



Minutes

of the

Thames-Coromandel District Council

Extraordinary meeting

Date 24 September 2014
Venue Council Chamber
515 Mackay Street
Thames

Present

GF Leach JP (Mayor)

HD Bartley
DR Connors
PL French
JT Wells

PA Brljevich
LA Fox
MK McLean JP

In attendance

Community Board Chairs

John Walker QSM, Paul Kelly JP, Bob Renton, Strat Peters, Keith Johnston

Staff

David Hammond, Angela Jane, Ariana Wickliffe, Christine Tye, Marion Smith, Steve Hart, Paul Davies, Ben Day, Bruce Hinson, Matt Busch.

Meeting commenced 13:30 pm

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1 Meeting conduct

1.1 Apologies

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the apology from Councillor Goudie.

Moved/Seconded by: Leach/Wells

1.2 Public forum

No speakers in public forum.

1.3 Items not on the agenda

No further items were added to the agenda.

1.4 Conflict of interest

No conflicts of interest were noted by the councillors.

1.5 Minutes for confirmation

Minutes of the Thames-Coromandel District Council meeting for 13 and 26 August 2014 were presented for confirmation.

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Confirms the minutes of Thames-Coromandel District Council meeting held on 13 August 2014.
2. Confirms the hearing and deliberation minutes of Thames-Coromandel District Council meeting held on the 26 August 2014.

Moved/Seconded by: Leach/French

2 Planning and Strategic Relationships

2.1 Freedom Camping Bylaw Deliberations

Staff presented a summary of all submissions received to the draft Freedom Camping Bylaw 2014 for Council's consideration, and decisions on changes to the draft bylaw before presentation for adoption.

General approach to freedom camping

1. Approach and continuing bylaw review process

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Continue the bylaw review process as set out in the bylaw review determination report.

Reasons for decision

- Council has determined its approach to freedom camping and review of its current Freedom Camping Bylaw, as set out in the bylaw review determination report.
- Council is satisfied that the analysis undertaken to date is robust and it supports and informs the bylaw review process.

Moved/Seconded by: Wells/Connors

2. Clauses in Public Places Bylaw and Parking Control Bylaw

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Revoke clause 203.5 of the Council's Public Places Bylaw and clause 2003.5 in the Parking Control Bylaw.

Reasons for recommendation

- To ensure consistency with legislative requirements.
- To action High Court order.

Moved/Seconded by: Connors/McLean

3. District-wide restriction for certified self-contained only

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Approves no change from proposed draft, that is freedom campers must be certified self-contained.

Reason for recommendation

- To protect the area and the health and safety of visitors, as set out in Section 11 Analysis documentation.

Moved/Seconded by: Leach/French

4. Types of areas for freedom camping

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Approves no change from proposed draft bylaw in regards to approach to area types in general. Areas for prohibition or restriction have been considered on a case by case basis.

Reasons for recommendation

- In deciding to review the current Freedom Camping Bylaw Council decided to take a more permissive approach.
- Areas are being considered for prohibition or restriction in accordance with the Freedom Camping Act as set out in Section 11 Analysis documentation.
- Prohibition or restriction of areas must be in accordance with the Freedom Camping Act, which does not enable protection of matters such as protection of property owner views, economic development or commercial interests.
- For restricted areas, restriction of freedom camping to occur only in designated areas enables consideration of proximity to areas such as any picnic areas.
- A district-wide restriction that freedom campers must be certified self-contained means freedom campers must have their own facilities and do not need to rely on public facilities.
- A range of mechanisms are available to address issues associated with freedom camping.

Moved/Seconded by: Fox/Wells

5. Boat ramps and launching areas

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Prohibits all boat ramp and launching areas that have been included in the proposed draft bylaw. Some areas have been included as restricted and these will be amended to prohibited areas, unless reason justifies otherwise.

Reason for recommendation

- For consistent approach to boat ramp and launching areas where it is considered necessary to protect the area, the health and safety of visitors, and/or access to the area.

Moved/Seconded by: Leach/Brljevich

6. Freedom camping at Council office and library car parks

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Prohibits the Thames office and Coromandel area office car park areas, and the Thames library car park area.
2. Amend the restricted area for Mercury Bay area office car park (proposed draft area reference 053) to include the fire station parking area.

Reasons for recommendation

- Council office and library car park areas have high use by employees and visitors, and freedom camping in the areas would impede access.
- These areas must be available for use at all times in the case of a civil defence emergency.
- Reasons as set out in Section 11 Analysis documentation are still valid in regards to Whangamata and Mercury Bay office areas.
- Amendment to area for Mercury Bay Area Office Car Park to protect access at the adjoining fire station parking area.

Moved/Seconded by: French/Wells

Schedule One - Prohibited Areas

THAMES COMMUNITY BOARD AREA

7. Tararu Cultural Art Centre**Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Amends the prohibited area of Tararu Cultural Art Centre Car Park, Tararu (proposed area 009), to encompass surrounds as shown approximately in Figure 2 in the Deliberation Decisions report and described as follows:
 - Tararu Cultural Art Centre Reserve, Tararu
600 Tararu Road

Reason for recommendation

- To protect the area.

