



Minutes

of the

Thames-Coromandel District Council

Parking Control Bylaw Hearing and Deliberations and Alcohol Control Bylaw Deliberations

Date 8 October 2018
Venue Council Chambers
515 Mackay Street
Thames

Present
SA Goudie (Mayor) HD Bartley PA Brljevich
SL Christie LA Fox
MK McLean JP S Peters
TM Walker

In attendance

Staff
Ariana Wickliffe, Lisa Madgwick, and Scott Summerfield.

Meeting commenced 09:02

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1 Meeting conduct

1.1 Apologies

241/18
CL **Resolved**
That the Thames-Coromandel District Council receives the apologies from Board Chairs Coulam, Renton, Connors, Kelly and Pritchard for the 8 October 2018 Council hearing.

Moved/seconded by: Fox/Peters

2 Governance and Strategic Planning

2.1 Hearing submissions on the review of the Parking Control Bylaw 2014 (Hahei)

Council was presented with the submissions received to the proposed Parking Control Bylaw 2014 (Hahei). Submitters were provided the opportunity to present their submission verbally.

2.2.1 Anne Shelton

Ms Shelton (PC_12) and Duncan Ray spoke to their further submission. Ms Shelton noted that the two options were not palatable and did not reflect the feedback from the ratepayers' survey. For option one Ms Shelton supported resident parking only, however she objected to the limitation of permits. Ms Shelton commented that option two would affect the aesthetic view for Hahei and the enjoyment of their properties. Ms Shelton shared the view that the parking problem only existed for about six weeks. Ms Shelton noted that bylaws should only be changed when no other option was available.

Mayor Goudie asked Ms Shelton if she would accept key areas with time limited parking. Ms Shelton responded yes.

Councillor Peters asked Ms Shelton if urban planning would work best for their community. Ms Shelton responded that this would be an appropriate tool to use for their community.

2.2.2 Trudie Burnham

Ms Burnham (PC_188) spoke to her submission. Ms Burnham did not support the proposed options. She supported Councillor Peters comments that an overall plan was required for Hahei. Ms Burnham noted the increased signage in the area impacted on the aesthetic view of the community she requested these be removed removal of signs. Ms Burnham requested that Council remove beach front parks to create a loading zone and requested that Campervans be banned from town centre.

2.2.3 Kaitlyn Gooch

Ms Gooch (PC_17) spoke to her submission. Ms Gooch did not support the proposed options she noted that the permit system did not take into consideration those that rented, or those visiting from neighbouring areas.

2.2.4 Ron Egan

Mr Egan (PC18_322) spoke to his submission. Mr Egan did not support the proposed options. Mr Egan advised that the status quo should remain until other initiatives were completed, for example; village entry Lees Road carpark and an improved shuttle service.

2.2.5 William Stead and Anna Bartlett (on behalf of the Hahei Residents and Ratepayers Association)

Mr Stead (PC_313) and Ms Bartlett spoke on behalf of the Hahei Residents and Ratepayers Association (HRRA). Mr Stead noted that the option proposed did not reflect the community view, and a majority of the community did not support permit parking. Mr Stead understood that they had misread the community's view. Ms Bartlett noted that HRRA would like to work with Council to continue monitoring of data for Hahei Parking to support evidence based decision making. HRRA requested the use of the temporary footpaths to be implemented, clear signage to visitor carparks and time limits for parking in the village especially for campervans.

Mayor Goudie asked if the Association would be in favour of small incremental steps for reducing congestions with a trial. Ms Bartlett responded yes. Mayor Goudie asked if the Association would be keen to advance the spatial plan for Hahei. Ms Bartlett said the Association would be proactive in progressing this.

2.2.6 Mark Walynetz

Mr Walynetz (PC_302) spoke to his submission. Mr Walynetz requested Council consider paid parking on the beach front and no campervans in the village.

2.2.7 Charles Adams

Mr Adams (PC18_276) spoke to his submission. Mr Adams noted that the two proposals were not workable. Mr Adams supported privately funded and managed Lees Road carparks.

2.2.8 Andrew Stevens

Mr Stevens (PC_297) spoke to his submission. Mr Stevens noted he strongly opposed the proposed changes. Mr Stevens noted that the proposal eliminated free access to Hahei beach for visitors and some residents. He did not want Hahei to be perceived as unwelcoming. Mr Stevens explained the only issues related to the visitors to Cathedral Cove which could be improved by further parking developments.

Councillor Simpson asked Mr Stevens if a current problem existed with parking in Hahei village? Mr Stevens responded no.

2.2.9 Karen Vowels

Ms Vowels (PC_77) spoke on behalf of the Hahei Business Association submission. Ms Vowels noted that the Association did not support the two proposed options and that visitors should be welcomed in Hahei. Ms Vowels highlighted that the parking issues only existed for about 4-6 weeks during the summer peak period. Ms Vowel requested that Council kept it simple and preferred time limited parking as an option. Ms Vowel noted that the Association conducted their own feedback which displayed no known issues.

