



Minutes

of the

Thames-Coromandel District Council

Ordinary meeting

Date 17 December 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, Greg Hampton, Steve Baker, Paul Davies, Bruce Hinson, Marion Smith, Jan Armstrong, Christine Tye.

Meeting commenced 09:05

Adjournment

His Worship
His Worship

Start

10:45
12:37

Finish

11:11
13:10

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 elected members for 17 December 2014.

Name	Reason	From	To
Councillor Fox	District plan commitments	09:05	13:46
Board Chair Walker	Non-attendance	09:05	13:46
Councillor Goudie	Non-attendance	12:06	13:46

Moved/seconded by: French/Mclean

1.2 Public forum

Linda Sayer

Ms Sayer spoke to item 2.4 - Fluoridation consultation. Ms Sayer started with a mihi (greeting) to the members and requested Council consider consulting on fluoridation. Ms Sayer explained the significance of water to her people, and their role in nurturing and protecting all aspects of nature. She noted that she viewed herself as part of the environment and any toxins like fluoride impact on the welfare of her family. She further stated that the public should have the choice to drink pure water instead of being subjected to mass medication.

Denise Davis

Ms Davis spoke to item 2.4 - Fluoridation consultation. Ms Davis tabled speaking notes, and presented 'water in a box' and bottled water to illustrate the expense to people who wanted to avoid fluoridated water. The cost of gathering water via stainless steel tanks was too expensive on a limited budget. In addition Ms Davis as a Moriori descendant expressed her concerns to the spiritual (wairua) integrity of the water. She urged members to think about the removal of fluoride to the water and suggested that a consultation process with the public would be the fairest option. Ms Davis stated that education on good dental hygiene would be money better spent, and a better option than fluoridating the water.

Jane Beck

Ms Beck spoke to item 2.4 - Fluoridation consultation. Ms Beck tabled speaking notes and a suggested resolution to undertake consultation as Council had already set an expectation to the community to consult on this matter as part of the Long Term Plan. She urged Council to consult on fluoridation before the end of 2015. Ms Beck opposed a referendum as it would not reflect the views of those who are truly informed.

Donna Grey

Ms Grey spoke to item 2.4 - Fluoridation consultation. Ms Grey began with a mihi (greeting) to the members, and expressed concern regarding the fluoridation of the Thames water supply. Ms Grey stated that as guardians of the water, she wished for the removal of fluoride now and for future generations.

Libby Boyd

Ms Boyd spoke to item 2.4 - Fluoridation consultation. Ms Boyd illustrated her concerns with fluoride as a poison in the water system. She noted that fluoride contained over one hundred different chemicals. She wished Council to consider consulting on the removal of fluoride and openly expressed her concerns to the mass medication that had taken place.

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives Linda Sayer, Denise Davis, Jane Beck, Donna Grey and Libby Boyd as speakers in the 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

No interests were declared.

1.5 Minutes for confirmation

The minutes for the Thames-Coromandel District Council for the meeting held on 19 November 2014 were presented for confirmation

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Confirms the minutes of the Thames-Coromandel District Council meeting held on 19 November 2014.

Moved/seconded by: Leach/French

2 Governance, Planning and Strategy

2.1 Correction to Freedom Camping Bylaw deliberations minutes

The Council minutes for the 24 September 2014 meeting, for the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2014 deliberations in relation to the pull-over area at Quarry Point, Kuaotunu were presented with suggested corrections.

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the 'Correction to Freedom Camping Bylaw Deliberation minutes' report, dated 2 December 2014.
2. Corrects decision resolution 38 in the Draft Freedom Camping Bylaw Deliberations minutes of 24 September 2014, to read as follows:

Resolved

"1. Amend area description to reference 'west' instead of 'east'.

Reasons for recommendation

- For correct referencing.
- 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."

Moved/seconded by: Brijevich/McLean

2.2 Correction to adopted Parking Control Bylaw

Council was advised of a clerical error within the adopted Parking Control Bylaw 2014 and staff requested that the correction be incorporated into the adopted bylaw.

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the 'Correction to Adopted Parking Control Bylaw' report, dated 2 December 2014.
2. Resolves to correct a clerical error in the Parking Control Bylaw 2014 by inserting the following clause with effect from 18 December 2014:
 - 10.2. A person with a current mobility parking permit may, in the event that a mobility parking space is not available in the immediate vicinity, park in a standard parking space without being required to comply with any time restrictions that may be in force.

Moved/seconded by: McLean/French

2.3 Policy Committee disbandment

The Mayor recommended the disbandment of the Policy Committee.

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the 'Policy Committee' report, dated 1 December 2014.
2. Disbands the Council's Policy Committee effective immediately; and
3. Reduces Councillor Goudie's remuneration from the Committee Chair rate to the Councillor rate effective immediately.

Moved/seconded by: Leach/Goudie

2.4 Fluoridation consultation

Council was asked to consider the Thames Community Board's recommendation on future consultation on fluoridation of the Thames water supply and endorse the recommendation to not consult on the matter of fluoridation in the 2015-25 Long Term Plan.

Motion

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the 'Fluoride consultation' report, dated 1 December 2014.
2. Endorses the Thames Community Board's recommendation that consultation is not undertaken on the matter of fluoridation in the 2015-25 LTP.
3. In order to honour previous commitments resolve to consult on the matter of fluoridation through a special consultative procedure at a another time but before the end of 2015.

Moved/seconded by: Connors/Brljevich
LOST 2-6

Motion

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the 'Fluoride consultation' report, dated 1 December 2014.
2. Endorses the Thames Community Board's recommendation that consultation is not undertaken on the matter of fluoridation in the 2015-25 LTP.

