

Mangawhai Community Park Master Plan – Adoption of Draft for public consultation

Meeting: Kaipara District Council
Date of meeting: 28 February 2024
Reporting officer: Mark Schreurs, Infrastructure Strategic Planner

Purpose | Ngā whāinga

To adopt the Draft Mangawhai Community Park Master Plan (**Attachment A**) for public consultation.

To appoint the Mangawhai Community Park Governance Committee to be the hearing panel with respect to the Draft Mangawhai Community Park Master Plan, to review all submissions received from the public and recommend to Council what, if any, amendments should be made to the Draft Master Plan before it is adopted for implementation.

Executive summary | Whakarāpopototanga

The Mangawhai Community Park Governance Committee (the Committee) have been working to review and redraft the Mangawhai Community Park Master Plan (the Master Plan) that was first adopted by Council on 24 November 2014.

The revised Master Plan is now at a completed state. However, before it is adopted for implementation, it is required that the community be given the opportunity to review the plan and make written objections and comments on its content (including the opportunity for hearings). These must be given full consideration and amendments made where these are deemed necessary prior to the Master Plan being finalised and adopted for implementation.

The Draft Master Plan is presented with this report as **Attachment A**. The Council must be comfortable with this Master Plan as presented with this report and consider it ready for implementation. If so, Council can adopt the Master Plan for public consultation.

The Council must also consider the appointment of the Committee to act as a hearing panel to consider all submissions received to the draft Master Plan or if to leave that function with the full Council.

If appointing the Committee to hear submissions, after considering the community's feedback, the Committee will recommend the final version (after any possible amendments) of the draft Master Plan to Council to be adopted for implementation.

Council considered this matter previously at their 13 December 2023 meeting. At that meeting the Council chose to refer the Draft Master Plan back to the Committee for further consideration.

The Committee gave further consideration to the Draft Master Plan at their 30 January 2024 extraordinary meeting, made a single key amendment and are now resubmitting the Draft Master Plan to Council for adoption for public consultation.

Recommendation | Ngā tūtohunga

That the Kaipara District Council:

- a) Notes the requests from the Mangawhai Community Park Governance Committee as passed at their 23 November 2023 Meeting and 30 January 2024 Extraordinary Meeting.
- b) Adopts the Draft Mangawhai Community Park Master Plan as presented with this report as **Attachment A** for public consultation.
- c) Appoints the Mangawhai Community Park Governance Committee to be the hearing panel with respect to the Draft Mangawhai Community Park Master Plan, to review all submissions

received from the public and recommend to Council what if any amendments should be made to the Draft Master Plan before it is adopted for implementation.

Context | Horopaki

The Committee have been working to review and redraft the Mangawhai Community Park Master Plan (the Master Plan) that was first adopted by Council on 24 November 2014.

At their 23 November 2023 meeting the Committee concluded that the redrafted Master Plan was complete (bar for a few further editorial changes) and requested that Council adopt it for public consultation. They also requested that Council appoint the Committee to be the hearing panel with respect to the Draft Mangawhai Community Park Master Plan, to review all submissions received from the public and recommend to Council what if any amendments should be made to the Draft Master Plan before it is adopted for implementation.

Council considered these requests at their 13 December 2023 meeting and passed the following resolution:

Moved: Cr Howard

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Larsen

That the Kaipara District Council:

- a) Notes the requests from the Mangawhai Community Park Governance Committee as passed at their 23 November 2023 meeting; and
- b) Refers the Draft Mangawhai Community Park Master Plan back to the Mangawhai Community Park Governance Committee for further consideration.

Carried

Cr Wilson-Collins voted against the motion

Discussion | Ngā kōrerorero

Following the 13 December 2023 resolution, the Committee gave further consideration to the Draft Master Plan at their 30 January 2024 Extraordinary Meeting and passed the following resolution.

3. Mangawhai Community Park Master Plan – Further Consideration

[Secretarial note: A different recommendation was moved and seconded from those that were provided in the agenda report.]

Moved: Cr Howard

Seconded: Mary-Anne Boyd

That the Mangawhai Community Park Governance Committee:

a) Notes the resolution passed by Council at their 13 December 2023 meeting with respect to the draft Mangawhai Community Park Master Plan.

b) Amends page 11, paragraph 6 of the Draft Master Plan to the Following:

Historically commercial aspects of not-for-profit ventures have been permitted as they contribute to some of the groups being self-sustaining. Mobile food trucks and market stalls have also been permitted, subject to securing relevant permits, as it has been deemed they can add vibrancy to the Park and be relocated as need-be.

