

## **Minutes Matangi Community Committee Meeting**

Tuesday August 9, 2022, Tamahere Council and Community Offices, Devine Road, Tamahere, 7.30 p.m.

Present: David Taylor(Chair), Catherine Lang, Councillor Rob McGuire, Crystal Beavis, Glenn Otton, Evelyn van Ommen, David Preece, Christine Miller, Glenn Miller, Kat Osborne, Brain Howell, Dan McDaid, Deron Sharma, Kitty Burton (Secretary).

Apologies: Phil Bertrand, Frank Wood, Harry Mowbray, Darren McNae, Sandra Peek, Wendy Oliver, Colin Pitt, Bernard Butler

David/Catherine Accepted

Meeting

### **Better Off Funding**

Deron introduced himself as the Three Waters Reform project manager for Waikato District Council. He explained the funding available to Council for the transition to Three Waters and the process related to applications for the Better Off funding pool from the community. The criteria are intentionally broad. It is an opportunity for projects that Council had not planned for or could not afford. Given the prospect of future funding it is also hoped that Council will also gather new ideas for future projects.

The Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) criteria are threefold – Resilience to Climate Change; Community Wellbeing; and Development of Greenfield (undeveloped) and Brownfield (needing redevelopment) land. Council's Better off funding criteria are written more clearly and include Council's vision for Liveable, Thriving and Connected Communities.

It is hoped that all projects can be funded – the \$7.88m available needs to also cover the project costs so will not be the total allocated.

Deron answered a series of questions confirming

1. Projects do not need to be related to three waters
2. Undergrounding the powerlines can be a project and needs to tell the story of why it is a community priority and of benefit to the community and district.
3. A project for a wastewater system for Matangi would not progress because other plans are anticipated to deal with the issue – is broader than just Matangi and to do one in isolation a potentially unnecessary expenditure.
4. There is no restriction on the number of applications made by an applicant. Applicants can be anyone including Council.
5. The panel will assess applications on the basis of the criteria. There are 8 panel members ( 4 WDC staff and 4 Iwi reps ( North, East, South and West) who will assess applications after they close on 19 August, carry out face to face meetings with applicants and make recommendations to Council who approve and submit projects to DIA by 30 September - for decision - outcome will be known by Nov/Dec.
6. Projects need a completion date. Can be June 2024 – prior to next funding round or by 30 June 2027.
7. No major projects across the district known about – funding likely to be distributed widely to community projects.

Deron left the meeting.

Discussion of ideas for applications for Better Off funding from the committee

### **Project: Undergrounding of powerlines in Matangi Village**

Dan reported that not only would it cost \$1,000 to get a quote for the work it is also unlikely that the quote would be ready on time even if we could get the \$1,000 or get the charge waived.

We could apply for the funding based on the estimate of \$150,000 per km for 1.7 km ( Matangi Road/Tauwhare Road intersection to Winning Way, Tauwhare Road within 50 km speed signs)– total

\$260,000. There is an avenue to apply for a Wel subsidy but as it is not certain that it would be awarded it is probably better to apply for the full cost.

### **Project: Footpaths**

Ian Wallace had proposed a 'quarry dust' loop (Tauwhare Road from Matangi village to Hoeka Road, to Woodside Road to Matangi Road). Rob advised that a similar walking surface in Newstead had proved unsatisfactory – uncomfortable to walk on, a maintenance issue and had become overgrown.

The loop suggested is a good one but it is anticipated that as Hoeka Road is still part of the State Highway system it would be difficult to get approval for a footpath on that section at this stage. A footpath on Woodside Road has been requested previously and would be well used.

Rob mentioned that the development opportunities being created at the Matangi Recreational Reserve by the owner developing an adjacent subdivision, including a proposed netball court, indicates a footpath from the Village to the Grounds would be a good idea.

That the path then went on to the Tauwhare Marae would also be an important support to the use of the Recreational Reserve.

The loop Matangi Road, Fuchsia Lane, Woodcock, Tauwhare Road to Matangi was also proposed as a desirable project.

### **Project: Plan for Jack Foster Reserve**

The plan would be to enhance community facilities and use of the reserve as a community space. Given that Council's parking plan is not yet known a detailed project is not possible at this time.

### **Project: Bus service to area**

A plan is already underway by Council, in agreement with the Waikato Regional Council, targeted to begin later in the year – further information available in October.

### **Resolved**

#### **Two projects**

- 1. Footpaths: Continue footpath along Tauwhare from Woodcock Road to Tauwhare Marae to provide a vehicle free link between Tamahere, Matangi, Matangi Recreational Reserve and Tauwhare Marae. Create footpath along Woodside Road, Fuchsia Lane and Woodcock Road to further link the community to Matangi and Hamilton via Matangi Road and to Tamahere.**
- 2. Underground overhead powerlines within Matangi Village along Matangi Road and Tauwhare Road to enhance the village environment. Total 1.7 km.**

Dan, Crystal, Glenn and Kitty to prepare the submission of applications for funding for these projects for Better Off funding by 19 August, 2022

**David/Brian Agreed**

Applications to be circulated for comment by committee members as time allows.

Minutes of meeting May, 2022, taken as read and confirmed as correct.

### **Matters arising**

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1. Kitty – Jack Foster parking project- The design has been discussed at Council and is being prepared for consultation - 2 to 3 weeks away – may need a special meeting to discuss this. Kitty to organise once Council makes contact.
2. Strategic Planning process. – Discussion document from Frank – needs a separate meeting with Frank in attendance to discuss next steps– maybe combine with meeting about the Jack Foster parking area – to be confirmed.

3. Matangi road trees – new cherry trees have been planted on the southern side of the road.  
Request explanation of only 2 stakes not four as previously discussed.
4. Daffodils successfully planted.

Finance – Balance \$ 417.02

Resolved: Bank Account signatories – Removal of Graham Membery and Sue Malcolm.

Confirmation of David Taylor, Glenn Otton and Kitty Burton as authorised signatories.

Transactions to be authorised by 2 of 3 signatories

Catherine/ Crystal    Agreed

General Business

1. As the November meeting follows the Local Body elections it will be a General meeting including election of Officers. David advised that he intends to stand down as Chairperson.
2. Vote of thanks to Rob McGuire who is standing down as Councillor. David expressed thanks to Rob for his long term and dedicated support of the community and ability to share knowledge of what is going on at Council and in the area.

Meeting ended 9.15 p.m.

Next meeting TBC