



Minutes

of the

Thames Community Board

Ordinary Meeting

Date	5 March 2018
Venue	Council Chamber 515 Mackay Street Thames

Present

Catherine Croft, Strat Peters, Lester Yates, Mike Veal, Sally Christie, Rex Simpson

In Attendance

Angela Jane, Brian Robson, Lisa Madgwick, Derek Thompson, Ric Balfour, Bruce Hinson

Meeting commenced	13:03
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1 Meeting conduct

1.1 Apologies

An apology was received from Chairperson Connors. An apology was received from Councillor Christie for lateness. With the apology from Chairperson Connors, Deputy Chair Croft chaired the meeting.

TCB
05/18

Resolved

That the Thames Community Board receives apologies from Chairperson Connors and Councillor Christie.

Moved/seconded by: Veal/Simpson

1.2 Public forum

Mary Hamilton spoke on behalf of Thames Sport and Education Trust to a tabled document and acknowledged the Community Board's assistance with the completion of two of the three intended projects (Thames Skatepark and Jack McLean Centre). Ms Hamilton advised that 30 individuals had pledged funding to the Rhodes Park project. If the Rhodes Park project was changing, or funding was being looked at for other ventures, she suggested the Trust would need to be consulted. Ms Hamilton advised that the Trust was interested in being involved with the sub-regional aquatic project. Ms Hamilton noted that LTP proposal had been changed. A meeting with key stakeholders on the sub-regional aquatic centre for a 'listening' session. Councillor Peters noted the Community Boards thanks for the Trust's involvement in the completed projects.

Bruce Efford advised that Higgins Contracting was dumping rock for road repairs at the Tapu reserve from 6am. Mr Efford advised he had spoken with Higgins Contracting to request a change in the time of the rock dumps as it was too early for the community, without any success. Mr Efford expressed his concern that after the 5 January storm event, the business owners in Tapu had not been contacted by any of the Community Board members.

Sheryll Fitzpatrick and **Joy Arthur** spoke to a tabled document regarding a scoping report on the availability of accommodation in Thames. Both Ms Fitzpatrick and Ms Arthur expressed a willingness to be involved with the Council when a strategy regarding the homelessness and lack of housing was developed.

Peter Wood and **Ken Clarke** spoke on behalf of Forest and Bird. Mr Clarke advised that the eastern border of the Firth of Thames Ramsar site had disappeared from Council maps. Mr Clarke and Mr Wood advised that the Victoria Park birdhide had sustained damage from the January flood event and repairs were underway with Council assistance. Forest and Bird had applied for an Economic Development Grant to assist with interpretative signage for the Ramsar site. Forest and Bird want to erect another sign at Kuranui Bay to assist with education regarding the oystercatcher birds.

Mr Wood advised he was the Chairperson of the Pensioner Housing Trust and had expressed an interest in a property at Lowe Ave. Mr Wood noted the Trust had shown interest in buying a property in Queen Street to consent six affordable units on.

- TCB 06/18 Resolved** That the Thames Community Board receives Mary Hamilton, Bruce Efford, Sheryl Fitzpatrick, Joy Arthur, Peter Wood and Ken Clarke as speakers in the public forum.

Moved/seconded by: Simpson/Veal

1.3 Items not on the agenda

There were no items added to the agenda.

1.4 Conflict of interest

Councillor Peters declared a conflict of interest for item 2.1 Application for Community Grant - Thames Heritage Events Trust 150th concluding concert.

1.5 Minutes for confirmation

- TCB 07/18 Resolved** That the Thames Community Board confirms the following Thames Community Board minutes: 6 November 2017, 26 January 2018 and 7 February 2018.

Moved/seconded by: Christie/Simpson

2 District Activities: Local Input Policy/Levels of Service

2.1 Application for Community Grant - Thames Heritage Events Trust 150th concluding concert

Councillor Peters declared a conflict of interest for item 2.1 Application for Community Grant - Thames Heritage Events Trust 150th concluding concert and took no part in the discussions and voting.

- TCB 08/18 Resolved** That the Thames Community Board:
1. Receives the 'Application for Community Events Grant - Thames Heritage Event Trust - 150th closing concert' report, dated 14 February 2018.
 2. Approves a grant of \$2,000 to the Thames Heritage Event Trust for the purpose of providing a keepsake to commemorate Thames' 150th anniversary activities.