Moved/Seconded by: French/Connors

8. Thames Sailing Club**Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Amends the prohibited area of Thames Sailing Club Car Parks, Tararu, to the extended area encompassing surrounds as shown approximately in Figure 2 in the Deliberation Decisions report and described as follows:
 - Tararu Beachfront South Reserve, Tararu
701 Tararu Road

Reason for recommendation

- To protect further surrounding area and access to the area.

Moved/Seconded by: French/Connors

9. Thames Coast Highway**Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Approves no change from proposed draft in regards to prohibition of Thames Coast State Highway 25. Applicable local authority areas have been considered for prohibition or restriction on a case by case basis.

Reasons for recommendation

- The State Highway is not local authority area and therefore the Council cannot prohibit or restrict.
- Areas are being considered for prohibition or restriction in accordance with the Freedom Camping Act as set out in Section 11 Analysis documentation, including local authority areas off the Thames Coast State Highway.

Moved/Seconded by: French/Connors

COROMANDEL-COLVILLE COMMUNITY BOARD AREA

10. Oamaru Bay, Colville**Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Approves no change from proposed bylaw.

Reason for recommendation

- Reasons as set out in Section 11 Analysis documentation are still valid justification for prohibition of freedom camping at this area.

Moved/Seconded by: Brljevich/Leach

11. Kikowhakarere Reserve, Coromandel**Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Approves no change from proposed bylaw.

Reason for recommendation

- Reasons as set out in Section 11 Analysis documentation are still valid justification for prohibition of freedom camping at this area.

Moved/Seconded by: Brljevich/Leach

12. Otautu, Coromandel**Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Approves no change from proposed bylaw.

- Reasons as set out in Section 11 Analysis documentation are still valid justification for prohibition of freedom camping at this area.
- Otautu Wharf is not local authority area and therefore Council cannot prohibit or restrict freedom camping at this location.

Moved/Seconded by: Brljevich/Leach

13. Te Kouma Road to Hannafords Wharf

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Amends proposed areas for Hannafords Wharf and Te Kouma Road to be one prohibited area described as follows:
 - Te Kouma Road and Hannafords Wharf, Coromandel
 - All Te Kouma Road including Hannafords Wharf

Reasons for recommendation

- Reasons as set out in Section 11 Analysis documentation are still valid justification for prohibition of freedom camping at this area.
- Submitter concerns regarding area on Te Kouma Road not included in the proposed area are considered valid reasons to prohibit freedom camping.
- Combined area for ease of referencing.

Moved/Seconded by: Brljevich/Leach

14. Port Jackson Road, Coromandel

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Approves no change from proposed draft bylaw.

Reason for recommendation

- Reasons as set out in Section 11 Analysis documentation are still valid justification for prohibition of freedom camping at this area.

Moved/Seconded by: Brljevich/French

15. Fletcher Bay Road, Coromandel

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Approves no change from proposed draft bylaw.

Reason for recommendation

- Reasons as set out in Section 11 Analysis documentation are still valid justification for prohibition of freedom camping at this area.

Moved/Seconded by: Brljevich/Fox

16. Kennedy Bay Road, Coromandel**Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Approves no change from proposed draft bylaw.

Reason for recommendation

- Reasons as set out in Section 11 Analysis documentation are still valid justification for prohibition of freedom camping at this area.

Moved/Seconded by: Brijevich/McLean

17. Amodeo Bay boat launch area**Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Prohibits freedom camping at Amodeo Bay boat launching area.

Reasons for recommendation

- To protect the health and safety of visitors and access to the area.
- For consistent approach to boat ramp and launching areas where it is considered necessary to protect the area, the health and safety of visitors, and/or access to the area.

Moved/Seconded by: Brijevich/French

MERCURY BAY COMMUNITY BOARD AREA

18. Buffalo Beach and Brophys (Ohuka) Beach Reserves**Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Amends proposed areas for Buffalo Beach and Ohuka (Brophys) Beach to be described as follows:
 - Buffalo Beach, Whitianga Beachfront - restriction to designated freedom camping.
 - Brophys (Ohuka) Beach Reserve, Whitianga North SH25 - prohibition.

Reasons for recommendation

- Reasons as set out in Section 11 Analysis documentation are still valid.
- Restricted freedom camping could occur at Buffalo Beach, as proposed.
- Brophys Beach is a sensitive environment and has only a small pull-over area. Reasons for protection justify prohibiting freedom camping at the entire Brophys Beach Reserve area.
- Amendments to the area referencing provide further clarification.

Moved/Seconded by: Fox/McLean

19. Hahei settlement**Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Approves no change from proposed draft in regards to prohibition. Amends the area definition as follows:
 - Hahei Settlement
 - Within the Hahei urban area being at which point the permanent speed limit is set at no more than 70 km/hr.

