



# Minutes

of the

## Thames-Coromandel District Council 2018-2028 draft Long Term Plan Hearing

**Date**  
Venue

**Tuesday 1 May 2018**  
Ocean Resort  
18 Eyre Street  
Whitianga

### **Present**

S Goudie (Mayor), HD Bartley, PA Brljevich, LA Fox, MK McLean JP, TM Walker

### **In attendance**

#### **Community Board Chairs**

D Connors, K Coulam, P Kelly JP, P Pritchard JP, and B Renton.

### **Staff**

Ariana Wickliffe and Scott Summerfield.

**Meeting commenced** 09:00am

### **Adjournment**

	<b>Start</b>	<b>Finish</b>	<b>Reason</b>
Her Worship	10:15am	10:30am	Morning Tea
Her Worship	12:46pm	13:15pm	Lunch

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## 1 Meeting conduct

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### 1.1 Apologies

#### Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council receives the apologies from the Councillors Christie, Councillor Simpson and Councillor Peters.

**Moved/seconded by:** Walker/Fox

## 2 Long Term Plan and associated policies hearing submissions

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### 2.1 Graham Lomas on behalf Mercury Bay South Ratepayers Association

Mr Lomas spoke to his submission (LTP18\_360) specifically on requesting a greenwaste facility in Mercury Bay South from Cooks Beach Community. Mr Lomas supported the absolute necessities for his area including a footbridge over Flaxmill Bay, investigations into erosion problems, and footpath repair, maintenance and road safety on Purangi Road. He noted that there was no support from the community for the Cooks Beach Hoggin Path.

Mayor Goudie asked Mr Lomas if he would prefer the money allocated to Cooks Beach Hoggin Path to be utilised for other projects. Mr Lomas responded that the money planned would be better spent on local repairs.

### 2.2 Alison Henry on behalf of Paul Hopkins

Ms Henry on behalf of Paul Hopkins (LTP18\_236) spoke to his tabled submission requesting a focus on upgrading infrastructure in Cooks Beach and maintenance of walking tracks, berms and reserves. Mr Hopkins additionally requested that paths from Flaxmill Bay to Cook Beach would be considered as part of the Flaxmill Bay footbridge project. Mr Hopkins urged Council to consider other coastal erosion protection options for Cooks Beach and Flaxmill Bay rather than sand push-ups.

Mayor Goudie asked if the only option was a hard structure would this be acceptable. Ms Henry responded that unfortunately she would not be able to answer that on Mr Hopkins' behalf.

### 2.3 Alan Henry on behalf of Cooks Beach Ferry Landing Reserve Management Group and personal submission

Mr Henry spoke on behalf of Cooks Beach Ferry Landing Reserve Management Group (LTP18\_697) specifically on the Flaxmill footbridge. He noted that this was unsafe and required urgent attention. Mr Henry requested that funding to construct the footpath be considered as part of the Flaxmill Bay bridge construction.

Mr Henry spoke to his submission (LTP18\_415) specifically on requesting investigation into 50km/h speed limit on Purangi Rd as it passed by Cooks Beach. Mayor Goudie asked Mr Henry what project he considered to be the priority. Mr Henry noted that the footbridge was the main priority.

## **2.4 Alison Henry**

Ms Henry (LTP18\_422) spoke to her tabled submission specifically projects that should remain in the LTP such as Dalmeny's Bridge. Ms Henry commented that greater clarity be provided to the public on Lees Road carpark and associated road sealing programmes.

Ms Henry advised that the projects determined in the LTP should be driven by managing growth, locating pressure points and protecting the environment. Ms Henry provided harbour and boating facilities as an example of how proactive planning was necessary.

## **2.5 Ron Morgan**

Mr Morgan spoke to his submission (LTP18\_85 and LTP18\_457) and tabled a document specifically on a proposal for a breakwater at Buffalo Beach. Mr Morgan requested that Council investigate a proposed groyne off Buffalo Beach. Mr Morgan presented a diagram which illustrated parking for trailer boats and adequate launching facilities.

## **2.6 Neville Cameron**

Mr Cameron spoke to his submission (LTP18\_724) specifically on the McGregor Bay wetland and how this be treated going forward. He requested that Council consider funding for wilding pine removal. Mr Cameron noted that he did support the location and budget proposed for the Coromandel Community Hub.

Mr Cameron noted his concerns with the bridge over Waiau River. Mayor Goudie suggested that the Coromandel-Colville Community Board draft a letter to raise the issue with the New Zealand Transport Agency.

