



**Minutes of Committee Meeting  
Held 7.30pm on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017  
Tamahere Community Centre**

**Present:**

**TCC:** Ro Edge, Leo Koppens, Graham McAdam, Bevan Coley, Connie Short, Jane Manson, Joy Wright, Shelley Howse, James Yearsley, Gina Woodfield

**WDC:** Aksel Bech, Tim Harty, Amanda Hampton, Tony Whittaker, Jackie Remihana, Curt Abbott

1. **Apologies:** Dallas Fisher, Sue Robertson, Charles Fletcher, Tim van de Molen

2. **Confirmation of Minutes** of Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2017

**Moved:** Ro Edge      **Seconded:** James Yearsley      **All in Favour**

3. **Matters arising:**

4. **Correspondence Tabled**

**IN**

Gmail – Waveney Parker – will remind people to respond to Proposed Rate

Gmail – Peter Simcock, couldn't make September meeting, invited to October

Gmail- Alison Ewing letter -she will attend next meeting

Report - TCC Issues Report - August

**OUT**

WAIDC - Peter Simcock – invitation to next meeting

TCMS - Waveney Parker – Tamahere Reserve Proposed Rate Consultation

**Moved:** Connie Short      **Seconded:** Bevin Coley      **All in favour**

5. **Tamahere Reserve and the Natural Reserves Management Plan Process, WDC,  
Amanda Hampton**

**Parks & Reserves Consultation Update**

- Overwhelming feedback received through the consultation for the enhanced playground. This feedback now goes to a workshop next week with councilors to discuss, and to see if councilors will support the results for the long term plan. A report will then go to Strategy and Finance Committee to confirm the decision before it would go into the LTP. The community will be informed of the decision with all those who submitted being responded to individually.

**Process for booking fields, plus outline of the process for clubs/sports to access long term**

- WDC will run a process to confirm who, or if, there will be the head tenant, and will call for submissions on that, and consult with Sport Waikato as to sporting needs within the region. The scoping of this will take place in the next 4-6 weeks.
- Concerns were raised about having a head tenant who controlled use, and discussions were held on whether it should be council, our committee, or a sub-committee who allocated the use of the sports grounds.

**An update on the Natural Reserves Management Plan, the consultation process and next steps, with focus on Gullies**

- Draft report has been prepared and when to the Infrastructure a few weeks ago and will go out for consultation in October.
- Mangaone Stream restoration with NZTA – discussions at our next meeting.

**Works & Issues Report**

- Report from Tim Harty tabled.
- Question was asked when the footpath down Newell Road

**Action:** Ro Edge to request NZTA restoration plan for Mangaone Stream for discussion at our next meeting at which they are attending.

**Action:** Ro Edge to ask Jackie Remihana when the footpath will be completed down Newell Road.

**6. Long Term Plan, WDC, Tony Whittaker**

- WDC would like to begin an honest conversation with the committee in regards to the LTP, as there are some tough decisions to be made, and affordability challenges.
- Since the last LTP:
  - Public expectations have increased led by issues such as Hastings had with water.
  - More growth than anticipated has put strain on operations, and the ability to get staff, and led to an increased capital works programme.
  - Increased asset revaluations mean that current estimates of depreciation no longer is adequate.
  - Dividend Income – Strata dis-banded. Loss of \$500k dividend.
  - Ownership of a significant asset – actively investigating the options of a Water CCO.
  - Cost Assumptions are challenged in this growth environment.
- What does it mean?
  - 3% - General rate increase anticipated at the last LTP.
  - 6% - Additional General rate funding required (\$3m)
  - 9% - just to stand still – no new direction and no investment ‘in’ the business.
  - All on top of targeted rate pressures.
- What are WDC doing about it?
  - Leadership team charged with bridging the gap to come up with solutions.
  - Nothing off the table.
  - Have identified many JDI’s and others requiring business cases.
  - So far \$400k improvement identified already
  - Potentially includes increasing revenue, reducing costs, challenging LOS, invest now to save \$
- How is this different/more overt?