Reasons for recommendation

- Reasons as set out in Section 11 Analysis documentation are still valid justification for prohibiting freedom camping in the area.
- Amendment to area definition for clarification, and to protect access to additional parking area where freedom camping may impede access for others.

Moved/Seconded by: Fox/McLean

20. Hot Water Beach settlement**Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Approves no change from the proposed draft bylaw in regards to prohibition.
2. Amends the area definition as follows:
 - Hot Water Beach Settlement and Te Puia Reserve.
 - Within the Hot Water Beach urban area being at which point the permanent speed limit is set at no more than 70 km/hr and including Surf Beach and Bull Paddock car parks.

Reasons for recommendation

- Reasons as set out in Section 11 Analysis documentation are still valid justification for prohibiting freedom camping in the area.
- The amendments to the area referencing provide further clarification.

Moved/Seconded by: Fox/McLean

21. Otama**Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Approves no change from the proposed draft bylaw in regards to the area being prohibited.
2. Amend the area for Otama and the area be mapped as part of proposed prohibited area 064 -Black Jack Road, with description as follows:
 - Black Jack Road and Otama Beach Road
 - All Black Jack Road and Otama Beach Road including pull-over areas, Kuaotunu to Opito Bay.

Reasons for recommendation

- Reasons as set out in Section 11 Analysis documentation are still valid justification for prohibiting freedom camping at this area.
- Amendment to mapped area for accuracy and ease of referencing.

Moved/Seconded by: Fox/McLean

22. Opito Bay**Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Amends prohibition to restriction for designated freedom camping.

Reasons for recommendation

- Reasons as set out in Section 11 Analysis documentation are still valid to protect the area, the health and safety of visitors, and access to the area.
- Some restricted freedom camping could occur at designated sites.

Moved/Seconded by: Fox/McLean

23. Whangapoua Beach**Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Amends the area of Meri Te Tai Reserve along Whangapoua Beach to be described as follows:
 - Whangapoua Beach and Wharf including associated areas, Whangapoua. Including Meri Te Tai Reserve, areas known as William Mangakahia Lagoon Reserve and Pungapunga Island Reserve and access ways.

Reasons for recommendation

- To protect the area and access to the area.
- Reasons as set out in Section 11 Analysis documentation for Meri Te Tai Reserve along Whangapoua Beach are considered relevant for all Whangapoua Beach and Wharf surrounds.
- Amendments to the area referencing provide further clarification.

Moved/Seconded by: Fox/McLean

TAIRUA-PAUANUI COMMUNITY BOARD AREA

24. Sailors Grave, Tairua**Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Approves no change from proposed draft bylaw.
2. Consider prohibiting dogs at this area in review of the Council's Dog Control Policy and Bylaw.

Reasons for recommendation

- Reasons as set out in Section 11 Analysis documentation are still valid justification for prohibiting freedom camping in the area, being to protect the area.
- Issues are not solely associated with dogs as limiting human activity in the areas is considered appropriate to protect the sensitive habitat.
- The Council is currently reviewing its Dog Control Policy and Bylaw and timeframes enable this submission to be considered.

Moved/Seconded by: Bartley/Wells

25. Kennedy Park, Pauanui

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Approves no change from proposed draft bylaw.

Reason for recommendation

- Reasons as set out in Section 11 Analysis documentation are still valid justification for prohibiting freedom camping at this area.

Moved/Seconded by: Bartley/Wells

26. Pleasant Point, Pauanui

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Approves no change from proposed draft bylaw.

Reason for recommendation

- Reasons as set out in Section 11 Analysis documentation are still valid justification for prohibiting freedom camping at this area.

Moved/Seconded by: Bartley/Wells

27. 91A Pauanui Boulevard

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Approves no change from proposed draft bylaw.

Reason for recommendation

- Reasons as set out in Section 11 Analysis documentation are still valid justification for prohibiting freedom camping at this area.

Moved/Seconded by: Bartley/Wells

28. Hikuai Hall Reserve Car Park

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Prohibits freedom camping in the Hikuai Hall Reserve.

Reason for recommendation

- To protect access to the area.

Moved/Seconded by: Bartley/Wells

WHANGAMATA COMMUNITY BOARD AREA**29. Otahu Point Reserve, Whangamata****Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Prohibits freedom camping at Otahu Point Reserve, Whangamata.

Reason for recommendation

- To protect the area.

Moved/Seconded by: Bartley/Wells

Schedule Two - Restricted Areas

THAMES COMMUNITY BOARD AREA

30. Rhodes Park Reserves, Thames**Key discussion points**

- It was noted that signage in the prohibited areas of Rhodes Park Reserves should also include details of liquor bans.

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Approves no change from proposed draft regarding restricting freedom camping in this area.

Reasons for recommendation

- Reasons as set out in Section 11 Analysis documentation are still considered valid justification for restricting freedom camping in the area.
- Designated freedom camping only will allow reasonable access for others.

Moved/Seconded by: Connors/French

31. Danby Field Car Park, Thames**Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Approves no change from proposed draft regarding restricting freedom camping in this area.

