



# Minutes

of the

## Thames-Coromandel District Council

# Ordinary meeting

**Date** 25 March 2015  
**Venue** Council Chamber  
515 Mackay Street  
Thames

**Present**

GF Leach JP (Mayor)	HD Bartley	PA Brljevich
	DR Connors	PL French
	MK McLean JP	JT Wells
	SA Goudie	

### In attendance

#### Community Board Chairs

Strat Peters, John Walker QSM, Paul Kelly JP, Keith Johnston.

**Meeting commenced** 09:02

<b>Adjournment</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>Finish</b>	<b>Reason</b>
His Worship	10:13	10:31	Morning Tea
His Worship	12:01	12:33	Lunch

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# 1 Meeting conduct

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## 1.1 Apologies

### Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the apologies from the following elected members for 25 March 2015:

Name	Reason	From	To
Board Chair Peters	Lateness	09:02	09:09
Board Chair Renton	Non-attendance	09:02	14:20

**Moved/seconded by:** Brljevich/Fox

## 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 Brljevich declared a conflict interest on item 2.6 Hearing Committee for Wainuiototo Bay (New Chum Beach) resource consent.

**Moved/seconded by:** French/Connors

## 1.5 Minutes for confirmation

### Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council confirms the minutes of the Thames-Coromandel District Council meeting held on 4 March 2015 as a correct record of proceedings.

**Moved/seconded by:** Fox/Brljevich

## 1.6 Policy Committee minutes for confirmation

With the disbandment of the Policy Committee on 17 December Council meeting, the unconfirmed minutes from the Policy Committee meeting held on 7 May 2014 must be confirmed.

### Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council receives and confirms the minutes of the Policy Committee meeting held on 7 May 2014.

**Moved/seconded by:** Goudie/Bartley

## 2 Public Excluded

### Resolved

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting for the reasons stated:

<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><b>7(2)(a)</b> – Protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons</p> <p><b>(7)(2)(g)</b> – Maintain legal professional privilege.</p>	<b>(48)(1)(a)</b> – 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.
Water Services Operations and Maintenance Contract	(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.
Elected Member request to peer review Mercury Bay Sports Ground Valuation determining purchase price	(7)(2)(c)(i) – 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 to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same	(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.

	source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied.	
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**Moved/Seconded By:** French/Connors

### 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
8.1	<b>Public Excluded Minutes</b>
8.2	<b>Water services operation and maintenance contract</b>
8.3	<b>Elected Member request to peer review Mercury Bay Sport Ground Valuation determining purchase price</b>

**Moved/seconded by:** Wells/Bartley

## 3 Governance, Planning and Strategy

### 3.1 Economic Development Committee vacancy

Council was advised of Bob Renton's resignation as a member of the Economic Development Committee and was asked to endorse two new appointments to the Economic Development Committee.

### Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the 'Economic Development Committee vacancy' report, dated 25 February 2015.
2. Notes the resignation from Bob Renton as a member of the Economic Development Committee.
3. Appoints Councillors Brljevich and Connors as members of the Economic Development Committee effective immediately.
4. Amends the Economic Development Committee's terms of reference to reflect membership of up to four elected members.

**Moved/seconded by:** Leach/Wells

## 3.2 Speaking rights Economic Development Committee Chairperson

Council was asked to give the Economic Development Committee Chairperson speaking rights at the Council meetings and approve reimbursement.

### Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the 'Speaking rights - Economic Development Committee Chairperson' report, dated 6 March 2015.
2. Gives speaking rights to the Chairperson of the Economic Development Committee for formal scheduled Council meetings (not hearings) for the remainder of the 2013-2016 electoral term.
3. Approves reimbursement for the Chairperson's time at the same rate agreed for reimbursement of attending Economic Development Committee meetings.

**Moved/seconded by:** Leach/Fox

Councillor Goudie voted against the motion.

## 3.3 Representation Review March 2015

Council was presented with the background to the process for the representation review and proposed decisions on representation issues for public notification.

Elected members suggested that the next review considers the make-up of Community Boards and other options available.

### Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the 'Representation Review' report, dated 9 March 2015.
2. Resolves to propose for the 2015 representation arrangements review that there be:
  - (i) 8 councillors, plus the Mayor (being the status quo);
  - (ii) four wards, being the Coromandel-Colville, Mercury Bay, South Eastern and Thames Wards (being the status quo);
  - (iii) one councillor elected from the Coromandel-Colville Ward, two councillors elected from each of the Mercury Bay and South Eastern Wards and three councillors elected from the Thames Ward (being the status quo) - noting that the Coromandel-Colville Ward's fair representation criteria (+/- 10% criteria) does not comply;
  - (iv) five community boards, being the Coromandel-Colville, Mercury Bay, Tairua-Pauanui, Whangamata and Thames Community Boards (being the status quo);
  - (v) four members elected from each of the Coromandel-Colville, Mercury Bay, Tairua-Pauanui, Whangamata and Thames Community Boards (being the status quo).
3. Adopts the formal legislative consultative process and timetable contained in this report.
4. Resolves that the hearing of any representation arrangements review submissions that may be received be heard by Council in May/June 2015.

**Moved/seconded by:** Leach/Fox

### **3.4 District Licensing Committee resignation report to Council**

Council was presented with Dorothy Wakeling's resignation from the District Licensing Committee, and was asked to approve the future makeup of the District Licensing Committee.

#### **Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the 'District Licensing Committee' report, dated 2 March 2015.
2. Accepts the resignation of Dorothy Wakeling from the District Licensing Committee.
3. Makes no further appointment to the District Licensing Committee leaving the Committee with six members.

**Moved/seconded by:** Leach/Fox

### **3.5 Exemption for Destination Coromandel Trust**

Council was asked to approve the council-controlled organisation exemption in terms of its monitoring and reporting responsibilities under s65 of the Local Government Act 2002 for the Destination Coromandel Trust.

#### **Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the 'Council-Controlled Organisation exemption - Destination Coromandel Trust' report, dated 17 March 2015.
2. Having determined that Destination Coromandel is not a council-controlled trading organisation in terms of the Local Government Act 2002 s.6; and
3. Having taken into consideration:
  - (a) The nature and scope of the activities provided by Destination Coromandel; and
  - (b) The costs and benefits, if an exemption is granted, to the Thames-Coromandel and Hauraki District Councils and their communities.
4. Grants an exemption for the purposes of the Local Government Act s.6(4)(i) to Destination Coromandel.

**Moved/seconded by:** Leach/Connors

### **3.6 Hearing Committee New Chum Beach Wainuiototo**

The Council was asked to determine the makeup of the hearing committee for the Wainuiototo Bay (New Chum Beach) resource consent application. Staff advised that the preferred option would be to have three independent commissioners to remove any issue or perceived bias. Fourteen independent commissioners were available for the dates proposed.

**Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the 'Hearing Committee for the Wainuiototo Bay (New Chum Beach) resource consent' report, dated 18 March 2015.
2. Approves three independent commissioners will make-up the hearing committee for the New Chum Beach (Wainuiototo) resource consent.

**Moved/seconded by:** Leach/Fox

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## 4 Community Governance

### 4.1 Approval of installation of security cameras at Thames Library

Council was asked to approve the Thames Library SECURITY CAMERA SYSTEM INSTALLATION project as recommended by the Thames Community Board.

Council instructed the Chief Financial Officer to correct the local empowerment policy to allow for minor spends within local budgets to be approved by the boards.

**Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the 'Approval of installation of security cameras at Thames Library' report, dated 24 February 2015.
2. Approves the Thames Library Security Camera System Installation project and budget of \$5,000 plus GST.

**Moved/seconded by:** French/Connors

### 4.2 Mercury Bay Multisport Park

Council was asked to approve the reallocation of the unspent Mercury Bay Multisports Park turf reinstatement carry over capital budget of \$60,000 to fund the installation of rugby posts on number 1 field (\$7,500), and complete drainage works around the park (\$20,000). Staff had been seeking additional quotes to compare prices.

**Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the 'Mercury Bay Multisport Park reallocation of budget' report, dated 5 March 2015.
2. Agrees to re designate up to \$27,500 from the Mercury Bay Multi Sport Park budget for the installation of rugby goal posts on field 1, and minor drainage works within the sports field complex.

