



Minutes

of the

Thames-Coromandel District Council

Ordinary Meeting

Date 16 September 2015
Venue Council Chamber
515 Mackay Street
Thames

Present

GF Leach JP (Mayor)

HD Bartley
DR Connors
PL French
MK McLean JP

PA Brljevich
LA Fox
SA Goudie
JT Wells

In Attendance

Name

Community Board and Committee Chairs

John Walker QSM, Bob Renton, Strat Peters, Keith Johnston and Brent Page

Staff

David Hammond, Angela Jane, Ariana Wickliffe, Steve Baker, Lurna White, Ben Day, Sam Napia, Sam Marshall, Bruce Hinson, Garry Towler, Paul Davies, Peter Wishart, Emma Wright, Scott Summerfield, Ross Ashby, Greg Hampton

Meeting Commenced 09:01

Adjournment

His Worship
His Worship

Start

11:25
12:54

Finish

11:47
13:23

Reason

Morning tea
Lunch

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1 Meeting conduct

1.1 Apologies

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council receives the following apology from Board Chair Kelly for the 16 September 2015 Council meeting.

Moved/seconded by: French/ Connors

1.2 Public forum

John North (Deputy Chair Hahei Stakeholders Group)

Mr North spoke and tabled his submission to item 3.2 Coromandel Walks update. He highlighted that the Governance meeting held on the 28 August 2015 was the first time the Group had been invited to attend. Mr North raised the Blow Hole to Hot Water Beach stage of the project; he asked how staff intended to resolve the accessibility issues and the realistic timeframe of this to be completed.

Mr North further commented that the Hahei Stakeholder group had forwarded a letter to the Project Governance Group which raised 23 points of concerns and advised that he had received no formal reply from the directors.

Councillor Goudie asked Mr North what percentage of the community was concerned with the project. Mr North responded that about 90% of the Hahei population had objected to part of the project in its current form.

Reihana Robinson

Ms Robinson spoke to her tabled submission on item 3.3 Heritage Region. Ms Robinson noted that she represented private landowners that occupied the northern Coromandel Peninsula. She supported a sustainable economic development plan but did not support the Miles Media report. Ms Robinson wished for Council to engage with residents and ratepayers of the Thames-Coromandel district to obtain important environment initiatives.

Councillor Goudie asked Ms Robinson if she thought the concept plan was a feasibility or scoping report. Ms Robinson responded that the concept plan only represented one of many options and she suggested that Council and the Economic Development Committee look at all options first.

Committee Chair Page asked Ms Robinson what was her long term vision for the Coromandel. Ms Robinson answered that her vision for the area would be one that was organic, green and an emphasis on sustainable living. She envisaged iconic landscapes preserved and more markets promoting local produce. Committee Chair Page asked Ms Robinson if she agreed that the paper stimulated debate and discussion. Ms Robinson agreed that the report had inspired but wished for more options to be considered.

Theodora Ward

Ms Ward spoke to item 3.3 Heritage Region. She noted that as a land owner from Port Jackson she was let down with the concept plan presented. Ms Ward raised concerns that the democratic process was not followed and she did not support a concept that would enable international channels to dictate to the community. Ms Ward stated that any discussions and decisions in regards to heritage should be made in the Council Chambers with the elected members.

Councillor Goudie noted that Destination Coromandel provided excellent marketing for the Coromandel area. She asked Ms Ward with the current visitor numbers increasing did she

think that the infrastructure needed to be replenished. Ms Ward responded that the roads especially where she resided were in poor shape and overseas visitors often commented on this.

The Deputy Mayor asked Ms Ward that given the pressure from tourists on the roads, would she like to see better infrastructure past Colville. Ms Ward agreed that the roads required improvement and needed to be made safer.

John Sanford

Mr Sanford asked elected members to consider amending the recommendation presented in the Heritage Region report which included the withdrawal of "*high level discussions with central and regional government*". Mr Sanford requested that control be retained in this area. Board Chair Johnson questioned Mr Sanford on how Council would be better informed if discussions with government did not occur. Mr Sanford responded that government would take the concept out of Council's hands and provide no choices.

Councillor Goudie asked Mr Sanford if he thought all options being canvassed first was a better way forward. Mr Sanford agreed and stated more information should be provided and communities updated.

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council receives John North, Reihana Robinson, Theodora Ward and John Sanford as speakers in public forum.

