



# Minutes of the Whangamata Community Board Ordinary Meeting

Date 8 May 2014  
Venue Whangamata Service Centre  
620 Port Road  
Whangamata

## Present

KA Johnston (Chairperson)	HD Bartley	PS Kerr
	T Walker	R Thompson
	JT Wells	

## In Attendance

Name	Item(s)
Garry Towler (Area Manager Whangamata/Tairua-Pauanui)	All Items
Erin Schumacher (Community Coordinator - Whangamata)	All Items
David Hammond (Chief Executive)	All Items
Neil Daly (Community Development Officer)	All Items
Ross Ashby	Items 2.2-2.5 & 2.8
Christine Tye	Items 2.2-2.5 & 2.8
Steve Hart	Items 2.2-2.5 & 2.8
Jakki Handcock	Items 2.2-2.5 & 2.8

**Meeting Commenced** 13:00

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# 1 Meeting Conduct

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## 1.1 Apologies

All members were present

**Moved/Seconded By:** Wells/Thompson

Chairperson, Keith Johnston vacated the chair and Deputy Chairperson Terry Walker resumed in the Chair.

## 1.2 Public Forum

A period of up to 30 minutes is set aside for the public to raise matters falling within the terms of reference of the meeting. Each speaker may speak for three minutes but time extensions may be allowed on a vote of not less than 75% of members present at the meeting. Questions from members for information or clarification may be permitted by the Chairperson (Standing Orders Appendix F).

### 1.2.1 Keith Johnston - Reserve Management Plans

Mr Johnston (as a member of the public) brought to the attention of the Board, a resolution regarding the classification of Pacific Scenic reserve in Whangamata that was made by Council in October 2013. Mr Johnston requested the resolution be included in the relevant section of the Reserve Management Plan relative to the Pacific Scenic Reserve ahead of Council adopting the Reserve Management Plan on 21 May 2014.

*"(b) Recommends that the following reserve be classified as "Scenic Reserve" in accordance with the Reserves Act 1977 sec 19 and is not absolute but subject to further discussions by the incoming Whangamata Community Board, staff and adjacent property owner."*

#### **Resolved**

That the Whangamata Community Board:

1. Received the speaker in public forum.

**Moved/Seconded By:** Wells/Kerr

Deputy Chairperson Terry Walker vacated the chair and Chairperson Johnston resumed in the chair.

## 1.3 Items not on the Agenda

There were no items not on the agenda.

## 1.4 Conflict of Interest

The Chairperson invited notice from members of:

1. Any interests that may create a conflict with their role as an elected member relating to the minutes item(s) for the meeting; and
2. Any interests in items in which they have a direct or indirect pecuniary interest as provided for in the Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968.

The following interests were declared:

### Keith Johnston

- 2.7 Whangamata Draft Reserve Management Plan for approval and recommendation to Council for adoption.

**Moved/Seconded By:** Wells/Walker

## 1.5 Unconfirmed - 20 March 2014 - Whangamata Community Board Minutes

As per Council's Standing Orders, the Whangamata Community Board must confirm the Minutes of its previous meeting.

### Resolved

That the Whangamata Community Board:

1. Confirmed the following Minutes:  
Whangamata Community Board - 20 March 2014

**Moved/Seconded By:** Wells/Kerr

## 2 Governance

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### 2.1 Whangamata Community Board Discretionary Fund

Approval of the Whangamata Community Board to use a portion of the Community Board's discretionary fund was sought.

#### Key Discussion Points

The Area Manager requested that the item be withdrawn as the funds are no longer required.

### Resolved

That the Whangamata Community Board:

1. Approved the withdrawal of the report regarding the use of the Whangamata Community Board Discretionary Fund.

**Moved/Seconded By:** Thompson/Walker

## 2.2 Summary of Submissions to the Draft 2014-2015 Annual Plan

Community Board recommendations were sought, on submissions received, in advance of the Council's deliberations of the 2014/2015 Annual Plan.

