

TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MANGAKINO-POUAKANI REPRESENTATIVE GROUP MEETING
HELD AT THE MANGAKINO COMMUNITY HUB, CIVIC CENTRE, RANGATIRA DRIVE, MANGAKINO
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ON TUESDAY, 22 APRIL 2025 AT 10.00AM

PRESENT: Cr Kirsty Trueman (in the Chair), Ms Charlene Campbell, Mr Mark Seymour, Mayor David Trewavas (until 11.26am), Cr Yvonne Westerman

IN ATTENDANCE: General Manager People and Community Partnerships (H Tattle), Iwi and Co Governance Manager (D Rameka), Acting Community Engagement and Development Manager (B Forlong), Parks Manager Town Centres (J Gordon), Policy Advisor (C Pilkington), Infrastructure Project Manager (J Dayne), Team Leader Communications (D Eastwood), Senior Community Development Advisor (G Smith), Community Engagement Advisor Northern Taupō District (C Dredge), Funding and Partnerships Advisor (E Godwin), Legal and Governance Coordinator (M Cammell), Committee Advisor (D Periam)

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: 10 members of the public.

Note: Mayor David Trewavas left the meeting at 11.26am. He was not present for resolutions MP202504/05 and MP202504/05.

1 KARAKIA

All present at the meeting said the opening karakia.

2 WHAKAPĀHA | APOLOGIES

MP202504/01 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Yvonne Westerman
Seconded: Ms Charlene Campbell

That the apologies received from Mr Whitu Karauna and Ms Sapphire Tanirau be accepted.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group meeting voted in favour of resolution MP202504/01 above.

3 NGĀ WHAKAPĀNGA TUKITUKI | CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Mr Mark Seymour declared that he had grandchildren that attended Marotiri School. His daughter was the treasurer for Tirohanga/Mokai Childcare Centre – Country Kidz when the application was submitted. His neighbours were Horses R Us New Zealand Charitable Trust. Mr Seymour did not participate when these applications were considered.

4 WHAKAMANATANGA O NGĀ MENETI | CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 MANGAKINO-POUAKANI REPRESENTATIVE GROUP MEETING - 4 MARCH 2025

MP202504/02 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Yvonne Westerman
Seconded: Mr Mark Seymour

That the minutes of the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group meeting held on Tuesday 4 March 2025 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 MP202504/02 above.

5 NGĀ RIPOATA | REPORTS

5.1 PUBLIC FORUM

Mr Len Mitchell

Mr Mitchell had lived in Whakamaru Village for a long time along Pokuru Road North. Across the road from his property was a paddock facing the lake. There were a few people who had been using this as a motorbike track. This had caused all the grass to be ripped up and the area to look horrible. They would drive around on motorbikes for four to five hours at a time. There was a notice at the paddock stating to not exceed 5km per hour however they were not adhering to this. Mr Mitchell had been in contact with the people riding the motorbikes, police and Mercury however this issue was still happening. He wanted a letter written from Mercury to the instigator asking them to stop. Mr Mitchell would not have an issue if they went to Sandy Bay and down the road rather than in front of his house. Chair Cr Trueman explained that the land was not owned by Council and therefore there was nothing Council could do apart from get noise control to attend when the motorbikes were out. Member Ms Charlene Campbell explained that the Chairperson for Whakamaru Residents and Ratepayers Association was currently trying to find the correct person from Mercury to speak to, she would ask the Chairperson if it was possible for them to do a door knock to discuss this issue.

MP202504/03 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kirsty Trueman

Seconded: Mr Mark Seymour

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 MP202504/03 above.

5.2 MANGAKINO-POUĀKANI COMMUNITY FUND DISTRIBUTION

The Funding and Partnerships Advisor introduced herself and explained officers had come to the representative group in December 2024 and updated them on the policy changes. Applications had been assessed against an assessment framework and been scored based on strategic purpose and alignment with Council goals. There would be no formal presentations from groups however the representative group could ask applicants who were present any questions for clarification. Applications had been open from 3 March – 31 March 2025 and there was \$40,000 to distribute.

In answer to a question, it was explained that Council had adopted the new framework after working through it for a number of years. The score against each applicant was advice to the representative group and they could take it into account or not, the purpose was to provide more information to decision makers that applicants were following the policy.

#8 Waikato River Trails Trust – Ms Tina Jakes

In answer to questions the following was clarified:

- The trails had an audit completed and some areas had been identified to install some safety barriers, the application was to fund the cost to install and the labour to do that.
- The total cost for the improvements was \$8,508. They had received some timber which had reduced some of the cost.
- Once funding was received then this project would be completed as soon as possible.

#6 Mangakino School – Ms Cherie Hill

In answer to questions, the following was clarified:

- Mangakino School was granted \$500 from Ministry of Education to get resources for an entire school. Tier two and three intervention required further specialist resourcing for children.
- The build of their new classrooms was almost complete.
- There were roughly 48 children enrolled at the school.
- The \$500 provided had gone towards resources for literacy.

