

ORDINARY MINUTES

TE MANAWHENUA FORUM MO MATAMATA PIAKO

DATE: Friday, 5 December 2008

TIME: 10.00 am

VENUE: Council Chambers
Matamata Piako District Council
35 Kenrick Street
TE AROHA

MEMBERSHIP – Quorum (6)**Members:**

Mayor G W H Vercoe QSM, ED, JP
Cr R J McGrail
Mr Butch Tahakaraina
Mrs Te Ao Marama Maaka
Ms Mapuna Turner
Mrs Suzy Te Wharau
Mr Henry Smith
Mr Waaka Gage
Mr David Taipari
Mr Waati Ngamane
Mr Michael Baker
Mr Nathan Kennedy
Mr Tingi Manga

Information and recommendations are included in the reports to assist Te Manawhenua Forum Mo Matamata Piako in the decision making process and may not constitute Te Manawhenua Forum Mo Matamata Piako's decision until considered by Te Manawhenua Forum Mo Matamata Piako.

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MATAMATA-PIAKO DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of an Ordinary Meeting of the Te Manawhenua Forum Mo Matamata Piako held in the Council Chambers, 35 Kenrick Street, Te Aroha on 5 December 2008 commencing at 10:00 am .

1 MEETING OPENING

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and declared the meeting open.

2 KARAKIA

The meeting opened with a karakia read by Mr Waaka Gage.

3 PRESENT**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Cr R J McGrail
Mr Butch Tahakaraina
Mrs Te Ao Marama Maaka
Ms Mapuna Turner
Mr Henry Smith
Mr Waaka Gage
Mr David Taipari
Mr Michael Baker
Mr Nathan Kennedy
Mr Tingi Manga

OFFICERS PRESENT

Ms P Rolfe	Community Development Manager
...(for Item 8.1.3)	
Mr A Corkill	Policy Planner
...(for Item 8.1.3)	
Mr J Ross	Water and Waste Manager
...(for Item 8.2.1)	
Mrs J Payze	Committee Secretary

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr S Edwards	Editor, Piako Post
Mr P McGilvary	Tatua Dairy Company
Mr S Allen	Tatua Dairy Company
Mr D Ray	Consultant, Environmental Management Service
Mr C Savage	Department of Conservation Officer
Ms K Lippiatt	Golden Fern Trust

4 APOLOGIES

MEMBERS APOLOGIES

Mayor G W H Vercoe QSM, ED, JP
Mr Waati Ngamane

MOVED BY: Mr David Taipari

SECONDED BY: Mrs Te Ao Marama Maaka

CARRIED

5 NOTIFICATION OF URGENT BUSINESS

Pursuant to clause 2.5.1 of the Standing Orders and Section 46A (7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act, the Chairman enquired from members whether there were any additional items for consideration which qualify as extraordinary or urgent additional business.

RESOLUTION

That the following items be accepted for consideration as deferment until the next meeting will cause an unacceptable time delay and/or hardship to those parties involved in the issue now to be considered:

- Election option
- Rates remission
- Te Aroha Railway land
- Te Manawhenua Forum to be placed on Council website

MOVED BY: Mr David Taipari

SECONDED BY: Cr R J McGrail

CARRIED

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes, as circulated, of the Ordinary Meeting of the Te Manawhenua Forum Mo Matamata Piako, held on 29 August 2008.

[Minutes August 29 2008 Te Manawhenua Forum Mo Matamata Piako.doc](#)

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Te Manawhenua Forum Mo Matamata Piako held on 29 August 2008 be confirmed and signed as true and correct.

MOVED BY: Mr David Taipari

SECONDED BY: Ms Mapuna Turner

CARRIED

7 PRESENTATIONS

7.1 TATUA DAIRY COMPANY

**7.2 MORRINSVILLE WASTEWATER PLANT RESOURCE CONSENT
PROCESS**

7.3 DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

8 OFFICER REPORTS

8.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE

8.1.1 PRESENTATION BY TATUA DAIRY COMPANY

File No: 05308/268.00
Responsible Officer: D McLeod
Chief Executive Officer
Author: J Payze
Committee Secretary

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Mr Paul McGilvary (Chief Executive Officer) and Mr Steve Allen (Chairman) of the Tatua Dairy Company gave a presentation to the Te Manawhenua Forum. A copy of the presentation is attached.

