



Minutes

of the

Thames-Coromandel District Council

2015-2025 draft Long Term Plan and associated policies hearing and Special meeting

Date Tuesday 28 April 2015
Venue Mercury Bay Boating Club
93A Buffalo Beach Road
Whitianga

Present

GF Leach JP (Mayor)

HD Bartley
DR Connors
MK McLean JP
T Fox

S Goudie
PL French
JT Wells

In attendance

Community Board Chairs

B McLean (Deputy Board Chair), K Johnston.

Staff

David Hammond, Steve Baker, Marion Smith, Scott Summerfield, Graham McDermott, Michelle Baker.

Meeting commenced 09:00am

Adjournment

His Worship
His Worship

Start

10:35
12:55

Finish

10:45
13:20

Reason

Morning Tea
Lunch

Date
Venue

Wednesday 29 April 2015
Council Chambers
515 Mackay Street
Thames

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DR Connors
PL French
JT Wells

PA Brijevich
LA Fox
SA Goudie

In attendance

Community Board Chairs

P Kelly JP, K Johnson, S Peters, B Renton.

Staff

David Hammond, Steve Baker, Marion Smith, Christine Tye, Graham McDermott, Ariana Wickliffe

Meeting commenced 09:01am

Adjournment

His Worship
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Start	Finish
10:31	10:41
12:55	13:34

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Morning Tea
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Meeting commenced 09:03am

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1 Meeting conduct

1.1 Apologies

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council receives the apologies from the following elected members for Tuesday 28 April 2015:

Name	Reason	From	To
Councillor Connors	Lateness	09:00	10:29
Councillor Brljevich	Non-attendance	09:00	15:16
Board Chair Peters	Non-attendance	09:00	15:16
Board Chair Walker	Non-attendance	09:00	15:16
Board Chair Renton	Non-attendance	09:00	15:16
Board Chair Kelly	Non-attendance	09:00	15:16

Moved/seconded by: Fox/McLean

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council receives the apologies from the following elected members for Wednesday 29 April 2015:

Name	Reason	From	To
Councillor McLean	Non-attendance	09:01	16:06
Board Chair Walker	Non-attendance	09:01	16:06

Moved/seconded by: Fox/French

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council receives the apologies from the following elected members for Thursday 30 April 2015:

Name	Reason	From	To
Councillor McLean	Non-attendance	09:03	10:24
Board Chair Peters	Non-attendance	09:03	10:24
Board Chair Renton	Non-attendance	09:03	10:24
Board Chair Walker	Non-attendance	09:03	10:24

Moved/seconded by: Leach/French

1.2 Conflict of interest

No conflicts of interest were received.

2 Long Term Plan and associated policies hearing submissions

2.1 Anna Horne

Ms Horne spoke to her submissions (LTP15_310, RFIN_165, DC_5) specifically on the Arts Strategy, the need for a climate change budget and strategy, and tourism event ideas.

Councillor Goudie requested clarification to Ms Horne's statement on the district losing habitat due to climate change. Ms Horne advised she referred to coastal sections/settlements impacted by sea level rise and storm events.

2.2 John Wright - Mercury Bay Area School

Mr Wright spoke to his submission for Mercury Bay Area School (LTP15_110) specifically on requesting support for the provision of community facilities within the Mercury Bay Area School, support towards the school's gymnasium as a community facility and joint venture developments.

Deputy Mayor French queried whether the utilisation of school facilities and it becoming a community environment was supported at central government level. Mr Wright responded that government policy had set a precedent around public private partnerships (PPP) and the process of joint ventures. The Ministry of Education was very supportive of community involvement with schools.

Councillor Goudie sought clarification on his use of the phrase 'paying it forward' to which he clarified that it was not necessarily relating to financial contributions but investing in our young people and setting the example to them of paying it forward.

2.3 Evans Young - Hopper Developments Ltd

Mr Young spoke to his tabled item and Hopper Developments Ltd submission (DC_1, RFIN_45) to reinforce Hopper Development Ltd's requests made in relation to the Revenue and Finance Policy and the Development Contributions Policy.