## **2.7 Jane Parson on behalf of Stuart Christie for Mercury Bay Art Escape Trust (confirmed)**

Ms Parson spoke to the submission on behalf of the Mercury Bay Art Escape Trust (LTP18\_805) specifically on her concerns to the lack of focus on art and social connection in this LTP. Ms Parson did not support the determination on economic growth and noted that art was an economic driver on its own. Ms Parson supported funding for Creative Coromandel over the next three years and requested that Arlingham House (2 Monk St) be made available for arts groups/use until required for the Civic Centre.

## **2.8 Alastair Brickell**

Mr Brickell spoke to his submission (LTP18\_437 and LTP18\_652) specifically on sea level rise and infrastructure. Mr Brickell requested that instead of adopting the recommended levels Council considered sea level rise on a case by case basis.

## **2.9 Sandra Fitzsimons on behalf Mercury Bay Swimming Pool Trust**

Ms Fitzsimons spoke to her submission (LTP18\_233) specifically on the current Mercury Bay community swimming pool. Ms Fitzsimons noted that the current pool was not fit for purpose and she requested an assessment of the pool to be included in the LTP. Ms Fitzsimons urged Council to listen to the community and investigate a pool option in Mercury Bay.

Ms Fitzsimons noted the Trust requested \$30,000 from the Community Board and expressed that no response had been received. Mayor Goudie advised Ms Fitzsimons that the staff would investigate the Trust's request. Ms Fitzsimons noted that she had researched pool facilities in New Zealand and noted that Wanaka were building a facility for \$12.28 million which equated to 7,800 rateable properties and a rates increase of \$140. Ms Fitzsimons noted that this was considerably less than what was proposed in the LTP.

## **2.10 Peter Pritchard - Coromandel-Colville Community Board**

Mr Pritchard spoke to the Community Board's submission (LTP18\_250) specifically on changes to the projects which was included as an attachment.. Board Chair Pritchard noted that the Board did not support wharfage/berthage fees changing, but were in support of the passenger fee increase.

## **2.11 Anna Horne**

Ms Horne spoke to her submission (LTP18\_361 and LTP18\_362) specifically on the Bike Strategy in Mercury Bay and requested that the Cycleway Development project be brought forward. Ms Horne suggested that the Taputapauatea walkway and footbridge be deferred to allow the cycleway project to commence.

## **2.12 Joanna Pearsall**

Ms Pearsall spoke to her submission (LTP18\_284) specifically on Road Maintenance and supported the proposed option C. Ms Pearsall noted that she welcomed the opportunity for Council to maintain the Waikanae Valley Road as this would create better access for any emergencies and safer access to the popular swimming hole.

## **2.13 Tracey Lamason on behalf of Jo Burton and personal submission**

Ms Lamason spoke on behalf of Jo Burton (LTP18\_482) and (LTP18\_490) and to her own submission (LTP18\_321). Ms Lamason noted that both submissions were specifically on the current state of the Mercury Bay Swimming Pool. Ms Lamason requested that an assessment of a local pool in the area be carried out.

## **2.14 Chris Devenoges**

Mr Devenoges spoke to his submission (LTP18\_504) specifically on support for the Mercury Bay skate park budget. Mr Devenoges requested that lighting be included in budgets, and the use of Coromandel granite.

## **2.15 Susan Wilson and Linda Stratford**

Ms Wilson (LTP18\_688) spoke to her tabled submission specifically on inadequate roading infrastructure, concerns with placement of the sub-regional aquatic facility and lack of Arts featured in the LTP. Ms Wilson noted concerns with affordable accommodation within the district and how this was having an impact on economic growth. Ms Wilson experienced difficulties with the submission process and noted there was room for improvement within this space.

## **2.16 Lance Fink**

Mr Fink spoke to his submission (LTP18\_683) specifically on the proposal for undergrounding the powerlines (eliminating power poles), replacing footpaths/curbings and installing new streetlights along The Esplanade.

## **2.17 John Eaglen on behalf of He Mana Toi Moehau (Creative Coromandel)**

Mr Eaglen spoke to the Trust's submission (LTP18\_303) specifically on the lack of support and strategic coordination of the arts. He noted concerns that the LTP did not reflect the Arts strategy. Mr Eaglen requested that the group established to implement the strategy be given \$22,000 over three years to fulfil this commitment.

## **2.18 Jan Wright on behalf of Creative Mercury Bay**

Ms Wright spoke to the Creative Mercury Bay submission (LTP18\_359) and requested that Council ensure that arts be nurtured, respected and honoured for their contribution to Coromandel. Ms Wright requested that the Whitianga Town Hall be made adequate for performing arts. Ms Wright supported comments made that He Mana Toe Moehau be funded.

