



Minutes

of the

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

Date	2 May 2018
Venue	Council Chambers 515 Mackay Street Thames

Present

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

In attendance

Community Board Chairs

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

Staff

Jennifer Mahon, Scott Summerfield,

Meeting commenced 09:00am

Adjournment	Start	Finish	Reason
Her Worship	10:00	10:20	Morning Tea
Councillor Brljevich	12:30	13:15	Lunch

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1 Meeting conduct

1.1 Apologies

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council receives the apologies from Councillor Paul Kelly and Councillor Sally Christie for Wednesday 2 May 2018:

Moved/seconded by: Pritchard/Brljevich

1.3 Late submissions

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council accepts the following two late submissions noting they were received but not processed due to confirmed technical issues with the electronic lodging system:

- Margaret Symes & Shirley DeSantos
- Tracey Salkeld on behalf of the Hikuai Hall Board.

Moved/seconded by: Bartley/Simpson

2 Long Term Plan and associated policies hearing submissions

2.1 Ian Johansen

Mr Johansen spoke to his submission (LTP18_459) specifically on the sealing of Wentworth Valley Road.

He requested that Council shape and tar seal the Wentworth Valley Road citing the following:

- A sealed road would increase demand and drive up prices of sections making it more appealing for people to build homes - resulting in more rateable properties for Council.
- During peak summer period, more than 1,000 cars used the road to access the Department of Conservation campground (DoC) and the waterfall walk - the road could no longer cope with this demand in its current state.
- The current road posed a health and safety risk because of the significant crown height of the road which meant that vehicles were often at risk of falling off the sides of the road when allowing oncoming traffic to pass.
- There had been lots of motor vehicle accidents on the road.

Mr Johansen said the residents were not asking for a deluxe over the top solution just one that would improve the situation.

Mayor Goudie queried how many times the road had flooded recently. Mr Johansen responded by saying it had flooded and had been closed very recently due to rain. It also flooded during the significant rain event last year.

It was noted that local Wentworth Valley resident John Shearer had offered to donate his own metal to help support getting this project underway.

It was queried whether or not Mr Johansen had amenity seal (dust seal) at his property. He clarified some properties did have this but as his property was considered a new build, his did not.

Mayor Goudie queried about a separate proposal involving Wentworth Valley involving a track extension to the Maratoto. It was her understanding that an application of some sort had been lodged in regards to this proposal.

2.2 Peter Feran

Mr Feran spoke to his submission (LTP18_45) specifically on the proposed sub aquatic facility and the Rhodes Park grandstand projects. He noted pensioners on fixed incomes could not afford the rate increases associated with these projects. He urged Council to consider a more conservation fiscal management approach "If we don't have the money, we cannot have it". He queried the current demand for events at the grandstand and reminded Council the Jack McLean Centre was considered under utilised.

Mr Feran queried whether or not Council could return the pool land to Iwi and leave the pool on site - essentially gifting the pool to have it managed by someone other than Council.

Mayor Goudie queried if money became available so there was no burden on the ratepayer, would Mr Feran support the project. He responded yes but that Council had to be realistic.

Mr Feran also raised concern about the Totara Valley development noting the area was susceptible to flooding. It was clarified by the Mayor that the proposal was promoting development for housing on the hillside which did not have the same flood concerns.

Board Chair Connors confirmed with Mr Feran that he would not support the Sub Aquatic Facility proposal even if the cost was shared across the district and asked if he felt the same way about the arts. He responded by saying the arts funded themselves.

2.3 Peter Wood

Mr Wood spoke to his submission (LTP18_410) noting the following:

Mr Wood said he agreed with fellow submitter Feran, noting the price for a pool was too high and did not take into account the high demographic of pensioners on fixed incomes and their ability to cope with such an increase in rates. He said he wanted a district funded simple swimming pool. Mr Wood said he liked where the current pool was located in Thames.

When speaking of the proposal to remove the economic development rate, he noted that industrial ratepayers should not be subsidised by residential ratepayers.