Councillor Goudie queried Hopper Development Ltd's position on pre-existing arrangements made to which Mr Young replied they were already legally set and had no intention to challenge these.

2.4 Stella Pennell

Ms Pennell spoke to her submission (LTP15_73) relating to the development of a district-wide Arts Strategy.

Mayor Leach asked how Ms Pennell thought we could tap into the \$400,000 allocated from central government to Creative Waikato. Ms Pennell responded that an arts coordinator and arts strategy would allow the district to seek other funding sources.

Ms Pennell responded to Deputy Mayor French's query whether she has looked at other council's art strategies and if they had achieved what they had sought to by advising this

was not an area she had done any research in however it would seem important to utilise the best of what other council's had achieved to create our own district strategy.

Community Board Chair Johnston posited whether an arts strategy could be modelled against the way sports trusts are run and funded by central government to which Ms Pennell responded that this was a very different set up which had been running for a significant length of time.

2.5 John Rich - Department of Conservation

Mr Rich spoke to the Department of Conservation's (DOC) submission (LTP15_93) to reinforce the request made from DOC to Council for the financial contribution to complete the Kauaeranga Valley Road seal.

Mr Rich responded that DOC had not approached Waikato Regional Council as a funding source for the seal of Kauaeranga Valley Road in response to Councillor Goudie's query.

Deputy Mayor French asked what importance DOC has placed on the maintenance for the rest of the DOC road from the centre to the top of the hill to which Mr Rich advised that DOC had been seeking advice from the Council's Roding Manager as to a proactive regime for maintenance. Mr Rich also advised that DOC had recently been made an authority to manage roads by New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) conditionally. On the completion of roading management plans DOC would be able to apply for the NZTA subsidies.

2.6 John Duthie - Burfoot Ltd

Mr Duthie spoke to his tabled item and Burfoot Ltd's submission (LTP15_146) specifically relating to areas which impacted Burfoot Ltd's development in Matarangi.

2.7 Jillian Kaeppli

Ms Kaeppli spoke to her submission (LTP15_114) on the topic of the proposal for an annual fixed rate for short term accommodation providers.

2.8 Jan Wright

Ms Wright spoke from her tabled items on behalf of Deborah Hide-Bayne's submission (LTP15_39), Creative Mercury Bay's submission (LTP15_74) and her own submission (LTP15_42).

2.9 Lesley McCormick

Ms McCormick spoke to her tabled item and submission (LTP15_135) and to a tabled item and the submission (LTP15_138) on behalf of Robinson Road Harbour Foreshore Group.

In response to Mayor Leach's query Ms McCormick advised she was supportive of the use of targeted rates where it was to improve infrastructure.

Peter French posited that with increased economic development activity across the district and with greater promotion it would result in a positive impact to those renting baches. Ms McCormick advised that Council at this point had been successful in the area of tourism and

that it would be premature to keep putting more money into this area. Ms McCormick raised that Council is creating a disincentive for owning a bach on the peninsula where you could not offset the cost with occasional renting of your property.

Mayor Leach queried whether Ms McCormick would favour a bed tax (paying only for how many nights were sold) as an alternative to which Ms McCormick responded that as they are not approaching this as a commercial venture bach owners should not be penalised.

Community Board Chair Johnson queried her stance on the local empowerment model and Ms McCormick advised it was a noble philosophy however expressed efficiency and economy of scale were better managed operationally at a district level and could not see the benefit of public conveniences going back to a local level.

2.10 Lizzy Leckie

Ms Leckie spoke in support of her submission (LTP15_212) on the topic of the Arts Strategy adding additional reasoning that an Arts Strategy would enhance the environment, enrich the community, add mana and promote the peninsula's heritage creating something distinctive.

She also provided comment that the Coromandel is built on tourism and we would not cope with it as a revenue source, the arts create a beacon which attracts and catches the eye allowing for word of mouth extending far beyond the Coromandel.

She noted that an Arts Strategy would allow Council to maximise existing potential of other projects such as the Great Walks and cycle trails.