Reasons for recommendation

- Reasons as set out in Section 11 Analysis documentation are still considered valid justification for restricting freedom camping in the area.
- Designated freedom camping only will allow reasonable access for others.

Moved/Seconded by: Connors/French

32. Kuranui Bay Reserve

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Amends restriction to prohibition at Kuranui Bay Reserve, Thames.

Reason for recommendation

- To protect access to the area.

Moved/Seconded by: Connors/French

33. Tararu Beachfront North Reserve

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Approves no change from proposed draft regarding restricting freedom camping in this area.

Reasons for recommendation

- Reasons as set out in Section 11 Analysis documentation are still considered valid justification for restricting freedom camping in the area.
- Designated freedom camping only will enable potential problems to be managed.

Moved/Seconded by: Connors/French

MERCURY BAY COMMUNITY BOARD AREA

34. 42 Albert Street, Whitianga

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Amends restriction to prohibition, and the area to be described as follows:
 - 42 Albert Street, Whitianga
 - Otherwise known as Taylors Mistake

Reasons for recommendation

- Amendment to prohibition of freedom camping to protect access.
- Amendment to area definition for clarification.

Moved/Seconded by: Fox/McLean

35. Beachfront Reserves, Cooks Beach

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Amends proposed areas for Central Reserve and Purangi Reserve to include Western Reserve and be described as a restricted area as follows:
 - Beachfront Reserve, Cooks Beach.

2. Applies restrictions for freedom camping within designated areas only, and any others as determined by subsequent decisions regarding restrictions.

Reasons for recommendation

- Reasons as set out in Section 11 Analysis documentation are still valid justification for controlling freedom camping in the area.
- Amendments by way of extended area to protect the area, the health and safety of visitors and access to the area.
- The area includes a boat ramp and parking area, and freedom camping would impede access and pose health and safety concerns.
- Amendment to area definition for clarification.

Moved/Seconded by: Fox/McLean

36. Shakespeare Cliff, Cooks Beach**Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Amend restriction to prohibition at Shakespeare Cliff, Cooks Beach.

Reasons for recommendation

- Reasons as set out in Section 11 Analysis documentation are still valid justification for controlling freedom camping in the area.
- Submitter concerns give basis for amending restriction to prohibition to further protect the area, the health and safety of visitors, and access to the area.

Moved/Seconded by: Fox/McLean

37. Flaxmill Bay, Ferry Landing, Front Beach**Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Amends proposed areas for Flaxmill Bay and Ferry Landing to include surrounds and to be described as a restricted area as follows:
 - Flaxmill Bay, Ferry Landing, and Front Beach; Mercury Bay.
Within the urban areas being at which point the permanent speed limit is set at no more than 70 km/hr.
2. Applies restrictions for freedom camping within designated areas only and any other restrictions as determined by subsequent decisions regarding restrictions.

Reasons for recommendation

- Reasons as set out in Section 11 Analysis documentation are still valid justification for restricting freedom camping in the wider area.
- Amendments by way of extended area to protect the area, the health and safety of visitors and access to the area.
- Amendment to area definition for clarification.

Moved/Seconded by: Fox/McLean

38. Pull-over area at Quarry Point, Kuaotunu**Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Amends area description to reference 'west' instead of 'east'.
2. Amend restriction to prohibition of freedom camping at this area.

Reasons for recommendation

- Reasons as set out in Section 11 Analysis documentation are valid to protect the area, the health and safety of visitors, and access to the area.
- Submissions give reason to amend restriction to prohibition.
- This area is often used as overflow parking for boat trailer parking, and therefore should have consistency in approach to boat ramp and launching areas where it is considered necessary to protect the area, the health and safety of visitors, and/or access to the area.

Moved/Seconded by: Fox/McLean

39. Quarry Point Boat Ramp, Kuaotunu**Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Amends restriction to prohibition at Quarry Point Boat Ramp, Kuaotunu.

Reasons for recommendation

- Reasons as set out in Section 11 Analysis documentation are valid to protect the health and safety of visitors and access to the area.
- Submissions give reason to amend restriction to prohibition.
- For consistency in approach to boat ramp and launching areas where it is considered necessary to protect the area, the health and safety of visitors, and/or access to the area.

Moved/Seconded by: Fox/McLean

40. Omara Boat Ramp Reserve, Matarangi**Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Amends area definition to be described as follows:
 - Omara Boat Ramp Reserve, Matarangi.

Reason for recommendation

- For correct referencing and clarification.

Moved/Seconded by: Fox/McLean

41. Egans Park Reserve**Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Approves no change from proposed draft bylaw.

Reasons for recommendation

- Reasons as set out in Section 11 Analysis documentation are valid justification for restricting freedom camping at this area.
- Restricting freedom camping to designated areas only would enable identified issues to be managed.

Moved/Seconded by: Fox/McLean

TAIRUA-PAUANUI COMMUNITY BOARD AREA

42. Paku Drive, Tairua**Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Restricts freedom camping in the area described as follows:
 - Paku Drive, Tairua
Formed car parks opposite Tairua Surf Life Saving Club, Tairua
2. Applies a restriction for freedom camping within designated area only, and any others as determined by subsequent decisions regarding restrictions.

