



Minutes

of the

Thames-Coromandel District Council

Ordinary meeting

Date 22 October 2014
Venue Council Chamber
515 Mackay Street
Thames

Present

GF Leach JP (Mayor)

HD Bartley
DR Connors
SA Goudie
JT Wells

PA Brljevich
PL French
MK McLean JP

In attendance

Community Board Chairs

Paul Kelly JP, Bob Renton, Strat Peters, Keith Johnston.

Staff

David Hammond, Angela Jane, Ariana Wickliffe, Lurna White, Ben Day, Christine Tye, Greg Hampton, Steve Baker, Donna Holland, Vanessa Cooling, Paul Davies, Sam Napia, Peter Wishart.

Meeting commenced 09:00

Adjournment

His Worship
His Worship

Start

10:38
12:53

Finish

11:00
13:23

Reason

Morning Tea
Lunch

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1 Meeting conduct

1.1 Apologies

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the apologies from the following attendees for 22 October 2014.

Name	Reason	From	To
Councillor Connors	Lateness	09:00	09:15
Councillor Fox	District plan commitments	09:00	11:00
Board Chair Walker	Non-attendance	09:00	14:00

Moved/Seconded by: Leach/French

1.2 Public forum

Gary Blake-Historic Kopu Bridge Society

Garry Blake spoke to his tabled submission. As previously noted in prior presentations the Society still wished for the retention of the bridge and highlighted that the bridge was a major heritage structure. Mr Blake highlighted key facts that Council had already received including the NZTA rejection of a proposal to transfer the responsibility and maintenance of the bridge to the Society. Furthermore he noted consideration of ownership would only be given to a trust that included Council. Mr Blake communicated that professional advice had confirmed \$2.3 million would cover the cost of demolition and stated that under this scenario there would be no risk to Council. Mr Blake also clarified that the annual maintenance cost between \$60,000 and \$180,000 was incorrect and advised that the ongoing cost was between \$5,000 and \$10,000 and the maximum recommended peaked at \$60,000 in one year.

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives Gary Blake as a speaker in public forum.

Moved/Seconded by: Leach/French

1.3 Items not on the agenda

No further items were added to the agenda.

1.4 Conflict of interest

Councillor Brljevich noted a conflict of interest to item 7.2 Public Excluded - Hauraki Settlement - cultural redress proposal.

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Notes the conflict of interest from Councillor Brljevich to item 7.2 Public Excluded - Hauraki Settlement - cultural redress proposal.

Moved/Seconded by: Leach/French

1.5 Minutes for confirmation

Updated minutes were tabled reflecting minor typographical corrections for the meeting held on 24 September 2014 and presented for confirmation.

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives and confirms the minutes of the Thames-Coromandel District Council meeting held on 24 September 2014.

Moved/Seconded by: Leach/Brljevich

2 Governance, Planning and Strategy

2.1 Adoption of Revised Freedom Camping Bylaw

Staff presented the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2014 for adoption by the Council. The revised draft bylaw reflected resolutions made during deliberations.

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2014 report, dated 26 September 2014.
2. Adopts the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2014 in the form attached to the report.
3. Resolves that at 12 noon on 1 December 2014 the current Freedom Camping Bylaw 2011 is revoked and the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2014 comes into force.
4. Delegates to the Chief Executive authority to make decisions under clause 10 of the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2014.

Moved/Seconded by: French/Leach

3 Community Governance

3.1 Historic Kopu Bridge

Council was informed of the review of the Historic Kopu Bridge Society's (the Society) proposal for the management and upkeep of the old Kopu Bridge. Greg Hampton spoke to his report and highlighted recent events relating to the bridge retention proposal.

Key discussion points

- The Thames Community Board had made the following statement: the Board, supported the retention of the Historic Kopu Bridge and was prepared to fund the cost to make the bridge safe for public use (installation of the handrails) \$45,000 as a one-off cost on the proviso that the Council was prepared to support the retention of the old Kopu Bridge as a district heritage asset.
- The Hauraki Rail Trail Trust had noted in a resolution that it supported in principle the existence of the old Kopu Bridge, however it viewed the bridge as a separate component to the rail trail and would not require the bridge for access.
- Mayor Leach maintained that if the Council supported the Society to retain the bridge it would be conditional on measures that eliminated the risk of future costs to ratepayers. If the bridge was demolished, Council would oppose any partial demolition proposals that retained part sections of the bridge.
- Mayor Leach tabled a motion and advised that his support to the resolution would enable the Society time to investigate external funding options, while the NZTA resource consent process continued.
- Councillor Goudie noted her concerns in relation to ratepayers affected by any ongoing maintenance and liability costs inherited by the retention of the bridge and noted that the transfer of the resource consent would mean Council was taking responsibility.

