



UNCONFIRMED Minutes

of the

Tairua-Pauanui Community Board

Ordinary Meeting

Date 13 October 2014
Venue Tairua Library Meeting Room
2 Manaia Road
Tairua

Present

RN Renton (Chairperson)	HD Bartley	KL Coppersmith
	GA Giles	JT Wells
	DM Brooke	

In Attendance

Name	Item(s)
Garry Towler (Area Manager Whangamata/Tairua-Pauanui)	All Items
Lorna Price (Community Co-ordinator Tairua-Pauanui)	All Items
Glenn Leach (District Mayor)	Item 2.1
David Hammond (Chief Executive)	All Items
Ross Ashby (Programme Manager)	All Items

Apologies

Meeting Commenced 13:00

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1 Meeting Conduct

1.1 Apologies

All members were present.

1.2 Public Forum

A period of up to 30 minutes was set aside for the public to raise matters falling within the terms of reference of the meeting.

1.2.1 Experience Pauanui

Paul Schrader, on behalf of Experience Pauanui gave an overview of the organisation noting what it did in the community, the events that it organised and was involved with, and the funding brought back into the community.

The Board Chair thanked Paul for all the voluntary work that he did within the Pauanui and Tairua communities. He noted that in our small communities Information Centres were the hub of the community. It was also noted that under the new structure with the Pauanui and Tairua Information Centres being locally funded from July 2015 there would be a need for them to look at rebranding.

1.2.2 Dredging

Tony Jacobs expressed concern regarding the location of beach nourishment when the Tairua Marina undertook dredging in November. He would not like to see any nourishment along the Esplanade beach as he believed this area had enough sand.

The Area Manager noted that Tairua Marine Limited would not dredge the channel if they did not need to. He also noted that if the Esplanade beach did not need sand there would be no need to put sand there. Replenishment sites are at the discretion of the Thames-Coromandel District Council.

1.2.3 WWI Living War Memorial Forest

Tony Jacobs supported the WWI Living War Memorial forests but questioned what the reason for this was and why it did not include WWII as well.

The Area Manager noted that the reason for the Living War Memorial forests were for the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli landings.

Resolved

That the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board:

1. Received the speakers in public forum.

Moved/Seconded By: Giles/Brooke

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:

KL Coppersmith

3.2 Community Board Discretionary Fund

Moved/Seconded By: Giles/Brooke

1.5 8 September 2014 Tairua-Pauanui Community Board - Confirmation of Minutes

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

Resolved

That the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board:

1. Confirmed the following Minutes:
Tairua-Pauanui Community Board Minutes - 8 September 2014
subject to Item 1.5 page 15 Item 6.2 Members' Reports Board member Giles corrected to *Board member Brooke*.

Moved/Seconded By: Coppersmith/Brooke

2 Governance

2.1 WWI Living War Memorial Forest - Tairua-Pauanui Community Board

The Community Board were informed about a proposal for WW1 Living War Memorial forests throughout the Coromandel and to ascertain support from this Board for a memorial forest to be established in its ward.

Key Discussion Points

- There was support for the idea of the WW1 Living War Memorial forests throughout the Coromandel.
- All Community Boards were represented at the initial meeting and everyone agreed in principle that it was a good idea.

- Delegate a Community Board representative to work with the working group and also endeavour to get schools behind the project. Tairua-Pauanui is at a disadvantage as they do not have an Area School in their ward,

Resolved

That the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board:

1. Received the report.
2. Endorsed a Living WW1 War memorial forest to be established in its ward.
3. Supported a working group being formed and one member from the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board be delegated to represent the Board on the development of a WWI Memorial for its ward.
4. Identified areas within their ward that would be a suitable location to plant on or utilise existing planting.

Moved/Seconded By: Bartley/Giles

3 Local Activities: Policy/Levels of Service Operational

3.1 Funding of Information Centres

For the Community Board to confirm the level of funding from 1 July 2015, when the Pauanui and Tairua Information Centres would be a local activity partly funded by the Community Board.

Key Discussion Points

- The Board has some concerns regarding clauses in the Service Level Agreement.
- The cost of funding information centres to the level proposed with the credit allowed for from the District rate is approximately \$8.45 per ratepayer.
- The business plans prepared by the Information Centres were excellent documents.
- Do not believe Council are supporting the information centres as well as they should be.
- In the Tairua-Pauanui Ward there are two Information Centres to fund and we also have to contribute to the Thames and Whitianga Information centres. The decision on the model for funding information centres has been made and passed by Council.
- There will need to be some flexibility in the SLA's regarding hours of operation, especially during the winter months.
- The Community Board to work with the information centres as the SLA is developed to reduce funding over time taking on board what they have included in their business plans.
- The Service Level Agreements will come back to the Community Board for approval before being signed.
- The resolution could be approved by inserting the words "subject to a satisfactory SLA being approved".
- Seek clarification on rating impact within the ward.
- There is an opportunity for Spark to provide sponsorship. It was noted that Spark were restructuring. TCDC were in the middle of negotiations with them but this is now on hold. There is an opportunity to reduce costs.