Reason for recommendation

- To protect access to the area.

Moved/Seconded by: Wells/Bartley

43. Pauanui areas**Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Approves no change from proposed draft bylaw.

Reason for recommendation

- Council has determined to take a more permissive approach to freedom camping in the district, including in Paunau.
- Areas have been considered for prohibition or restriction on a case by case basis.
- Area analysis as set out in Section 11 Analysis documentation is still valid.

Moved/Seconded by: Wells/Bartley

44. Gallagher Park Lane, Pauanui**Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Amends restriction to prohibition at Gallagher Park Lane, Pauanui.

Reasons for recommendation

- Reasons set out in Section 11 Analysis documentation are still valid justification for controlling freedom camping at this area.
- In response to submissions, on balance issues associated with this area justify a prohibition rather than the proposed restriction.
- To protect the area, the health and safety of visitors, and access to the area.

Moved/Seconded by: Wells/Bartley

WHANGAMATA COMMUNITY BOARD AREA

45. Beach Road Reserves, Whangamata**Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Amends restriction to prohibition, and amend the area to be described as follows:
 - Beach Road Reserves, Whangamata.

Reasons for recommendation

- Reasons as set out in Section 11 Analysis documentation are valid to protect the area, the health and safety of visitors and access to the area.
- Submissions give reason to amend restriction to prohibition.
- For consistency in approach to boat ramp and launching areas where it is considered necessary to protect the area, the health and safety of visitors, and/or access to the area.

Moved/Seconded by: Wells/Bartley

Schedule Two - Restrictions**46. Reference to 'vehicles to freedom camp'****Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Approves no changes from proposed draft bylaw.

Reason for recommendation

- With a district-wide restriction to certified self-contained vehicles only means reference to 'vehicles' in the restrictions at specific area levels is appropriate.

Moved/Seconded by: Connors/French

47. Summer prohibition**Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Removes the restriction that prohibits freedom camping from 20 December through to end of February and holiday weekends for all restricted areas where it applies.

Reasons for recommendation

- This is in-line with Council's more permissive approach.
- To allow certified self-contained freedom campers to stay in all designated areas all year round and particularly during the busiest summer period.
- Freedom campers can help deter anti-social behaviour in the area overnight.

Moved/Seconded by: Wells/Fox

48. Arrival time**Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Approves no change from proposed draft bylaw.

Reasons for recommendation

- The necessity for restricting arrival time has been considered on a case by case basis as set out in Section 11 Analysis documentation, and reasons are still valid justification.
- Arrival time is difficult to enforce.
- Other area restrictions are applied to help avoid access issues.

Moved/Seconded by: Fox/French

49. Departure time**Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Amends departure time for all restricted areas to 9am.

Reasons for recommendation

- To be consistent with a more permissive approach to certified self-contained freedom campers.
- To protect access to restricted areas.

Moved/Seconded by: Fox/French

50. Maximum night stay**Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Amends restriction for maximum night stay to two consecutive nights, and apply for all restricted areas.

Reasons for recommendation

- Reasons set out in Section 11 Analysis documentation for proposing restricting freedom camping in areas is still considered valid justification.
- Amending the restriction for maximum night stay to two consecutive nights is in-line with a more permissive approach to certified self-contained vehicles.

Moved/Seconded by: McLean/Wells

51. Designated areas and maximum number of vehicles**Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. For all restricted areas, restricts freedom camping to designated area only and remove restrictions for maximum number of vehicles.
2. Staff to work with community boards to determine designated areas, and where feasible allow for a minimum of two vehicles.

Reasons for recommendation

- Restricting freedom camping to designated areas only can be used as a means to manage the maximum number of vehicles in an area.
- Reasons set out in Section 11 Analysis documentation are still valid justification for designated freedom camping only in restricted areas.

Moved/Seconded by: McLean/Fox

52. Maximum number of people**Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Approves no change from proposed draft bylaw.

Reason for recommendation

- A restriction on maximum number people is not necessary with the application of other bylaw restrictions.
- It would be difficult to monitor and enforce.
- Restricting freedom camping to certified self-contained vehicles only minimises the potential impact on the environment.

Moved/Seconded by: French/Fox

53. Distance between parked vehicles / temporary living places**Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Approves no change from proposed draft bylaw.

Reason for recommendation

- A restriction on distance between parked vehicles or temporary living places is not necessary in conjunction with other restrictions.

- It is not necessary to duplicate regulations in other legislation and NZMCA guidelines.

Moved/Seconded by: French/Fox

54. Required distance off the roadway

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Approves no change from proposed draft bylaw.

Reasons for recommendation

- This is a road safety matter controlled under the Land Transport (Road User) Rule 2004 and enforced by the police.
- Required distance off the roadway is not appropriate as a restriction in the bylaw.

Moved/Seconded by: French/Wells

55. Removal of litter

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Approves no change from proposed draft bylaw.