Moved/seconded by: Connors/Brljevich

Amendment

1. Receives the 'Fluoride consultation' report, dated 1 December 2014.
2. Endorses the Thames Community Board's recommendation that consultation is not undertaken on the matter of fluoridation in the 2015-25 LTP.
3. Instructs staff to arrange for a binding referendum to be undertaken in the second half of 2015 of the electors within the Thames water supply area of benefits to determine if fluoridation of the Thames water supply continues.

Moved/seconded by: Leach/Goudie

On being put the substantive motion was carried 6-2.

3 Community Governance

3.1 Deed of renewal - Ron and Donna Bergersen - Thames Airfield site

Council was asked to consider the approval of a right of renewal of lease between the Thames-Coromandel District Council and Ron and Donna Bergersen for part of the land (premises) located at the Thames Airfield located at 395 Ngati Maru Highway SH25.

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the 'Deed of renewal - Ron and Donna Bergersen, Thames Airfield report, dated 25 November 2014.
2. Approve the first and final right of renewal for 15 years commencing 1 October 2014, expiry 30 September 2029.

Moved/seconded by: Connors/French

4 Finance

4.1 Financial results for the period ended 30 November 2014

Council was provided with cumulative financial information for the year to date to enable it to monitor the financial performance of the organisation. The progress with the Ohuka Park connection was noted. Staff explained that the infrastructure was ready for installation and that all required residents' forms had been received.

Resolved

That the Thames Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the 'Financial results for the period ended 30 November 2014 report, dated 3 December 2014.

Moved/seconded by: French/Bartley

5 Chief Executive

5.1 Chief Executive November 2014 report

The Chief Executive invited senior members to update Council on the significant projects since the last meeting:

Garry Towler Area Manager - Whangamata and Tairua-Pauanui, updated members on the Coromandel great walks project. He noted a car park issue had arisen at Hahei, but a working party had been established to address it.

Greg Hampton Area Manager - Thames and Coromandel, updated members on the Hauraki Rail Trail - Kaiaua to Kopu project. He noted that the Piako river bridge crossing permit had been declined by the transport agency and that more work was required. He also noted that the Trust was working hard to overcome the recent contract and communication issues.

Bruce Hinson, Infrastructure Manager advised members that the Biosolids composter was no longer operating and confirmed that the plant had been shut down.

The Chief Executive presented the Emergency Response Plan to members. Marion Smith - Community Environment Manager, explained that the plan was provided as a quick and easy reference to guide staff in the event of an emergency. She noted that this was produced as a result of the June storm event. The plan illustrated the different civil defence functions and the staff that are linked with each.

District plan update

Mark Farnsworth, Ian Munro and Councillor Fox presented an update to the District Plan Hearings Panel Commissioners. Commissioner Farnsworth acknowledged the hearings committee key drivers were taking note of the principles of the plan which included: simplicity, reduce red tape and reduce repetition. He noted the importance this had when the panel evaluated and considered the proposed decisions. Mark further acknowledged that many submitters had a high acceptance of the staff decisions, and noted the pragmatic approach by many submitters to the various options.

Hauraki Rail Trail Trust

Caroline Lynch the Trust's new administrator presented an annual update to Council. Ms Lynch noted that a signage strategy had been implemented. This was to be included on the trails to further enhance the visitors' experience. Members asked Ms Lynch if the relationship had improved with the contractor. Ms Lynch explained this was a work in progress and that the communication needed further improvement.

Sport Waikato

Matthew Cooper - Chief Executive Office of Sport Waikato and Michelle Hollands - Regional Facilities Advisor informed the members about the regional partnership strategy. They identified a number of challenges moving forward with this strategy. This included improving collaboration, meeting community needs, changing sport preferences, maintenance and sustainability of assets. Ms Hollands acknowledged that Sport Waikato's role was to enable the Council to provide leadership and identify potential sub-regional projects. Ms Hollands added that the research indicated that Thames-Coromandel District Council had the highest proportion of elderly residents. She suggested that any future projects would need to consider and provide a direct benefit to this age group.

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the 'Chief Executive November 2014 report', dated 3 December 2014.

Moved/seconded by: Wells/French

6 Members' 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.

Written reports and minutes of meetings attended were presented below.

Deputy Mayor French tabled the following list of meetings that he attended during the months of November- December 2014:

20 - 21 November: District Plan Hearings and Thames Community Board workshop.

24 - 25 November: Thames and Coromandel-Colville Community Board meetings

27 - 29 November: Thames-Coromandel and Hauraki sports awards, Hauraki Gulf Marine Spatial Plan and Puka Park Resort.

1 - 2 December: Regional Transport Committee and Council Transport forum

8 - 10 December: Hauraki Gulf forum, Infrastructure Committee and Citizenship ceremony.

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the Members' reports.

Moved/seconded by: Wells/McLean

7 Public Excluded

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council excluded 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>
19 November 2014, 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.
Whitianga Wastewater Treatment Plant - Dewatering Renewal	(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) – 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.
Operations and Maintenance Contract Extension	(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) – 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.
New Lease - Vodafone - Telecommunication Purposes	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	(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

	information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	this Act.
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Moved/seconded by: Connors/McLean

Resolved

That the public be re-admitted to the meeting and resolutions taken with the public excluded be confirmed in the public session except for the following items which are to remain in the Public excluded minute book.

Item	Description
7.1	19 November 2014, public excluded Thames-Coromandel District Council minutes for confirmation.
7.2	New lease - Vodafone - Telecommunication purpose

Moved/seconded by: Brljevich/Leach

Meeting closed at 13:46

The foregoing minutes were certified as being a true and correct record of the meeting of the Thames-Coromandel District Council held on 17 December 2014.

Chairperson _____ **Date** _____