## **2.19 John Eaglen on behalf of Watch this Space**

Mr Eaglen spoke to the submission (LTP18\_372) specifically on Council support for the arts. Mr Eaglen noted that the arts were important for community connection. Mr Eaglen supported funding for He Mana Toe Moehau.

## **2.20 Nicholas Cashmore**

Mr Cashmore spoke to the submission (LTP18\_514) specifically on Haheil visitor carpark and requested that the budget be brought forward. Mr Cashmore also urged Council to include two lanes at Dalmeny's bridge.

## **2.21 Catherine Baloghy**

Ms Baloghy spoke to the submission (LTP18\_640) specifically on budgeting and spending in a grassroots manner. Ms Baloghy noted concerns with no infrastructure upgrades for Hahei as footpaths were required for pedestrian safety. Ms Baloghy requested that Council put aside land in Hahei for a commercial area and/or information centre.

## **2.22 Sharyn Morcom**

Ms Morcom (LTP18\_735) spoke to her tabled submission specifically on urging Council to support the arts. Ms Morcom commented that Council needs to work with communities in advance of LTP consultation. Ms Morcom additionally expressed that the hearing process had discouraged her as the dates of meeting were held during weekdays and in work hours which meant many people could not attend.

Ms Morcom expressed that the Whitianga Town Hall was well located for an arts facility but currently unsuitable and needed to be upgraded.

## **2.23 Grant McDonald**

Mr McDonald spoke to the submission (LTP18\_389) specifically on the Mercury Bay cycleway development and requested that the budget be brought forward to 2018/19.

## **2.24 William Stead on behalf of Hahei Residents & Ratepayers Association, Hot Water Beach Residents and Ratepayers Association and South Mercury Bay Group**

Mr Stead spoke to the submission (LTP18\_443) and (LTP\_444) specifically on Hahei, Hot Water Beach, and Mercury Bay South Residents needs and requests. Mr Stead presented a PowerPoint which illustrated requests for the expansions/upgrades of water and sewerage systems, a walking village and a greenwaste facility.

## **2.25 Lesley McCormick**

Ms McCormick spoke to the submission (LTP18\_466) specifically on the Council projects in the Mercury Bay area.

## 2.26 Charlie Adams and Phyll Pascoe on behalf of Lees Road Hahei Action Group

Mr Adams and Ms Pascoe spoke to the submission (LTP18\_483) specifically on support for Lees Road completion and Hahei visitor carpark.

## 2.27 William Muir

Mr Muir spoke to the submission (LTP18\_509) specifically on projects not featured in the LTP such as Mercury Bay Medical Centre.

## 2.28 Terry and Dawn Whitehouse

Mr and Ms Whitehouse spoke to the submission (LTP18\_443) and (LTP18\_549) specifically on opportunity for 32A, B and C to get legal road access.

## 2.29 Whangamata Community Board

Board Chair Ken Coulam spoke to the Community Board's submission (LTP18\_417) specifically on promoting a transition of the Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC) increase over multiple years.

## 2.30 Jan Autumn on behalf of Youth Sailing Academy

Jan Autumn on behalf of Youth Sailing Academy spoke to the submission (LTP18\_294) specifically on requesting coastal land be made available for use at Otautu Bay.

## 2.31 Margaret (Maggie) Johnson

Ms Johnson spoke to the submission (LTP18\_758) specifically on opposing the SUIPs as a basis for rating. Ms Johnson tabled further information to supplement her submission. Ms Johnson expressed her concerns to bed and breakfast treated as one SUIP which only paid one rate and noted that if the proposed remission change goes ahead she would face an extra \$1,500 in rates. She urged that Council considered fair and equitable distribution of funds. Ms Johnson requested that Council reconsider the second dwelling remission proposal.

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## Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the '2018-2028 Long Term Plan - Hearing of submissions' report, dated 24 April 2018.
2. Receives the submissions on the 2018-2028 Long Term Plan consultation document within Volumes 1-8.
3. Approves the acceptance of the following late submissions on the 2018-2028 Long Term Plan consultation document for inclusion in the staff analysis:

LTP18_709	Wayne Smith
LTP18_749	Hauraki Rail Trail Charitable Trust
LTP18_770	Mr Daniel Smith
LTP18_772	Dive Zone Whitianga
LTP18_774	Elaine Paterson
LTP18_789	Nevil Hegley
LTP18_791	Ms Naomi Susan Pond
LTP18_750	Melva Lorraine Heslop

Moved/seconded by: Fox/McLean

**Meeting adjourned:** 15:20pm

The foregoing minutes were certified as being a true and correct record of the meeting of the Thames-Coromandel District Council Long Term Plan hearings and special meeting on 1 May 2018.

**Chairperson** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_