



# Minutes of the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board Ordinary Meeting

Date 5 May 2014  
Venue Tairua Library Meeting Room  
2 Manaia Road  
Tairua

## Present

RN Renton (Chairperson)	HD Bartley	DM Brooke
	KL Coppersmith	GA Giles
	JT Wells	

## In Attendance

Name	Item(s)
Garry Towler (Area Manager Whangamata/Tairua-Pauanui)	All Items
Lorna Price (Community Co-ordinator Tairua-Pauanui)	All Items
David Hammond (Chief Executive)	Items
Peter Wishart (Strategic Relationships Manager)	Item 2.1
Katina Conomos (Strategic Planning Manager)	Items 2.4,2.5
Christine Tye (Strategic Policy Planner/Analyst)	Item 2.3
Ross Ashby (Strategic Planner and Policy Analyst)	Item 2.2

## Apologies

Nil

Meeting Commenced 13:00

## Adjournments and Absences

Adjournment	Start	Finish	Reason
Chairperson	15:40	15:45	Afternoon tea
Absences	Start	Finish	Item
Nil			

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# 1 Meeting Conduct

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## 1.1 Apologies

All members were present.

## 1.2 Public Forum

A period of up to 30 minutes was set aside for the public to raise matters falling within the terms of reference of the meeting.

### 1.2.1 Grahams Stream

Tony Jacobs, on behalf of the Tairua Residents and Ratepayers Association Incorporated tabled a paper on the Grahams Creek flooding issues and spoke to these highlighting the key issues.

The Board Chair asked if the Tairua Residents and Ratepayers Association had made a submission on this issue to the Waikato Regional Council 2014/2015 Annual Plan and if so, were they going to speak to their submission. Mr Jacobs thought their organisation had made a submission to WRC but was not sure if they were going to speak to their submission through the WRC Annual Plan hearing process.

### 1.2.2 'Wet n Wild Weekend'

Ella Harris on behalf of the 'Wet 'n Wild Weekend' Committee confirmed that the weekend had been a great success and they were looking to hold it again next year with some changes. There would be some different events incorporating two locations to make it more interesting for spectators next year. They are trying to build an event in Tairua that will continue into the future. They thanked the Council and Community Board for their funding contributions to this year's event.

### 1.2.3 Various topics

The Mayor highlighted a number of topics that the Council were currently working through which included:

- Treaty settlements
- Issues with the Crown and Ngati Maru regarding the Ngati Maru highway.
- Unitary Authority
- Cycle/walkways
- Heritage trail across the region
- Grahams Creek: Council understand this issue is of importance to Tairua and there is budget in the 2014/2015 Annual Plan for the Manaia Road Causeway Project. Waikato Regional Council also need to approve funding through their 2014/2015 Annual Plan process. Once funding is approved by both Councils through their 2014/2015 Annual Plans a working group needs to be formed to progress this project to completion. It was noted that the area of benefit was an issue to the immediate residents of Grahams Creek.

### Resolved

That the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board:

1. Received the speakers in public forum.

**Moved/Seconded By:** Brooke/Giles

### 1.3 Items not on the Agenda

There were no items not on the Agenda

### 1.4 Conflict of Interest

The Chairperson invited notice from members of:

1. Any interests that may create a conflict with their role as an elected member relating to the minutes item(s) for the meeting; and
2. Any interests in items in which they have a direct or indirect pecuniary interest as provided for in the Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968.

The following interests were declared:

KL Coppersmith

- 2.2 Submission point 6) Summary of Submissions to the Draft 2014-2015 Annual Plan: Stage II of Tairua to Pauanui Walkway - Hikuai District Trust

**Moved/Seconded By:** Giles/Wells

### 1.5 17 March 2014 - Tairua-Pauanui Community Board Confirmation of Minutes

As per Council's Standing Orders, the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board must confirm the Minutes of its previous meeting.

#### **Resolved**

That the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board:

1. Confirm the following Minutes:  
Tairua-Pauanui Community Board Minutes - 17 March 2014

**Moved/Seconded By:** Coppersmith/Brooke

## 2 Governance

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### 2.1 Eastern Coromandel Tsunami Strategy Tairua Pauanui Tsunami Project update

The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the tsunami open days held in late January, community feedback on options for risk management and where to from here for tsunami risk management in Tairua and Pauanui.