Mr Wood noted he was against maximising UAGC and while he noted support for option B he was disappointed the consultation document did not feature a list of what services were covered under UAGC.

Mr Wood noted the funds allocated to renew Shortland Wharf were very high especially when he considered the wharf defunct and under used. He said the wharf was filling up with sediment making it more unusable. He suggested Council consider spending the funds on developing a wharf at Kopu .He noted current infrastructure would allow it and that the only issue would be that search and rescue might consider it far.

2.4 Rosaline Handy

Ms Handy spoke to her submission (LTP18_201) specifically on Wentworth Valley Road seal extension.

She noted Destination Coromandel's figures for visitors to the tourist spots at the end of the road were approximately half of what was recorded by the Department of Conservation campground attendant. She reported a consistent occupancy rate throughout the year with a clear spike during summer months. She noted DoC's support of this proposal in 2015.

She noted a TCDC facebook page online survey which indicated 73% supported the Wentworth Valley seal extension with almost 400 people participating in the survey.

She clarified that TCDC owned the vast majority of the road with only about 400 metres owned by DoC.

Flooding on the road was queried. Ms Handy explained that TCDC staff had already confirmed that the proposed sealing would not occur in the flood prone areas. She went on to say that if this meant that 250 metres of sealing project was left out because of a potential flooding risk, this would be fine as long as the rest of the road could be completed.

Councillor McClean asked if Ms Handy could quantify the increased number of visitors and it was suggested that Ms Handy's 2015 submission might offer some insight. Ms Handy agreed to share the information after the meeting.

2.5 Russell Nelley

Mr Nelley spoke to his submission (LTP18_460) specifically on the proposed Wentworth Valley Road, Whangamata seal extension and tabled his verbal submission.

He explained a noticeable increase in road users over the 35 years he had lived in the Valley. He noted the restrictions on non self contained camper vans had resulted in an increase in traffic to the DoC camping ground at the end of the road. He suggested Council could see financial savings by sealing the road rather than continuously paying for large machinery to grade and re-metal the road. He suggested the speed limit be reassessed too as 100km/h seemed unsafe when considering all those that share the road including tourist drivers, cyclists, pony club horse riders, runners. He said the road is no longer considered remote backcountry and its sealing should be considered a health and safety priority.

Mr Nelley was asked about flooding and he said it often occurred when he was about to start his gate orchard produce sales. Councillor Walker asked if contractors raised a particular section of the road, could that cause different issues because flood waters would then be directed to a different location. Mr Nelley responded that he wasn't sure. Board Chair Coulam asked Mr Nelley how many accidents occurred on the road per year and he responded with six to 10. He also highlighted that new contractors working on the road had created a dangerously high road crown which was causing accidents. Councillor Simpson asked if the road was wide enough for camper vans and Mr Nelley responded that he did not think that was a problem.

Councillor Fox asked if Mr Nelley was aware of any recorded traffic counts and were the accidents noted previously all reported. Mr Nelley said he could not confirm about whether or not the accidents were reported but he recalled that there was a traffic counter some years ago on the Wentworth Valley Road.

Councillor Bartley asked about the specification level of John Shearer's metal which he had offered for this project and he noted he understood Council had used it before for another project.

2.7 Joy Robinson

Ms Robinson spoke to her submission (LTP18_83) specifically on Wentworth Valley Road, Whangamata seal extension. She noted the Wentworth Valley could no longer be considered far from town as it was closer to the local school than new subdivisions and therefore had to be considered differently than years ago. She noted that the DoC campground was open 365 days a year and the attendant explained she had visitors everyday last year which was evidence of the year round, growing appeal of the area. She said the dust on the road could be considered a health concern and that farmers were tired of mending their fences because of accidents.

Councillor Walker asked if she could suggest a better speed rate for the Wentworth Valley Road and she suggested 70km/h or 50km/h.

She also noted that Council should take better care of toilet facilities, specifically mentioning the facilities at Williamson Park in Whangamata. Ms Robinson reminded the Board that the Whangamata community fundraised for its own pool and continues to manage it well.