Moved/seconded by: Brljevich/ Wells

1.3 Items not on the agenda

No further items were added to the agenda.

1.4 Conflict of interest

No conflicts of interest were 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 5 August 2015 as a correct record of proceedings.

Moved/seconded by: French/ Fox

2 Governance, Planning and Strategy

2.1 Amendments to Freedom Camping Bylaw 2014

Council was presented with the Statement of Proposal for amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2014 for public consultation and approval. Staff tabled an addendum to Schedule Two: Restricted Area for Freedom Camping, and noted a correction made to align with the proposed changes.

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the 'Amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2014' report, dated 4 September 2015.
2. Determines that the proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2014 do not give rise to implications under the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.
3. Adopts the proposed amendments to the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2014 and Statement of Proposal to be publically notified for consultation.
4. Approves that the submission period opens on Friday 18 September 2015 and closes at 4.00pm on Monday 19 October 2015.

Moved/seconded by: Goudie/ Connors

2.2 Determinations report for the Standards of Camping Bylaw

Staff informed elected members that the Council's Standards of Camping Bylaw was last reviewed in 2008 and lapsed in June 2015. Council was provided with options to decide whether or not to continue with a Standards of Camping Bylaw.

Councillor Brljevich asked staff if it was more appropriate to consider a limit on the number of people based on the size of the property. Staff said it was more appropriate to be considered on a case by case basis. Deputy Mayor French asked staff if the bylaw involved day to day policing or was it enforced from complaints. Staff explained that in the past the compliance officers used enforcement if complaints or concerns had been raised.

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the 'Determinations report for the Standards of Camping Bylaw' report, dated 7 September 2015.
2. Receives the 'Amendments to the Proposed Standards of Camping Bylaw and Statement of Proposal' report dated 11 September 2015.
3. Determines to make a Standards of Camping Bylaw noting that the Standards of Camping Bylaw is the most appropriate way of addressing the problems outlined in the report and further determines that the form of bylaw proposed is the most appropriate form of bylaw to address the perceived problems.
4. Determines that in accordance with advice provided that the Bylaw does not give rise to any implications under the New Zealand Bills of Rights Act 1990.
5. Approves the attached draft Standards of Camping Bylaw and Statement of Proposal for public consultation to begin on 18 September and to conclude on 19 October in accordance with the Communications Strategy.

Moved/seconded by: Leach/ Connors

3 Community Governance

3.1 Williamson Park redevelopment funding

Whangamata Area Officer, Garry Towler and Project Manager, Ross Ashby sought Council's approval to an increase in the budget for the Williamson Park redevelopment project. Councillor Goudie asked for clarification on the funding of the project, and whether there would be an increase to the Neighbourhood Reserve fund. Staff explained that the reserve funds had already been collected. Deputy Mayor French questioned the issues section of the report and asked if consultation was now planned. Staff responded that engagement had already been sought with stakeholders and wider groups. Board Chair Johnston supported that the team had engaged with key stakeholders and wider community input would now occur.

Resolved

That the Thames Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the 'Williamson Park Redevelopment Funding' report, dated 28 August 2015.
2. Approves an amended budget of \$586,878 to be funded through the Whangamata Neighbourhood Reserve Fund for the Williamson Park Redevelopment Project to be split over 2015/2016 (\$426,000) and 2016/2017 (\$160,878) as recommended by the Whangamata Community Board.

Moved/seconded by: Wells/ Bartley

3.2 Coromandel Great Walks - Cathedral Coast Walk update

Elected members were provided with an update on the current status of the Cathedral Coast Walk project and related activities.

Deputy Mayor French asked staff if they could provide any comments to Mr North's concerns expressed in the Open Forum. Staff noted that construction had been postponed until Hahei traffic concerns were addressed. Councillor Connors questioned the governance structure provided in the report and asked staff why Ngati Hei was named instead of wider tangata whenua. Staff noted that the governance structure captured the Cathedral Coast Walkway only. Deputy Mayor French suggested that staff adjust the title in the governance structure for clarity.

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council receives the 'Coromandel Great Walks update' report, dated 28 August 2015.

Moved/seconded by: Leach/ Brijevich

3.3 Coromandel Heritage Region report

Ben Day, Deputy Chief Executive, spoke to the report and stated that he was not asking Council to adopt the Miles Media report but support investigations.