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the Historic Kopu Bridge report, dated 1 October 2014.
2. Supports the retention of the Historic Kopu Bridge in principle conditional upon the following measures being achieved to remove all risk of future cost to the ratepayer:
 - a) a long term transferrable resource consent for future demolition being successfully achieved by NZTA;
 - b) certainty of operation, maintenance, and financial self-sustainability by an external management entity and;
 - c) certainty on the adequacy of future demolition funding received from NZTA.
3. If the Bridge is demolished Council will oppose any partial demolition proposals that retain only part sections of the bridge structure.
4. That if the Bridge is demolished the swing arm be located on land at a site agreed on by Thames-Coromandel District Council and Hauraki District Council, and at NZTA cost.

Moved/Seconded by: Leach/French

Councillors Goudie, Bartley and Wells voted against the motion. Councillor Goudie moved a motion, seconded by Councillor Bartley that Council would not assume any ownership and responsibility for the Historic Kopu Bridge. On being put the motion was lost.

4 Finance

4.1 30 September 2014 - Financial report for the three month period

Staff provided Council with cumulative financial information for the year to date to enable it to monitor the financial performance of the organisation. Chief Financial Officer, Steve Baker provided a verbal summary of the recent financials. The budget review team would be continuing to work with staff on the capital expenditure programme to reduce the gap between the programme and actual delivery.

Resolved:

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the Financial report for the three month period, dated 30 September 2014.

Moved/Seconded by: Mclean/Brijevich

4.2 Request to Council to carry forward unspent capital expenditure budgets from 2013-14 into 2014-15 financial year

Staff requested Council approval for carry forward expenditure from the 2013/14 financial year.

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the Request to Council to carry forward unspent capital expenditure budgets from 2013-14 into 2014-15 financial year report, dated 29 September 2014.
2. Approves the following capital expenditure carry forward requests for the 2014/15 financial year:

Project no.	Project description	Carry over request
2002	Pauanui Community Centre additional Land Purchase Comment - Land purchased in July 2014 delay due to resource consent.	\$289,900
1088	Public Convenience Renewals Comment - Tapu Toilet project spanned year end.	\$24,531
2293	Thames Parks - Minor Reserves projects Comment - New Walkway linking Monument with Albert street delayed.	\$28,592
2298	Thames street furniture renewals Comment - Bike rack installation in Pollen street.	\$4,044

Project no.	Project description	Carry over request
1027	Mercury Bay Sports Ground Comment - Multi-year project request relates to work on grass reestablishment component of the project.	\$196,950
2214	Water - Thames Urban reservoir replacements Comment - Programme spanned year end and was completed in July 2014.	\$55,000
1147	Footpath construction - Coromandel Colville Comment - construction of Manaia footpath which was not initiated until late 2013/14	\$11,748
2378	Waikawau No. 3 Bridge Comment - Due to tenders prices received it was decided to retender in 2014/15 with Waikawau No. 4 bridge replacement project	\$152,998
1157	Footpath Construction Whangamata Comment - Wentworth Valley walk/cycleway guardrail. Project commenced late 2013/14	\$73,020
TOTAL CARRY FORWARD PROPOSED FROM 2013/14 into 2014/15		\$836,783

Moved/Seconded by: Brijevich/McLean

4.3 Request to Council to adopt the Audited 2013-2014 Annual Report

The audited Annual Report in respect of the financial year ending 30 June 2014 was presented for Council adoption. Ben Halford from Audit New Zealand presented his comments on the Thames-Coromandel District Council Annual Report.

Key discussion points

- Mr Halford acknowledged that the performance and quality of the report had improved this year. He was satisfied by the responsiveness of staff to deal with issues in a timely manner.
- He suggested further work be continued to address the risk of earthquake prone buildings. No assessments were currently underway and he encouraged Council to investigate their own buildings.
- Mr Halford noted the improvements made to project definitions, including the tidy up and completion of 'work in progress' projects.
- He identified the significant changes to the legislative requirements for the next long term plan. He advised that the consultation document Council would make available early next year should address key issues for the next ten years, reflect not only management's view but the Council's involvement, and statements made should be clear and easy to read.