Councillor Connors queried if Ms Leckie considered an Arts Strategy would make it easier to get funding to which she responded that it would open us up to larger funding sources.

2.11 Mervyn Trebes

Mr Trebes spoke to his submission (LTP15_264) on the topic of the proposal for an annual fixed rate for short term accommodation providers.

Mr Trebes responded to Deputy Mayor French's query on the view some people have that short term accommodation providers are not competing with motels as they have different clientele than those who use the short term accommodation. Tenants may have gone to motels previously and were now aware of different options available. He had no issue with competition of those renting but they needed to contribute evenly to make it a fair playing field.

Councillor Goudie posited if it was a desire for a different experience that they used alternate accommodation to which he responded that there definitely should be a variety of venues but those gaining need to be treated equally.

2.12 Jenny Wolf - Aged Concern

Ms Wolf spoke to her tabled item and Aged Concern's submission (LTP15_271) and their request for \$13,315 per annum over 3 years.

Deputy Mayor French questioned if Aged Concern received any central government funding to which Ms Wolf 's response was that no direct funding was received from central

government. Aged Concern Thames was given support from the local District Health Board in helping with health promotion classes.

Councillor Wells sought clarification on what was meant by elder abuse and Ms Wolf was able to explain in most cases it would be seen in the form of financial abuse where by the person's children would financially cripple them or it was also seen in the forms of physical or emotional abuse.

2.13 Alison Smith - Coromandel Dieback Forum

Ms Smith spoke as the coordinator for the Coromandel Dieback Forum to their submission (LTP15_325) and requests.

Deputy Mayor French asked since there was no known cure for Kauri dieback disease whether we should continue to fight a losing battle or focus on another species to which Ms Smith responded that it was debatable whether it was a losing battle as breeding was building up forests and as the Council had Kauri on its track they held a responsibility to do their bit.

Mayor Leach queried what role Waikato Regional Council (WRC) was playing with Kauri dieback disease and management to which Ms Smith was able to advise that WRC were contributing \$80,000 through a service level agreement. Their role had been previously very hands-on but they were now moving towards contributing to a national programme however was still looking to upskill their staff to better manage this issue.

Councillor Connors queried how many Kauri are on Council land and Ms Smith's response was that it was known there were Kauri on Council land but until an audit was complete they could not estimate how many or in what condition.

2.14 Barb Richie - Kauri Trust 2000

Ms Richie spoke to the Kauri Trust 2000 submission (LTP15_352) on the topics of biodiversity and the use of more funds towards environmental protection for the district.

2.15 Bill Hewitt - EECA

Mr Hewitt spoke to a tabled item and the EECA submission (LTP15_82) on their suggestion for the adoption of a targeted rate for those wanting to install water and energy systems.

Councillor McLean queried by EECA had not looked into promoting solar power to which he responded that the costs did not yet provide enough payback.

Deputy Mayor French questioned whether WRC had adopted the target rate for this and Mr Hewitt advised that they were assisting in other areas however they were not on the list of those using the targeted rate for ratepayers.

2.16 Wallace Leighton

Mr Leighton spoke to his tabled item and submission (LTP15_342) on the topic of the proposal for an annual fixed rate for short term accommodation providers and reclassification to a commercial rate for larger B&Bs.

2.17 Dal Minogue - Mercury Bay South Residents & Ratepayers Association

Mr Minogue spoke to his submission (LTP15_260) regarding Eastern Seaboard wastewater debt and the proposal to charge a new annual fixed rate for all short term accommodation providers.

2.18 Robin Munch

Ms Murch spoke to her submission (RFIN_43) discussing the topic of reclassification to a commercial rate for larger B&Bs.

2.19 Sharyn Morcom

Ms Morcom spoke to her tabled item and submission (LTP15_35) regarding the Whitianga Town Hall.

Councillor Goudie queried whether they could work with the Community Board to work with the hall to which Ms Morcom advised that for the hall to meet the needs of the performing arts and community needs it would need an extension like the one done for the Whangamata Community Hall. Ms Morcom also confirmed the Mercury Bay performing arts would still expect to pay a fee to use it and they want to work with Council to shape it to meet community needs.