Reasons for recommendation

- Other legislation applies that regulates behaviour of people, such as littering in public places, and reference is given in the bylaw. Duplication of regulation is not necessary or advisable.
- Other mechanisms can be used to influence behaviour, such as provision of information.

Moved/Seconded by: Leach/Brljevic

56. Staying with pets

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Approves no change from proposed draft bylaw.
2. Considers submission points in deliberations on the draft Dog Control Policy and Bylaw 2014.

Reasons for recommendation

- Issues related to people travelling with their pets are not associated with freedom campers alone.
- In relation to dog control, the Council is currently reviewing its Dog Control Policy and Bylaw and timeframes enable this submission to be considered.

Moved/Seconded by: McLean/Brljevic

Other**57. Clause 4 regarding review of the bylaw****Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Approves no change from proposed draft bylaw.

Reason for recommendation

- Council may choose to review the bylaw earlier than required, and the proposed draft wording of clause 4 adequately reflects this.

Moved/Seconded by: Brljevich/French

58. Clause 6 regarding bylaw purpose**Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Approves no change from proposed draft bylaw.

Reason for recommendation

- The proposed draft wording of clause 6 appropriately reflects the purpose of the bylaw in accordance with the Freedom Camping Act.

Moved/Seconded by: Connors/Brljevich

59. Clause 7 of the draft bylaw regarding permitted areas**Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Approves no change from proposed draft bylaw.

Reason for recommendation

- The proposed draft wording of clause 7 accurately sets out how to determine local authority areas where freedom camping is permitted.
- Explanatory notes of the bylaw set out the relationship with the Freedom Camping Act.
- Other bylaw review documentation provides further explanation not appropriate for the purposes of the bylaw.

Moved/Seconded by: Connors/Brljevich

60. Clause 10 regarding prior consent**Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Approves no change from proposed draft bylaw.

Reason for recommendation

- There are instances when it may be appropriate to allow freedom camping in an area not in accordance with the bylaw.

Moved/Seconded by: French/Leach

61. Bylaw explanatory note**Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Amends bylaw explanatory note to remove the proposed draft paragraph regarding local authority area affected by the Hauraki Treaty Settlement (clause 2, last paragraph).

Reason for recommendation

- To ensure legislative compliance.

Moved/Seconded by: Fox/Bartley

62. Area references**Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Approves no change from proposed draft in approach to area referencing. Amend bylaw clauses 8 and 9 regarding schedule one and two areas to clarify that prohibitions and restrictions apply to local authority area only.

Reasons for recommendation

- Style of area referencing as proposed is for the purposes of the bylaw.
- Amendments to bylaw clauses for clarification.

Moved/Seconded by: Wells/Bartley

63. Regulation of behaviour**Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Approves no change from proposed draft bylaw.

Reason for recommendation

- The bylaw regulates freedom camping behaviour as possible under legislation and considered appropriate in the district.
- Other legislation applies that regulates behaviour of people and reference is given in the bylaw. Duplication of regulation is not necessary or advisable.
- Other mechanisms can be used to influence behaviour, such as provision of information.

Moved/Seconded by: Fox/Brljevich

64. Facilities and maintenance of areas**Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Approves no change from proposed draft bylaw.

Reason for recommendation

- Decisions relating to provision of public facilities are service level matters dealt with in Council's annual plan and long term plan processes.

Moved/Seconded by: French/Leach

65. Campervan campgrounds**Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Approves no change from proposed draft bylaw.

Reason for recommendation

- It is not the Council's role to provide campgrounds.

Moved/Seconded by: Fox/McLean

66. NZMCA members**Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Approves no change from proposed draft bylaw.

Reasons for recommendation

- NZMCA does not currently own any area in the district for use by their members.
- Other restrictions can be used to minimise issues associated with freedom camping in the district.

Moved/Seconded by: Fox/Bartley

67. Enforcement**Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Approves no change from proposed draft bylaw.

Reasons for recommendation

- Enforcement is an operational matter and not appropriate to detail in the bylaw.
- Enforcement of the bylaw is sub sequential, and local bylaw enforcement levels are reviewed with community boards annually and set by way of local service level agreements.

Moved/Seconded by: Leach/Wells

68. Signage and provision of information**Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Approves no change from proposed draft bylaw.

Reason for recommendation

- Matters of signage and provision of information are operational matters and not appropriate to detail in the bylaw.

Moved/Seconded by: French/Brljevich

69. Advocate to Central Government**Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Approves no change from proposed draft bylaw.

Reason for recommendation

- Council may choose to advocate to Central Government, however this is not a matter for the bylaw.

Moved/Seconded by: French/Fox

70. Operate a freedom camping ticket system**Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Approves no change from proposed draft bylaw.

Reason for recommendation

- A freedom camping permit or ticket system is inconsistent with Council's determined approach to freedom camping, as set out in the bylaw review determination report.

Moved/Seconded by: Leach/Brljevich

71. Adopt the Scandinavian system of Allemand Retten ('freedom to roam')**Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Approves no change from proposed draft bylaw.

