

26 October 2018

To: The Mayor
Councillors
CEO
Mercury Bay Community Board Members

Thames Coromandel District Council
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Your Worship, Councillors, Community Board Members and CEO

Re Flaxmill Bay Remedial Works

Firstly, we would like to acknowledge the presence of Councillor McLean, Councillor Minogue (WRC), Community Board members and TCDC staff representative – Mr Tiplady for taking the time to meet with residents on the Flaxmill Bay beach on Friday 19 October 2018 and to listening to the concerns of local residents and to view the effective work the temporary groyne is providing.

We look forward to progress in this urgent matter of coastal erosion particularly given the pace at which the effects are occurring. We note from the meeting that the draft plan of works and design are to be available on or soon after 29 October 2018 for our consideration.

Pending receipt of that further information we believe it is important to record the information imparted at the 19 October meeting as it is fundamental to next steps in this process. The key points recorded were :

1. The new design work does include groynes as part of the design solution and the design works are not limited to the preservation of the roading but also include preservation of significant trees (namely the Pohutakawas currently collapsed on the beach) and preservation of the beach itself – A TIPLADY 19/10/18.
2. Notice to remove the temporary groyne work has not been issued and is not pending – Cllr MINOGUE and endorsed Cllr MCLEAN 19/10/18 – it being acknowledged that consenting issues for the beach resile with Waikato Regional Council.
3. Mercury Bay Community Board Members were requested to move and support a motion to ensure the preservation of groynes in the design work as they have proven their worth in an overall solution package.
4. The community recording its support of leaving the existing rock works as a starting base and building on the solution with the new measures including further walls and groynes and the reintroduction of sand and planting – which aspects the community is keen to participate in. The question of a beach staircase or similar alternate access to preserve dunes was also raised.

We look forward to your future updates and to receipt of the design plans in the near future and appreciate the urgency that is finally being afforded this situation.

Yours faithfully

The Flaxmill Community