2.20 Richard Northey

Mr Northey spoke to his tabled item and submission (LTP15_50) regarding the proposal for an annual fixed rate for short term accommodation providers.

2.21 Gian McGregor

Ms McGregor spoke to her and Mr Smither's submission (LTP15_217) regarding the district-wide arts strategy, Council owned land being used for motor-camps as an iconic New Zealand holiday which is being lost, Council designated marine reserves, and keeping New Chums untouched from development.

2.22 Alistair Brickell

Mr Brickell spoke to his submission (LTP15_345) specifically on the topics of mining tourism and the summertime magazine produced by Council.

Mayor Leach suggested Mr Brickell provide some more detail work on the area of mining tourism and present this back to Council for them to more clearly consider his ideas and what they would entail and the potential costs.

2.23 Des Ratima - Creative Waikato

Ms Ratima spoke to her tabled presentation and Creative Waikato's submission (LTP15_81) requesting support for a regional art strategy and for them to create one for the Coromandel region.

Deputy Mayor French asked her opinion on the expectations people have that once there is a strategy that Council will fund what comes out of it. Ms Ratima advised that Council is not necessarily a sole funder but a key stakeholder.

Councillor Connors queried how the government funding received by Creative Waikato would benefit this region however Ms Ratima could not provide specifics as to how the funds were being spent.

2.24 John North

Mr North spoke to his tabled item and submission (LTP15_219) on the topic of parking in Hahei.

2.25 Maggie Johnson

Ms Johnson spoke to her tabled item and submissions (LTP15_311, DC_4) with her key focus being on Eastern Seaboard Wastewater debt and development contributions.

Meeting adjourned: 15:16

Meeting reconvened: 29 April 2015 at 9:01am

2.26 Glenn Horsley and Matt Juby (Thames Squash Club)

Mr Horsley and Mr Dubie spoke to the Thames Squash Club submissions (REM_41 and RFIN_179). The points raised were the council rate charges specifically the pan tax component. Mr Horsley described the historical events that had taken place addressing this issue and noted that no follow up by council staff had occurred. His Worship noted the lack of communication and requested that staff responses be made back to the club. Councillor Goudie queried the Squash Club's position to discretionary conditions for those non-profit organisations that do not fit into the policy. Mr Horsley and Mr Juby supported this and would like their club to be considered under a discretionary basis.

2.27 Elizabeth Jones (Tararu Resident Committee)

Ms Jones spoke to her submission (RREM_1) and further information that was tabled and circulated to the elected members. Ms Jones thanked the Council for considering the rate remission proposal in the Long Term Plan consultation document. She noted that the proposal was welcomed and supported by her and fellow retirement village residents.

Councillor Goudie queried Ms Jones comments in her submission to fairness and equity and asked whether or not Ms Jones felt it was fair that elderly residents that rented be considered. Ms Jones answered that it was not fair but could only speak to her situation.

2.28 Ronald Ladd

Mr Ladd spoke to his submission (RREM_38) on the rates remission. He noted his support for the rates relief for those living in retirement villages.

2.29 Gavin McIntosh

Mr McIntosh spoke to his submission (LTP15_1) and further information that was tabled and circulated to the elected members. Mr McIntosh requested that Council considered funding an upgrade to the Booms Reserve in Thames. He further explained that revitalising the area would be a great community initiative and noted the area was worthy of development.

Deputy Mayor French asked Mr McIntosh if he would support more resources implemented in the local school in an effort to providing a community environment. Mr McIntosh said that he would support this idea but still wished for planting and general maintenance to take place at the reserve.

2.30 Katherine Sangster

Ms Sangster spoke to her submission (LTP15_251). Ms Sangster addressed concerns to the Thames War Memorial Civic/Centre and i-site project in particular to pedestrian safety issues.