#### Key Discussion Points

- The Board noted the high turn out to the public open days held in Pauanui and Tairua and the feedback provided.
- The timeframes for preparing a draft strategy for community input will be available in the next few months.

#### Resolved

That the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board:

1. Received the report.
2. Supported the refinement of risk management suggestions by the working group, and reporting back to the Community Board for final approval on 9 June 2014.

**Moved/Seconded By:** Wells/Brooke

### 2.2 Summary of Submissions to the Draft 2014-2015 Annual Plan

Community Board recommendations, on submissions received, in advance of the Council's deliberations of the 2014/2015 Annual Plan were sought.

#### Resolved

That the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board:

1. Received the report.
2. Provided recommendations for each of the submission points for the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board area, for Council's consideration as follows:

#### 1) Tairua Manaia Road Causeway Project

##### **Community Board Recommendation**

Supported the staff submission and recommended to Council the revised budget of \$620,000 for the Tairua Manaia Road Causeway project and to initiate a joint project team to ensure the project is seen through to completion.

##### **Community Board Reasons**

The Board cautioned the Council against yet another working party on this project and advised that discussions need to be had with WRC on this matter. The Board stresses the little involvement the Board has had in discussions into this project over the past 6 months citing a breakdown in communication on this project. The Board stated that the Manaia Road Causeway issue needed to be resolved as soon as possible and therefore suggested that subject to both WRC and TCDC approving budgets a joint project team needed to see this project through to completion.

- 2) Dog and Horse Restrictions at Tairua Harbour  
**Community Board Recommendation**  
That Council make no changes to the Annual Plan and refer the submitter to the Dog Control Bylaw Part 10 review.  
**Community Board Reasons**  
This decision is outside the scope of the Annual Plan and the Dog Control Bylaw Part 10 is being reviewed in May/June 2014.  
Horses are controlled on reserves in Tairua and Pauanui through the Tairua Pauanui Reserve Management Plan.
- 3) Tree Removal Budget  
**Community Board Recommendation**  
That Council note the submission and make no changes to the Annual Plan.  
**Community Board Reasons**  
Tree removal is undertaken on the grounds of safety to people and property. The existing tree removal budget for Tairua/Pauanui is considered to be adequate for the volume of work programmed annually.
- 4) Tree Planting Budget  
**Community Board Recommendation**  
That Council note the submission and make no changes to the Annual Plan.  
**Community Board Reasons**  
The existing tree planting budget for Tairua/Pauanui is considered to be adequate for the volume of work programmed annually.
- 5) Beachfront Protection and Access  
**Community Board Recommendation**  
That Council note the submission and make no changes to the Annual Plan.  
**Community Board Reasons**  
Staff will include the request for improved access into the Eastern Seaboard Coastal Management Plan currently under way.
- 6) Staff II of Pauanui to Tairua Walkway - Hikuai District Trust  
**Community Board Recommendation**  
That Council note the submission and carry forward the unspent budget (\$85,368) to the 2014/2015 financial year.  
**Community Board Reasons**  
Support any unspent allocated funding to the project being carried over to the 2014/2015 financial year. Further discussion and planning for this project will be undertaken through the 2015/2025 Long Term Plan process.
- 7) Minor Reserves Project Kennedy Park and Waterways Tennis Courts  
**Community Board Recommendation**  
That the Council make no changes to the Annual Plan as this will be addressed in the 2013/2014 financial year.  
**Community Board Reasons**  
This has been a priority issue for the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board.
- 8) Eastern Seaboard Coastal Erosion Strategy (Whangamata, Tairua and Pauanui areas)  
**Community Board Recommendation**  
That Council note the submission and amend the Annual Plan to reflect the current status and name of the project (Eastern Seaboard Coastal Management Plan).  
**Community Board Reasons**
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The Eastern Seaboard Coastal Management Plan is underway. The Plan is scheduled to take six months to complete and will be funded from existing budgets. Any on-going implementation costs would be considered through the 2015/2025 Long Term Plan.

9) Tairua Mary Beach Wharf and Boat Ramp Enhancement Project

**Community Board Recommendation**

That the Council note the submissions and recommend the requests be forwarded to the established Working Group and Tairua-Pauanui Community Board for further consideration.