POLICY AND BYLAW ISSUES

There are no other Policy or Bylaw issues in relation to this matter.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the information on the presentation by Tatua Dairy Company be received.

Moved by: Mr David Taipari

Seconded by: Mr M Baker

CARRIED

8.1.2 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

File No: DEM0208T02
Responsible Officer: D McLeod
Chief Executive Officer
Author: J Payze
Committee Secretary

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

It has previously been identified the first Friday (quarterly) be for the Te Manawhenua Forum meeting dates and a suggestion has been made this be moved to the second(2nd) Friday.

Proposed meeting dates for 2009 are as follows:

13 March 2009
12 June 2009
11 September 2009
11 December 2009

POLICY AND BYLAW ISSUES

There are no policy issues.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the following meeting dates for 2009, to be held at 10.00 am, be confirmed:

**13 March 2009
12 June 2009
11 September 2009
11 December 2009**

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

That the following meeting dates for 2009 be confirmed:

**20 March 2009
12 June 2009
11 September 2009
11 December 2009**

MOVED BY: Mr David Taipari
SECONDED BY: Mrs Te Ao Marama Maaka

CARRIED

8.1.3 UPDATE ON PROPOSED PLAN CHANGES TO THE MATAMATA-PIAKO OPERATIVE DISTRICT PLAN

File No: RMR2006
Responsible Officer: D McLeod
Chief Executive Officer
Author: A Corkill
Policy Planner

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is an update of the proposed plan changes to the Matamata-Piako Operative District Plan that have progressed in 2008. Each will be outlined with a general statement of what the proposed plan change entails and how far along in the process it is.

CURRENT PROPOSED PLAN CHANGES

Proposed Plan Change 11: Tree Provision Rules

This plan change removes some of the restrictive rules in the Plan currently governing the removal or pruning of trees in the Residential, Business and Industrial Zones of the District. The other main thrust of the plan change has seen further significant trees identified and protected through Schedule 3 of the Plan. These scheduled trees have restrictive rules in place regarding activities undertaken upon them or nearby. This plan change will ensure the amenity of the urban areas of the District is maintained whilst not being overly restrictive to landowners.

The Proposed Plan Change has been accepted by Council and decisions made on individual submissions and further submissions. The plan change is currently open for an Environment Court appeal period.

Proposed Plan Change 15 & 16: Rezoning of Kaitiaki Zone – Singh Heer and Dearlove Properties.

These plan changes involve the proposed rezoning from Rural to Kaitiaki (Conservation) and vice versa, of areas on two properties bounding the Kaimai-Mamaku Ranges.

A second pre-hearing meeting was held this year for both proposed plan changes. At the conclusion of this meeting an agreement had been reached between all submitters on Proposed Plan Change 15, for the landowners to work with Council, Environment Waikato and the Queen Elizabeth II Trust to fence and protect certain areas of land, whilst placing the plan change on hold in the meantime.

An agreement could not be reached at the pre-hearing between all submitters on Proposed Plan Change 16 and therefore a Council hearing was required. Council made their decisions on this plan change on 12 November and the plan change is now subject to an Environment Court appeal period that is open until 30 January 2009.

Proposed Plan Change 23: Review of Kaitiaki Zone Along Rivers

This plan change involves investigating the Kaitiaki zone along the three main rivers of the Matamata-Piako District; the Piako, Waihou and Waitoa to assess how the District Plan can meet Council's requirements under the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park Act 2000.

A working party of representatives from various affected groups were engaged to discuss the review. Site visits and group discussions were held at various times throughout 2006 and 2007.

Currently a draft plan change document and Section 32 analysis is being prepared. This is expected to be taken back to the working party, including iwi representatives, in early 2009 for comment and input before being taken to Council for further processing.

Proposed Plan Change 24: Urban Development Manual

The Development Manual was created by Hamilton City Council to help guide engineering practices within the city. The six neighbouring District Councils, including Matamata-Piako, are adopting the Manual as their own standards. These rural authorities have a separate District Council Supplement as a part of this and MPDC intends to develop their own addendum specific to this District.