2.31 Lyndon Suckling

Mr Suckling spoke to his submission (LTP15_34). Mr Suckling requested that Council considered development to Totara Valley Road in Thames. He noted there were very few sections of new housing available and advised that further development was critical to attract more residents to the area. Mr Suckling commented that he would like to see a focus to increase the Thames population and suggested that Council take the lead on this by way of enabling future housing.

2.32 John Leenman

Mr Leenman spoke to his submission (LTP15_103) and presented a Powerpoint on electric vehicles. Mr Leenman advocated that as part of Council's development to the Kopu business area, part funding should be implemented into an electric vehicle charge station.

Deputy Mayor French asked Mr Leenman what costs were involved with charging electric vehicles, Mr Leenman answered that the cost equated to a cup of coffee. In addition Deputy Mayor French asked how many kilometres it took before charging the vehicle. Mr Leenman advised that the maximum distant was 150 kilometres before charging was required. His Worship suggested Mr Leenman makes contact with the Economic Development Committee to consider his proposal.

2.33 Peter Wood

Mr Wood spoke to his submission (LTP15_257) and highlighted his concerns to wharf upgrades specifically the Shortland Wharf in Thames. Mr Woods noted that he did not support the proposed budget allocated for this project.

2.34 Simon Wathen

Mr Wathen spoke to his submission (RFIN_69) relating to the short term accommodation proposal. Mr Wathen did not support the introduction of the new rate. Furthermore he stated that bach owners made a significant contribution to providing accommodation.

2.35 Peter McKenzie

Mr McKenzie spoke his submission (RFIN_164) and on behalf of Beverley Mayhead (RFIN_178). Both submissions did not support the proposed fee for short term accommodation. Mr McKenzie advised that more emphasis was required in the Long Term Plan to address global warming. Mr McKenzie suggested that funds be put aside for this and that Council be actively involved in acknowledging this issue.

Adjournment	Start	Finish	Reason
His Worship	10:31am	10:41am	Morning Tea

2.36 Aroha Waetford (Community Waikato)

Ms Waetford spoke to the Community Waikato organisation's submission (LTP15_343). Ms Waetford identified the importance of Council's involvement in community needs. Ms Waetford thanked Council for their assistance and noted that their contribution had supported the ongoing services in the Thames-Coromandel area. Deputy Mayor French asked Ms Waetford who mainly funded their organisation. Ms Waetford responded that Trust Waikato was the lead contributor. Deputy Mayor French also queried what type of support the organisation offered to the Thames-Coromandel District Council. Ms Waetford noted that Community Waikato largely assisted in financial advocacy and budgeting training. Moreover Ms Waetford said the funds were used to support grants and scholarships.

2.37 Moira Cursey (Waikato Biodiversity Forum)

Ms Cursey spoke to the Waikato Biodiversity Forum submission (LTP15_323) and presented a Powerpoint on the organisation's activities. Ms Cursey acknowledged and thanked the Council for the \$3,000 annual contribution. Deputy Mayor French asked Ms Cursey if the workshops provided by the organisation was a free service to which Ms Cursey answered yes.

2.38 Neville Williams (Waikato Regional Council)

Mr Williams spoke to the Waikato Regional Council submission (LTP15_288). The significant points raised were that the Long Term Plan considered adequate funds for the rural community water supply systems upgrades. In addition he advised that Waikato Regional Council would like to see the inclusion of the Regional Coastal Policy Statement in the Long Term Plan. Mr Williams noted Waikato Regional Council's commitment to continuing the ongoing partnership with Council. Board Chair Johnson asked Mr Williams if the Regional Coastal Policy was different to the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement. Mr Williams advised this was a separate document. His Worship noted the constructive partnership between the council's and anticipated this would continue to secure consents for water supply upgrades and renewals in the future.

**2.39 Morrie Dunwoodie (Heritage Hauraki Coromandel) and
(The Coromandel Heritage Trust)**

Morrie Dunwoodie spoke to the submissions LTP15_113 and LTP15_130. Mr Dunwoodie requested that Council include the Natural and Cultural Heritage activity and budget in the Long Term Plan. Mr Dunwoodie mentioned there was no suggestion of this in the plan.