Mayor Goudie asked Ms Vowels if she supported time limited parking in key pinch points with very clear signage. Ms Vowels responded yes.

2.2.10 Max Baxter

Mr Baxter (PC_177) spoke to his submission. Mr Baxter noted he opposed the proposed changes. Mr Baxter commented that the proposal was restrictive, discouraging to visitors and tourism. He noted that the enforcement was unrealistic for a small beach town. Mr Baxter commented that campervans were more of an issue.

Mayor Goudie asked Mr Baxter if he supported time limit restrictions for parking, he responded yes.

2.2.11 John Rich

Mr Rich (PC_270) spoke on behalf of the Kiwi Dundee Adventures (2018) Ltd. Mr Rich noted that the proposed bylaw would impact on their business. He commented that the restriction were unreasonable for tourism operators and requested their business be issued permits.

2.2.11 Terence Gould

Mr Gould (PC_139) spoke to his submission and presented his powerpoint. Mr Gould noted he opposed the proposed changes. He commented that the issues with car-parking existed with the managing visitor demands to Cathedral Cove. Mr Gould requested that Council work together with Department of Conservation, Iwi and local resident to investigate ways to limit these demands.

The meeting adjourned for morning tea

2.2.12 Ian Carter

Mr Carter (PC_269) spoke to his submission. Mr Carter noted that he did not support the proposed but if made to select he would prefer permits to no-stopping. He noted that he was an active member of the Hahei Volunteer Fire Brigade and that members should be issued permits.

2.2.13 Reikha Giri-Percival

Board Member Giri-Percival (PC_252) spoke on behalf of the Mercury Bay Community Board. Ms Giri-Percival noted that the Board supported the community voice and the need to update the Community plan for the area. She commented this would provide a good mechanism for spatial planning in the village.

2.2.14 Dianne Simpson

Ms Simpson (PC_173) spoke to her tabled submission. Ms Simpson was in support to a modified option and requested more permits be issued. Ms Simpson noted that she opposed beach front carpark becoming pay and display and commented that these should be free for residents and ratepayers. Ms Simpson supported extension of the Lees Road carpark.

2.2.15 Richard Wilson

Mr Wilson (PC_213) spoke to his submission. He did not support the proposed changes and noted that this was not the way to manage it. Mr Wilson noted that the problem only existed for the peak season that lasted for three weeks. Mr Wilson highlighted that other beach towns which exhibited similar problems did not impose parking charges but was based on a first in first serve basis.

2.2.16 Kirsten Russell

Ms Simpson (PC_327) spoke to her tabled submission. She noted that the supported option 1 with some alterations as trial for summer but was alternatively supported the status quo. She did not support yellow lines, pay and display, or any additional footpaths or curbing in Hahei. Ms Russell noted the issues existed with visitors using a carpark for Cathedral Cove.

2.2.17 Dianna Belle

Ms Belle (PC_277) spoke to her tabled submission. She supported that the Bylaw remained status quo. Ms Belle also noted that she had written to Council regarding signage at Grange Road and requested an outcome to this issue.

2.2.18 Lawrence Thoms

Mr Thoms (PC_277) spoke to tabled submission. Mr Thoms noted that he opposed the proposed changes to the Bylaw. Mr Thoms commented that the proposal created privatisation of a public place. Mr Thoms explained that more data and analysis should be undertaken to inform the appropriate course of action.

2.2.19 Alastair Sims

Mr Sims (PC_221) spoke to his tabled submission. Mr Sims noted he did not support the proposed changes. He commented that apart from the two weeks summer period the amended bylaw was out of scope. He commented the bylaw should not be used as a private benefit for a few home owners. Mr Sims also highlighted that there was no issues of road safety incidents as indicated in the HRRRA feedback.

Mayor Goudie asked Mr Sims if he supported campervans only in visitor carparks. Mr Sims responded yes but commented that the vehicles were completely legitimate licenced vehicles.

Mayor Goudie asked Mr Sims if he supported time limit parking in the village and beach. Mr Sims responded yes to both areas.

2.2.20 Craig Brown

Mr Brown (PC_251) spoke to his submission. Mr Brown did not support the proposed changes. Mr Brown noted that the HRRRA feedback described perceived issues on congestion and safety which was not supported by evidence. Mr Brown did not support timed parking but supported a dedicated drop off point.

2.2.21 Jennifer Cook

Ms Cook (PC_272) spoke to her submission. Ms Cook did not support the proposed changes, and noted that the Council had been misled by a small portion of the Community. Ms Cook commented that there was no apparent safety problem and that because of the increase in congestion this reduced the speed.

