



UNCONFIRMED Minutes
of the
Whangamata Community Board
Special Meeting

Date 14 June 2017
Venue Whangamata Service Centre
620 Port Road
Whangamata

Present
K Coulam (Chairperson) HD Bartley K Baker
E Adams TM Walker

In attendance

Staff
Garry Towler, Paul Davies, Eileen Hopping, Jennifer Mahon, Amber Baker,
Kirsten Richmond.

Apologies
R Thompson

Meeting commenced 14:00

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1 Meeting conduct

1.1 Apologies

34/17 Resolved

WCB That the Whangamata Community Board receives the apology from member Thompson for the 14 June 2017 Whangamata Community Board Special Meeting.

Moved/seconded by: Bartley/Walker

1.2 Public forum

Tracey Blake

Ms Blake spoke on behalf of Renee Meiklejohn who represented the Whangamata Summer Festival but was unable to attend the meeting. Through Ms Blake, it was presented that Ms Meiklejohn was disappointed with a recent discussion she had with the Area Manager where she was told that the Festival's service level agreement (SLA) was in jeopardy and not likely to be renewed. She understood her festival SLA was with the Community Board and not at the discretion of the Area Manager. She also expressed concern about how the town of Whangamata would be able to accommodate the proposed increased number of events due to the already utilised peak periods throughout the year.

Kevin Brookes

Mr Brookes spoke against the proposed resource consent for Williamson Park and tabled his comments. He stated he was concerned the consent disregarded what he deemed was a clear understanding by the Williamson family who gifted the land for the park, that it was never to be used for private commercial enterprise. He felt the proposed resource consent also promoted the return of a wild party time town image for Whangamata, something he felt the community had worked hard to overcome. Mr Brookes also urged the Board to consider the ramifications of closing off the park for several days to accommodate set up and tear down of events, increased noise levels, and the effects of liquor licensed events resulting in unregulated pre and post event public drinking.

An extension of time was moved and seconded to allow Mr Brookes to complete his statement.

35/17 Resolved

WCB That the Whangamata Community Board:

1. Approves a two minute extension of time in order to allow Mr Brookes to complete his prepared statement at the public form.

Moved/seconded by: Bartley/Walker

Noeline Lee

Ms Lee spoke against the proposed resource consent application for Williamson Park and tabled her comments. She expressed concern that the application would violate the terms with which the land for Williamson Park was given. She questioned the need for alcohol sanctioned events in Whangamata and noted that should any of these types of events take place during the town wide liquor ban they would indeed be in breach of the ban. Ms Lee also reported on what she saw as specific concerns in the associated Shapeshifter concert commissioner's hearing decision document. Her concerns included a discrepancy between the documented and actual number of concert attendees, failure to maintain regular public park access pre and post concert and parking availability.

Denis Beaver

Mr Beaver, Chairperson of Enterprise Whangamata and Info Plus spoke in support of the resource consent application for Williamson Park. He noted there were clear benefits of having TCDC be the holder of the consent including fairness and transparency in the management of compliance monitoring. He suggested an alternative option would be to have an out of town promoter be the holder but explained this would likely limit the community input and therefore be a less desirable option. Mr Beaver said that his organisation appreciated the opportunity to be involved in the Shapeshifter concert by way of selling tickets which helped increase local revenue and reported positive feedback from his members relating to all aspects of the Shapeshifter concert.

36/17 Resolved

WCB That the Whangamata Community Board receives Tracey Blake, Kevin Brookes, Noeline Lee and Denis Beaver as speakers in the public forum.

Moved/seconded by: Baker/Adams

1.3 Items not on the agenda

37/17 Resolved

CL That the Thames-Coromandel District Council accepts that the following matter(s) requiring urgent attention be added to the agenda:

Item	Description
2.3	Late item - Application for Community Grant - Matariki Community Celebration Team

Reason not on the agenda

The application was not available prior to the Order Paper being distributed.

Reason cannot be delayed

The events associated with the application take places prior to the next scheduled Community board meeting.