Furthermore he requested that a heritage role be established in Council and wished for continual commitment to heritage in the area.

Councillor Goudie sought clarification and stated she understood there was a point of reference to heritage. She asked Mr Dunwoodie did it matter that the role did not specifically say Heritage, to which Mr Dunwoodie responded it did not matter.

2.39 Roger Loveless (CCS Disability Action Group)

Roger Loveless spoke to the submission LTP15_280. Mr Loveless requested that Council continue to work with the CCS organisation to provide accessibility to persons with disabilities. Mr Loveless acknowledged and thanked the staff for their work to date.

2.40 Matthew Cooper (Sport Waikato)

Mr Cooper spoke to Sport Waikato's submission (LTP15_336) and presented a Powerpoint. Mr Cooper acknowledged and supported key projects listed in the Long Term Plan including the Great Walks and Hauraki Rail Trail. He commented that the investigations of a regional aquatic centre and costing put aside for a multi sports indoor facility as signalled in the Plan, fitted nicely with the organisation's Regional Sport Facilities Plan. Mr Cooper also requested that the Council continue to fund the salary for the District Coordinator in the area.

2.41 Chris Emmett (Surf Lifesaving)

Mr Emmett spoke to the submission LTP15_129 and presented a Powerpoint. Mr Emmett requested that Council continue to support the surf lifesaving organisation. He asked that a three year service delivery contract be implemented. Mr Emmett commented that the patrol season had been extended due to climate changes and asked that Council consider funding for the longer periods.

2.42 Leslie Preston (Bachcare Limited)

Ms Preston spoke to Bachcare Limited's submission (RFIN_70) and presented a Powerpoint. Ms Preston represented Bachcare and 91 bach owners. Ms Preston confirmed that she and the owners did not support the proposed short term accommodation rate and urged Council to withdraw the proposal.

2.43 Vaughn Austen

Mr Austen spoke to his submission (LTP15_128) and the Kopu Development Group submission (LTP15_357). Mr Austen requested that Council consider a commercial wharf in Kopu and noted the benefit it would bring to the area. Mr Austen stated that he was encouraged by the Kopu Business Concept Plan and agreed with the proposal.

2.43 John Rennie

Mr Rennie spoke to his submission (LTP15_269) and further information that was tabled and circulated to the elected members. Mr Rennie requested that Council consider installing public conveniences and a flood pump station at Kopu.

Adjournment	Start	Finish	Reason
His Worship	1:15pm	1:34pm	Lunch

Special meeting commenced 1.35pm

3 Governance Planning and Strategy

3.1 Thames Community Board recommendation - Thames War Memorial Civic Centre – I-site project

Council was asked to approve the recommendation from the Thames Community Board on the Thames War Memorial Civic Centre – I-site project. Staff tabled a memo that included new estimated costs for roading works, the increase amounted to \$54,500.

Resolved:

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the 'Thames Community Board recommendation - Thames War Memorial Civic Centre/i-SITE project' report, dated 22 April 2015.
2. Approves a capital budget of \$264,250 excluding GST in the 2014/15 financial year for the building alterations and bus/car parking provisions required for the i-site and Destination Coromandel relocation into the Thames Civic Centre to be funded from the Thames Local Consolidated Depreciation Reserves conditional upon the execution of the tenancy agreement(s) with Destination Coromandel.
3. Delegates the Thames Community Board Chair and Area Manager authority to execute the tenancy agreement for the i-SITE and Destination Coromandel premises at the Thames Civic Centre.
4. Delegates the Thames Community Board Chair and Chief Executive authority to award and execute the Thames Civic Centre alterations contract within a total budget of \$155,250.
5. Delegates the Thames Community Board Chair and Area Manager authority to award and execute the Thames Civic Centre roading works contract within a total budget of \$109,000 excluding GST.
6. Instructs the Area Manager to work with Board Member Cassidy and Councillor Connors to confirm the Civic Centre plaza streetscape plan and costs at its next meeting.