Councillor Goudie, lead the discussion and tabled her notes. She highlighted that she had major concerns with the process, and the lack of information associated with the Coromandel Heritage concept. The Miles Media report identified objectives and purposes not discussed by Council. Furthermore she noted that no discussions had taken place to refine the proposed concept before it was publicly announced. She noted that the direction of the report did not provide proper scoping and analytical content. Councillor Goudie stated her concerns and noted that she would not support the concept in its current state.

Mayor Leach noted that Chris Adams was the author and that he had expertise of this region in tourism, sustainability, and management. Mayor Leach expressed that the international status was only one of the possibilities, and noted that the concept was to invoke ideas. Mayor Leach advised that the plan was to present a high level document for comment. Council could not go out to the community if they did not know the issues, or what was proposed. Board Chair Peters supported the motion, supported the vision, and commitment. Deputy Mayor French acknowledged the Miles Media report, public forum comments and other feedback both in support and opposition. He commented that work was happening around the community and that Council needed to be aware of this. Deputy Mayor French mentioned that without conversations it would be hard to understand what a heritage concept would look like. He expected that there would be a comprehensive public engagement, prior to anything being established. He further noted that the Coromandel was increasing its tourist numbers and infrastructure would not cope. Alternatives would need to be explored. Councillor Wells spoke to his tabled comments. He did not support the concept and noted that we already had the tools to create a sustainable heritage concept. Councillor Brljevich noted that the Miles Media report perceived as a sales brochure. Councillor Brljevich noted that we already have legislation that could be used for protection.

Councillor Connors considered that the process was flawed, and she wished that the item had been thoroughly workshopped before reaching the Council meeting.

Councillor Bartley said he was relaxed with the motion that was presented and happy to support it. Councillor McLean supported the motion. Councillor Fox supported the motion and noting he was about future generations.

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the 'Coromandel Heritage Region' report, dated 24 August 2015.
2. Supports investigations into the possible establishment of a "Coromandel Heritage Region" (working title) which will involve initial discussions with stakeholders.

Moved/seconded by: Leach/Fox
Councillor Goudie voted against the motion.

3.4 Thames-Coromandel District Council Correspondence

Council was provided with correspondence from the Hauraki District Council in regards to their stance on the old Kopu Bridge.

Councillor Wells asked staff to provide an update on the progress of the Society. Greg Hampton, Thames Area Manager, advised there were two opinions on the bridge within the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA). The engineers and roading team wanted to demolish however the legal and urban design team were proactively working with the Society. He further noted that although the urban design team was working with the Society, NZTA had not shifted its position on the demolition of the bridge. Discussion would be held with NZTA on a proposed demolition site.

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council receives the correspondence from Hauraki District Council regarding the Old Kopu Bridge, dated 14 August 2015.

Moved/seconded by: Leach/ French
Councillor Wells voted against the motion.

3.5 Waikato Regional Council update

Councillor Graf, from Waikato Regional Council was present with an update on current regional issues. He updated councillors on the recent 1080 drop by Department of Conservation (DOC) and water intake issues that had occurred.

4 Finance

4.1 Amendment to a Council resolution - funding

Council was asked to alter part of the resolution it made on 25 June 2015 in adopting the Funding Impact Statement (FIS) as part of the 2015-2025 Long Term Plan (LTP) and setting of the rates for the 2015/2016 year, using the power in section 13 of the Interpretation Act 1999. The alteration would correct the GST component for the volumetric water rate.

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the 'Amendment to a Council Resolution - Funding Impact Statement and Rates Resolution' report, dated 19 August 2015.
2. Resolves to alter part of the resolution it made on 25 June 2015 as per Council Standing Order 3.10.15, to include in the FIS and the rates resolution that the volumetric water rate is "GST exclusive" for the 2015/2016 year.
3. Approves that, with respect to those rating units for which assessments have already been undertaken and invoices sent, it is not appropriate for Council to seek to recover the balance from these ratepayers.

Moved/seconded by: Leach/ Fox

4.2 Request to Council forward unspent capital expenditure budgets from 2014-15 into 2015-16

Staff requested Council approve the carry forward into the 2015/16 financial year for the approved but unspent capital expenditure budgets from 2014/15.

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the 'Request to Council to carry forward unspent capital expenditure budgets from 2014-15 into 2015-16' report dated 1 September 2015.

