



Minutes

of the

Thames Community Board

Ordinary Meeting

Date 29 June 2015
Venue Council Chamber
515 Mackay Street
Thames

Present

S Peters (Chairperson)	GR Simpson	CL Cassidy
	DR Connors	PL French
	SA Goudie	LG Yates

In Attendance

Name	Item(s)
Larissa Doherty (Community Co-ordinator Thames)	All Items
Jan McNeil (Property Officer)	5.1, 5.2, 5.3
Paul Davies (Legal Counsel)	5.1, 5.2, 5.3

Meeting Commenced 9.02am

Adjournments and Absences

Adjournment	Start	Finish	Reason
Chairperson	10.34	10.52	Morning Tea

Absences	Start	Finish	Item
GR Simpson	9.02	9.04	1.2 (part)
PL French	10.06	10.12	5.2 (part)

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1 Meeting Conduct

1.1 Apologies

Resolved

That the Thames Community Board:

1. Receives the apology from Rex Simpson for lateness.

Moved/Seconded By: Connors/Yates

1.2 Public Forum

Alan Young

- Representing Hauraki Prospectors and the Goldmine Experience
- Tabled two photographs showing the parking area outside the Goldmine Experience
- There were 3,000 visitors through the facility over January, February, March 2015 (a little bit up on previous years)
- Car park area is also used by mountain bike trail users and as a pull off spot for trucks.
- When school children visit there is a concern about them slipping over on the rough surface.
- Would request that the Board consider tarsealing the area between the footpath and the main road, being the western side from Moanatairi Creek Road.
- Has not formally requested that the work be undertaken previously and did not submit to the 2015-2025 Long Term Plan.
- Also suggested that the 50km area could start at the St Johns depot to improve safety outside the Goldmine Experience.
- Would like to extend an invitation to the Board and senior staff of Council to visit the Goldmine Experience.

Peter Wood

- Asked about the status of the Lowe Avenue land.
- Noted there was a delay between the letter from Mr Doug Driver being received and it coming to the Board.
- Supports the staff recommendation regarding signage on Council land.
- The ratepayers are propping up the Thames Airfield.
- Thanked the Board members that have provided their Elected Member reports.

2.1 Request to Place Referendum Signage on Council Land - Jane Beck and Suzanne Croft

- Presented a PowerPoint - requested a copy
- Allowing signage would be in line with the national trend.
- Approval for both sides allows neutrality for individuals and Council.
- The eight sites chosen have been used for signage before.
- In the past the DHB has put up large billboards on their own land.
- Thames Hospital has had some signage up since January 2015.
- Feels that Council needs to let people know that the referendum is happening and that they need to register to vote.

- Suggests that there is a mail out that contains information from both sides of the issue and Ms Beck would like to assist with the wording on why fluoride should be removed.
- The wording of the referendum question itself will be very important.

Resolved

That the Thames Community Board:

1. Receives the speakers in public forum.

Moved/Seconded By: French/Connors

1.3 Items not on the Agenda

Resolved

That:

1. The following matter requiring urgent attention be added to the agenda.

Item	Description
5.3	New Lease - Community Group - 200A Mary Street

Reason Not on the Agenda

Report received after the Order Paper closed

Reason Cannot be Delayed

To allow the lease to be entered into as soon as possible.

Moved/Seconded By: Connors/Yates

1.4 Conflict of Interest

No conflicts of interest declared.

1.5 4 May 2015 and 18 May 2015 - Thames Community Board Minutes for Confirmation

As per Council's Standing Orders, the Thames Community Board must confirm the Minutes of its previous meetings.

Resolved

That the Thames Community Board:

1. Confirms the following Minutes:
Thames Community Board Minutes – 4 May 2015
Thames Community Board Minutes – 18 May 2015

Moved/Seconded By: Connors/Yates

1.6 18 May 2015 and 21 May 2015 - Thames Community Board Workshop Summarised Notes

To provide the summary notes of the workshops held on 18 May 2015 and 21 May 2015 to the Thames Community Board for its confirmation.

Key Discussion Points

- The Board requested more detail in the Workshop Notes.

Resolved

That the Thames Community Board:

1. Receives the summary notes of the Thames Community Board Workshops held on 18 May 2015 and 21 May 2015.

Moved/Seconded By: Connors/Peters

2 Governance

2.1 Request to Place Referendum Signage on Council Land

To present a request from Jane Beck on behalf of Fluoride Free Thames for the placement of eight signs on Council land for the fluoride referendum campaign.

Key Discussion Points

- The Bylaw although lapsed can act as the guiding document
- Council does need to make sure that the public are aware of the referendum, where to register and how to vote.

Resolved

That the Thames Community Board:

1. Receives the Request to Place Referendum Signage on Council Land report.
2. Recommends to Council that the request to erect signage on Council land for the fluoride referendum campaign be declined.
3. Advise Council that the Thames Community Board expects a good communication programme to raise awareness of the fluoride referendum which may include billboards on public land.