### Resolved

That the Whangamata Community Board:

1. Received the report.
2. Provided the following recommendations for each of the submission points, for Council's consideration.
  - i. **Moana Anu Anu Walkway**  
**Community Board Recommendation**  
That Council consider the Moana Anu Anu walkway as part of the 2015-2025 Long Term Plan.
  - ii. **Beach Road Reserve**  
**Community Board Recommendation**  
Agrees with the staff recommendations.
  - iii. **Wentworth Valley Seal Extension**  
**Community Board Recommendation**  
Agrees with the staff recommendations.
  - iv. **Esplanade Car Park Lighting**  
**Community Board Recommendation**  
That Council approves the Esplanade Car Park improvement Project as budgeted in the draft 2014/2015 Annual Plan.
  - v. **Whangamata Community Board Confirmation of Budgets**  
**Community Board Recommendation**  
Agrees with the staff recommendations.
  - vi. **Wi-Fi Hotspots**  
**Community Board Recommendation**  
Agrees with the staff recommendations and requests that Staff draft a response to the Whangamata Youth Forum.
  - vii. **Safety**  
**Community Board Recommendation**  
Agrees with the staff recommendations and the Board will notify the Whangamata youth forum to input into the Street lighting program for Whangamata when it is next considered.

**Moved/Seconded By:** Kerr/Walker

## 2.3 2015 Long Term Plan - Growth Projections

The Community Board were presented with work undertaken to develop growth projections for the District's resident population, dwellings and rating units, which will inform the Council's 2015 Long Term Plan processes.

### Key Discussion Points

The Growth Projections item is on Council agenda this month.

The Community Board made a decision to hold a workshop to look at the data in depth.

### Resolved

That the Whangamata Community Board:

1. Received the report.

**Moved/Seconded By:** Thompson/Walker

## 2.4 Bylaws Review

The Community Board's input and recommendations to a review of three Council bylaws: Parking Control; Control of Advertising; and Dog Control was sought.

### Key Discussion Points

Parking Bylaw -

- Parking Bylaw review will come back to the Board in August.

Dog Control Bylaw -

- Schedule of Activities - no reference to penalties, needs to be referenced in bylaw.
- Need to be consistent with times dogs are banned from beaches on the Coromandel Peninsula - suggestion is 10:00 am - 4:00 pm.
- Department of Conservation signage - differs from Council.
- Dogs must be on a lead in all public places or under control.

Control of Advertising -

- Public will be given forewarning when new Advertising Bylaw draft is complete.
- Wording in District Plan to have consistency.
- Sandwich Board signs - if property has an outdoor eating area sign needs to be in the designated area, if not sign should be back against the building. Size of sign 900 x 900.
- Home Business - sign should not exceed 0.5m<sup>2</sup>.
- Boards will be asked for input on signs.
- 816.1 - should be changed to 'authorised officer'.

### **Resolved**

That the Whangamata Community Board:

1. Received the report.
2. Endorsed the revised bylaws to Council subject to Community Board comments as discussed at the meeting.

**Moved/Seconded By:** Walker/Thompson

## **2.5 Freedom Camping Bylaw**

The Whangamata Community Board was asked to provide input into the development of the new Freedom Camping Bylaw.

### **Key Discussion Points**

- Freedom Camping Bylaw will be presented to Council on 21 May 2014.
- Board Member Walker was nominated to assist with the Freedom Camping Bylaw.

### **Resolved**

That the Whangamata Community Board

1. Received the report.
2. Appointed Board Member Walker as Board representative to consult over the Freedom Camping Bylaw.

**Moved/Seconded By:** Thompson/Bartley

## **2.6 Submission to Draft 2014/2015 Annual Plan**

The Whangamata Community Board's confirmed its submission to the Thames-Coromandel District Council's draft 2014/2015 Annual Plan.

### **Resolved**

That the Whangamata Community Board:

1. Received the report.
2. Confirmed its submission to the draft 2014/2015 Annual Plan.

**Moved/Seconded By:** Thompson/Walker

## 2.7 Whangamata Draft Reserve Management Plan for approval and recommendation to Council for adoption

The Whangamata Reserve Management Plan was presented to the Community Board for approval and recommendation to Council for adoption.

### Key Discussion Points

The Reserve Management Plan will be a living document to allow for amendments, corrections and alterations.