The plan change proposes to incorporate references to the Hamilton City Council (HCC) Development Manual into the Matamata-Piako Operative District Plan and remove those standards within the Plan that are covered in the Development Manual. Urban design principles are also proposed to be included within the Plan as a part of Council being signatory to the New Zealand Urban Design Protocol.

Proposed Plan Change 32: Banks Road Residential

Proposed Plan Change 32 seeks to rezone an area of approximately 12.7 hectares of Rural land at Banks Road, Matamata to Residential. The proposed rezoning will go towards meeting the demand for further Residentially zoned land within Matamata. The area was identified by the Matamata community through consultation at a public meeting in 2007 as a preferred area for Residential expansion.

As well as changes resulting from the rezoning, a Banks Road Structure Plan is proposed to be inserted into the District Plan as well as objectives, policies and rules regarding structure plans. Structure plans are a valuable way to achieve integrated management of the effects of developing large land areas held in multiple ownership and help to indicate the location of future infrastructural assets.

A hearing for this proposed plan change was held on 12 November 2008, with Council resolving to accept the changes. The Environment Court appeal period for this plan change is now open until 30 January 2009.

PLAN CHANGES ADOPTED BY COUNCIL IN 2008

Plan Change 3: Wording Addition

Plan Change 3 corrected the wording of Rule 11.2.2 in the District Plan so that it is consistent with the Planning Maps.

Plan Change 14: Changes to Activity Table 2.2

This plan change rectified an anomaly created by Council's decisions in the District Plan Review regarding the development of dwellings in the Rural Zone. This involved changes to Activity Table 2.2 and Assessment Criteria 1.4.11.

Plan Change 27: Connectivity.

This plan change introduced provisions regarding connectivity within and between subdivisions into the District Plan. This helps Council in fulfilling its role as a signatory to the New Zealand Urban Design Protocol as connectivity is one of the '7 C's' of urban design.

DISCUSSION

Mr Gage spoke on the naming of subdivision roads in the area. Referring to the Mangawhero Road subdivision Mr Gage said the Forum should be aware of the meanings of name and that queries should be directed back to the Forum.

Mr Baker spoke on PPC32 and how Central Government has identified the need for development of low cost housing for working class people, to have room to move into the area. Mr Baker asked if Council were aware of this issue and were taking it into account.

There was discussion regarding the Kaitiaki Review; Ms Rolfe asked if the Forum wanted representation on the working party. It was decided that the working party would come back to the Forum, rather than having Iwi representatives on the working party.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

That the information be received.

Moved by: Cr R J McGrail

Seconded by: Mrs Te Ao Marama Maaka

CARRIED

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

That the Te Manawhenua Forum Mo Matamata-Piako has representation on the Kaitiaki Review working party.

MOVED BY: Ms Mapuna Turner

SECONDED BY:

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8.1.4 REVIEW OF HEADS OF AGREEMENT

File No: DEM0208T02
Attachments: [TMWF Signed heads of agreement Dec2006.doc](#)
Responsible Officer: D McLeod
Chief Executive Officer
Author: P Rolfe
Community Development Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Under the Heads of Agreement for the Te Manawhenua Forum it provides for a review of the protocols and performance of the parties based on the purpose and principles of the agreement.

Attached is a copy of the heads of Agreement and a discussion will be held on each of the purposes and principles as outlined.

In addition we have some Maori indicators for some of the community outcomes identified under the Local Government Act 2002. The monitoring of these indicators may also provide some guidance to the Forum.

Generally speaking the model has been identified as a good model for Maori to contribute to Councils decision-making not only at Matamata-Piako but at other authorities. This is reinforced by this model being promoted at the Auckland Regional Council to set up a similar Forum.

The Forum has promoted a strong and meaningful relationship between Council and Maori.