2.10 John Walker QSM

Mr Walker spoke to the submission on behalf of the Mercury Bay Art Escape Trust (LTP18_742) specifically on supporting the development of the northern bypass road. He noted growth in the Coromandel which was evidenced by a recent article in the Mercury Bay Informer which highlighted Coromandel's spike in building consents and rise in employment. He noted access to Coromandel was limited and congestion in the main street was an issue which made the development of the northern bypass vital for the Coromandel community going forward. He urged Council to consider the needs of the aging population and its safety by supporting this bypass.

2.11 Franky Lewis

Ms Lewis spoke to her submission (LTP18_429) specifically on accessibility issues and integration for people with disabilities. As a mother of a 22 year old disabled person she stated that she had previously relied upon the building code assuming it would consider accessibility especially when new modern facilities were being designed but this was not the case. When pressed for a recent example of accessibility issues not being considered, she mentioned a new school which had been built recently. She tabled a series of photos of facilities such as pools and toilets with provisions made to allow accessibility for all. She explained that it was important to consider these types of things at the beginning/planning stages of the project to ensure success and explained she would very much like to be part of the process going forward.

Mayor Goudie highlighted that Council did have a disability strategy but acknowledged there were times where people needed to be reminded about it.

2.12 Bill Barclay

Mr Barclay spoke to his submission (LTP18_388) specifically on UAGC, depreciation reserves, coastal management, WW1 monument accessibility improvements and the Shortland Wharf renewals.

Mayor Goudie asked Mr Barclay if Council should retain ownership of the Thames Wharf. He said he failed to see any value from a proposed significant \$1.5 million spend.

Councillor Walker asked Mr Barclay to expand on his comments about coastal management. Mr Barclay responded by noting significant examples of coastal erosions in Tararu where flood protection had been compromised during the 5 January 2018 rain event. He said the issue involved low lying areas and multiple land ownership. He urged TCDC to engage with DoC and WRC to move forward.

2.13 Greg Sweeny

Mr Sweeny spoke to his submission (LTP18_620) specifically on the state of Rangihau Road. He noted he was a frequent user of Rangihau Road because he did possum hunting which supported the local farmers and DoC. He stated that the part of the road not maintained by Council was becoming impassable. He said locals had taken it upon themselves to do some repairs but that it was now a health and safety risk.

Mayor Goudie asked Mr Sweeny for more details about this road and he explained it was Council road even past the ford which had been washed out and now had large volumes of water passing over it.

2.14 Colleen Flavell

Ms Flavell spoke to the submission (LTP18_136) specifically on securing funding to resurface a second community tennis court at Te Puru Domain noting the court was slippery and uneven. Further details were included in Ms Flavell's written submission. Councillor Fox confirmed with Ms Flavell that the courts were indeed no charge to use and Ms Flavell explained she wanted to keep it that way.

2.15 Graeme Madgwick

Mr Madgwick spoke to his submission (LTP18_142) specifically on securing funding to astroturf a second community tennis court at Te Puru Domain noting a health and safety concern. He said a refurbished second court would increase player numbers and allow a third court to be used for a proposed skate bowl area. Mr Madgwick said he was retired and that he and his wife very much enjoyed the opportunity to play tennis in Te Puru.

2.16 Murray Snook

Mr Snook spoke to the submission (LTP18_143) specifically on removing the rates remission available for second dwellings. Most of the information from Mr Snook featured in his written submission but he noted that he resided in a two bedroom home with his wife (both pensioners) and that that home happened to have a 56 square metre unit which currently housed two other family members who did not pay rent. Mr Snook believed it to be unfair that simply because the unit had a sink, he was going to be imposed with a \$2,000 additional rates bill. He said he understood this to be a blanket rating meant for larger family homes housing more people and putting additional stress on the services but he hoped that Council would see the clear difference in his case and rethink this proposal.

Councillor Brljevic asked if it was burdensome to complete a declaration every year and Mr Snook replied no.