The Community Board sought direction from Council regarding unresolved discussions between Council and the property owner of Pacific Scenic Reserve. Council resolved on 2 October 2013:

*"(b) Recommends that the following reserve be classified as "Scenic Reserve" in accordance with the Reserves Act 1977 sec 19 and is not absolute but subject to further discussions by the incoming Whangamata Community Board, staff and adjacent property owner."*

### Resolved

That the Whangamata Community Board:

1. Received the report.
2. Confirmed that the changes made to the Whangamata Reserve Management Plan are consistent with the decisions made at the deliberations meeting.
3. Recommended to Council the adoption of the Whangamata Reserve Management Plan in accordance with Section 41 of the Reserves Act 1977.
4. Acknowledged that this document be kept under continuous development and review of the specific management policies for reserve classification and asset register on a reserve by reserve basis, so that, the plan is adapted to changing circumstances and as new information comes to hand in accordance with the Reserve Act 1977
5. Acknowledged that changes to policies and objectives that are generic to all reserves in the Plan must follow the process set out in Section 41 of the Reserves Act 1977.
6. Recommended to Council that the Pacific Scenic Reserve be classified as "Scenic Reserve" in accordance with the Reserves Act 1977 sec 19 and is not absolute but subject to further discussions by the incoming Whangamata Community Board, staff and adjacent property owner as resolved for item 3.2 5.(b) at 2 October 2013 Council meeting.

**Moved/Seconded By:** Wells/Kerr



## 2.8 Boat Trailer Registrations and Warrants of Fitness

A report on boat trailer warrants of fitness was presented following a request from the New Zealand Police. Council Enforcement Officers are being asked to undertake enforcement of boat trailer registrations and warrants of fitness in all Community Board areas.

### Key Discussion Points

This issue was previously brought up and passed that bylaws officers were not to be involved in this. It is considered not to be a local bylaws matter. TCDC do carry this out but has the lowest priority.

### Resolved

That the Whangamata Community Board:

1. Received the report.
2. Does not support the Police request for an increased service level of enforcement of boat trailers in the Whangamata area.

Moved/Seconded By: Wells/Bartley

## 3 Local Activities: Policy/Levels of Service Operational

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No items received.

## 4 District Activities: Local Input Policy/Levels of Service

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### 4.1 January- March 2014 Libraries Quarterly Report

To report on the activities and performance of the district libraries (Thames, Mercury Bay and Tairua) and the community library Whangamata for January, February and March 2014.

### Resolved

That the Whangamata Community Board:

1. Received the report.
2. Requested that the table be adjusted and resent.

Moved/Seconded By: Wells/Kerr

## 5 District Activities

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No items received.

## 6 Reports

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### 6.1 2013-2014 Whangamata Community Board Work Programme - May 2014 Update

An update was provided to the Community Board on their 2013-2014 Work Programme.

#### Key Discussion Points

- Replacing three main street seats and replacing seats in the Whangamata Office courtyard with wooden sets.
- Otahu carpark sealing concluding by end of May.
- Whangamata Wharf - three piles replaced  
monitoring the tying up of boats overnight, creating huge pressure on wharf.
- Floating Pontoon completed.
- Wharekawa Boat Ramp will be completed by end of May.
- Community Grants EPL/Fred Christianson may come to Board for assistance in developing BMX track.
- Williamson Park Next stage of replacement of Park lights before the end of the financial year.  
Pine trees nearing the end of their life. Need to consult with community prior to Christmas regarding the replacement of trees.
- Island View Reserve Planting starts next week. Two new slab seats installed.  
Carpark extension is delayed until next year.
- Harbour Walkway More trees being planted.

#### Resolved

That the Whangamata Community Board:

1. Received the report.

**Moved/Seconded By:** Wells/Walker

## 6.2 Members' Reports

### Board Member Wells

- Spoke at the Whangamata Youth Forum. Suggestion that there could be familiarisation days for the youth at St Johns, Search and Rescue, Police etc.

### Board Member Walker

- Enterprise Whangamata keen to work with TCDC for next Beach Hop.
- Seagull Centre Helen McCabe talking to Craig Goodwin.
- Clive Graf - will attend next workshop.

### Board Member Bartley

- Spoke about concerns regarding Regional Council.

### Board Member Kerr

- Have been assisting with the removal of mangrove seedlings in Patiki Place. Working next weekend in Durrant Place. Not as many seedlings as previously.

### Board Member Thompson

- Congratulated Board Member Walker for his impromptu speech on Anzac Day.
- Have been working with Chris Coombes investigating track from Wentworth to Waikino/Rail Trail. Need to upgrade 4km of track. A large portion of track is already there - just needs gravelling etc. Connects to Maratoto.
- Youth Forum - happy to assist with this.

### Recommendation

That the Whangamata Community Board:

1. Received the Members' Reports.

**Moved/Seconded By:** Wells/Walker

**Meeting Closed at 13:10**

The foregoing Minutes were certified as being a true and correct record of the meeting of the Whangamata Community Board held on 8 May 2014.

Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_