ISSUES

HEADS OF AGREEMENT – PRINCIPLES AND PURPOSES

PRINCIPLES OF THE FORUM

The Forum recognises the following principles for maintaining a strong and meaningful relationship between Council and Maori:

- Mutual respect and adherence for atuātanga, spirituality
- Respect taha Maori and tikanga Maori
- Respect for the rangatiratanga of iwi – the right to organise as iwi
- Protection of mana whenua
- Protection of wahi tapu and taonga Maori
- Meaningful and mutually beneficial participation of Maori in the council

- Regard for the principles of Te Tiriti as contemplated by the empowering legislation and in particular the principles that Council recognises are:
 - Maintenance and funding of a consultative mechanism and mechanism for tangata whenua and Council to contribute to a decision-making process
 - Involving tangata whenua in Council planning and policy processes
 - Maintenance of an organisational structure, environment and leadership that promotes and enhances the recognition of Maori values
- Acknowledgement of and support for Iwi Management plans
- Supporting iwi to build their capacity

PURPOSE OF THE FORUM

To facilitate tangatawhenua contribution to Councils decision-making.

The forum will consider any matter to promote the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of the Maori communities for today and for the future taking a sustainable approach.

Some examples may include:

- Input to policy development
 - Long Term Community Plan (LTCCP)
 - District Plan
 - Resource Management Plans
- Input into special projects

MEASURING MAORI INDICATORS

The Local Government Act 2002 requires Council to monitor community outcomes and report on the community's progress towards these outcomes. A set of Maori indicators were developed by the Forum for the following outcomes:

- 1.3(c) Tangata whenua with manawhenua status are recognised and involved in decision making.
- 8.0(e) Organisations making decisions on behalf of the community will have an understanding of Maori values.
- 8.0(i) Our koroua and kuia (elders) will be respected for the valuable contributions they make to our community.
- 8.0(j) All settlements for lands and properties confiscated unjustly will be negotiated to fair and durable outcomes.

For each outcome, indicators were developed and results achieved as outlined;

1 Outcome:**1.3(c) Tangata whenua with manawhenua status are recognised and involved in decision making.****• Indicator:**

How many times the Te Manawhenua Forum meets each year

• Results:

The Forum met four times last financial year;
14 September 2007, 30 November 2007, 7 March 2008, 6 June 2008

• Indicator:

Percentage of Forum presentations accepted to be included on an agenda (i.e. how many times the forum makes recommendations at Council meeting in person)

• Results:

The Te Manawhenua Forum made 11 recommendations to Council in the 2007/08 financial year

• Indicator:

Annual Satisfaction Survey for Te Manawhenua Forum Members (Do forum members feel Tangata whenua with manawhenua status are recognised and involved in decision making?)

• Results:

The forum was surveyed to see if they believed this status was recognised. An average of 7.7 out of 10 (0 very dissatisfied, 10 very satisfied) was achieved.

2 Outcome:**8.0(e) Organisations making decisions on behalf of the community will have an understanding of Maori values.****• Indicator:**

Send out a questionnaire to these organisations asking "how have they ensured that they are informed of Local Maori value when making significant decisions on behalf of the community"?

• Results:

16 out of the 38 organisations sent questionnaires responded. 68% of those organisations which responded said that they were ensuring they were informed of local Maori value when making decisions on behalf of the community. Examples of how they were informed of this were with Iwi liaison officers, Maori advisory groups and external Maori reference groups.

3 Outcome:

8.0(i) Our koroua and kuia (elders) will be respected for the valuable contributions they make to our community.

- **Indicator:**

Send questionnaire to district schools to see if they visit/do anything for elderly members of our community

- **Results:**

All schools in the District were sent a questionnaire regarding respecting elders and those that responded noted:

31% presented special awards to elderly members;

81% conducted trips to visit elderly;

67% recognised or attended special events for the elderly;

50% provided specific teaching regarding Maori elderly.

- **Indicator:**

Questionnaire for forum members (how satisfied are you that our koroua and kuia (elders) are respected for the valuable contribution they make to our community?)

- **Results:**

Forum members were also asked if they believed our Koroua and Kuia (elders) are respected for the valuable contributions they make to our community, the average response was 6 out of 10, (0 very dissatisfied, 10 very satisfied).

- **Indicator:**

Council Awards (volunteer awards, business awards) - Number and percentage of elderly people recognised at these awards.

- **Results:**

55 people were recognised in this year's Volunteer Awards and approximately 50% of those honoured this year were elderly, contributing to our elders being respected for the valuable contributions they make to our community.