2.17 Catherine Stuart

Ms Stuart spoke to the submission (LTP18_148) specifically on removal of the rates remission for second dwellings. She noted she bought a beach house and when she bought

it, it was not a family home. She said the kitchen in the lower level was very basic. The house had always been used as one home with all the family under one roof. It was an old house so she said she supported local tradespeople to do repairs on the home and her family supported local businesses like Banana Boat when they came to stay. Ms Stuart said her beach home was occupied a mere 82 days in a year and she questioned how this could be seen as a drain on Council services. She also noted that she did not understand how \$2,000 each being taken from such a small group could result in any true gain for Council.

2.18 Dell Hood

Ms Hood spoke to the submission (LTP18_150) specifically on provisions to road maintenance - upgrading structures on formed Council owned roads. She was a resident of Wood Road South and noted the effort made by her community to pursue active pest control resulting in Kiwis and other wildlife flourishing but also urged Council to help her evoke her fundamental right to access her property. She noted cases of illegal dumping and even marijuana growing in the area - things she connected to Council not maintaining the road. There was recently a large slip and this raised concerns about health and safety for road users especially now when she had noticed an increase in road user numbers.

2.20 Joyce Birdsall

Ms Birdsall spoke to the submission (LTP18_286) and reiterated her written submission including comments made about her perceived lack of consultation by the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board as they developed the list of locally funded projects.

Councillor McClean confirmed Ms Birdsall's appetite for user pays for the likes of Pepe Reserve toilets. She responded by saying she had no objections.

Councillor Walker noted Donna Brooke as the leader for the Information Centre move. Ms Birdsall stated she understood the reason for the move but questioned whether or not tourists would indeed turn off the main road to find it.

2.21 Alison Smith

Ms Smith spoke to the submission (LTP18_565) specifically noting harbour catchment issues and coastal management.

She raised concern about a perceived lack of focus on harbour and catchment issues throughout the Long Term Plan consultation. She highlighted a recent weather event which resulted in someone losing their life. She acknowledged there had been many nice to have options discussed but urged the Council to reconsider its position on stormwater and climate change. She deemed these items as priorities.

She wanted to note appreciation for the inclusion of a skatepark but understood this too was much less important than the priority items listed above. She noted policies should be driving the Long Term Plan. She said policies such as the Coastal Management and other recent strategies should drive expenditure.

Councillor Fox queried the idea of user pay boat ramps which he said would be a major economic driver with large revenue streams. Ms Smith noted she like the concept of user pays but noted still a lack of policy backing. She explained fish were the real factor driving the economic benefit and not the wharves. She suggested Council think broader to consider matters such as the state of fisheries.

Board Chair Connors noted Ms Smith had expressed opposition in her written submission about the proposal to remove the rates remission available for second dwellings. Ms Smith explained her position stemmed from knowledge of a broader issue which was a lack of affordable accommodation. She noted she was aware of some people who were investigating the installation of a second kitchen in their properties to let but it was deemed not financially viable when one considered the extra rates bill.

Board Chair Renton asked Ms Smith about how Graham's Creek handled the recent rain storm. Ms Smith noted the creek drained away quicker than was expected but highlighted to Council that storms deemed 1 in 100 year storms appeared to be happening more frequently.

2.22 Raymond Burgess

Mr Burgess spoke to the submission (LTP18_348) specifically on the Purangi Upper Harbour walkway noting:

- The benefits of this project would far outweigh the proposed \$1 million cost.
- This project would work to cater for tourists in Whitianga where they are wanted as opposed to working with communities which did not want this type of business.
- Physically linking Whitianga to Cathedral Cove would stimulate tourism.

Mr Burgess suggested Council consider moving this project earlier on in the plan so the benefits could be realised more quickly.

Councillor Walker queried whether or not Mr Burgess had considered parking congestion issues especially near Cathedral Cove. Mr Burgess said parking would be spread out across Whitianga.

Councillor Simpson queried whether or not Mr Burgess would support a targeted rate for this project set for tourist operators who would ultimately benefit the most from this and Mr Burgess responded yes.