Moved/seconded by: Leach/Goudie

3.1 Thames Community Board recommendation - Thames public conveniences budgets

Council was asked to approve the recommendation from the Thames Community Board to increase the capital project budget for public conveniences at Porritt Park and the Thames Civic Centre.

Councillor Brljevich asked why the Civic Centre toilets required upgrading as he considered the toilets were in reasonable condition. Councillor Connors clarified that the upgrade was for the external public toilets not the toilets within the Civic Centre.

Resolved:

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the 'Thames Community Board recommendation - Thames public conveniences capital budgets' report, dated 22 April 2015.
2. Approves the budget increase of \$20,000 for the Porritt Park Toilet replacement to be loan funded in the 2014/2015 year.
3. Approves the \$18,000 upgrade to the Civic Centre public toilets to be loan funded in the 2014/2015 financial year.

Moved/seconded by: Goudie/Wells

Special meeting closed 1.47pm

Hearing reconvened 1.48pm

2.44 John Sandford (Hauraki-Coromandel Federated Farmers)

Mr Sandford spoke to his organisation's submission (LTP15_328). Mr Sandford noted the organisation's support to the Financial Strategy and Revenue and Financing Policy and commented that the rating system would be transparent and balanced.

2.45 Craig Cassidy (Sunkist Stay Bike n Hike)

Mr Cassidy spoke to his submission (LTP15_353) and further information that was tabled and circulated to the elected members. Mr Cassidy agreed with the proposed short term accommodation rate, and noted that this was fair and equitable. He mentioned that bach owners did not pay for a number of things that commercial operators did including pan tax charges and building warrant of fitness.

2.46 David Rushforth

Mr Rushforth spoke to his submission (LTP15_239) and further information that was tabled and circulated to the elected members. Mr Rushforth highlighted that he did not support the proposal of Tairua information centre moving to local funding. He commented that Tairua was the primary stop point for those visiting the Cathedral Cove and Hot Water Beach and that the centre provided visitors with district wide information.

2.47 Keith Trembath and Bruce Smith (Waikato East Life Education Trust)

Mr Trembath and Mr Smith spoke to the organisation's submission (LTP15_363) and presented a PowerPoint. Mr Trembath highlighted the purpose of their organisation and the support they offer and provide to children. Mr Trembath acknowledged the support of the Council and took the opportunity to thank them.

2.48 Bob Renton on behalf of Tairua-Pauanui Community Board

Board Chair Renton spoke to the Community Board's submission (LTP15_339). Board Chair Renton specifically raised points on the funding proposal for information centres and noted the Board did not support the move from district to local Board Chair Renton further

commented on the Park and Reserve – Tairua Pauanui trail and Pepe Walkway Bridge project signalled in the consultation document to reflect the outcomes of previous workshops.

2.49 Rowena Brown (Tairua Information Centre)

Ms Brown spoke to her organisation's submission (LTP15_290) and further information that was tabled and circulated to the elected members. Ms Brown stated that she did not support the proposal to move Tairua information centre's funding from district to local. Ms Brown further noted that a large percentage of the information centre's work involved promoting the entire district.

2.50 Jewel Hughes (Pauanui Information Centre)

Ms Hughes spoke to her organisation's submission (LTP15_286). Ms Hughes supported the proposal for the funding change and the three year phased in period. Ms Hughes emphasised however that she did not support district-wide funding of the i-sites.

His Worship asked Ms Brown if the information centre was identified under qual mark standards to which Ms Brown answered no.

2.51 Kim Coppersmith (Hikuai District Trust)

Ms Coppersmith spoke to her organisation's submission (LTP15_330). Ms Coppersmith requested that Council consider bringing forward the funds allocated for the Pauanui trail to 2015/2016.

2.52 Rosalind Handy

Ms Handy spoke to her submission (LTP15_327). Ms Handy supported the proposed construction of the Wentworth Valley Walkway and cycleway. Ms Handy requested that the investigations into the project be brought forward one year. Ms Handy noted that as a frequent user of the road there were a number of safety issues.