4 Outcome:

8.0(j) All settlements for lands and properties confiscated unjustly will be negotiated to fair and durable outcomes.

- **Indicator:**

Satisfaction Survey of Te Manawhenua Forum (how confident are you that all settlements for lands and properties confiscated unjustly will be negotiated to fair and durable outcomes?)

- **Results:**

Forum members were asked if they believed that all settlements for lands and properties confiscated unjustly will be negotiated to fair and durable outcomes.

The average response being 4.3 out of 10 with 50% responding as being very dissatisfied.

- **Indicator:**

Number of major settlement claims successfully negotiated to reach an outcome.

- **Results:**

Unknown

STATUTORY ISSUES

Under the Local Government Act Council should provide opportunities for Maori to contribute to its decision-making processes.

LONG TERM COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Community Development

Community Development has a focus on economic, social, environmental and cultural well being and includes activities such as Democracy, District Plan, the Long Term Council Community Plan and generally increasing community input into Council decision making. Improving representation in Council's decision making and finding other ways to improve the process of democracy in our district is important.

- *Democracy*

DISCUSSION

Ms Rolfe pointed out that extensive consultation had been completed and the results were community outcomes, not Council outcomes.

Mr Baker said the asterisk placed by some members names could lead to confusion and asked to have them removed.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

That the asterisk indicating Ngati Maru, Ngati Tamatera, Ngati Whanaunga and Ngati Paoa, under membership in the Heads of Agreement, be removed.

MOVED BY: Mr Michael Baker

SECONDED BY: Mr Tingi Manga

CARRIED

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

That the information be received and information on the review by members be included within the Minutes.

Moved by: Mrs Te Ao Marama Maaka

Seconded by: Ms Mapuna Turner

CARRIED

8.1.5 NGATI HINERANGI

File No: DEM0208T02
Attachments: [Tamaki Legal Correspondence](#)
Responsible Officer: D McLeod
Chief Executive Officer
Author: P Rolfe
Community Development Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The attached letter has been received from Tamaki Legal on behalf of Ngati Hinerangi. It advises of the hui held recently and the decisions thereof in relation to representation by Ngati Hinerangi Trust Board in the Waitangi Tribunal claims.

A request is therefore made for the Forum to reverse its decision to provide for Ngati Hinerangi representation on the Forum.

BACKGROUND

- This matter was raised by a submission to Council through the Annual Plan process in March 2007
- The matter was referred to the Forum in June 2007.
- Representation was made to the Forum in September 2007.
- In November 2007 it was further referred to the Forum.
- In June the matter was referred back to the Forum for a decision.
- In July 2008 representation was made to Council.
- Further representation was made to the Forum in August 2008.
- Council made a decision reinforcing the Forums decision.
- Further letter received from Tamaki Legal for this meeting.

During this time a review has been going on with the Ombudsman and notice has been received that they have received a further letter on behalf of Ngati Hinerangi.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

That the information from Ngati Hinerangi be received.

Moved by: Cr R J McGrail

Seconded by: Mr M Baker

CARRIED

8.1.6 PRESENTATION FROM DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION - CONCESSION APPLICATION RECREATION / TOURISM ACTIVITIES

File No: DEM0208T02
Attachments: [Concession Application Recreation Tourism Activities](#)
Responsible Officer: D McLeod
Chief Executive Officer
Author: P Rolfe
Community Development Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Department of Conservation is seeking comment from tangata whenua in relation to an application to take guided walks on Department of Conservation administered tracks and reserves throughout the Kaimai Mamaku Forest Park, Otanewainuku Stewardship Area and Orokawa Reserve.

The application is from Kea Lippiat of the Golden Trust Fern, who presented her proposal to the Forum.

A copy of the application is attached.

STATUTORY ISSUES

The Department is seeking comment from tangata whenua in relation to the areas this application relates to, in accordance with the Treaty of Waitangi principles and section 4 of the Conservation Act 1987.

POLICY AND BYLAW ISSUES

There are no policy issues that relate to this matter.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

That the information from the Department of Conservation be received in relation to Golden Fern Trust for a concession application to take guided walks.