2.23 Mike Noonan on behalf of Coromandel Independent Living Trust

Mr Noonan spoke on behalf of the Coromandel Independent Living Trust to the submission (LTP18_478). He reiterated his written submission which acknowledged a strong relationship with TCDC via the Coromandel-Colville Community Board who had supported some very successful projects with significant social benefits from the community. He now requested that a transfer of Council land (Pound Street) be supported in the TCDC Long Term Plan. The land would be used for a project which would offer a space for community service and government agencies but would also include provision for sport groups as well as local individuals requiring meeting/office space.

It was noted that this project posed very little risk to Council. If the Trust wasn't successful in attracting the funding it needed, the land could easily be returned. It was also noted that the recreational zoning of the proposed land meant that it could be utilised for the type of project.

Councillor Walker clarified that Council did in fact own the Pound Street property totalling 38 square metres and that the local Community Board was supportive of the initiative. Councillor Walker also asked whether the Trust had a business plan for the project and Mr Noonan responded by saying a feasibility study was underway and it would be completed at no cost to the ratepayer.

Board Chair Prichard asked if other land prospects had been investigated and the response from the Trust was yes, two other pieces of land had been considered.

2.24 Matt Sephton on behalf of Coromandel Independent Living Trust

Mr Sephton spoke on behalf of the Coromandel Independent Living Trust to the submission (LTP18_671) specifically on acquiring funding over three years for the community wifi network that the Trust was establishing in Coromandel Town. Mr Sephton noted he was availing of a Ministry Education initiative where schools would share their network for high speed broadband. He explained that the school only used approximately 10% of its allocated broadband capabilities and Coromandel did not have wifi. He said visitors to the area could potentially expect to pay for this service.

2.25 John and Phil Coles

Mr J Coles and Mr P Coles spoke to the submission (LTP18_105) specifically on removing the rates remission available for second dwellings. It was noted that a part from having a second kitchen sink there was no indication that the residents demanded a larger share of Council services. Under the proposal from 1 July, Mr Cole would be paying double for services which he stated he did not use. He requested that an inspector come to the property to see for themselves. It was clarified that the Coles had been using the property as a single family home since 1973.

2.26 Kay Steen

Ms Steen reiterated her submission (LTP18_11) which requested new Te Puru Domain/Hall toilets as the old ones were considered substandard in terms of safety, efficiency, aesthetics and location. There was some discussion about whether or not a beam set for removal in the proposed concept plan was indeed load bearing not. It was also noted that the Hall was a Civil Defence post. Ms Steen noted the Committee did not have the funds to upgrade the toilet block but would fundraise to upgrade the kitchen themselves.

Councillor Brljevich asked if any costings had been done for this project. Ms Steen shared preliminary research which indicated a toilet stall would cost \$1,600 each for hardware but she did not have information on the plumbing or electrical components.

Board Chair Connors reminded the group that Long Term Plan projects required budgeted figures in order to be eligible for inclusion into the plan. She also noted there had been a number of requests coming the Te Puru Community and asked if Ms Steen to suggest a priority list. It was noted the toilets and the tennis courts sat high on the priority list and that the skatepark came after those two projects in her opinion.

2.27 Edward du Plessis

Mr du Plessis spoke to the submission (LTP18_191) specifically on removing the rates remission available for second dwellings. He strongly opposed the thinking that more kitchens naturally equalled more residents and he noted he signed his declaration each year to show this was not the case for him and his family. He noted he would be paying in excess of \$50 per week for additional services which he did not use. He said his home set up had no impact on services and therefore did not justify an increase in rates.

Councillor McLean questioned how a sink could mean multiple dwellings with no cooking facilities and requested more information on this matter from staff.

2.28 Robert and Margaret Lucas

Mr and Mrs Lucas tabled comments on their submission (LTP18_108) opposing the removal of the rates remission available for second dwellings. They noted they had purchased their property as a single dwelling and were unaware of the second dwelling classification but

insisted they had no intention to ever offer any part of the dwelling for short or long term accommodation.