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the Request to Council to Adopt the Audited 2013-2014 Annual Report, dated 29 September 2014.
2. Adopts the audited 2013/14 Annual Report.

Moved/Seconded by: McLean/Brljevich

4.4 Draft Statement of Proposal - Development Contributions Policy

Staff provided Council with the draft statement of proposal including a revised development contributions policy for review and feedback, and sought a decision from the Council as to the form of consultation it wished to use in relation to the adoption of the revised policy.

Key discussion points

- Members expressed concerns to the level of detail in the revised policy. It was noted there were limited options available particularly in regards to areas of service (catchments). Staff also noted that additional work was to occur with the methodology for determining water and wastewater contribution on commercial activities.
- It was highlighted that a working group had been established to consider the various practicable options for the areas of service including district-wide, sub-district or local scheme (the current basis). Staff noted that the document presented in the agenda and to be made available to the public by 1 December reflected the changes to the Act and Council choices made to date. The policy would be updated further prior to the consultation process on the outstanding matters and with any subsequent Council decisions. Staff noted that there was an opportunity to address the further changes in the foreword of the draft statement of proposal and through communication on the website.

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the Draft Statement of proposal - Development Contributions Policy report, dated 30 September 2014.
2. Determines that the Special Consultative Procedure will be used for the adoption of the 2015 Development Contributions Policy.

Moved/Seconded by: McLean/Brljevich

5 Chief Executive

5.1 August and September 2014 - Chief Executive report

The Chief Executive presented a verbal update of significant projects since the last Council meeting.

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the August and September 2014 - Chief Executive report, dated 30 September 2014.

Moved/Seconded by: Leach/Wells

6 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 are presented below.

Key discussion points

- Deputy Mayor French tabled the following list of meetings he had attended during September:
29 - 30 September - New staff welcome, ATEED debrief and district tour with regional Council representatives, 1 October - District Plan hearings, 6 - 8 October - Regional Transport forum, Staff IT/IM update, Mayor Plus meeting, Coromandel Harbour Steering Group, Thames Community Board workshop, and NZTA representatives discuss district issues, 13 - 14 October - Thames Community Board meeting, Coromandel- Colville Community Board meeting, Mercury Bay Community Board meeting, 15 - 16 October - Council LTP Workshop, Whangamata Community Board, 20 - 24 October Hauraki Gulf Forum Seminar, Coro Harbour Updates, Staff update to Thames Coast road speed limits, Owners of 400 Queen Street issues.
- Mayor Leach read out an email from Noddy Watts (organiser of Beach Hop) and noted the success of the occasion. It was highlighted that the four day event had continued to lift the profile for the area.
- Mayor Leach acknowledged the overwhelming support for the proposed WWI Living War Memorial forests for Thames-Coromandel. It was noted that the timeframes were tight; the first memorial forest was expected to be launched in April 2015 to coincide with Anzac Day.
- The absence of public conveniences in a few of the rest areas and reserves between Whangamata and Thames was noted.

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the members' reports.

Moved/Seconded by: Wells/Brljevich

7 Public excluded

Resolved

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

<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>
Contractual arrangements with TwentyFour Group Ltd	7(2)(b)(ii) – Protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information. (7)(2)(i) – Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	(48)(1)(a)(i) – 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. Where the local authority is named or specified in the First Schedule to this Act, under section 6 or section 7 (except section 7(2)(f)(i) of this Act.
Hauraki settlement - Cultural redress proposal	(7)(2)(c)(ii) - Protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely otherwise to damage the public interest.	(48)(1) – Subject to subsection (3) of this section, a local authority may by resolution exclude the public from the whole or any part of the proceedings of any meeting only on one or more of the following grounds:
Whitianga Harbour Licence	7(2)(b)(ii) – Protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.	(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.

Moved/Seconded by: Leach/Wells

Meeting closed at 14:00

The foregoing minutes were certified as being a true and correct record of the Thames-Coromandel District Council held on Wednesday 22 October 2014.

Chairperson _____ **Date** _____