



Minutes
of the
Infrastructure Committee
Ordinary Meeting

Date	17 August 2017
Venue	Civic Centre 200 Mary Street Thames

Present

T Walker (Chairperson)	T Brljevic R Simpson B Renton S Christie
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In attendance

Staff

Bruce Hinson, Angela Jane, Matt Busch, David Lindsay, Jennifer Mahon

Meeting commenced	9:00
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1 Meeting conduct

1.1 Apologies

23/17 Resolved

IC That the Infrastructure Committee receives the apology from Councillor Rex Simpson.

Moved/seconded by: Christie/Renton

1.2 Public forum

Mr Keith Johnston declared that he was part of a company which was currently involved in an appeal on the proposed Thames Coromandel District Plan. He noted specific concern with the way in which New Zealand Transport Agency was dealing with requests. He explained the Agency appeared to be adding levels of bureaucracy when queries had an association to the District Plan.

24/17 Resolved

IC That the Infrastructure Committee receives Keith Johnston as a speaker in the public forum.

Moved/seconded by: Christie/Brljevich

1.3 Items not on the agenda

There were no items added to the agenda.

1.4 Conflict of interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

1.5 29 May 2017 Infrastructure Committee minutes for confirmation

25/17 Resolved

IC That the Infrastructure Committee confirms the minutes of its meeting held 29 May 2017 as a correct record of proceedings.

Moved/seconded by: Christine/Brljevich

2 Solid Waste

2.1 Waste disposal subsidy for charity shops

A recommendation was sought from the Infrastructure Committee to Council to subsidise the waste disposal costs for charity shops.

It was suggested that this matter would be better managed at the local level using area grants as opposed to being managed at the district level. A blanket district decision could

promote misuse of the subsidy with some people taking advantage and dumping more freely.

A non-financial subsidy in the form of providing rubbish bags was discussed as an alternative option but it was noted that larger items such as beds (which were among the most difficult items to dispose of) could not fit in a rubbish bag.

26/17 Resolved

IC That the Infrastructure Committee receives the 'Waste Disposal for Charity Shops' report dated 19 July 2017.

Moved/seconded by: Christie/Walker

3 Water Services

3.1 Biosolids composter update - July 2017

The Infrastructure Committee was provided with an update on the biosolids composter trial with a recommendation to cease operations.

While it was noted that it was important to demonstrate a commitment to the environment, the financial records associated with this composter failed to demonstrate commercial viability. The Committee noted that despite not being considered a core business of Council, a significant amount of money had been spent so far on this activity.

27/17 Resolved

IC That the Infrastructure Committee:

1. Receives the 'Biosolids Composter update - July 2017' report dated 8 August 2017.
2. Recommends to Council that it confirms the staff recommendation to cease operation of the biosolids composter immediately.
3. Requests that staff investigate physical removal options for the composter.
4. Instructs staff to investigate alternative biosolids disposal options, other than landfill, for the biosolids.

Moved/seconded by: Renton/Brijevich

4 Reports

4.1 August 2017 Infrastructure Group Manager report

An update was provided to the Infrastructure Committee on progress of key activities across the group.

Thames public transportation trial tender documents were being developed. The Roading Manager noted he hoped to have all associated documents completed in September so that the trial results could be used to inform the Long Term Plan.

The Solid Waste compactors project was progressing well and the contract to place them in their respective locations (Cooks Beach, Kuatunu, Colville, Onemena and Coroglen) was the next project milestone to be completed.

Given the Waste Minimisation Plan was adopted by the Thames Coromandel District Council but it was noted that it was now time to create an associated action plan.

28/17 Resolved

IC That the Infrastructure Committee receives the 'Infrastructure Group Manager report - August 2017', dated 9 August 2017.

Moved/seconded by: Brljevich/Walker

4.2 Members' reports

Councillor Brljevich requested the financial breakdown for the Hahei carpark project as he was aware there were some engineering issues which had to be worked through. The Group Manager Infrastructure reported limited soil sampling and no full geo-tech report was completed at the design stage of this project. It was discovered later on that there were unseen ground condition issues on site. The cost to re-design the project to resolve the issues was noted as being approximately \$26,000. The total cost for the variations to the contract was \$46,000. The estimated cost of the project was \$470,000 and the actual cost was \$464,000 - resulting in the project coming in below budget.

Board Chair Renton suggested it would be beneficial to have TCDC provide more opportunities where first-hand expert advice such as engineering knowledge be made available to Boards and Committees during the decision making process or beforehand. The Group Manager Infrastructure agreed with this and noted there were other opportunities to be gained through such things as short site visits around the district too.

Councillor Christie noted she was keen to see the Waste Minimisation Plan progress to an action plan. She also noted that as part of the Regional Transport Committee she was working on prioritising relationship building and learning how regional priorities have positive effects on the Thames Coromandel district.

Chairperson Walker tabled his 'Members' Report for TCDC Infrastructure Meeting - 17 August 2017' noting the following:

- It was important to notify the Committee about significant Health and Safety incidences and the Group Manager Infrastructure provided a brief verbal Health and Safety update.
- Did TCDC's project planning processes involve proper consideration of the Government's guidelines on sea level rise and coastal inundation tools? The Group Manager of Infrastructure felt confident that the proper investigation tools were being used.
- The Economic Development Manager was noted as the key contact for any further information about applications to the new Tourism Infrastructure fund.
- There was a request made for a timetable to be presented to the Committee for the 2008 water standards upgrade by scheme. The Group Manager Infrastructure explained That the remainder of the upgrades were to occur in 2017/2018 and that he would come back to the Committee with the details.
- An update was requested about water connections in Whangamata for ratepayers not connected to town supply. It was understood that a report would be presented to the Committee at an upcoming meeting for clarification.
- Was there an appetite by the Committee to pursue a report to Council proposing a joint funded project to convert one-way bridges across the district into two way bridges? The Committee was advised that a business plan for this venture was being investigated through the Long Term Plan and that a business case was planned in year one.

29/17 **Resolved**

IC That the Infrastructure Committee receives the members' reports.

Moved/seconded by: Christie/Renton

5 Public excluded

30/17 **Resolved**

IC 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 in relation to Each Matter</i>	<i>Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of the resolution</i>
5.1 - Roading Professional Services - Delivery Review 2017	(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: Renton/Christie

32/17 **Resolved**

IC 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
5.1	Roading Professional Services - Delivery Review 2017

Moved/seconded by: Christie/Brijevic

Meeting closed at 12:50pm

The foregoing minutes were certified as being a true and correct record of the meeting of the Infrastructure Committee held on 17 August 2017.

Chairperson _____ Date _____