2. Approves the following capital expenditure carry forward requests for the 2015/16 financial year:

Moved/seconded by: French/Fox

Project No.	Project Description	Carry Over Request
2196	District - Roads & Footpaths - Preventative Maintenance	\$97,985
Comment - Required to complete preventive maintenance programme for 2015/16 including work on the Flaxmill Bay sea wall (required to protect existing footpath and road) from further coastal erosion this financial year.		
1182	District - Roads & Footpaths - Seal Widening	\$17,983
Comment - Fenton Street was a WIP at end of 2014/15, due to unfavourable weather conditions for road sealing. Carry over required in order to complete the sealing of Fenton Street and enable the completion of the 2015/16 seal widening programme. If carry over is not approved the 2015/16 seal widening programme (soon to be tendered) will need to be reduced due to part of the 2015/16 budget being used to complete the Fenton Street work from 2014/15.		
2347	District - Roads & Footpaths - Bridge Component Replacement	\$121,270
Comment - Balance of unspent 2014/15 budget required to be carried forward to enable completion of Port Jackson Road bridge abutment protection works, deferred from 2014/15 due to resource consenting delays (now sorted). This budget carry forward will allow completion of the 2014/15 work programme as well as a component of the 2015/16 programme		
2406	Victoria Court stormwater	\$20,242
Comment - Required for completion of the extension of Victoria Court stormwater outlet as requested by the community.		
2249	District - Roads & Footpaths - Kopu Land Purchase	\$68,400
Comment - This budget is for Council's share (cost share with developer) of a new road in Kopu which is being constructed by the developer. Developer did not get road constructed in 2014/15 therefore carry over required in order for Council to pay its share of the construction in 2015/16		
2144	District - Wastewater - Whitianga Pump Station Upgrade	\$134,531
Comment - Land purchase is still subject to ongoing legal negotiations with land owner. Paul Davies is involved in this project.		
2403	District - Water - Hahei Consent Renewal	\$62,880
Comment - Consent renewal required in 2015/16. Progress during the 2014/15 year was slower than anticipated due to the level of information required to be compiled for application.		
2402	District - Water - Whitianga Ohuka Park AOB Extension	\$57,414
Comment - Timeframes to complete construction exceeded planned dates due to construction delays. Works have now been completed.		
2341	District - Wastewater - Coromandel Treatment Plant Upgrade	\$738,127
Comment - Timeframes to complete construction exceeded planned dates due to a number of factors, including poor weather delaying pond lining work.		
2059	Whitianga Wastewater Renewals	\$160,000
Comment - Carry forward to fund infrastructure restoration at Brophies Beach. Linked to the timetable for Brophies Beach coastal erosion.		
2277	District - Water - Pauanui Aquifer Reconfiguration	\$61,756

Project No.	Project Description	Carry Over Request
Comment - As part of the reconfiguration, cartridge filters to improve compliance with standards were ordered during the 2014/15 year. Filters did not arrive before year end.		
2091	Thames - Water Supply - Thames Valley - Renewals	\$188,430
Comment - Work completed in July/August. Delays during the 2014/15 year due to issues with contractors availability.		
2337	Whangamata - Water Supply - Whangamata Consent Renewal	\$13,394
Comment - Wentworth Valley consolidated bored field resource consent application. Further communications need to be undertaken to gain input from the immediate residents.		
1254	Thames - Water Supply - Urban - Renewals	\$138,963
Comment - Tararu Contract. A number of reinstatement works still to be completed on the footpath.		
2044	Thames - Wastewater - Renewals	\$17,393
Comment - Tararu Contract nearing completion. Reinstatement work still to be completed on the footpath.		
1145	Thames - Roads & Footpaths - Footpath Construction	\$33,875
Comment - Queen Street footpath and curb works. Work cannot begin until toilet block is on site and heavy transportation vehicles no longer require mounting of the curb. Undertake footpath work in line with new toilet facility and other work at Porritt Park.		
2298	Thames - Roads & Footpaths - Street Furniture Renewals	\$1,359
Comment - Ancillary works related to the new i-Site, main street bench refurbishments in line with the new i-SITE relocation. Thereby linked to that projects timetable.		
2410	District - Roads & Footpaths - Thames Mary St Bus and Carparking	\$48,556
Comment - Physical works on the Civic Centre Roading alterations started (and completed) in July therefore unspent from 2014/15 required to be carried forward to fund this work. Reason for the late start was late initiation of the project and delays to issuing of resource consent.		
2293	Thames - Parks & Reserves - Minor Reserves Projects	\$14,164
Comment - Delays with the Porritt Park project and ensuring that all construction is aligned with the 15/16 financial year		
1088	District Public Conveniences	\$210,332
Comment - Delays with Porritt Park project, all construction is now programmed for the 15/16 financial year. Noted carry forward is between district public conveniences and local public conveniences due to change in the funding of this activity.		
2364	Mercury Bay - Harbour Facilities - Ferry Landing Historic Wharf Refurbishment	\$7,357
Comment - Delay in physical works of the project until after external funding was secured.		
TOTAL CARRY FORWARD PROPOSED FROM 2014/15 into 2015/16		\$2,214,411