Moved/seconded by: Christie/Simpson

2.2 Application for Community Events grant - Totally Thames - road closure

The Thames Community Board was asked to consider a Community Event Grant application from Totally Thames requesting \$1,200 to cover the costs of a partial road closure in Grahamstown for the Brits at the Beach vehicles assembling in Grahamstown.

Councillor Simpson was concerned that the Community Board would set a precedent in applying a grant retrospectively and voted against the motion.

TCB
09/18

Resolved

That the Thames Community Board:

1. Receives the 'Application for Community Events Grant - Totally Thames - Road Closure' report, dated 21 February 2018.
2. Approves a grant of \$1,200 to Totally Thames as reimbursement for the cost of road closure for Brits at the Beach.

Moved/seconded by: Christie/Peters
Member Simpson voted against the motion

3 Reports

3.1 2017/2018 work programme

Parks and Reserves - Parks renewals

Mr Balfour advised of the intention to erect more signs to explain the habitat of the oystercatchers so that people understood why dogs needed to be on a leash.

Mr Balfour advised that after discussions with coastal scientist Jim Dahm, it was agreed that some of the storm debris along the coast would be retained to assist with habitat expansion for several species.

Mr Balfour advised that he had spoken with Rob McKay from Higgins Contracting regarding the dumping of rock at 6am at Tapu and that there would be no work starting earlier than 7am. Mr Balfour advised he was working with Higgins Contracting to provide a site that was closer to Thames for the dumping of rock.

Mr Robson advised that since the January storm event he had spoken to the owners at the Tapu store and had set up a process regarding communication for any further storm events. Councillor Simpson advised he had spoken with the Civil Defence Controller regarding community resilience and meetings with Civil Defence were happening up the coast to discuss the issue.

Councillor Christie commented that she had received positive feedback for the natural burial ground at Omahu and requested her thanks be passed on to the Community Facilities team.

Thames Transport Trial

Mr Robson updated the Community Board on the Thames Transport trial and advised that the expectations of the Regional Council had been exceeded. There were 316 passenger trips in a week with an average of 50 passengers using the connector bus per day. The majority of the customers were super goldcard holders and some of the comments received

from the users of the connector bus noted that their lives had opened up with being able to visit friends and get around Thames. Staff advised that once the trial was completed there would be an analysis of the data collected and the Community Board would be updated.

Kauaeranga Valley Road

Mr Hinson noted that DoC had contributed to the roading budget and the contract for the tender had been awarded for this financial year. The preparation for the road would be completed before April.

Ngati Maru sculpture

Mr Robson advised that the sculpture would be put up the weekend of 10 March but would be screened until the dawn blessing was held the following Monday. A dedication ceremony would be held on 14 March at 4pm and all members were invited. This would be the first event of the Heritage Festival.

Thames Wharf

Mr Hinson advised that the Thames Wharf had sustained damage with the January storm event. Immediate health and safety risks had been taken care of with some of the wharf being sectioned off with bollards to ensure vehicles could not access it. There was no risk to pedestrian traffic as minor repairs had been undertaken for pedestrian safety.

Peter Sauerbier Collection

Auckland City had offered TCDC the Peter Sauerbier Collection if it could be displayed. Staff were gathering figures for shipping, insurance and display costs and would provide that to the Community Board when available.

TCB Resolved

10/18 That the Thames Community Board receives the '2017/2018 Work programme update' report, date 16 February 2018.

Moved/seconded by: Yates/Christie

3.2 Elected members reports

The Community Board expressed their thanks to the staff for the opening celebrations of the Jack McLean Centre.

TCB Resolved

11/18 That the Thames Community Board receives the 'Thames Community Board Elected Members report', dated 12 February 2018.

Moved/seconded by: Simpson/Peters

4 Public excluded

12/18 **Resolved**

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

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) Under section 48(1) for the passing of the resolution
Public excluded - minutes for confirmation - 6 November 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: Yates/Peters

14/18 **Resolved**

TCB 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
4.1	6 November 2017 - public excluded minutes for confirmation

Moved/seconded by: Christie/Peters

The foregoing minutes were certified as being a true and correct record of the meeting of the Thames Community Board held on 5 March 2018.

Chairperson _____ Date _____