



Minutes

of the

Thames-Coromandel District Council

Ordinary Meeting

Date 13 May 2015
Venue Council Chamber
515 Mackay Street
Thames

Present

PL French (Deputy Mayor)	HD Bartley	PA Brljevich
	DR Connors	LA Fox
	SA Goudie	JT Wells

In attendance

Name

Community Board Chairs

John Walker QSM, Paul Kelly JP, Bob Renton, Strat Peters, Keith Johnston

Staff

David Hammond, Angela Jane, Ariana Wickliffe, Steve Baker, Ben Day, Christine Tye, Richard Elgie, Ben Day, Laurna White, Garry Towler and Bruce Hinson.

Meeting commenced 09:01

Adjournment	Start	Finish	Reason
Deputy Mayor French	10:17	10:32	Morning tea
Deputy Mayor French	12:48	13:19	Lunch

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1.1 Apologies

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council receives the apologies including apologies for lateness and early departure from the following attendees on 13 May 2015.

Name	Reason	From	To
Councillor Connors	Lateness	09:01	09:05
Board Peters	Lateness	09:01	09:07
Board Chair Kelly	Early departure	09:01	12:48
Mayor Leach	Non-attendance	09:01	13:36
Councillor McLean	Non-attendance	09:01	13:36

Moved/seconded by: French/Goudie

1.2 Public forum

Ruth Efford

Ms Efford discussed the monument and surrounding footpaths located at Totara Park. She described the area as being in a terrible state of repair. She stated that the moss was not only unsightly but a health and safety hazard.

Ms Efford acknowledged the nationwide effort made for the 100th year Anzac memorial and noted her disappointment in Council's contribution to the celebrations. Ms Efford commented on her assistance with stacking of chairs after the Anzac service and would like to have confirmation that the seats were wiped dry as she did not want to see an unnecessary repair cost to the chairs if left in a spoilt condition.

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council receives Ruth Efford as a speaker in public forum.

Moved/seconded by: Fox/Bartley

1.3 Items not on the agenda

No further items were added to the agenda.

1.4 Conflict of interest

No conflict of interests was declared.

1.5 Minutes for confirmation

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council confirms the minutes of the Thames-Coromandel District Council meeting held on 25 March 2015 as a correct record of proceedings.

Moved/seconded by: French/Bartley

2 Governance Planning and Strategy

2.2 Economic Development Committee recommendation - Development of an Arts Strategy

Council was presented with the Economic Development Committee Art Strategy recommendation for approval.

Key discussion points

Councillor Wells queried what the Arts Strategy entailed and asked if it met Council vision, mission and outcomes. Staff answered that the strategy would be used to promote the existing art experience around the Thames-Coromandel District and identifying new art ventures that would stimulate further tourism.

Councillor Fox expressed concerns with the expectations set by developing an arts strategy and noted that several art groups requested grants and funding through the long term plan submissions process. In response to Councillor Fox's concerns staff noted that in developing the strategy it was anticipated the strategy would enable groups to access external funding. Staff further expressed that the Strategy would add value and create synergies across the arts sector.

Both Councillor Connors and Brljevich noted their support for the development of a strategy but requested that an action plan also be included.

Councillor Wells asked staff if the strategy would support all forms of the arts to which the staff replied it would. Councillor Wells stated that in this instance he would be happy to support it.

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the 'Economic Development Committee recommendation - Development of an Arts Strategy' report, dated 24 April 2015.
2. Approves an allocation of \$12,000 (plus GST) in 2014/15 towards the next stage of the development of a Coromandel wide Arts Strategy with any additional costs being met externally.

Moved/seconded by: Connors/Wells

2.3 Cemeteries Bylaw - deliberation and adoption

Council received responses to submissions to the draft Cemeteries Bylaw and was asked to adopt the final bylaw. Staff noted that the natural burials submission would be addressed through a master planning exercise and provided assurance that consultation would be made with the appropriate stakeholders including Community Boards.

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the 'Cemeteries Bylaw – deliberation and adoption' report, dated 28 April 2015.
2. Approves the responses to submissions as outlined in *Attachment A: Staff advice to Council in response to submissions to the draft Cemeteries Bylaw*.
3. Notes that the most appropriate means to consider the provision of specific natural burial areas in cemeteries is through a master planning exercise in the first instance and not the bylaw.
4. Adopts the Cemeteries Bylaw 2015 (Attachment B) to come into force on 15 May 2015.