#5 Reconex NZ – Mr Joel Nicholson

Mr Joel Nicholson explained that he was one of the creators of the Reconex New Zealand Charitable Trust which was based in Tokoroa and summarised the application. He explained that they were about to begin their fourth round of their programme in Tokoroa with the next four rounds fully booked. He explained he had been in the system for 23 years ranging from boys homes to prison, he was an ex-gang member and had been an addict but had been clean for five years. He had been asked to complete peer support training and established Reconex with Mr Richard Heke. They had a lot of success stories with rangatahi. They had asked on the Mangakino Noticeboard page on Facebook if they should offer their services to this area and the community said yes.

In answer to questions, the following was clarified:

- Reconex presented at Primary Schools in Tokoroa and data had shown that numeracy and literacy had improved. They presented at Atiamuri School and they wanted Reconex to come back. Other schools were interested including Bennydale School and Matamata Primary School.
- Reconex did have another programme that focused on strengthening families and this was open to any family members to come along.
- They had been working for nine months for free with owners paying for things themselves. They had applied and received One Foundation funding, which meant facilitators could now be paid.
- The school programme for Mangakino Primary School was ready to go.
- The cost was roughly \$5,000 a term which was used to pay for materials, travel and some operational costs.

#7 Pouākani Marae

In answer to questions, the following was clarified:

- The new mattresses would replace older ones, mattresses had not been replaced for roughly 13 years.
- They need roughly 200 mattresses and currently had about 50.

	Applicant	Purpose of request	Deliberation
1	Kino Combat	To support delivery of the Kino Combat programme into Mangakino communities. This includes operational costs, equipment costs, venue rental, and outreach efforts.	Due to limited funds, members supported a large portion of this application.
2	Marotiri School	To support the costs of engaging an experienced tutor and member of the Mangakino community to work with classes at Marotiri School to develop mita o te reo, pronunciation, karakia, pepeha (toku whanau) and kapahaka, waiata, poi and te raku skills.	Due to limited funds, members supported a portion of the funds requested.
3	Mangakino RSA	To cover operational costs for meals on wheels to elderly return Veterans on a weekly basis.	Due to limited funds, members supported a large portion of this application.

4	Tirohanga School	To purchase school sunhats (to remain with the school).	Due to limited funds, members supported a large portion of this application.
5	Reconex NZ	To operate the Reconex Rangatahi programme in Mangakino School.	Members supported this application.
6	Mangakino School	To purchase resources to support the implementation of the new literacy and science curriculum.	Members supported this application.
7	Pouākani Marae	To purchase new mattresses.	Members supported this application.
8	Waikato River Trails Trust	To support costs for a safety improvement project.	Members supported this application.
9	Life Education Trust Central Plateau	To contribute towards operational costs (wages) of delivering the Healthy Harold programme and deliver into Whakamaru and Mangakino schools.	Members declined this application due to limited funds.
10	Tiorhanga/Mokai Childcare Cente – Country Kidz	To purchase a heat pump.	Due to limited funds, members supported a large portion of this application.
11	Mangakino Festival Crew	To support costs of purchasing a candy floss machine to fundraise for events.	Members supported this application.
12	Graeme Dingle Foundation Waikato	To support operational costs for salaries/wages of the Kiwi Can Leader.	Members declined this application due to limited funds.
13	Mangakino Golf Club	To purchase and install new carpet in the Mangakino Golf clubhouse.	Due to limited funds, members supported a large portion of this application.
14	Mangakino Water Sports Camp Inc	To support costs for an AED machine.	Members declined this application due to limited funds and there were other AED machines nearby.
15	HRUNZ Charitable Trust	To help fund operational costs to deliver the service at no cost for whanau who are unable to attend.	Members declined this application and requested they reapply in June and outline in their application how people would participate.
16	Morgan Haakma	To help cover costs of representing New Zealand at the World Games in Chengdu, China.	Due to limited funds, members supported a portion of the funds requested.
17	Mangakino Club Incorporated	To support costs of shifting the location of current fire doors (to an entrance) and replacing the existing fire doors with French doors.	Members supported this application.

MP202504/04 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Yvonne Westerman

Seconded: Ms Charlene Campbell

That the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group:

1. Approves in full, in part, or declines the attached applications for the Mangakino-Pouākani Community Fund for the 2024 – 2025 financial year; and

Kino Combat - \$4,000 (Mr Mark Seymour requested his dissent to this application recorded)

Marotiri School - \$666

Mangakino RSA - \$1,500

Tirohanga School - \$400

Reconex NZ - \$5,000

Mangakino School - \$5,000

Pouākani Marae - \$5,000

Waikato River Trails - \$2,844

Life Education Trust Central Plateau – declined

Tirohanga/Mokai Childcare Centre – Country Kidz - \$4,000

Mangakino Festival Crew - \$1,089 (Mayor David Trewavas and Mr Mark Seymour requested their dissent to this application recorded)

Graeme Dingle Foundation Waikato – declined

Mangakino Golf Club - \$4,000

Mangakino Water Sports Camp Inc – declined

HRUNZ Charitable Trust – declined

Morgan Haakma - \$2,500

Mangakino Club Incorporated - \$4,000

2. Provides rationale for declined decisions.

CARRIED

Note: All members present at the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group meeting voted in favour of resolution MP202504/04 above.