5.1 August 2015 - Chief Executive's report

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

In looking ahead, Deputy Mayor French asked elected members if they would be interested in having the District Plan Hearing Panel present the interim hearing decisions at a Council workshop. Members were happy to support this.

The Chief Executive advised that further discussions would be undertaken for the local and district event funding.

Councillor Connors requested that staff install signs at roading construction sites to communicate to the public of work taken place.

Resolved

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

Moved/seconded by: Wells/French

6 Members' reports

6.1 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 Bartley took the opportunity to wish Sam Marshall, Mercury Bay Area Manager, good luck with his new adventure and departure from Council. He acknowledged and applauded his contribution to the Whangamata town upgrade and Community empowerment model. Councillor Connors noted that more work had progressed with the Arts Strategy and that a paper was to be provided at the September Economic Development Committee workshop for discussion.

Deputy Mayor French tabled the events he had attended:

- 14 - 15 Sept: Council meet and greet new staff in Thames, Hauraki Gulf Forum in Auckland.
- 10 - 11 Sept: Thames Valley Civil Defence Committee meeting in Thames, Seachange Marine Spatial Plan meeting in Auckland.
- 7 - 8 Sept: Probus presentation at Richmond Villas, Thames Community Board Workshop, US Ambassador meet and greet in Thames.
- 4 - 5 Sept: Pauanui WW1 forest tree planting, Whitianga serious assault briefing, and Coromandel Harbour Project meeting.
- 1 - 3 Sept: Thames Indoor Facility PSG meeting - Coromandel FM phone out, Prime Minister Public meeting at Whangamata Hall, Kopu Stormwater caucus re District Plan, Waikato Regional Council Treaty settlement update with Minister at Hamilton.
- 29 - 31 Aug: NICBD meeting for crematorium; Emergency Services Ball in Thames Civic Centre.
- 26 - 27 Aug: Council Pound for dog complaint, CE Liaison meeting, Hauraki Rail Trail meeting in Hauraki District Council, Paeroa.
- 21 - 25 Aug: Herewaka Street sewage issue, Coroglen saleyards for summertime magazine article, Biosolids composter site visit Whitianga, Rally NZ welcome at Whitianga.
- 17 - 19 Aug: Infrastructure Committee meeting, Council workshop, Economic Development Committee workshop/meeting.

- 14 - 16 Aug: DP Commissioners site visits Coromandel North, St Francis School for footpath painting project.
- 12 - 13 Aug: Whangamata Community Board meeting, KPMG audit update, Ngati Maru in Coromandel Harbour.
- 10 - 11 Aug: WW1 memorial forest plantings at Thames, Seachange Marine Spatial Plan meeting at Auckland, opening iSITE at Civic Centre and Business after 5, Thames Community Board meeting, Tairua Pauanui Community Board at Tairua.

Resolved

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

Moved/seconded by: Goudie/Connors

7 Public excluded**Resolved**

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting namely:

<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>(7)(2)(a) – Protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons</p> <p>(7)(2)(g) – Maintain legal professional privilege.</p> <p>(7)(2)(i) – Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).</p>	<p>(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.</p>
Coromandel Harbour Facilities Project	<p>(7)(2)(i) – Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)</p>	<p>(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.</p>

Moved/seconded by: Leach/French

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 which are to remain in the public excluded minute book.

Item	Description
7.1	Public excluded minutes for confirmation
7.2	Coromandel Harbour Facilities Project

Moved/seconded by: Connors/Leach

Meeting closed at 15:13

The foregoing minutes were certified as being a true and correct record of the meeting of the Thames-Coromandel District Council held on 16 September 2015.

Chairperson _____ **Date** _____