Deputy Mayor French asked Ms Handy of all the health and safety issues accompanied with the road what would be the worst. Ms Handy responded that the dust would be identified as the most hazardous.

2.53 Sarah Campbell (Pauanui Ratepayers and Residents Association)

Ms Campbell spoke to her organisation's submission (LTP15_329). Ms Campbell requested that the Coastal and Harbour Erosion activity funding be included in the Long Term Plan. Ms noted past events of erosion and commented there was no indication of prevention, and management to the issues in the Plan. Ms Campbell also requested that more priority be given to the drinking water supply upgrades in the Pauanui area.

2.54 Christian McDean (Hot Water Beach Holiday Park)

Mr McDean spoke on behalf of the Hot Water Beach Holiday Park submission (LTP15_351). Mr McDean addressed the Development Contribution Policy and requested that the Council consider not charging the community infrastructure component to camp grounds

Meeting adjourned: 4:00pm

Meeting reconvened: 30 April 2015 at 9:03am

2.55 Ken Coulam

Mr Coulam spoke to his submission (LTP15_124). Mr Coulam does not support the short term accommodation proposal. He commented that many of the rented baches pick up the overflow for some of the district events. He further noted that the target group for the rates would be hard to identify. Mr Coulam requested that Council explore the option of establishing campgrounds and noted that this was a lost opportunity.

Councillor Goudie asked Mr Coulam that given Council provided infrastructure, does he think it was Council's responsibility to be involved with campgrounds. Mr Coulam agreed that it was.

2.56 Tony Jacobs (Tairua Residents and Ratepayers Association)

Mr Jacobs spoke to his submission (LTP15_140) and on behalf of the association (LTP15_318). Mr Jacobs acknowledged the simplified version of the consultation document. Mr Jacobs highlighted that all information centres be district funded as they all provided a district benefit. Mr Jacobs discussed Tairua Water supply and suggested that the restrictions be assessed. Furthermore Mr Jacobs noted that he did support the short term accommodation charge. Deputy Mayor French asked Mr Jacobs what type of water restrictions would be acceptable. Mr Jacobs advised that restrictions were fair but not for the whole summer period.

2.57 Brett Wilson

Mr Wilson spoke to his submission (LTP15_145). Mr Wilson supported the proposal to move the funding of debt on the Eastern Seaboard wastewater plants from development to rates. Mr Wilson suggested that the payments be over longer period to ease the rate burden to ratepayers. Councillor Wells asked Mr Wilson what would be the time period he would suggest for repayment. Mr Wilson answered that a twenty period would be more sufficient.

2.58 John Rive (Whangamata Ratepayers Association)

Mr Rive spoke to the association's submission (LTP15_125) and further information that was tabled and circulated to the elected members. Mr Rive emphasised that he did not support the funding of debt on the Eastern Seaboard wastewater plants from development to rates. He included costing and calculations that identified different options to repayments. Deputy Mayor French asked Mr Rive if he supported the Wentworth Valley Road dust sealing. Mr Rive answered that he was against it. Councillor Wells asked Mr Rive if he understood an upgrade to the motor camp was taking place at Wentworth Valley road and that there would likely be an increase to traffic flow. Mr Rive was not aware of this.

2.59 Keith Procter

Mr Procter spoke to his submission (LTP15_144). Mr Procter expressed that he did not support the short term accommodation charges that was proposed. He stated that he found the approach to be opposite to driving Economic Development.

Councillor Goudie asked Mr Procter if he thought the free enterprise added to the flavour of the Coromandel. Mr Procter agreed with this. Deputy Mayor French asked Mr Procter how many days out of the year would he rent his bach out. Mr Procter answered that over the year he would only rent out over the Christmas and Beach Hop period about ten days in total.

Meeting closed at 10:24am on Thursday 30 April 2015

The foregoing minutes were certified as being a true and correct record of the meeting of the Thames-Coromandel District Council Long Term Plan hearings and special meeting held between 28 - 30 April 2015.

Chairperson _____ **Date** _____