's website. The final stage was to promote the plan to the community. A household, high level version of the plan would be circulated to Mangakino households and the district-wide plan was available from the Mangakino library.

Ms Olson thanked the Council team for their help. She explained that the small group of volunteers all had a role, such as setting up welfare hubs, communicating with the community via social media, and operating the citizens band (CB) radio. The next phase was Civil Defence training for the volunteer group.

The Senior Emergency Management Advisor encouraged other interested community members to volunteer, advising that it would be great to have someone on every street that could check in with others and feed that information back to the Emergency Operations Centre.

Members thanked the volunteers and the Senior Emergency Management Advisor for the process that had been well run.

### Mangakino Community Pool

The Lifeguard Operations Team Lead introduced herself to the group. She advised that senior lifeguard Deb Taylor would return to Mangakino pool over the summer and would also teach the local kids to swim. Other returning summer students would be employed as lifeguards to work at the pool. The minimum age for lifeguards was 16 years.

There had been some issues the previous year with kids jumping the fence which was a health and safety concern. Officers had been working with the Mangakino School principal who had been very helpful.

The pool would be filled in November and the Mangakino School children would be using it in the first week of December. A Memorandum of Understanding between Ministry of Education and Taupō District Council meant that they did not require lifeguards. It was likely that the pool would be open to members of the public from the second week of December onwards. The senior citizens had requested an allocated time for using the pool and were working with the Mangakino School principal on this.

### **Mangakino Lakefront Development**

The General Manager Strategy and Environment confirmed that budget had been allocated to this project in the recently adopted Long-term Plan. An initial project meeting was held the previous week to check that the correct structure was in place for this and other significant capital projects. It was in the early stages and the community would be kept updated.

### **Pouakani Totara tree**

The Parks and Reserves Manager added that the entranceway to the walking track was slowly being enhanced with planting.

### **Recycling and Rubbish**

The Parks Manager Town Centres advised that more recycling and rubbish stations would be installed around Mangakino and Whakamaru. These were big 120 litre coloured wheelie bins which would be vibrant and educate users on the correct materials to dispose of in the correct bins. This would minimise waste, reduce the time spent resorting rubbish, and reduce the amount of recycling being contaminated. It was likely that these bins would be installed in early 2025 but the community would be updated.

### **MP202410/08 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Ms Sapphire Tanirau  
Seconded: Mr Mark Seymour

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 MP202410/08 above.*

## **5.8 MEMBERS' REPORTS**

The following members' reports were received:

Mr Mark Seymour

- A function recently held at the Tirohanga Hall to fundraise for a new winch on the Greenlea rescue helicopter had raised \$1000 which would be matched by Greenlea.
- Encouraged Council to investigate the contracting group resealing Pokuru Road because he felt that the work being done was inefficient. Council officers requested that these sorts of issues also be raised as a service request by contacting Council for operational staff to deal with at the time.
- Some maintenance was required at Tirohanga Hall which was being followed up.

Cr Kirsty Trueman

- Advised that due to the detour around State Highway One, a lot of traffic was being directed by Google maps to travel up Kaahu Road which was not a great detour. The General Manager Strategy and Environment asked that members of the community who noticed the road deteriorating contact Council to raise a service request.
- While work was being completed at Whakamaru village it was hoped that fibre broadband could also be installed at the same time.

Cr Anna Park

- Thanked staff at Taupō District Council for their work to get the Long-term Plan completed. It was adopted on 30 September 2024.

**MP202410/09 RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Anna Park

Seconded: Cr Kirsty Trueman

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 MP202410/09 above.*

**6 NGĀ KŌRERO TŪMATAITI | CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**

Nil

The meeting closed at 11.19am with a closing karakia from all present.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group Meeting held on 3 December 2024.

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**CHAIRPERSON**