2.4	Late item - Application for the community grant - Whangamata Community Library's 70th Anniversary
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Reason not on the agenda

The application was not available prior to the Order Paper being distributed.

Reason cannot be delayed

The application was received in the closing month of the 2016/2017 financial year and would otherwise miss the opportunity to be considered and paid this year.

Moved/seconded by: Walker/Adams

1.4 Conflict of interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

2 Governance

2.1 Williamson Park, Whangamata - resource consent

Whangamata Community Board was asked to consider the scope of the proposed resource consent application to hold events at Williamson Park.

The proposed District Plan states that all events catering for 500 attendees or more will require a consent going forward. It was clarified that the consent requirement would apply to all events including those which already exist in the community events roster such as Beach Hop, the Summer Festival and Brits at the Beach.

It was confirmed that the proposed 30 events requested in the resource consent application represented the total number of larger events (500 or more attendees) to be considered for Whangamata in a year. It did not represent a number of events which would be added to the current line-up resulting in more than 30 larger events per year in Whangamata.

The Board strongly supported the concept of community consultation at the pre-lodgement phase of the application, noting this could come in many forms including a letter drop, public meetings and newspaper advertising.

The Board noted the importance of honouring the terms with which the gift of the land from the Williamson family was given to establish Williamson Park and reported that the terms had been strongly considered in their deliberations regarding this matter.

It was noted that no formal Trust Deed document was in existence and that records pertaining to the transfer of the land known today as Williamson Park mostly included letter correspondence after the gift of the land between the Williamson family and the County Council which is TCDC today.

38/17 Resolved

That the Whangamata Community Board:

1. Receives the 'Williamson Park, Whangamata - resource consent' report, dated 3 June 2017.
2. Approves the scope of the 15 year resource consent application for up to 30 events (500 attendees or more) per annum at Williamson Park as described in Attachment A in the agenda report.
3. Approves up to \$15,000 of funding for the resource consent application for Williamson Park from the Whangamata reserve (neighbourhood reserves).
4. Stipulates that community consultation must be undertaken prior to any lodgement of a resource consent application.

Moved/seconded by: Baker/Walker

Councillor Jan Bartley requested that it be noted that he voted against the resolution.

2.2 Late Item - Application for community grant - Matariki Community Celebration Team

The Whangamata Community Board was asked to consider a community grant application requesting a contribution of \$4,000 towards the implementation of a public event in Whangamata to celebrate Maori New Year, Matariki.

An amended report was distributed at the meeting which recorded the following changes: To date, the Whangamata Community Board has allocated \$22,714 from the grants fund, leaving a balance of \$7,286.

In reviewing the application, the Board agreed to grant \$2,000 towards the costs associated with the hireage of outdoor heaters, lights and gazebos as an appropriate level of support and one which would comply with the community grants criteria.

39/17 Resolved

WCB That the Whangamata Community Board:

1. Receives the 'Application for Community Grant - Matariki Community Celebration Team' report, dated 13 June 2017.
2. Approves a grant of up to \$2,000 towards the costs associated with the hireage of outdoor heaters, lights and gazebos upon receipt of invoices for the Matariki event on 2 July 2017.

Moved/seconded by: Bartley/Evelyn

2.3 Late item - Application for community grant - Whangamata Community Library 70th anniversary event

The Whangamata Community Board was asked to consider a community grant application requesting a contribution of \$2,000 towards the expenses associated with the 70th anniversary of the Whangamata Community Library event.

40/17 Resolved

WCB That the Whangamata Community Board:

That the Whangamata Community Board:

1. Receives the 'Application for Community Grant - Whangamata Community Library 70th anniversary event' report dated 13 June 2017.
2. Approves a grant of up to \$2,000 towards the expenses associated with the Whangamata Community Library 70th anniversary celebration event.

Moved/seconded by: Baker/Walker

The foregoing minutes were certified as being a true and correct record of the special meeting of the Whangamata Community Board meeting held on 14 June 2017.

Chairperson _____ Date _____