

DRAFT Minutes Matangi Community Committee Meeting

Tuesday August 10, 2021, Tamahere Council and Community Space, Tamahere 7.30 p.m.

Present: Phil Bertrand (Chair), Catherine Lang, Councillor Rob McGuire, Harry Mowbray, Dan McDaid, Sandra Peek, Glenn Otton, Wendy Oliver, Christine Miller, Frank Wood, Evelyn van Oomen, Colin Pitt, Brian Bowell, Howell Round (Tamahere Lions), Kitty Burton (Secretary).

Apologies: Darren McNae, David Taylor.

Meeting

Minutes of meeting May 3 taken as read and confirmed as correct

Phil/Glenn

Matters arising

- Glenn - Matangi Traffic project

Glenn has spoken with Gareth. The plan for the project is still in place but timing is not confirmed. The first work to be done will be the crossing point on Tauwhare Road to the Matangi Hall. Then the extended 50 kmph speed limit locations, increase in size of the signs and road marking at the village entrances – currently delayed by Council discussions on consistent speed zones for smaller communities particularly outside schools.

Harry – there will also be traffic management rules in the new District Plan that will have an impact.

Glenn - Once that work is completed review and identify any further improvements – easier to develop incrementally than have a huge project requiring formal Council decision-making.

Rob - the Matangi Road footpath to the expressway overbridge will be completed over the next 3 years.

Howell – If speed signs are going to be bigger that may impact the welcome sign project. As per NZTA rules any welcome sign needs to be 200 m before the speed sign. Rules don't apply within the village so can be placed in consultation with Council

- Dan – undergrounding of powerlines on Matangi and Tauwhare Roads feasibility.

Lines can be placed underground providing there is no likelihood of interference from tree roots.

Any trees planted would need to be in a 'cage' to limit root spread. It will cost \$200,000 per kilometre. There are Wel grants that can be applied for up to 50% of the cost. Additional cost in undergrounding line under the road to the other side where required - about \$5,000 each. Raises questions of how far the undergrounding needs to go and how to raise the remainder of the money?

There has been a recent article in the *New Zealand Listener* magazine regarding limitation on tree root growth.

Costs are estimate – can apply online for a quote – what area? – to location of new speed signs? Dan to apply for quote.

- Phil and Howell – Lions Project

- Electronic sign proved too expensive - \$22,000
- Village entry point signs – considering something to highlight the meaning of the name Matangi 'whispering winds' – idea is to make contact with Ngati Haua to discuss.
- Other option is a sign showing a map of the area with locations of interest and QR codes, similar map to that in the recently distributed Matangi flyer showcasing local businesses. Alongside the map have a changing noticeboard of local events. Howell showed a drawing of a covered structure designed to house a sculpture for the Tamahere Community area that could be adapted to house the map/noticeboard. Need to look at current signs and consider location. Heritage sign also currently being worked on by Heritage Committee. Lions/Matangi project team is meeting again soon. Howell left the meeting at this point.

- Long Term Plan response from Council
 - Public Toilet – further discussion with Council re location and fit with strategy.
 - Bus turnaround – Work on parking area is in the Council Plan for this financial year including consultation with community. Not yet started. Kitty will follow up.
 - Footpaths and cycleways – requests will be looked at as part of Council programme. Dan asked whether it is intended that the Matangi Road path will connect to the Te Awa river ride from Annebrook Road and how will it do so.
- Rob not sure and said he would ask Aksel Bech, Tamahere Ward Councillor.

Correspondence

- In: 29 July WDC - response to LTP submission
- 2 August - email from Kevin Gordon re proposal to replace half of trees on Matangi Road with Yoshino cherries.
- 6 August - Kevin Gordon - confirmation of delay to action on trees pending powerline situation and community decision making.
- Out 7 May - submissions to WDC Long Term Plan
- 5 August - response to Kevin Gordon requesting delay to any action on Matangi Road trees

Finance – Balance \$ 417.02

General Business

Reshape Waikato

Proposed changes to Wards. Eureka and Tauwhare residents are not happy about their proposed new Ward.

Discussion about Newstead – Tainui wanting a housing area and light industrial. Ruakura Road is changing to accommodate a new railway siding. Lots of ongoing contact with Tainui regarding the setup of the port, commercial activity and housing.

Discussion of proposal. What is the logic of the ‘horseshoe’ shaped ward that it is proposed Matangi be part of? Should the committee submit?

Concerns – location of representatives – could be elsewhere and not as available as currently.

Resolved – Submit and advise community of submission encouraging feedback and encourage other submissions. Glenn/Catherine

Kitty to write a draft and send to committee.

Community Plan

Sandra - contacted Council – Donna Tracey, Strategic Planning Team Leader. Council staff do not lead community plan processes but can offer information and advise on any proposed process.

Propose that there be a Project Team to structure the Plan process and carry through to implementation. The proposed plan process will be brought to the committee.

Project Team will plan and research:

Higher level plan than the Blueprint

Idea is that Matangi will be known for identity and shape

Identify goals to work toward that suit the community

Bring people along

Create a Strategy that will last over time > 20 years

➤ Be made of parts

Won't be expensive but will provide

- Focus for community
- Create vision supported by people
- Will be energising

Evelyn – An example?

Sandra -An example to look at is the Tamahere Development Plan

Ours will be less development focussed and more a vision to achieve

- Social interaction and connection
- Facilities and infrastructure that facilitate community interaction

Phil – similar to Harry's concept

Harry – yes but up a step.

Sandra - I have approached Iain White, Professor of Environmental Planning at the University of Waikato, who may be able to assign a PhD student to help identify a suitable model to use for the consultation. A proposed model/process for the committee to use will be available to discuss at the next meeting.

Trees

Following earlier discussion and information from Kevin Gordon, do we want to try and be ready to order new trees for one side of Matangi Road next year? Will require consultation with residents on Matangi Road, identification of a suitable tree and a decision at our next meeting ready for ordering in January.

Who will do?

Harry and Sandra offered to do.

Glenn, Evelyn and Colin offered to help distribute notices about consultation to mail boxes on the relevant section of Matangi Road.

Project Plan process

Sandra introduced project plan template. Perhaps it can be trialled on the tree project?

Next meeting Tuesday, November 16, 2021. Meeting ended 10 p.m.