2.29 Diane Connors on behalf of Thames Community Board

Board Chair Connors spoke to the Community Board's submission (LTP18_297) specifically noting support for the sub aquatic facility which she explained offered a good opportunity to access big funding but understood it was presented at very much the concept level. She also noted other pool facilities around the country which provided a good service at a lesser cost. She also noted support for the Totara Valley, Thames service extensions explaining this would support development for the region.

2.30 John Leenman

Mr Leenman spoke to the submission (LTP18_370) specifically on what he deemed was a significant omission in the Long Term Plan. He said consideration was not given to identifying coastal hazards, community engagement programmes and funding for the like. He noted after the 5 January 2018 flood, it was apparent that many communities were not prepared and he urged the Council to consider this going forward. He noted Hawkes Bay Council had budgeted \$1.5 million for such considerations.

2.19 Bob Renton on behalf of Tairua-Pauanui Community Board

Mr Renton spoke on behalf of the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board to the submission (LTP18_282) specifically noting opposition to the having the Pepe toilets funded solely locally when the vast majority of users were tourists. He suggested Council lobby Central Government for funding. He also raised concern around coastal erosion noting he had not seen any real progress on that front and did not want to waste ratepayers money on doing the same tried and failed approaches.

2.31 Denis Tegg

Mr Tegg (LTP18_290) spoke to a tabled presentation specifically on the viability of Thames and other TCDC towns given the threat of sea level rise and general climate change issues. He said that NIWA had named both Thames and Whitianga on a list of areas to be concerned about but that it appeared that Council was ignoring the evidence. He noted that Council appeared to be supporting a decrease in funding for these matters rather than an increase.

2.32 Denis Tegg on behalf of Janette Arbury

Mr Tegg spoke on behalf of Janette Arbury to the submission (LTP18_317) specifically offering support for the extension of Grafton Road in Thames. It was noted that this road needed proper stormwater drains to manage the runoff from the road and surrounding area during storms. This would prevent damage to adjoining private properties.

2.33 Robin Plummer

Mr Plummer spoke to the submission (LTP18_302) specifically on increasing funds in the Long Term Plan for assessment of coastal hazards in the district. He referred to Council obligations under the 2010 Coastal Policy Statement to carry out the necessary identification of all coastal hazards, including coastal inundation, groundwater sea flooding and investigation into options to protect TCDC communities on the Coromandel. He urged Council to consider increasing funding to assess the risks properly.

2.34 Richard Judd on behalf of Cirtex Industries

Mr Judd spoke on behalf of Cirtex Industries to the submission (LTP18_342) specifically to offer support to the proposed Totara Valley, Thames service extensions. He noted as a business owner in the Kopu area he has had difficulty recruiting staff due to limited options for accommodation. He said by opening up more space for housing projects this would help entice prospective, qualified staff.

2.35 Greg Laslett on behalf of Kauaeranga Tramping Club

Mr Laslett spoke to the submission (LTP18_471) specifically on encouraging Council to consider upgrading and improving maintenance on track access points - essentially carparks which provide access to DoC walking treks. He noted this was an important tourism and health and safety consideration which would not cost much to complete. He also noted there was specific funding pools which could be accessed if the Club could show evidence of partnership with Council. Mr Laslett was able to confirm increased numbers of trampers and that his Club undertook proper Kauri Die Back measures.

2.36 Carol Fielding

Ms Fielding spoke to her tabled submission (LTP18_202) specifically on rubbish going into storm drains. She raised concern about non-accidental deposits of plastic, aluminium, bottles and takeaway food containers finding their way into the waterways. She suggested that as part of an ongoing education programme about the effects of this on the environment, TCDC could support creative marketing reminder symbols and slogans to be placed at grating sand gutters and large fenced holes. She also noted that while she supported most proposed items in the Long Term Plan she did not support the Rhodes Park project. She said she could not support the use of public money for buildings and infrastructure that were vulnerable to rising sea-level inundation and flooding.

