



Minutes

of the

Tairua-Pauanui Community Board

Ordinary Meeting

Date 16 February 2015
Venue Tairua Library Meeting Room
2 Manaia Road
Tairua

Present

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

In Attendance

Name	Item(s)
Garry Towler (Area Manager Whangamata/Tairua-Pauanui)	All items
Lorna Price (Community Co-ordinator Tairua-Pauanui)	All items
Ross Ashby (Programme Manager)	All items
David Hammond (Chief Executive)	All items
Glenn Leach (Mayor)	Item 1.1
Angela Jane (Governance and Strategy Manager)	Item 2.2

Apologies

KL Coppersmith

Meeting Commenced 13:00

Adjournments and Absences

Adjournment	Start	Finish	Reason
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Absences	Start	Finish	Item
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1 Meeting Conduct

1.1 Apologies

Apology received from KL Coppersmith.

Resolved

That the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board:

1. Received the apology from KL Coppersmith.

Moved/Seconded By: Giles/Wells

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 WW1 Living Memorial Forest

Brian Waterman, on behalf of the Tairua RSA expressed concern with the lack of involvement to date of the districts RSA's on this project. They acknowledged and supported the initiative to set up this project. Their main concern was that they had not had any consultation with Council and it appeared that the project was well underway and the sites for establishment of trees had been selected.

It was also noted that Tairua was well advanced with its WW1 commemoration for Anzac Day this year.

The Board Chair confirmed that the RSA's were on the list to be contacted for representation on the working group, which had not as yet met. It was not yet definite who would be part of this group and how it would go forward.

The Mayor gave an update on the project and apologised to the Tairua RSA members for not contacting them regarding the working group and for them being in a situation where they felt they were not included. He invited them to nominate a member of the Tairua RSA to be included in the group and also to suggest any suitable sites for the establishment of a WW1 forest in the Tairua area. Patrick Heath Memorial reserve was an area they considered as a suitable site.

Tony Jacobs, on behalf of the Tairua Residents and Ratepayers Association Incorporated also spoke in support of the WW1 Living Memorial Forest.

1.2.2 Update from the Mayor

Glenn Leach, Mayor noted that there were a lot of good things that had happened over the term of this Council but that there was a lot of work in front of them for the remainder of their term. He also noted that Council are getting a lot of leverage from the Coromandel Great Walks and Economic Development is huge. He believes it has never been undertaken to this magnitude by any Council.

He noted the concerns that this Board had with regard to the Tairua water supply and confirmed that this was still being investigated.

Resolved

That the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board:

1. Receive the speakers in public forum.

Moved/Seconded By: Wells/Giles

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.

There were no interests declared.

1.5 24 November 2015 Tairua-Pauanui Community Board

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

Key Discussion Points

- Freedom Camping bylaw
 - The Board Chair expressed concern that enforcement staff had decided that designated areas in Pauanui should not stipulate maximum numbers of vehicles but rather a specified area size to manage the number of vehicles in a designated area.
 - The Community Board had chosen to stipulate the maximum number of vehicles in designated areas in Pauanui rather than use area size to manage freedom camping in these areas as was recommended by staff.
 - The Board chair disputed the staff decision to manage the designated sites in area size instead of maximum vehicle numbers.

Resolved

That the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board:

1. Confirmed the following Minutes:
Tairua-Pauanui Community Board Minutes - 24 November 2014

Subject to the following amendments:

Item 2.2 page 5: The Board Chair disputed the staff decision to transfer the designated sites to 'area' instead of 'numbers of vehicles' per site.

The Chair requested clarification from Council's legal adviser as to the legitimacy of the decision making process being provided by the next community board meeting.

Item 6.1 page 13 Members Reports - Board member Brooke -4th bullet point Tairua Police corrected to Tairua Youth Group.

Moved/Seconded By: Brooke/Giles

2 Governance

2.1 Non-notified Resource Consent Comments

The Community Board were informed of resource consent applications that were referred to it by the Planning Group within Council and any comments made by its delegated members.

Resolved

That the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board:

1. Received the report.

Moved/Seconded By: Wells/Brooke

2.2 Psychoactive Products, Gambling and Cemeteries February 2015 consultation

An update was provided on a draft Psychoactive Products Retail Location Policy, a draft Gambling Venue Policy and Board Venue Policy, and a review of the Cemeteries Bylaw. At a meeting of the Thames-Coromandel District Council on 28 January 2015 the Council directed staff to begin public consultation on these policies and the bylaw on 9 February 2015.