- The funding sought by Information Centres covers salaries. Other costs are absorbed by the centres.
- In our small communities Information Centres are the hubs of our local communities, providing networking and support.

Resolved

That the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board:

1. Received the report.
2. Confirmed the level of funding at \$64,000 to partly fund the Pauanui Information Centre and Tairua Information Centre for a contracted period of three (3) years.
3. Confirmed the funding would be from the local economic development activity.
4. Confirmed the funding in the Local Economic Development activity in the 2015-2025 Ten Year Plan.
5. Undertake contract negotiations with the Pauanui Information Centre and the Tairua Information Centre with a view to -
 - entering into a 3 year Service Level Agreement,
 - working with them to achieve a percentage decrease in funding over time,
 - taking on board what they have included in their business plans.

Moved/Seconded By: Giles/Brooke

3.2 Community Board Discretionary Fund

The use of a portion of the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board Discretionary Fund was considered by the Board.

Key Discussion Points

- The Hikuai District Trust are to be commended for the work being undertaken and the amount of volunteer work that has gone on through the community, through tradespeople providing equipment and general volunteer participation.

Resolved

That the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board:

1. Received the report.
2. Allocated an amount of \$6,300 from its 2014/15 discretionary fund of \$20,000 toward the construction of Section 2.1 of the Pauanui Tairua Trail.

Moved/Seconded By: Brooke/Giles

Board member Coppersmith took no part in this item

3.3 July - September 2014 District Libraries Quarterly Report - Thames, Mercury Bay and Tairua Libraries - Tairua-Pauanui Community Board

The activities and performance of the district libraries (Thames, Mercury Bay and Tairua) for July, August and September 2014 were reported on to the Board.

Key Discussion Points

- The first quarter library statistics were tabled.

Resolved

That the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board:

1. Received the report.

Moved/Seconded By: Brooke/Coppersmith

4 District Activities: Local Input Policy/Levels of Service

4.1 Accessibility Audit Reports - Tairua-Pauanui Community Board

The Tairua-Pauanui Community Board received the two accessibility audit reports for Tairua and Pauanui.

Key Discussion Points

- It was noted that these documents were guideline documents only to be used for referral purposes when setting footpath priorities.
- The Board had concerns about accepting these reports as it could be seen as creating expectations that issues identified for action were going to happen.
- It was suggested that these reports be workshopped and referred to when the Board go through their planning processes.

Resolved

That the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board:

1. Received the report.
2. Received the accessibility audit report for Tairua.
3. Received the accessibility audit report for Pauanui.

Moved/Seconded By: Renton/Brooke

5 District Activities

No items received.

6 Reports

6.1 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.

Board member Brooke

- The Business network is progressing well.
- Organisation for Wet n' Wild is progressing well. The event is growing with additional activities planned for the weekend.

Board member Giles

- Attended the Tairua Volunteer Fire Brigade service awards.
- The test tsunami warning siren could not be heard inside the Tairua Residential Care facility.
- Had some concerns with the town maintenance in Tairua.

Board member Bartley

- Congratulated the Board on their decision to fund their local information centres. These centres are the hub of our communities. They make a contribution to the wellbeing and mental health of the community.
- Commended the Board on their decision to support the WW1 Living War Memorial forest.

Board member Coppersmith

- Acted as tour guide for the ATEED group visit to the Peninsula.
- Fielded a large number of phone calls regarding the Royal Billy boat ramp.
- Pauanui Parks and Reserves committee getting on with their projects and carrying on with planting the Scar area opposite the waste water plant.
- Waikato Regional Council are supporting the Pauanui community by providing bait stations at a reduced cost to assist with rabbit eradication.
- Destination Coromandel should connect more with communities.

Board member Wells

- He is looking forward to the next meeting of the WW1 Living War Memorial forest working group and the public announcement of the memorial.
- Noted that Auckland Council is phasing out wood burners.

Board member Renton

- Expressed concern with the way staff had managed the erosion and public safety on Pauanui beach following the October storm sea-surges. He was advised by staff that measures would be taken to try and minimise the public safety risk in the most affected areas and he in turn advised the public accordingly. The risk to the public in an extremely dangerous situation was not minimised when he had been assured by the staff member that measures would be taken to minimise the risk.
- Noted that boat launching at Royal Billy boat ramp is currently restricted from half to full tide only.
- Thanked Board member Coppersmith and the walkway team for the work being undertaken on the Pauanui to Tairua trail. Council could be providing more assistance to overcome some of the barriers that they are experiencing, particularly with consent conditions.
- Mangrove removal. Costs incurred to date with both consenting and mangrove removal, were less than what WRC budgeted for. There has been no commitment from WRC as to whether the targeted rate amount will decrease to reflect this.

Resolved

That the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board:

1. Received the Members' Reports.

Moved/Seconded By: Brooke/Giles

Meeting Closed at 15:11

The foregoing Minutes were certified as being a true and correct record of the meeting of the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board held on 13 October 2014.

Chairperson _____ **Date** _____