Moved/Seconded By: Goudie/Connors

3 Local Activities: Policy/Levels of Service Operational

3.1 Art on the new Porritt Park Toilets

To seek approval from the Board for the installation of public art on the new Porritt Park toilets exterior park facing wall.

Key Discussion Points

- Initial project brief using the T'Art up Thames Project Application and Assessment Criteria form was tabled.

Resolved

That the Thames Community Board:

1. Receives the Art on the new Porritt Park Toilets report.
2. Approves the concept in principle.
3. Delegates authority to Board Member Craig Cassidy and Marlene Perry, Community Development Officer to work with the Guild of Public Artists to progress the project using the T'Art up Thames Project Application and Assessment Criteria.

Moved/Seconded By: Goudie/French

4 Reports

4.1 Correspondence Received

To provide the Board with any correspondence that has been received for its information.

Resolved

That the Thames Community Board:

1. Receives the Correspondence Received report.
2. Receives the letter from Doug Driver.
3. Noted that this is not the only complaint received and that the land owner has been made aware of the complaints.

Moved/Seconded By: Goudie/Connors

4.2 Area Manager Thames Update to the Thames Community Board

The Area Manager was not present at the meeting, therefore no verbal report was received.

4.3 Thames Community Board Elected Members Reports - June 2015 Update

To receive an update from the members of the Thames Community Board on activities since the 18 May 2015 meeting.

Key Discussion Points

- Rex Simpson
 - Reported on the recent Community Board conference. Attended the workshops that related to community empowerment.
- Diane Connors
 - Working with the Petanque Club as it needs more space as it has become very popular and the Croquet Club has land surplus to requirements.
 - Youth Council partnership meeting is scheduled for 24 July at 10am, would like the Board to attend. Will also be asking for representation from other Boards and Council.
- Craig Cassidy
 - Thames has the lowest youth crime in the area, so it appears that the preventative initiatives are working.
 - Iwi have asked if different species can be included in the WW100 planting at Rhodes Park.

Tabled Report

Date	Meeting/Event/Issue	Comments
11 May to 9	On leave - Contract work in	

June	Tasman District South Island	
11 June	Fire Service Training night with YES programme youth volunteers instructing on use of motor vehicles accident equipment	Was great to be part of the hands on training with this programme after working to get it off the ground here in Thames
12 June	Breakfast Network meeting	Rod Oram
12 June	T3 conversational workshop	Permaculture discussion for Thames. I look forward to further feedback after the information is collated
14 June	YES Programme	All day hands on training at the Thames Fire Station
17 June	Social Enterprise - WINTEC	Research programme being started by WINTEC for youth
17 June	Thames Community Board Workshop	
18 June	Greg Hampton, Area Manager	Catch up after time away
19 June	Ngati Maru	Meeting regarding discussion/input into the WW100 Memorial Forest planting
21 June	YES Programme	Provide van for transport of YES Programme youth to Kauaeranga Valley for LSAR training day
22 June	Thames Community Board Workshop	
24 June	Women of Empire Exhibition meeting	Keeping informed of the upcoming November display
25 June	Thames Youth	Meeting of like-minded groups regarding feedback of the awards, including MYD staff
26 June	Thames Information Centre Inc	Closing dinner with staff and committee members
27 June	YES - final scenario day	Kauaeranga Valley - involved as crew on the ground for the final joint exercise with emergency services and the YES Programme youth. Followed by presentation at the Thames Fire Station. This programme was a great benefit to not only the youth but all the emergency services involved. A lot was learnt by all on every level. Most rewarding to be involved in and we must push to keep this running.

- Lester Yates
 - Requested that the unkempt area at the entrance of the Totara Palms subdivision be tidied up.

Resolved

That the Thames Community Board:

1. Receives the Thames Community Board Elected Members Report - June 2015 Update report.

Moved/Seconded By: Cassidy/Connors

5 Public Excluded

Resolution to Exclude the Public

Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

Resolved

That the public:

1. Be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting namely:

Item	Business
5.1	New Lease - Transfield - Thames Depot
5.2	New Lease - Veolia Water - Thames Depot
5.3	New Lease - Community Group - 200A Mary Street, Thames

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48 (1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

<i>General Subject of each matter to be considered</i>	<i>Reason for passing this Resolution in Relation to Each Matter</i>	<i>Ground(s) Under Section 48(1) for the Passing of the Resolution</i>
New Lease - Transfield New Lease - Velia Water New Lease - Community Group	(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)(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.

Moved/Seconded By: Simpson/Cassidy

Resolved

That the public be re-admitted to the meeting.

Moved/Seconded By: Connors/French

Meeting Closed at 11.45am

The foregoing Minutes were certified as being a true and correct record of the meeting of the Thames Community Board held on 29 June 2015.

Chairperson _____ Date _____