2.37 Robyn Sinclair on behalf of Transition Town Thames

Mr Mark Skelly provided a list of projects the Transition Town Thames organisation had received Council and Thames Community Board support with and explained that he would be stepping down from his position and introduced the incoming Chair Robyn Sinclair.

Ms Sinclair spoke to the submission (LTP18_379) and took the opportunity to list ways which Council could be more mindful of environmental issues moving forward. She noted Council could adopt a zero waste building policy by not allowing take away cups into the building. Council could build more covered bicycle car parks areas and consider using solar panels to power the Rhodes Park project.

2.39 Richard Northey

Mr Northey (LTP18_716) spoke to his tabled submission. He strongly opposed the proposal to increase the Uniform Annual General Charge. He noted it was not appropriate to charge every property owner the same for services where the benefits could not be measured for each particular person. He said the financial provisions of the Local Government Act required some consideration to be given to a person's ability to pay. He also noted that it was important to consider that some services provided by Councils and not the open market were set up that way because of the importance of providing an essential service to all.

Board Chair Coulam asked what level of uniform charge did the Auckland City Council have and Mr Northey responded by saying 17%.

Councillor Fox noted the district dealt with a situation that some people were inheriting high value property so were essentially land rich but cash poor. Councillor Fox asked how Mr Northey would overcome this issue. And he responded with rates postponements.

2.40 Bronwyn Blair and Sam Ireland

Ms Blair and Mr Ireland (LTP18_83) spoke to their tabled submission which highlighted a fundamental right for people to have access to public service and noted three key submission points. Ms Blair requested that TCDC provide a formal commitment to support the Colville Project. She noted the people of the northern Coromandel Peninsula did not have equitable access to the services provided by TCDC and considered it important to support a community driven project which would provide an array of services and opportunities for the local people. It was also noted that financial support was being requested but only in terms of a contribution towards Council fees.

Ms Blair also noted opposition to the proposed sub regional aquatic facility and to the three proposed options under "Changes to who pays" because she said vulnerable communities would be disproportionately affected in a negative way if those changes were approved.

2.41 Bronwyn Blair spoke on behalf of The Colville Project

Ms Blair (LTP18_803) spoke on behalf of the Colville Project to her tabled submission which noted a community consultation process resulting in a list of needs such as a growing school student population, opportunities for youth mentoring, upskilling and investigation into minimising the expense of travel and time away from family and work for business people and professionals. The Colville Project was looking to build facilities which would work to provide some of those needs.

Councillor Walker queried whether or not there was going to be a medical centre included in the concept. Ms Blair responded that a medical facility would be a user and rent payer to the trust.

Councillor Simpson queried the level of support received from the local community board. Ms Blair voiced that there had been discussions about land gifting but that details were omitted from the Long Term Plan.

Councillor Brljevich queried details around the group's request to raise a portion of road in Colville. He asked if the particular section of the road went under water during instances of flooding. Ms Blair responded that the project was located well above flood level.

Councillor Brljevich also clarified whether or not it was the intension of the project to house the ambulance. It was noted that due to the new governing body of Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ) this had not yet been confirmed but it was hoped for.

2.42 Reihana Robinson

Ms Robinson (LTP18_299) submitted specifically on road maintenance service extension but decided she had nothing further to add to her submission but instead wanted to express support for those people dealing with the effects of coastal erosion in Port Charles.

2.43 Geoff Robinson

Mr Robinson spoke to the submission (LTP18_27) specifically on road maintenance service extension to Harriett Kings Road. It was noted that Mr Robinson supported Option B, acknowledging that safe roads were about more than sound structures and that other

considerations like width, surface, visibility, and emergency access into properties needed to be considered by Council. He also noted that Council had a reasonable duty to provide access to all ratepayer properties even rural properties like his. He urged Council to action this work as soon as possible (year one of the plan). He reported that the road was not safe in its current state, the ford was damaged, the stream was not passable in certain situations and at its best the road was off road quality. Mr Robinson also showcased how the road promoted economic benefit by supporting agriculture business and tourism through successful multi sport racing.

Meeting closed at 15:25pm

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 2 May 2018.

Chairperson _____ **Date** _____