Mayor David Trewavas left the meeting at this point (11.26am).

5.3 MANGAKINO POUAKANI SNAPSHOT**Community Engagement and Development**

The Community Engagement Advisor Northern Taupō District introduced herself and thanked members of the public for attending the meeting and for the community grants applications received. She expressed it was an absolute pleasure working with the different community groups to help them navigate Council systems and support the sustainability and growth of community groups.

The first round of community workshops had been completed and a second round was about to start. The first workshop called “Raising Your Profile” was on 9 May in Taupō and an online session would be held the following Wednesday. The second workshop was called “Sustainable Funding” and would be held on 20 May followed by an online workshop the following week. These were free to attend and information would be shared on Council’s website, Facebook and in the Mangakino Chronicle.

The Mangakino Library refresh project was in phase three with a draft design of the children’s area almost completed. It should be rolled out within eight weeks. The library would be closed for a period of up to five days to allow for painting and new furniture to be moved in. She thanked the community for their ideas for the refresh project and looked forward to seeing rangitahi use the space.

Local Water Done Well public consultation was scheduled to begin on 30 April for a month. Council had not

decided on a preferred option for how water services would be delivered and this would be determined at the Council meeting on 29 April. Information regarding Local Water Done Well was available on Council's website.

Annual Plan 2025/26

The General Manager People and Community Partnerships explained that Council was currently working on the Annual Plan and there were no significant changes from what was in the Long-term Plan 2024-34 (LTP). The proposed average rates increase in the LTP was 8.3% and it was now proposed to be 8.4%. A report was going to elected members the following week at the Council meeting on 29 April and it had been proposed that no public consultation would be held as everything proposed was similar to what had been stated in the LTP.

District Plan Changes

The Policy Advisor explained Council officers were working through the next set of District Plan changes, this included residential, open zone and also Māori purpose zones. The residential zone changes would affect Mangakino. In July 2025, Council would go out to the public with the proposed changes. In 2020 the Government introduced National Planning Standards for District Plans, Council were taking feedback on their website on the new version of the District Plan and any feedback could be sent via email.

Mangakino Lakefront Development

The Infrastructure Project Manager explained that they had received 17 submissions for the Main Consultant, this had been shortlisted to four and he was meeting with the shortlisted candidates the following week. The contract would be awarded soon and he would be coming back to the representative group with designs. A member expressed that during the long weekend town was very busy and it was congested at the waterfront, it was going to be good to move this project forward after a long time and see some action.

Pouakani Totara Tree

Members were happy for this to be removed from the actions table.

Whakamaru Basketball Court

Ms Charlene Campbell explained that they had verbal agreement with Mercury to install the basketball hoops, Whakamaru Residents and Ratepayers Association's Chairperson had reached out to Mercury to find the correct person to speak to in order to get a written agreement so this could progress.

Dump Station Relocation

The Parks Manager Town Centres was there to provide an update on behalf of the Parks and Reserves Manager. She explained that South Waikato District Council were installing a dump station however this was at Arapuni so a bit further away than originally thought. The Parks and Reserves Manager still needed to speak with Wairarapa Moana Incorporation regarding possible land available for a dump station. In answer to a question, Chair Cr Trueman explained that it would not be possible to move the current dump station closer to the wall as this was where people parked and also closer to people's houses.

Trees on Pokuru Road North

There was a service request sitting with the transportation team who would investigate the trees. Members asked for an update to be provided from transportation at the next representative group meeting.

MP202504/05 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kirsty Trueman

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 MP202504/05 above.

5.4 MEMBERS' REPORTS

The following members reports were received:

Cr Yvonne Westerman

- Acknowledged the positive work the Mangakino Central Charitable Trust was doing and acknowledged that the Mangakino Chronicle was a great newsletter for the community.

Cr Kirsty Trueman

- The Mangakino Anzac Day service was being held Friday 25 April, the service would begin at the ūrupa and end outside the Mangakino Club. Taupō District Council would be providing a wreath as remembrance.

Mr Mark Seymour

- It was good to see some rain as this would mean the grass would grow. He imagined that this drought had cost the farmers a lot of money which then did not go into the community.

MP202504/06 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Yvonne Westerman

Seconded: Mr Mark Seymour

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 MP202504/06 above.

6 NGĀ KŌRERO TŪMATAITI | CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil

The meeting closed at 11.48am with all present at the meeting reciting the closing karakia.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Mangakino-Pouakani Representative Group Meeting held on 1 July 2025.

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CHAIRPERSON