



Minutes

of the

Tairua-Pauanui Community Board

Ordinary Meeting

Date 13 August 2018
Venue Pauanui Community Hub
23 Centreway
Pauanui

Present

RN Renton (Chairperson)

HD Bartley
TM Walker
BA Turner

SH Campbell
WP Brooks

In attendance

Name

Garry Towler, Eileen Hopping, Amber Baker, Jennifer Mahon, Rob Williams, Angela Jane, Faith O'Sullivan-Babe, Derek Thompson, Peter Wishart, Jan van der Vliet.

Meeting commenced 10:00am

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1 Meeting conduct

1.1 Apologies

All members were present.

1.2 Public forum

Ms Paula Leen presented a follow-up to her public forum presentation on 2 July 2018 where she highlighted a need for more signage to help visitors navigate Pauanui. She tabled a proposed signage concept report and plan.

Ms Jean McCann spoke on behalf of the Tairua Residents and Ratepayers Association and raised concerns about safety issues and improved signage for the one lane bridges in Tairua.

Ms McCann also spoke in support of two community grant applications which had been lodged for Board consideration at its September meeting. The first application was for funding towards a large tourist photo frame and the other to help with printing costs for a local support services pamphlet (the pamphlet was tabled).

Mr Andrew Bolton spoke on behalf of the Hikuai District Trust to item 2.1 Hikuai District Trust - Stage 2 Pauanui to Tairua Walking/Cycling Trail. Mr Bolton noted that the Trust was committed to maintaining the track and the establishment of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Trust and TCDC to capture that commitment.

TPCB
28/18 **Resolved**
That the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board receives Paula Leen, Jean McCann and Andrew Bolton as speakers in the public forum.

Moved/seconded by: Brooks/Campbell

1.3 Items not on the agenda

No further items were added to the agenda.

1.4 Conflict of interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

1.5 2 July 2018 Tairua-Pauanui Community Board confirmation of minutes

TPCB
29/18 **Resolved**
That the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board confirms its 2 July 2018 minutes as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Moved/seconded by: Bartley/Turner

2. District activities: Local input policy/levels of service

2.1 Hikuai District Trust - Stage 2 Pauanui to Tairua Walking/Cycling Trail

The Board was asked to consider recommending that the Council become the Controlling Authority for Stage 2 of the Pauanui to Tairua Trail and administer the trail route.

If Council was to become the Controlling Authority, it would be responsible for the day to day maintenance of the trail. With the introduction of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Council and the Hikuai District Trust, the responsibility of maintenance would be transferred to the Trust. It was noted that there were many examples of community groups taking the maintenance responsibility for similar projects.

Some Board members noted concern about the cost that the trail would impose on local ratepayers and noted the financial burden could increase with future stages of the trail. It was also noted that while there were clear benefits for Pauanui to have such a trail, Tairua and Hikuai residents might not all be so willing to support it financially.

It was noted that the Waikato Regional Council and other governing bodies had been considered and subsequently eliminated by the Walking Access Commission (Commission) as potential suitable controlling authorities for the trail. The eliminations were based on the fact that the Thames-Coromandel District Council was considered the local body which would receive the most benefit from the project.

It was confirmed that should the Trust renege on its maintenance responsibilities, the Council had the ability to close the track if the maintenance costs were considered unaffordable or inappropriate for ratepayers.

TPCB
30/18

Resolved

That the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board:

1. Receives the 'Hikuai District Trust - Stage 2 Pauanui to Tairua Walking/Cycling Trail' report, dated 1 August 2018.
2. Supports, in principle the Council becoming the controlling Authority for Stage 2 of the Pauanui to Tairua Trail subject to a Memorandum of Understanding that establishes the Hikuai District Trust will be responsible for the track's maintenance.
3. Directs staff to work with the Hikuai District Trust to establish a Memorandum of Understanding to be presented to the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board's September 2018 meeting.

Moved/seconded by: Campbell/Turner

3 Reports

3.1 Tairua-Pauanui Community Board 2018/2019 work programme

The 2018/2019 work programme was tabled.

An update was provided about the Royal Billy Point project. The tender process was not deemed successful as submitted prices were substantially higher than forecast. On site drilling had taken place as a means to investigate and prioritise work which could still be programmed and staff members were engaging with contractors. The Board requested a statement be released to update the public on this project.

It was noted that investigations were underway to determine a budget for Holland Close flood mitigation. Once the extent of the budget required was confirmed, this item would feature in the work programme.

TPCB 31/18 Resolved
That the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board receives the 'Tairua-Pauanui Community Board 2018/19 Work Programme' report, dated 2 August 2018.

Moved/seconded by: Campbell/Walker

3.2 Members' reports

Board Member Campbell noted a need for better communication between Council and the Menz Shed regarding projects they were engaged in together. She requested that full instructions with associated specifications be developed by Council and shared with the Menz Shed for such things as memorial seats and tourist photo frames.

Councillor Walker noted he would be attending the Coromandel Catchment Liaison Committee meeting on 16 August 2018 with Board Member Brooks.

Board Member Turner attended the Tairua Residents and Ratepayers meeting where there was a discussion about reusing electronic speed signs to help improve road safety in Tairua.

Board Chair Renton attended the Pauanui Library AGM and reported the facility had another successful year with a strong volunteer network.

Board Chair Renton also noted residents were concerned about the Council's proposed Alcohol Control Bylaw and many had voiced support for the status quo.

TPCB 32/18 Resolved
That the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board receives the Members' reports.

Moved/seconded by: Walker /Brooks

Meeting closed at 11:15

The foregoing minutes were certified as being a true and correct record of the meeting of the Thames-Coromandel District Council held on 13 August 2018.

Chairperson _____ **Date** _____