Reasons for recommendation

- The suggested Scandinavian system of Allemand Retten (freedom to roam) is inconsistent with New Zealand private property rights, provisions of the Freedom Camping Act, and Council's determined approach to freedom camping in the district as set out in the bylaw review determination report.

- Reasons set out in Section 11 Analysis documentation re still valid justification for prohibition and restriction of freedom camping in areas of the district.

Moved/Seconded by: Fox/McLean

Outside Scope

72. Remove election signage in Whitianga

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Approves no change from proposed draft bylaw.
2. Considers submission point in deliberations on the draft Control of Advertising Bylaw 2014.

Reasons for recommendation

- This matter is outside scope of the freedom camping bylaw review.
- The Council is currently reviewing its Control of Advertising Bylaw and timeframes enable this submission to be considered.

Moved/Seconded by: Leach/McLean

73. Historic signage

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Approves no change from proposed draft bylaw.

Reasons for recommendation

- This matter is outside scope of the freedom camping bylaw review.
- Erecting historic signage is considered in relation to promotion of the district, and as applicable to projects from time to time.

Moved/Seconded by: French/Connors

74. Leases for building or land

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Approves no change from proposed draft bylaw.

Reasons for recommendation

- This matter is outside scope of the freedom camping bylaw review.
- Lease provisions are reviewed as applicable and considered appropriate.

Moved/Seconded by: Connors/Brljevich

75. Reduce rates at campgrounds**Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Approves no change from proposed draft bylaw.

Reasons for recommendation

- This matter is outside scope of the freedom camping bylaw review.
- It is not the Council's role to provide campgrounds, or to set fees charged by campgrounds.

Moved/Seconded by: French/Brljevich

76. Enforce dog restrictions at Pepe Park, Tairua**Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Approves no change from proposed draft bylaw.
2. Considers submission point in deliberations on the draft Dog Control Policy and Bylaw 2014.

Reasons for recommendation

- This matter is outside scope of the freedom camping bylaw review.
- The Council is currently reviewing its Dog Control Policy and Bylaw and timeframes enable this submission to be considered.

Moved/Seconded by: Bartley/Wells

Draft Freedom Camping Bylaw Deliberations report**Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the Draft Freedom Camping Bylaw Deliberations report, dated 16 September 2014.
2. Resolves that having considered all submissions and further hearing submissions from certain submitters on 26 August 2014 makes the decisions in regards to the draft Freedom Camping Bylaw 2014 and notes its reasons for those decisions in the deliberations decisions paper.
3. Directs staff to make changes arising from decisions made relating to the draft Freedom Camping Bylaw 2014, and present the revised draft Freedom Camping Bylaw 2014 to Council for adoption at its meeting on 22 October 2014.
4. Resolves to revoke clause 203.5 of the Council's Public Places Bylaw (Part 2 Public Places Bylaw 2004) in accordance with the requirements of the decision of the High Court (NZMCA v TCDC CIV-2013-419-955 [2014] NZHC 2016) and the Local Government Act 2002.
5. Resolves to revoke 2003.5 of the Council's Parking Control Bylaw (Part 20 Parking Control Bylaw 2004) in accordance with the requirements of the decision of the High Court (NZMCA v TCDC CIV-2013-419-955 [2014] NZHC 2016) and the Local Government Act 2002.
6. Determines that it has followed the required special consultative procedure as set out in the Local Government Act 2002.

Moved/Seconded by: Leach/Connors

2.2 Report on new Significance and Engagement Policy September 2014

Staff requested Council consider a proposed new Significance and Engagement Policy and consider if public consultation was required before the new policy was adopted.

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the proposed new Significance and Engagement Policy report, dated 8 September 2014.
2. Adopts the proposed new Significance and Engagement Policy attached to the report; and
3. Notes that formal public consultation on a draft policy is not considered necessary for the following reason:
 - The Council has sufficient information about community interest and preferences to enable the identification of significant decisions and the appropriate form of engagement for its decisions.

Moved/Seconded by: French/Leach

2.3 Maori representation - 2016 elections

Staff requested Council consider if Maori representation should be introduced for the 2016 local authority elections.

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the Maori representation - 2016 elections report, dated 8 September 2014.
2. Does not to introduce Maori representation for the 2016 triennial elections.

Moved/Seconded by: Leach/French

2.4 2015 Long Term Plan project update - September 2014 Council meeting

Staff provided an update to Council on the progress of the 2015 Long Term Plan project. It was noted that the project was over half way. The next set of workshops would address the rates remission policy and the financial and infrastructure strategies.

His worship advised members and board chairs to reflect on the Council's vision and mission when considering projects for their communities.

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the Long Term Plan project update report, dated 15 September 2014.
2. Adopts the amended activity group and activity structure (in Appendix A of the report) for the Council's 2015 Long Term Plan.

Moved/Seconded by: Fox/French

3 Economic Development projects

3.1 Coromandel Great Walks - update

Staff provided a progress report to Council on the Coromandel Great Walks project. It was noted that the Department of Conservation was keen to enter into a formal management agreement with Council and Ngati Hei to form a governance body.