Longer term commercial options that may provide necessary and meaningful contribution to the infrastructure or economic development of the community may be considered by Council.

c) Directs staff to amend the draft Master Plan in accordance with the direction discussed at this meeting.

d) Recommends the Kaipara District Council adopt the Draft Mangawhai Community Park Master Plan, as presented at the 23 November 2023 Committee meeting, including amendments discussed at this meeting, for public consultation.

Carried

The amended Draft Master Plan is included with this report as **Attachment A**.

Options

In response to the requests from the Committee, Council has the following options.

Option 1: adopt the Draft Master Plan for Mangawhai Community Park (**Attachment A**) for public consultation. Also, delegate to the Committee the functions of reviewing all submissions received from the public and recommending to Council what amendments might be needed to the draft plan before it is approved for implementation. This is the recommended option as the Committee is the body best placed to plan for this park's future, consider the public's feedback and recommend a final plan to Council.

Option 2: direct that all submissions received from the public will be heard and deliberated on by the full Council. This is not recommended as the Committee is the body best placed to plan for the management of this park.

Option 3: direct that the draft master plan for Mangawhai Community Park (**Attachment A**) is not ready for public consultation and requires further workshopping. This option should be taken if the Council are not satisfied with the draft plan presented as **Attachment A**. If this option is chosen, the Council should give direction on what changes and next steps are required. Choosing this option would significantly affect the project timeframes.

The recommended option is **option 1**.

Policy and planning implications

Once the final Master Plan is adopted by Council, it will set the direction for the future use and development of Mangawhai Community Park.

Financial implications

Implementing the final Master Plan will require individual projects identified in the plan to be progressed either through their inclusion in Council's Long Term Plan budgets or through community initiatives or a combination of both. Projects can be progressed as budgets permit.

Risks and mitigations

One risk will be managing the community's expectations throughout this process i.e., community members and interest groups propose projects which are beyond the scope of available budgets. This can be managed by being clear about the Council's ability to deliver, not listing specific timeframes for implementation and noting that some projects are aspirational and may be dependent on external funding and volunteer labour.

Impacts on Māori

Mana Whenua and local Māori will have an opportunity to submit on the draft plan. Mana Whenua were also invited to have input into the drafting of the plan.

Significance and engagement | Hirahira me ngā whakapāpā

Making a new Master Plan for Mangawhai Community Park is considered to be a significant decision under Council's Significance and Engagement Policy due to the high level of community interest in this park. It is therefore proposed to prepare the plan in draft form in the first place, then invite the public to lodge with the Council written objections or comments (including providing an opportunity for hearings), before approving the final Master Plan.

Next steps | E whaiake nei

If the draft Master Plan is adopted by Council for consultation, the community will be given the opportunity to make submissions (including the opportunity for hearings) before a final Master Plan is adopted for implementation. It is proposed to have the consultation period open on 05 March 2024 and close on 06 May 2024.

Following this, the Committee if appointed as the hearing panel, can consider the feedback received and recommend amendments to Council prior to a final version being adopted for implementation.

A proposed forward work program is set out below:

Action	When
Consultation period opens	05 March 2024
Consultation closes – all submissions must be received.	06 May 2024
Hearing to be held for those who wish to speak to their submission	21 May 2024
Deliberations – Committee considers all feedback from submitters and directs staff what changes are required to the draft.	18 June 2024
Staff make the requested amendments	July – August 2024
Committee recommends Council adopt a final	15 October 2024
Council adopt final document for implementation.	30 October 2024

This timeline is flexible and can be amended if necessary. For example, if the majority of submitters are opposed to the direction in the Draft Master Plan and multiple alternative suggestions are received, then amendments could be extensive enough to require a further round of consultation. Conversely, if submitters predominantly approve of the Draft Master Plan and only minor tweaks are needed, the timeline could be shortened considerably. In such case, an extraordinary meeting of the Committee could be called to recommend the amended draft to Council for adoption sooner.

Attachments | Ngā tapiritanga

	Title
A	Draft Mangawhai Community Park Master Plan