Moved by: Mrs Te Ao Marama Maaka

Seconded by: Mr Waaka Gage

CARRIED

This item was taken out of order and appeared after item 8.2.1

8.2 INFRASTRUCTURE

8.2.1 PRESENTATION - MORRINSVILLE WASTEWATER PLANT RESOURCE CONSENT PROCESS

File No: SEW521201
Responsible Officer: G Ridley
Infrastructure Manager
Author: J Ross
Waste & Water Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

James Ross, Matamata-Piako District Council Water and Waste Manager and Dave Ray, Consultant, Environment Management Services, updated the Forum on the background and the ongoing resource consent for Council's Morrinsville Wastewater plant. A copy of the presentation is attached.

POLICY AND BYLAW ISSUES

There are no other Policy or Bylaw issues in relation to this matter.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the information on the Morrinsville wastewater plant resource consent process be received.

Moved by: Mr D Taipari
Seconded by: Cr R J McGrail

CARRIED

This item was taken out of order and appeared after item 8.1.2.

8.2.2 PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT NOVEMBER 2008

File No: PRE520401
Responsible Officer: G Ridley
Infrastructure Manager
Author: L Drake
Parks Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report contains information on Community Facilities activities, encompassing both Parks and Property, of specific interest to the Forum. The purpose of this report is to provide a monthly update and is for information only.

PARKS - MATAMATA**CENTENNIAL DRIVE**

On going work in consultation with the Centennial Drive Management Committee. Bulk of boundary pruning completed with school boundary programmed to be completed prior to Christmas once school has finished for the year.

FIRTH TOWER HISTORICAL RESERVE

Fencing to separate the implement area from the balance of the reserve has been installed.

HETANA STREET RAILWAY RESERVE

Mulching under Oaks ongoing as mulch is available. This will continue until entire area has been re covered in mulch.

MATAMATA DOMAIN

Installation of seating Barrier has been delayed. It is hoped to have this installed prior to Christmas.

A new drinking fountain will also be installed to replace the current unit that was vandalised.

NEIL ALGAR RESERVE

New entrance fencing at the Peria Road entrance will commence shortly, once boundary survey has been completed.

Seating will also be installed throughout the reserve to compliment track network and planting that has occurred as a result of the adjacent Parkside development.

Work will also commence on the formation of the earth bund between the reserve and Pohlen Park. This will enable the removal of the wire fence between the two

reserves and will create a natural barrier for motor vehicles, whilst providing a raised area for spectators watching sporting activities.

It is planned to undertake the bulk of the earthworks over the summer period. With final topsoiling and levelling and seeding to occur in early autumn once the summer dry period is over.

POHLEN PARK

Matamata Cricket Clubs new pavilion is nearing completion and will provide a base for the club to grow in the future. A reserve lease will be entered into between Council and the Club as required by the Reserves Act 1977.

RAPURAPU RECREATION RESERVE

Issues created by storm damage still to be resolved at the reserve. As these are not posing any safety issues that have been left as other arboriculture work of a higher priority in other higher profile areas.

This work will be completed prior to Christmas.

Vandalism and damage to grass areas is still causing some concern. Funding via the 08/09 Parks Bulk Fund has been obtained to allow for the removal of the current Amenities Block.

This will be undertaken once further consultation has occurred with regular users of the reserve for picnicking so that arrangements can be made for temporary toilet facilities to be available on site as required.

It is hoped that levels of vandalism will decrease over the summer months. This will be monitored and consultation will be undertaken prior to any long term decisions being made with regard to this reserve.

TOM GRANT DRIVE

Planting of trees has been undertaken. Concrete sump aprons have also been installed throughout the reserve to improve stormwater flow throughout the reserve.

Concrete edging has also been installed surrounding a garden bed to enable mulch to be contained within the bed.

Planning is also underway with the drive Committee to plan next years work programme.

PARKS - MORRINSVILLE

HOWIE PARK

Tenders for the upgrade of the Cenotaph closed on Thursday 20 November 2008. Received tenders are currently being evaluated.

Once this has occurred and the successful tenderer has been determined work will hopefully commence prior to Christmas. This will enable all works to be concluded prior to Anzac Day 2009.

The 08/09 Bulk Fund has provided funding for the installation of power and water within the reserve. This work will be undertaken in conjunction with the Cenotaph upgrade.