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council

1. Receives the Coromandel Great Walks - update report, dated 10 September 2014.

Moved/Seconded by: Brijevich/Bartley

3.2 Hauraki Rail Trail update

Staff provided Council with a status update on the Hauraki Rail Trail project and Charitable Trust. Staff advised that until all management matters had been resolved, stage two of the project would not commence. Council acknowledged the appointment of Councillor Goudie as TCDC representative to the trust.

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the Hauraki Rail Trail update, dated 10 September 2014.
2. Endorses the appointment of Councillor Goudie to the Hauraki Rail Trail Charitable Trust.

Moved/Seconded by: Leach/Connors

4 Infrastructure

4.1 Roading professional services update

Staff advised Council on the provision of roading professional services and summarised the processes that have been undertaken in relation to the retendering of the professional services contract.

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the roading professional services update, dated 10 September 2014.

Moved/Seconded by: Brljevich/Fox

4.2 July and August 2014 Storm damage budget request

Staff sought Council approval to fund storm damage response and reinstatement works resulting from storm events during July and August 2014, from Council's Disaster Reserve. Further information was tabled that showed a decrease in total costs.

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the July and August 2014 Storm damage budget request report, dated 10 September 2014.
2. Approves the transfer of \$142,500 from the Disaster Reserve in 2014/15 to fund completion of storm damage repair works associated with the July and August 2014 storm events.

Moved/Seconded by: Brljevich/Fox

5 Finance

5.1 Selection of independent commissioners for hearing development contributions objections

Staff requested that delegated authority be granted to the Chief Executive and Chair of Judicial Committee to approve the selection of independent commissioners for hearing development contributions objections.

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the Selection of independent commissioner for hearing development contributions objections report, dated 8 September 2014.
2. Delegates authority to the Chief Executive and Chair of Judicial Committee to jointly approve the appointment of independent commissioners for the purpose of hearing development contributions objections.

Moved/Seconded by: Connors/Fox

6 Chief Executive

6.1 Realignment of accessway and boundary adjustments

Staff sought a decision from Council under Section 111 of the Reserves Act 1977 to enable the officers to give effect to a land exchange to finally resolve a property dispute where Council had formed an accessway over private land.

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the Realignment of accessway and boundary adjustments report, 15 September 2014.
2. Resolves that the local purpose accessway reserve vested in it and described as lot 107 DPS 26718 be dedicated as accessway pursuant to section 111 of the Reserves Act 1977.

Moved/Seconded by: Brijevich/Wells

7 Members' reports

7.1 Members' reports

The Chairperson invited members to provide a brief verbal report on activities undertaken and meetings attended in the period since the last meeting.

Written reports and minutes of meetings attended were presented below:

Key discussion points

- Deputy Mayor French tabled the following list of meetings he had attended during September:
8th Sept - Hauraki Gulf Marine Spatial Plan, 11th Sept - 1877 Road rates meeting with Ngati Maru, Whangamata CB Meeting, Coromandel Harbour Public Meeting, 14-16th Sept - Home Show TCDC stand, John Rennie re Kopu Stormwater, District Plan Review Opening Session, and Economic Development Committee, 17-18th Sept - EDC Tour with ATEED reps on Coromandel, 19th Sept - Regional Transport LTP Workshop - Speed Management Workshop, 22nd - 23rd Sept - Governance Liaison Group, Mayor Plus, Hauraki Gulf Forum, 24th Sept - Citizenship Ceremony, Council Meeting.
Deputy Mayor French noted the Home show stand and ATEED representative tour events were successful initiatives.
- Councillor Fox took the opportunity to forward his apologies for the period 6 November - 17 November 2014.
- Councillor Connors urged other councillors to attend the youth representative meetings.
- Members noted the Rally New Zealand documentary that aired on TV3 was great exposure of the district and commented that overall the event was a success.
- Communication between head office and the boards required further improvements. Staff advised that several meetings would be scheduled to address the issues.
- It was requested that direct dial numbers of Council staff be visible so members can easily identify the caller.

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the Members' reports.

Moved/Seconded by: Connors/French

8 Public excluded

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council excludes the public from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting namely:

Item Business
8.1 Public excluded minutes for confirmation

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48 (1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

<i>General Subject of Each Matter to be Considered</i>	<i>Reason for Passing this Resolution</i>	<i>Ground(s) Under Section 48(1) for the Passing of the Resolution</i>
Public excluded Thames Coromandel District Council minutes for confirmation	7(2)(a) – Protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons (7)(2)(g) – Maintain legal professional privilege.	(48)(1)(a) – That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist.

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council resumes in open meeting and releases the following decisions of the public excluded proceedings:

Item Descriptions
8.1 Public excluded minutes for confirmation

Moved/Seconded by: Connors/Wells

Meeting closed at 16:15

The foregoing minutes were certified as being a true and correct record of the Thames-Coromandel District Council meeting held on Wednesday 24 September 2014.

Chairperson _____ Date _____