



Minutes

of the

Thames-Coromandel District Council

Ordinary meeting

Date 28 January 2015
Venue Council Chamber
515 Mackay Street
Thames

Present

GF Leach JP (Mayor)

HD Bartley
DR Connors
MK McLean JP

PA Brljevich
PL French
JT Wells

In attendance

Community Board Chairs

John Walker QSM, Paul Kelly JP, Bob Renton, Keith Johnston.

Staff

David Hammond, Angela Jane, Ariana Wickliffe, Lurna White, Greg Hampton, Emma Wright, Scott Summerfield, Simon Stephens, Joy Hames, Garry Towler, Steve Baker, Paul Davies.

Meeting commenced

11:00

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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 28 January 2015.

Name	Reason	From	To
Board Chair Peters	Non-attendance	11:00	13:33
Councillor Goudie	Non-attendance	11:00	13:33

Moved/seconded by: Brljevich/Leach

1.2 Public forum

No speakers at the public forum.

1.3 Items not on the agenda

No further items were added to the agenda.

1.4 Conflict of interest

Councillor Fox declared a conflict interest on item 2.1 - Remuneration for additional responsibilities – Councillor Fox.

Moved/seconded by: McLean/Leach

1.5 Minutes for confirmation

The minutes for the Thames-Coromandel District Council for the meeting held on 17 December 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 17 December 2014.

Moved/seconded by: French/Brljevich

2 Governance, Planning and Strategy

2.1 Remuneration for additional responsibilities - Councillor Fox

Council was asked to approve the additional remuneration for Councillor Fox for his work on the District Plan Hearing Panel.

Councillor Fox having declared a conflict of interest left the chambers for item 2.1 from 11:08am – 11:12am.

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the 'Remuneration for additional responsibilities - Councillor Fox' report, dated 12 January 2015.
2. Approves the additional payment of \$3,190 in the 2014/15 financial year to Councillor Fox for additional responsibilities as a member of the District Plan Hearings Panel subject to approval from the Remuneration Authority.

Moved/seconded by: French/McLean

2.2 Cemeteries bylaw review report

Council was asked to approve the draft Cemeteries bylaw that was tabled with corrections noted to be released for public consultation.

Greg Hampton clarified for the members why council discretion on allowing pre-purchase of multiple plots is included in the proposed bylaw. The discretion allows for assessment on a case by case basis so that the cemeteries can be maintained and operated as efficiently as possible.

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council

1. Receives the 'Cemeteries Bylaw Review' report, dated 9 January 2015.
2. Notes the assessment of issues and implications outlined in the determination report (Attachment A).
3. Agrees that a bylaw is still the most appropriate and cost-effective way to appropriately control the cemeteries activity in the Thames-Coromandel District.
4. Endorses the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw 2015, Statement of Proposal and Summary for release as the basis for a public consultation.
5. Approves the Proposed Cemeteries Bylaw 2015, Statement of Proposal and Summary to be publicly notified for consultation.
6. As part of this consultation, agrees that the current bylaw will be revoked and replaced by the revised bylaw.

Moved/seconded by: Bartley/McLean

2.3 Draft Gambling Venue Policy and Board Venue Policy

Council was asked to approve the Draft Gambling Venue Policy and Board Venue Policy to be released for public consultation.

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the 'Draft Gambling Venue Policy and Board Venue Policy' report, 12 January 2015.
2. Approves the attached Draft Gambling Venue Policy and Board Venue Policy and statement of proposal for public consultation.

Moved/seconded by: Leach/French

2.4 Draft Psychoactive Product Retail Location Policy

Council was asked to approve the Draft Psychoactive Product Retail Location Policy to be released for public consultation.

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the 'Draft Psychoactive Product Retail Location Policy' report, dated 12 January 2015.
2. Approves the attached draft psychoactive product retail location policy and statement of proposal for public consultation.

Moved/seconded by: French/Bartley

2.5 Distribution of Asset Sales Policy

Council was presented with the Draft distribution of Asset Sales proceeds policy for adoption by the Council within the 2015-25 Long Term Plan consultation.

The policy provided guidance for consistent and fair decision-making in the distribution of asset sales proceeds when no direction was set on the use of those proceeds from the procurement or any other legal requirement associated with the asset.

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the 'Distribution of asset sales proceeds policy' report, dated 12 January 2015.
2. Adopts the attached Proposed Distribution of asset sales proceeds policy which contains Option 1 from the discussion report for implementation from 28 January 2015.

Moved/seconded by: Leach/McLean

3 Community Governance

3.1 Delegated authority to apply for Fundraising grants for the Thames Indoor Sports facility Project

Council was asked to formalise delegate authority to the Chief Executive (CE) and/or the Deputy Chief Executive (DCE) to sign off on all public fundraising grant applications for the Thames Indoor Sports Facility.

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the 'Delegated authority for fundraising grant applications - Thames Indoor Sports Facility Project' report, dated 7 January 2015.
2. Delegates authority to the Chief Executive and/or the Deputy Chief Executive to authorise, on behalf of Council, all fundraising applications in relation to the Thames Indoor Sports Facility project.

Moved/seconded by: Brljevich/Connors

3.2 Delegated authority to apply for Fundraising grants for the Thames Skate Park project

Council was asked to formalise delegate authority to the Chief Executive (CE) and/or the Deputy Chief Executive (DCE) to sign off on all public fundraising grant applications for the Thames Skate Park project.