2.2.22 Brett Harries

Mr Harries (PC_296) spoke to his submission. Mr Harries noted that he wished to maintain Hahei's coastal village character and this should be considered in responding to parking issues. Mr Harries noted that his experience in a traffic management has taught him that a clear strategy/vision and action plan was necessary to address any challenges. He commented this approach had been a reactive response to a small portion of the community.

Mr Harries noted that the council and the community need to have an agreed approach and consider all unintended consequences that may present.

242/18 Resolved

CL That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the 'Hearing of submissions on the review of the Parking Control Bylaw 2014 (Hahei)' report, dated 20 September 2018.
2. Receives the submissions made on the review of the Parking Control Bylaw 2014.

Moved/seconded by: Christie/Walker

The meeting adjourned for lunch

2.2 Deliberations – Parking Control Bylaw 2014 review (Hahei parking)

Council was asked to deliberate on the submissions received on proposed changes to parking restriction in Hahei under the Parking Control bylaw 2014.

Council noted the key themes that were raised in the submissions.

- Footpaths and temporary pedestrian access
- Campervans/ Buses /Vans into carpark
- Signage improvement and rationalisation
- Time parking periods at shop and beach
- Implementation of disability carparks
- Pick-up and drop-off zones

Staff noted that there were a few measures that could be implemented before Christmas. This included time-restricted parking in town, disability car park and a drop-off zone at the beach, and additional temporary walkways if required.

243/18 Resolved

CL That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the 'Deliberations – Parking Control Bylaw 2014 review (Hahei parking)' report, dated 14 September 2018.
2. Resolves that neither resident only parking or extended no-stopping lines in Hahei are an appropriate bylaw response to the perceived problem.
3. Directs staff to continue to monitor the parking situation in Hahei, and to collect additional data which will inform a further review of traffic control or parking regulations.
4. Directs staff to seek approval from the Mercury Bay Community Board to implement additional temporary walkways in Hahei to be in place over the 2018/19 summer period (20 December to 28 February).
5. Directs staff to report back to Council on implementing a drop-off zone at Hahei beach, time restricted parking at the shopping area and disability car parks at the beach ahead of the 2018/19 summer period.

Moved/seconded by: Simpson/Bartley

2.3 Deliberation on the proposed Alcohol Control Bylaw

Council was asked to deliberate on the submissions received on the proposed Alcohol Control Bylaw for Council deliberations.

Mayor Goudie noted that she supported status quo with the inclusion of the extended areas.

Councillor Fox noted that he agreed with Mayor Goudie provided the police were educated on their discretion to enforcement. Mayor Goudie agreed and noted that she would write a letter to the Super Intended clarifying the Council's intentions.

Councillor Walker noted the he did not support the permanent ban for 365 days a year in Whangamata to cover entire town.

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CL

Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the 'Deliberation on the proposed Alcohol Control Bylaw' report dated 1 August 2018.
2. Determines that it has followed the required special consultative procedure as set out in the Local Government Act 2002.
3. Determines that any implications under the Bill of Rights Act 1990 are reasonable within the context of the proposed bylaw.
4. Having considered the requirements under section 147 of the Local Government Act 2002, approves the following changes to the proposed Alcohol Control Bylaw and recommends the revised Alcohol Control Bylaw included as Attachment A be adopted:
 - a) That Council determines the following settlements have a permanent ban as proposed in amended schedule one. These settlements include:
 - Thames
 - Coromandel
 - Whitianga
 - To include Ferry Landing, the cemetery and carpark into the permanent ban area
 - Whangamata
 - Tairua
 - Matarangi, Hahei and Cooks Beach
 - b) That Council determines the following settlements retain the ban from (4:00pm on 23 Dec to 4:00pm on 6 January, Auckland Anniversary Weekend, Easter weekend, Queens Birthday weekend, Labour Weekend, any other weekend where a public holiday falls on a Friday or Monday) in the areas as per the existing bylaw.
 - Whangamata
 - Pauanui
 - Tairua
 - Onemana
 - Opoutere

That Council determines the following settlements retain the ban from (4:00pm on 23 Dec to 4:00pm on 6 January, Auckland Anniversary Weekend, Easter weekend, Queens Birthday weekend, Labour Weekend, any other weekend where a public holiday falls on a Friday or Monday in the areas as per maps included as attachment A

- Whangapoua
- Matarangi
- Rings Beach

- Kuaotunu West
- Kuaotunu
- Otama
- Opito Bay
- Wharekaho
- Ohuka (Brophy's) Beach
- Whitianga
- Ferry Landing
- Cooks Beach
- Hot Water Beach

Moved/seconded by: Simpson/Bartley

Meeting closed at 1:33pm

The foregoing minutes were certified as being a true and correct record of the meeting of the Thames-Coromandel District Council Parking Control Bylaw Hearing and Deliberations and Alcohol Control Bylaw Deliberations held on 8 October 2018.

Mayor _____ **Date** _____