Moved/seconded by: Fox/Bartley

3 Community Governance

3.1 New Zealand Automobile Association initiative

Council was asked to approve the proposal and contract to transfer the operations of the New Zealand Automobile Association (AA) in Thames, from the Thames I-SITE Incorporated Society to the Council's customer service centre.

Key discussion points

Staff explained that the operation was not cost neutral, but noted that this was considered an essential service to the area. Councillor Connors agreed and explained the next closest service would be based in Morrinsville. Deputy Mayor French also agreed that it was important to retain this service for the area and noted that it would be operational in the Council office on a short term basis.

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the 'Automobile Association Agency Initiative' report, dated 24 April 2015.
2. Approves the proposal and project definition for the Council to take over the operation of the AA Agency in Thames until 30 April 2016.
3. Delegates to the Chief Executive the power to negotiate and sign the "Licence to Operate AA Driver Licensing Agency" contract.

Moved/seconded by: Connors/French

3.2 Easement for new footpath on Centreway, Pauanui

Council was asked to approve an easement across the Pauanui Community Church land and Pauanui shopping centre carpark at Centreway, Pauanui. The easement would be used for the purpose of constructing and maintaining a footpath for public use connecting the Pauanui shopping centre with the new community centre.

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the 'Easement for new footpath on Centreway, Pauanui' report, dated 24 April 2015.
2. Resolves to acquire, pursuant to section 17 of the Public Works Act 1981, an easement over land at 52 Jubilee Drive (Pauanui shopping centre) and 20 Centreway (Pauanui Community Church) for the purpose of constructing and maintaining a footpath.
3. Delegates to the Chief Executive, authority to complete all necessary steps to complete the easement acquisition as outlined in this report.

Moved/seconded by: Wells/Connors

3.3 Coromandel-Colville Community Board recommendation - sealing of Wyuna Bay turn around area

Council was asked to approve a recommendation presented by the Coromandel-Colville Community Board to seal part of Wyuna Bay Road.

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the Coromandel-Colville Community Board recommendation - Sealing of Wyuna Bay Turn around area', report dated 5 May 2014.
2. Approves the formation of a turning head at the end of Wyuna Bay Road up to the value of \$30,000 to be funded in the 2015/16 financial year from the Coromandel-Colville Local Roading budget.

Moved/seconded by: Brljevich/Goudie

Powerco presentation

Paul Fuge, Gary Scholfield, and Chian Ho (representatives of Powerco) presented on the Powerco network investment. Mr Fuge provided an introduction to the industry and the operation. Mr Fuge noted that consumers and stakeholders requested that improvement be made to communication with service providers for both faults and investment plans. Mr Fuge acknowledged that that company was proactively looking at a way to deliver this service more efficiently.

4 Finance

4.1 31 March 2015 - Financial results for the period

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

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council receives the '31 March 2015 – Financial results for the period' report, dated 5 May 2015.

Moved/seconded by: Goudie/Fox

5 Chief Executive report

5.1 March and April 2015 - Chief Executive report

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

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council receives the Chief Executive report, dated 24 April 2015.

Moved/seconded by: Wells/Fox

6 Members' reports

6.1 Members' reports

Elected members provided a brief verbal report on activities undertaken and meetings attended in the period since the last meeting.

Resolved

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

Moved/seconded by: Fox/Wells

7 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	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.
Freedom Camping matters	(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.
Resolution to rating dispute	(7)(2)(i) – Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations). (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.
Infrastructure Committee recommendation - Coromandel Landfill and Refuse Transfer Station	(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.

Moved/seconded by: Goudie/Connors

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council resumes in open meeting and releases the following decisions of the public excluded proceedings:

Item Business

7.2 Freedom Camping matters

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the 'Freedom Camping Matters' report, dated 2 April 2015.
2. Directs officers to prepare a report for the 5 August 2015 Council meeting on the need to review the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2014 schedules for site specific identified issues with a view to initiating a special consultative procedure (SCP) to amend the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2014.

Moved/seconded by: Goudie/Bartley

Meeting closed at 13:36

The foregoing minutes were certified as being a true and correct record of the Thames-Coromandel District Council meeting held on Wednesday 13 May 2015.

Chairperson _____ **Date** _____