- WDC support and plan for the development of complete and connected communities, rather than just subdivisions.
- WDC support others who leverage our location to ensure tourism brings benefits to a range of people in our communities.
- Residents/Ratepayers get value for money because we find innovative ways to deliver strategic, timely and fit for purpose infrastructure and services at the most cost effective way.
- Waikato District has had some great wins, such as the Pokeno growth, tourism growth, digital enablement, Civil defence outcomes, Wastewater CIP Annual Plan, Waters CCO activity, Culture/leadership progress & commitment, Regional initiatives.
- What's important?
  - Town Planning – building communities, growth planning, align implementation with strategies.
  - Best Practice Project & Planning Planning – meet value propositions, value for money, right outcomes, and best practice, e.g. asset management planning.
- Transition Required:
  - Take a break from adding new things not in strategy.
  - Allow some planning processes to catch up.
  - Internatl connectedness
  - Assess what WDC should stop, start, continue from current projects.
  - Develop a transition plan and communicate with affected communities.
- Summary
  - Council continues to punch above its weight but wants to be more consistent.
  - Council has landed on proposed new direction with you.
  - This includes some new focus areas so needs attention in LTP.
  - Operations are currently stretched/stressed.
  - More capacity and \$ required for 'internal' innovation.
  - Budget capacity required -\$3m gap.
  - Work being done to bridge gap
  - Pause and refocus, community planning, and doing the right thing.
  - May require conversations with communities.
- Consultation will take place with the committee over the next few months with community committees and boards.

#### **Committee Feedback to LTP Presentation:**

- With the impending further regulations coming from government, in relation to the Hastings water issues, should council rethink the supply of water to communities such as Tamahere? This committee has long advocated that it is an unnecessary, and costly, expense for rate payers.
- Amenities need to be supported by communities through targeted rates, and developers need to contribute to the broader fabric of the community.

#### **7. Cr Aksel Bech Report**

##### **UFF**

- The government has provided funding for the UFB 2 roll out, but we are still unsure of when Tamahere will receive the infrastructure. UFF will come to our next meeting.

#### **Boy Racer By-law consultation (incl Tamahere Drive)**

- New by-law coming out to give the police the ability to act for input.

#### **Playgrounds strategy going forward**

- Te Awa playground has money for improvements in the future. And two new growth funded neighborhood playgrounds are planned to be developed in the future.

#### **District Minor Improvements & scoping of Bus stop/shelter at new Tamahere Hub**

- Scoping a bus stop shelter at the Tamahere Hub.

#### **Waikato Ratepayers Use of HCC Library**

- Looking at mobile library, come council office to replace \$300,000 investment WDC makes to HCC for use of city libraries; consultation to come on this.

### **8. Proposed 2017 Amendments to the WDC Speed Limits Bylaw**

- Mobile electronic sign will be utilized around the area. The committee would like to make a recommendation that it goes between Woodcock Road and Bruntwood Road.

### **9. Tamahere Recreational Reserve**

- Currently combining the two designs to come up with a fully intergrated look for the Piazza, Recreational Reserve and the village hub, such as the materials used for the pathways, with construction looking to begin this summer, pending consents.
- Still waiting for handover to take place with contractor, but hoping that parking at least will be able to take place on the grass area behind the community centre this summer.
- The swale drain is still waiting to be reshaped, and futher level and sowing to be done, and contractor battling with the weather to get completion.
- Construction of the hub now due to begin in October.

**Action:** Ro Edge to get in touch with Tony McLauchlan at Fosters for an update.

### **10. Tamahere Reserve Report**

- Report Tabled

### **11. General Business**

#### **Road Names**

- Bill Hodgson has provided three name recommendations and history:
  - Charlie Warren farmed on Pecarrow which was previously occupied by Cornelius Day. His children all went to Tamahere school. Charlie was active in the community being involved in the church, school, and whatever went on in the community.
  - There were two Main brothers Wally & Alfred with Alf farming where Rimmington now resides. Alf was a staunch church man and involved in the school and district affairs. He was respected throughout the community.
  - The two Whewell brothers farm ran from Woodcock road across Tauwhare Rd to encompass Whewells Bush Reserve. They were quiet people who gifted the Reserve and Gwin had a Friesian Stud.
  - My father was school committee chairman four 14 years and the Hodgson, Warren, Main, Duncan, Woodcock [Ray] families were foremost in the community 70 years ago.

Aksel advised that NZTA have also invited Ngati Haua input into new road names, including new connector roads being formed around Express Way project.

**Agenda/Minutes Secretarial**

- Everyone will take a turn to help out with the minutes/agenda until we find someone permanent, with Jane Manson taking first turn.

**12. Date of next meeting:** 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017

**Meeting closed** at 9.45pm

**Items for Next Meeting:**

Update on North Waikato Public Transport Review