KIWITAHI DAM

Harvesting of Pines has now been concluded. Mountain bike tracks damaged during the logging process have been repaired with assistance from the mountain bike riders.

Further planning will be undertaken to ensure that the area is replanted so to allow for future mountain biking activities along with protection of the water catchment.

LOCKERBIE PARK

Work underway removing hawthorn and other debris from the gully area of the reserve. This work has been achieved with help from Neville Westbury, a local resident and Department of Corrections.

Corrections Community Work gangs are moving material on site into positions where it can be chipped. It is intended to chip the material on site so that it can be re used on site around planted areas.

MORRINSVILLE RECREATION RESERVE

Summer codes have commenced their play for the season. New barrier system and changes to gates appears to be working well.

Planning and design works for new Toilet and Campervan dump station underway. Anticipate construction to take place in the New Year subject to Council approval.

MORRINSVILLE RIVER WALKWAY

Work is about to commence along the walkway replacing structures. It is anticipated that this work will be completed prior to Christmas. Once completed, this will bring the structures on this walkway up to current walkway standards as identified within the Track Strategy.

MURRAY OAK SCENIC RESERVE

Bollards have resolved most issues relating to damage of turf. However attempts have been made to remove bollards on several occasions. Damage to the chain at the access gate has also occurred.

These matters have been resolved as soon as they have been brought to Council's attention. Changes have also been made to the chain entrance in an attempt to further secure the area.

At the eastern end of the Reserve a concrete pad has been installed for the installation of a Macracarpa Picnic Table. This has been donated by Morrinsville Lions and hopefully will be installed prior to Christmas.

KEEP MORRINSVILLE BEAUTIFUL

Hanging baskets are to be re-installed for the summer season in the central business district of Morrinsville on Thursday 27 November 2008.

PARKS - TE AROHA

BOYD PARK

Winter codes have completed their use of Boyd Park for the season. Spring renovation of sports turf surfaces has been completed.

Drive in movie was staged in the reserve as part of the Te Aroha Cruise in event. The movie event was organised by the Stanley Avenue School PTA and was an extremely well planned and organised event.

It is hoped that the organisers will run such an event again. Debrief discussions have been held with the organisers to identify any improvements that can be made by Council or the organisers to ensure that this become a regular event.

Clean up of damage around the northern Boundary of the reserve as a result of the July storm event still to be resolved. This will hopefully be undertaken prior to Christmas. Ground conditions have prevented this work from being undertaken.

HERRIS PARK

Athletics have commenced their season at the reserve. Bark safety surfacing under play equipment will be upgraded with new edging. This will ensure compliance with Playground Safety Standards.

ROBERTSON RESERVE

The Reserve was used for overflow car parking during the Cruise in event.

TE AROHA DOMAIN

The large pine that fell during the July storm has been removed from the Lower Domain Track. Trunks of the tree have been cut into lengths and have been left on site so that will not pose a safety issue in the future. Balance of material was chipped on site.

Both of the lower domain tracks have been reinstated with to the standard they were prior to the event and to conform to the requirements of the Track Strategy.

Bulk of replanting behind the Spa has been completed. This has been undertaken by local schools and community groups including Te Aroha Lions. The balance of the

planting will be undertaken during next winter. The site is currently being mulched with help from Community Corrections.

Repair and replacement of boundary fences is ongoing in conjunction with adjoining property owners and their insurance companies.

PROPERTY

There are no Property issues to report.

FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME

The future work programme will concentrate on planning for the 2008 /2009 bulk fund projects, with priority given to the Tui Track Bridge replacement.

Planning for the new Toilet block at Morrinsville Recreation Ground will also be a high priority.

An application for notified resource consent will also be prepared early in the New Year to enable for the ongoing the removal of privet, wilding pines and other noxious vegetation from reserve areas within the Kaitiaki Zone

Further consultation will take place prior to any application being made.

This will enable ongoing work to improve biodiversity on the mountain to take place without having to apply for consent for each project. However, on going consultation and dialogue will continue with relevant Iwi representatives on each project to ensure that one off issues can be addressed.