Key Discussion Points

- David Hammond Chief Executive spoke to this report highlighting key points.
 - Proposed psychoactive product retail location policy
 - The legislation states retail sites cannot be banned from the district.
 - It is proposed to allow for only two sites in Thames.
 - Proposed Gambling venue and board venue policy
 - It is still a sinking lid policy.
 - Has the ability to merge two venues while retaining the same number of machines.
 - Review Cemeteries bylaw
 - The Board queried whether families were able to back-fill a grave after a funeral. Clarification of this would be sought from staff and provided to Board members.
 - Being in a rural environment the Board felt that the proposed latest funeral arrival time for the Winter period - 1 April to 30 September - 9:00am - 2:00pm was too early and should be retained at 4:00pm.
 - It was pointed out that for health and safety reasons the change to the proposed Winter period hours was so that staff were not back-filling graves in low light and/or darkness.
 - The current bylaw permits burials until 4:00pm.

- The Area Manager will seek clarification on the legislative requirements regarding the time for the last burial.

Resolved

That the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board:

1. Received the report.
2. Confirmed that it would make a submission on the Cemeteries bylaw seeking for the Winter period hours 1 April to 30 September be from 9:00am to 4:00pm.
3. Confirmed that it would make a submission in support of the proposed Psychoactive product retail location policy not considering it appropriate to include the town centres of Tairua and Pauanui as they do not have the same high frequency of pedestrian activity and are not patrolled as regularly by police.

Moved/Seconded By: Brooke/Wells

2.3 Youth Projects - Update

1 Purpose of Report

The Community Board was informed of Youth projects being undertaken District Wide.

Resolved

That the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board:

1. Received the report.

Moved/Seconded By: Giles/Brooke

3 Local Activities: Policy/Levels of Service Operational

3.1 Application for Community Grant

The Community Board considered an application for community grant funding for a contribution towards the purchase of rabbit bait stations for Pauanui.

Resolved

That the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board:

1. Received the report.
2. Approved the community grant application by the Pauanui Ratepayers and Residents Association Incorporated for a grant of \$200 towards the purchase of rabbit bait stations.

Moved/Seconded By: Brooke/Wells

3.2 October - December 2014 Quarterly Report - Pauanui Community Library

The Community Board received the quarterly performance results for the Pauanui Community Library for the months of October, November and December 2014.

Resolved

That the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board:

1. Received the report.

Moved/Seconded By: Giles/Wells

4 District Activities: Local Input Policy/Levels of Service

4.1 October - December 2014 District Libraries Quarterly Report - Thames, Mercury Bay and Tairua Libraries

The activities and performance of the district libraries (Thames, Mercury Bay and Tairua) for October, November and December 2014 were reported on.

Key Discussion Points

- It was noted that book issues were a declining trend as more information is accessed online, particularly via mobile devices.
- Use of Libraries is becoming less about books and more about a community hub providing information.

Resolved

That the Tairua - Pauanui Community Board:

1. Received the report.

Moved/Seconded By: Wells/Giles

5 District Activities

No items received.

6 Reports

6.1 Tairua-Pauanui Community Board - 2014-2015 Work Programme - Update

An update was provided to the Community Board on their 2014-2015 Work Programme.

Key Discussion Points

- Community Plans: Tairua is reviewing its community plan. We are looking at going out for community consultation on the Plan at the same time as the 2015-2025 Long term plan. The community need to think about priorities.
- Emergency Management: Staff are holding a workshop for Emergency Services personnel on the Eastern Coromandel Tsunami Strategy on the 10th April 2015 in Whangamata.
- Puketui Valley Road dust seal update: Due to delays on other sites this is now scheduled for March.
- Water: The Water Demand Strategy will be available by June 2015. The Board Chair had a number of queries that had not been addressed. He was to forward these to the Chief Executive to follow up.

Resolved

That the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board:

1. Received the report.

Moved/Seconded By: Wells/Brooke

6.2 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

- Attended the Tairua Information Centre meeting on the 18th May. It was noted that funding for Information Centres will go through the Long Term Plan process and the proposed funding is supported by the Community Board.

Board member Wells

- Noted his concerns regarding the caravan issue and recent kerb side collection.

Board member Giles

- Involved with Hikuai Community Plan.
- Making good progress with the Tairua Community Plan.
- Grahams Creek one lane bridge on state highway is dangerous for pedestrians.
- The Tairua school role continues to increase.
- Freedom camping is causing an issue.
- Tairua Residents & Ratepayers Annual General meeting is on Sunday 22nd February

Board member Bartley

- The point of difference for Tairua as presented by the Tairua Information Centre is unique and cannot be duplicated anywhere else.

Board member Renton

- The Hikuai District Trust are doing well with the walkway. They have raised a considerable amount of external funding which is a credit to the group of volunteers.
- Solid waste collections went fairly well in Pauanui except for Waitangi weekend.
- Feedback was positive over the condition of the parks and reserves.
- Eastern seaboard erosion comes down to having a management and maintenance plan. Weeding should be built into the Parks Maintenance contract. Eastern Seaboard Coastal Management Plan approved by the Board to go back to the working group.

Resolved

That the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board:

1. Received the Members' Reports.

Moved/Seconded By: Wells/Bartley

Meeting Closed at 15:43

The foregoing Minutes were certified as being a true and correct record of the meeting of the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board held on 16 February 2015.

Chairperson _____ **Date** _____