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the 'Delegated authority for fundraising grant applications - Thames Skate Park project' report, dated 7 January 2015.
2. Delegates authority to the Chief Executive and/or the Deputy Chief Executive to authorise, on behalf of the Thames Coromandel District Council, all fundraising applications in relation to the Thames Skate Park project.
3. Instructs staff to provide a report to Council on a permanent delegation for approval to submit applications for external grants.

Moved/seconded by: Connors/French

3.3 New Zealand World War 1 - Memorial Forests Te Wao Whakamaumaharatanga

Council was asked to approve New Zealand World War One Memorial Forests project, and the first tranche of expenditure totalling \$65,000 in the 2014/15 year.

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the 'New Zealand World War 1 Memorial Forest - Te Wao Whakamaumaharatanga' report, dated 15 January 2015.
2. Proceeds with the project; and
 - Selects Option C - Using volunteers for initial planting and maintenance, but contractors for site preparation and long-term maintenance if required (\$452,556 budget over 10 years, less income from tree sales).
3. Endorses the expenditure of \$65,000 from existing Council funds in the 2014/15 year so that the project may commence on Anzac Day 2015.

Moved/seconded by: Fox/Leach

4 2015-2025 Long Term Plan

4.1 Rates Remission Policy

Council was asked to approve the rates remission policy as supporting information for the 2015 Long Term Plan consultation document. The report also noted the review process for the Rates Postponement Policy and the Policy on the Remission and Postponement of Rates on Māori Freehold Land and Council was asked to approve the 2012 policies within supporting information for the 2015 Long Term Plan.

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the 'Rates relief policies' report, dated 15 January 2015.
2. Approves the revised Rates Remissions Policy, with the changes noted below, as the basis for the remissions budget within the 2015-25 Draft Long Term Plan and for public consultation over March/April (concurrently with the 2015-25 Long Term Plan consultation);
 - First sentence under 2.7.2 - change three months to six months
 - Second sentence under 2.16.1 change to - "The quantum of remission to the retirement village resident will be equal to the equivalent of the government's rates rebate scheme."
 - First eligibility criteria under 2.16.2 change to - "The retirement village must be a registered retirement village under the Retirement Villages Act 2003."
3. Approves the current Rates Postponement Policy and the Policy on the remission and postponement of rates on Maori freehold land continue following the 2015 review; and
4. Reviews the Rates Postponement Policy and the Policy on the remission and postponement of rates on Maori freehold land within the next three years after the Hauraki Treaty settlements have been finalised.

Moved/seconded by: McLean/Fox

4.2 Revenue & Financing Policy

Council was asked to approve the revised Revenue and Financing Policy as supporting information for the Long Term Plan consultation document and approval to release the revised policy for public consultation in March.

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the 'Revised Revenue and Financing Policy' report, dated 22 January 2015.
2. Adopts the revised Revenue and Financing Policy as supporting information for the 2015-25 Draft Long Term Plan and approves the release of the revised policy for public consultation over March/April (concurrently with the 2015-25 Long Term Plan consultation).

Moved/seconded by: Fox/McLean

4.3 Long Term Plan documents

Council was presented with the draft consultation document for the Long Term Plan, the Financial Strategy, Infrastructure Strategy, forecasting assumptions and activity performance measures for adoption as supporting information for the consultation document and associated audits.

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the 'Long Term Plan documentation' report, dated 22 January 2015.
2. Approves the content of the draft consultation document with the noted amendments from the morning workshop as a basis for the Long Term Plan audit in February 2015;
3. Endorses the draft content of the following supporting information for use in the audit, noting that final documents will be presented for adoption in March prior to consultation:
 - Draft financial strategy
 - Draft infrastructure strategy
 - Draft financial statements, capital expenditure and rating information
4. Adopts the following supporting information, required to be adopted by Section 93G of the Local Government Act 2002, in relation to the 2015-25 Long Term Plan and the Consultation Document:
 - Forecasting assumptions
 - Activity performance measures
 - Capital expenditure by area.

Moved/seconded by: French/Leach

5 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.

Several members noted that during the summer period they had attended business and ratepayers meetings.

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the Members' reports.

Moved/seconded by: Wells/Fox

6 Public excluded

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council excluded the public from the following parts of the proceeding 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>
Public Excluded Thames Coromandel District Council minutes for confirmation	<p>7(2)(a) – Protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons</p> <p>(7)(2)(g) – Maintain legal professional privilege.</p>	<p>(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.</p>
New Lease - Vodafone - Telecommunication purposes	<p>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.</p> <p>(7)(2)(i) – Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).</p>	<p>(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.</p>
Appeals to the Provisional Local Alcohol Policy	<p>(7)(2)(g) – Maintain legal professional privilege.</p>	<p>(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.</p>

		<p>(48)(1)(d) – That the exclusion of the public from the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting is necessary to enable the local authority to deliberate in private on its decision or recommendation in any proceedings to which this paragraph applies.</p>
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Moved/seconded by: Connors/Brijevich

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
6.1	Public excluded minutes
6.2	Appeals to Provisional Local Alcohol Policy

Moved/seconded by: French/Fox

Meeting closed at 13:33

The foregoing minutes were certified as being a true and correct record of the meeting of the Thames-Coromandel District Council held on 28 January 2015.

Chairperson _____ **Date** _____