POLICY AND BYLAW ISSUES

There are no policy or bylaw issues in relation to the contents of this report.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Community Facilities report for the month of November 2008 be received.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

That the Community Facilities report for the month of November 2008 be tabled and if there are any queries they would be addressed at the meeting to be held on 20 March 2009.

MOVED BY: Mr Michael Baker

SECONDED BY: Cr R J McGrail

CARRIED

9 URGENT ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

9.1 MAORI REPRESENTATION ON MATAMATA-PIAKO DISTRICT COUNCIL

File No: DEM021601
Responsible Officer: P Rolfe
Community Development Manager
Author: J Payze
Committee Secretary

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Ms Turner raised the issue of Maori representation on the Matamata-Piako District Council.

DISCUSSION

Ms Turner asked “why can’t we sit beside, not under, the Council”? Mr Baker prefers the status quo. Mrs Maaka reminded the Forum that Maori candidates had been put forward in previous elections. Mr Tuhakaraina said the problem was that people don’t vote for the local Maori candidate.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

That Council be requested to prepare a report outlining the Forum’s recommendations to Council and report back to the Te Manawhenua Forum.

MOVED BY: Ms Mapuna Turner
SECONDED BY: Mrs Te Ao Marama Maaka

CARRIED

9.2 MARAE RATING

File No: 05313/074.00
Responsible Officer: P Rolfe
Community Development Manager
Author: J Payze
Committee Secretary

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Ms Turner raised the issue of rates remissions pertaining to Marae.

DISCUSSION

Ms Rolfe said that if the Marae is under Reservation then they can apply for rates remission and suggested that if there is a specific issue then the Te Manawhenua Forum or Marae could make a submission.

NO RESOLUTION

9.3 TE AROHA RAILWAY SUBDIVISION LAND

File No: 05310/434.01
Responsible Officer: P Rolfe
Community Development Manager
Author: J Payze
Committee Secretary

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Ms Turner mentioned that there were a lot of people in the community asking questions regarding the Railway land subdivision and requested the Matamata-Piako District council give the railway land to tangata whenua.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

As the railway land has been identified as being surplus, and in line with the community outcome 8.0 (j) *All settlements for lands and properties confiscated unjustly will be negotiated to fair and durable outcomes.*, that Council consider returning the railway land to tangata whenua because of the free use over 100 years of other lands in the township, namely the pipeline to the Old Reservoir and oxidation plant.

Moved by: Ms Mapuna Turner
Seconded by: Mr Michael Baker

CARRIED

9.4 MATAMATA-PIAKO DISTRICT COUNCIL WEBSITE

File No: DEM023701
Responsible Officer: P Rolfe
Community Development Manager
Author: J Payze
Committee Secretary

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Te Manawhenua Forum was asked if they would like to have space allocated on the Matamata-Piako District Council website.

DISCUSSION

It was agreed that all Forum members be photographed at the next meeting to be held March 20 2009 for inclusion on the website. Ms Rolfe to co-ordinate this matter.

NO RESOLUTION.

10 EXCLUSION FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no matters for exclusion from the public.

11 CLOSURE

Mr Gage acknowledged the food given to the Te Manawhenua Forum during the year and Wendy Duncan's presentations on the tables.

Mr Gage acknowledged, on behalf of the Te Manawhenua Forum, the work done by the Chairman, the Mayor, Ms Paula Rolfe and the Committee Secretary.

Ms Rolfe wished all a merry Christmas.

The meeting closed at 2.00 pm.

CONFIRMATION: 13 March 2009

SIGNED:

Mr Butch Tuhakaraina (Chairman)

NAME	TIME IN	TIME OUT
Bob McGrail	10.00 am	1.40 pm
Paul McGilvray	10.00 am	11.00 am
Steve Allen	10.00 am	11.00 am
Paul McGilvray	10.00 am	11.00 am
Andrew Corkill	10.00 am	12.35 pm
Steve Edwards	10.00 am	12.35 pm
James Ross	10.40 am	11.45 am
Dave Ray	10.40 am	11.45 am
Kea Lippiatt	11.05 am	12.10 pm
Clint Savage	11.05 am	12.10 pm
Steve Fabish	11.05 am	12.10 pm

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.35 pm and reconvened at 1.00 pm.