**Moved/seconded by:** McLean/Fox



## 5 Finance

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### 5.1 28 February 2015 - Financial results for the period ended

Council was provided with cumulative financial information for the year to date to enable it to monitor the financial performance of the organisation.

The Chief Financial Officer (CFO) tabled a presentation on a letter received to the Office of the Auditor General and their response. The CFO provided a detailed presentation on how Council had addressed the concerns of the letter writer and the OAG had referred the letter writer to submit on the Council's Long Term Plan consultation.

#### **Resolved**

That the Thames Coromandel District Council receives the '28 February 2015 - Financial result for eight month period' report, dated 6 March 2015.

**Moved/seconded by:** Leach/Fox

## 6 Infrastructure

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### 6.1 Roading Operations and Maintenance Contracts - Delegation of tender acceptance

Council approval was sought to delegate authority to award the new road Operations and Maintenance Contracts.

#### **Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the 'Roading Operations and Maintenance Contracts - Delegation Tender Acceptance Approval' report, dated 16 March 2015.
2. Delegates Council's authority to approve acceptance of the tender for the new Road Maintenance Contract to the Chief Executive, Infrastructure Committee Chair and Mayor.
3. Delegates Council's authority to approve acceptance of the tender for the new Traffic Services and Vegetation Control Contract Chief Executive, Infrastructure Committee Chair and Mayor.
4. Delegates Council's authority to approve acceptance of the tender for the new Streetlighting Maintenance Contract Chief Executive, Infrastructure Committee Chair and Mayor.

**Moved/seconded by:** Brljevich/Goudie

## 7 Chief Executive

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### 7.1 January and February 2015 - Chief Executive Report

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

Councillor Goudie requested staff present back to Council a process for updating the Council on the interim decisions from the District Plan Hearings Panel prior to the plan being presented for adoption.

#### **Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council receives the Chief Executive report, dated 9 March 2015.

**Moved/seconded by:** McLean/Fox

## 8 Members' reports

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### 8.1 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.

#### **Councillor Brljevich**

Councillor Brljevich attended a meeting in Colville with the District Health Board on drinking water standards; he mentioned that investigations were taking place.

#### **Board Chair Kelly**

Board Chair Kelly commented that work was taking place in Whitianga for ANZAC day and flags had been purchased to adorn the town.

#### **Councillor Fox**

Councillor Fox requested that good news stories be well publicised to shed a positive light of Council outcomes.

#### **Councillor Bartley**

Councillor Bartley noted the Beach Hop event started today. He acknowledged the impact on surrounding areas with the influx of visitors to the area. Councillor Bartley tabled information on the impact on coastal homes from coastal erosion following cyclone PAM. Councillor Bartley also noted that the Whangamata campground was listed for sale and commented there was a commercial opportunity available.

#### **Board Chair Peters**

Board Chair Peters commented on the contentious issue of a crematorium at the Placemakers site. He advised there was a great deal of angst in the community regarding the proposal and acknowledged all parties would need to follow the process.

**Board Chair Johnson**

Board Chair Johnson advised that the Community Board had a two page summary of local strategic objectives out for consultation.

**Councillor Connors**

Councillor Connors attended a Community workshop last Tuesday which focused on an Arts Strategy. She noted that over 75 people attended and the workshop was well received. Futureforce action network was hosting a workshop seminar on 28 April 2015. Councillor Connors noted the poor employer representation from the eastern seaboard and requested that member's representing that area encourage employers to get involved.

**Mayor Leach**

Mayor Leach commented that Wintec was now involved with the WW1 project and complimented Council and staff. Mayor Leach explained that Wintec were considering complimentary courses such as chainsaw, first aid and site care that would fit nicely with the project.

**Councillor McLean**

Councillor McLean requested a leave of absence from all council duties for the period 2-28 May 2015.

**Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council approves a leave of absence for Councillor McLean for the period 2-28 May 2015.

**Moved/seconded by:** Leach/Fox

**Economic Development Chair Brent Page**

Thanked the Council for the opportunity to contribute at the Council meetings. He commented that he was keen to assist Council with progressing key projects.

**Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council receives the Members' reports.

**Moved/seconded by:** Leach/French

**Meeting closed at 14:20**

The foregoing minutes were certified as being a true and correct record of the meeting of the Thames-Coromandel District Council held on 25 March 2015.

**Chairperson** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_