



Minutes

of the

Thames Community Board

LTP 2018-2028 deliberations

Date	7 May 2018
Venue	Council Chamber 515 Mackay Street Thames

Present

Catherine Croft (chairperson), Diane Connors, Strat Peters, Lester Yates, Mike Veal, Sally Christie

In Attendance

Angela Jane, Garry Towler, Brian Robson, Lisa Madgwick, Faith O'Sullivan-Babe, Mohammed Imtiaz

Meeting commenced 09:00

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1 Meeting conduct

1.1 Apologies

An apology was received from Councillor Simpson, and an apology from Member Veal for lateness.

Resolved that the Thames Community Board receives apologies from Councillor Simpson and Member Veal.

Moved/seconded by: Yates/Peters

1.2 Items not on the agenda

There were no items added to the agenda.

1.3 Conflict of interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

2 Long Term Plan 2018-2028 deliberations

2.1 Long Term Plan 2018-2028 deliberations

Te Puru domain hall/public conveniences

After discussion the Community Board noted their preference to undertake investigations in the Te Puru vicinity for public conveniences and let the investigations inform the specific improvements.

Rhodes Park carpark

The Community Board requested that a long term solution be provided for the Rhodes Park carpark, rather than just mending potholes on a regular basis.

Te Puru tennis courts resealing with astro turf

After discussion, the Community Board noted they would fund up to \$12,500 for the resealing of the astro turf at Te Puru. This figure was half of the \$25,000 budgeted in the draft 2018-2028 LTP. The Community Board noted there were additional external funding options that could be applied for by the community.

Uniform Annual General Rate (UAGC)

The Community Board noted, after reading and listening to the submissions received, a change in their support from Option A to Option B.

The Community Board noted their concern for the property owners that have a higher value property yet were on a limited fixed income.

Rates remission for second dwellings

The Community Board had noted in their submission that they needed more information to make a decision regarding the rates remissions for second dwellings. After reading and listening to the submissions they decided to support Option B.

Thames Business Association Funding

The Community Board noted that the chief executive had offered up to a 0.5 FTE Council employee to assist the Thames Business Association in its first year. The Business Association had noted their preference of providing an independent employee. The Thames Community Board recommends funding the requested \$80,000 through the existing Community Board budget for Thames promotion, and/or savings from 2018/19 or from retained earnings for year one.

Resolved

That the Thames Community Board:

1. Receives the 'Thames Community Board Long Term Plan 2018-28 Deliberations' report.
2. Makes the following recommendations:

Public Conveniences	
Te Puru domain Hall/public conveniences	Requests staff undertake investigations for improving public toilet facilities in Te Puru to inform the Annual Plan budget for 2019/20.
Urban Development Streetscaping	
Thames Urban Development Strategy	Recommends that the Thames Business Association be involved as stakeholders in CCTV, Cooks Monument Landing and Kopu Landscaping projects.
Thames visual appeal	Recommends that the Community Board work with Thames Business Association on how to improve the experience of visitors and residents in Thames town centre.
Centennial Pool	Do not extend Centennial Pool hours
Thames Library	Do not change Thames Library hours
Harbour Facilities	
Thames Coast Boat Ramps	No change to the proposed renewals budget for Ruamahunga Boat Ramp.
Shortland Wharf	Remove the capital renewal project for the Shortland Wharf in years 1 and 2 and increase the maintenance budget by \$100,000 for years 1, 2 and 3.
Parks and Reserves	
Maintenance of parks and reserves	Advise the submitters that spraying around road edges was attended to through the existing maintenance contract, that the majority of privet on Thames hillsides was on private land and requests for clearance should be directed to Waikato Regional Council and that the comments regarding planting on Waipatukahu Point Reserve would be referred to the review of the Thames Reserve Management Plans. Recommend that additional budget of \$3,000 per annum (rating impact of 65 cents per TPCB ratepayer) was provided for the Rhodes Park Memorial Forest to meet the cost of the contract for maintenance.
Currie Street	That the Thames Community Manager sits down with Housing New Zealand and interest parties to further consider the proposed projects for Currie Street with the intent to return with a clear scope and costings for the 2019/20 Annual Plan.
Waipatukau/Cemetery Point	Refer Ngāti Tamaterā with regard to development at Waipatukahu to the reserve management plan review process.
Rhodes Park carpark	Investigate a longer term fix for the sealing of the carpark.

Te Puru resealing with Astro turf	That the Thames Community Board funds up to \$12,500, for the resealing of the astro turf at Te Puru from the Thames minor parks projects budget (being half the budget that was in the 2018-2028 LTP) and the community be encouraged to raise half the funds.
Local Grants	
Treasury and Archive Centre	Provides a local grant of \$30,000 in year 1; \$20,000 in year 2 and \$10,000 in year 3 to the Coromandel Heritage Trust for operation of the Treasury and Archive Centre. Recommend to Council that a district grant of \$30,000 in year 1; \$20,000 in year 2 and \$10,000 in year 3 to the Coromandel Heritage Trust for operation of the Treasury and Archive Centre also be provided.
Thames Business Association funding	The Thames Community Board funds an \$80,000 grant to the Thames Business Association from existing budgets (Thames promotion budget), and/or savings from 2018/19 or from retained earnings for year one of 2018-2028 draft LTP on the proviso that the business association achieves some of the objectives of the Thames promotion budget.
Airfields	
Thames airfield hangar development	Directs staff to work with the Hauraki Aero Club and other interested parties on development options at the Thames airfield.
Local Roads	
Thames Connector bus service	Recommends that Council staff continue to work with NZTA and WRC and that the budget be retained pending a decision on the connector bus future.
Local Proposal	
Rhodes Park clubrooms and grandstand	Recommends that further investigation be undertaken into natural hazards risks to the existing site and facilities; further investigations be undertaken to address sea level rise, inundation and flooding risk and that the feasibility of alternative sites was investigated.
District Proposals	
Sub-regional Aquatic Facility	Recommends that over the next two years Council continue investigations into a replacement of the Thames Centennial Pool and more broadly consider delivery and funding for public pool facilities in other parts of the district, looking at the following scenarios: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A district funded sub-regional aquatic facility as proposed • A sub-regional aquatic facility with majority funding from Thames, and lower funding levels from other ward areas • Council considers further support for the existing Whitianga community pool • Council considers further support for the existing Whangamata community pool
Road Maintenance	The Thames Community Board supports option A.
Wentworth Valley Road	The Thames Community Board supports option A.
Pottery Land Extension	The Thames Community Board supports option A.
Totara Valley	The Thames Community Board supports option A.
Economic Development Rate	The Thames Community Board supports option A.
Uniform Annual General Rate (UAGC)	The Thames Community Board supports option B.
Rates Remission for second dwellings	The Thames Community Board supports Option B.
Large bed and breakfasts	The Thames Community Board supports option A.
Resource Consenting Fees	The Thames Community Board supports the change to resource consenting fees.
Harbour Facility Charges	The Thames Community Board supports the change to harbour facility charges.

Moved/seconded: Croft/Christie

Meeting closed at 10:50.

The foregoing minutes were certified as being a true and correct record of the meeting of the Thames Community Board held on 7 May 2018.

Chairperson _____ **Date** _____