**Community Board Reasons**

The Tairua Mary Beach Wharf and Boat Ramp enhancement project is currently being reviewed by the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board.

10) Tairua Mary Beach Wharf and Boat Ramp Enhancement Project

**Community Board Recommendation**

That the Council note the submission and agree that any unspent allocated funds for this project is carried over to the 2014/2015 financial year.

**Community Board Reasons**

This project is programmed for commencement in the 2014/2015 financial year.

11) Tairua River Bank Filtration, Pauanui Aquifer Reconfiguration and Tairua/Pauanui renewals

**Community Board Recommendation**

That the Council notes the submission and makes no further changes to the Annual Plan.

That the Council explicitly provides reassurance to the Waikato Regional Council that sufficient funding is provided to ensure that Thames-Coromandel District Council meets all its compliance requirements.

**Community Board reasons**

Work is on-going to enable Council to provide reliable water supplies across the district, whilst also meeting compliance standards. Asset management planning as part of the 2015-2025 Long Term Plan will consider these requirements and future growth projections to determine more accurately the demand for services and as a result, infrastructure requirements.

12) Tairua-Pauanui Community Board Projects and Budgets

**Community Board Recommendation**

That the Council notes the submission and confirms the budgets and carry forwards as submitted by the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board.

**Community Board Reasons**

These budgets have been prioritised through both Community Board and Council planning in preparation for the Annual Plan. As noted by the Community Board's submission, these projects and associated budgets are supported.

Community Centres and Halls - Pauanui Community Amenity Building/Land  
Clarification confirming that the Pauanui Community Amenity Furniture and Fittings budget of \$11,570 is to furnish the meeting room area of the building only.

## 13) Tairua-Pauanui - Wastewater and Stormwater Projects - Project Information

**Community Board Recommendation**

That Council notes the submission and makes no changes to the Annual Plan.

**Community Board Reasons**

For wastewater, the abovementioned project is for works on the wastewater reticulation pump stations, and not on the wastewater treatment plant. Staff will provide a greater level of detail for this project to the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board as part of regular staff updates and an appropriate response will be provided to the submitter.

Board member Coppersmith declared a conflict of interest on Item 2.2 Submission point 6) and took no part in that item.

**Moved/Seconded By:** Giles/Brooke

## 2.3 2015 Long Term Plan - Growth Projections

Work undertaken to develop growth projections for the District's resident population, dwellings and rating units, which will inform the Council's 2015 Long Term Plan processes was presented to the Community Board.

**Key Discussion Points**

- At the workshop with Council on the 14<sup>th</sup> April staff were directed to do further work looking at building consent data for Tairua and Pauanui.
- The medium growth scenario with some adjustments will be recommended to Council at its 21 May 2014 meeting.
- This is as a consequence of the lack of a 2011 census with projections based on the 2006 census
- There was some concern expressed that the projections were based on the 2006 census but it was noted that as the information from the 2013 census was released by Statistics New Zealand these figures would be updated using the 2013 census projections.
- Staff have clear definitions of the boundaries for the settlements of Tairua, Pauanui and Hikuai. The model has been Tairua, Pauanui and other. The Board would like to know what the 'other' is. The Hikuai area needs to be defined. Hikuai statistics are not what we know Hikuai to mean. Staff will supply the maps that define the area for the Boards information.
- There are changes in the community where the older population who once had a holiday home come to live permanently in the community. It was noted that if this was the trend this would be reflected in the figures when they were updated.

**Resolved**

That the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board:

1. Received the report.

**Moved/Seconded By:** Wells/Giles



## 2.4 Bylaws Review

Community Board input and recommendation was sought to a review of three Council bylaws: Parking Control; Control of Advertising; and Dog Control.

### Key Discussion Points

- Parking Control bylaw was not complete enough for the Board to review.
- Dog Control Policy and Bylaw
  - The section on Penalties will be included in the bylaw.
  - Schedule 1. Times relating to the bans. This should be standardised across the district.
  - Tairua
    - Town Centre - on both sides of the state highway. Remove wording - from the public toilets to the medical centre (unless visiting the veterinary clinic).
    - Includes prohibition in the main street. Do we wish this to continue? This should be a consultation point.
- Part 8 Control of Advertising 2014
  - A lot more definitions have been included in this bylaw so that it stands alone.
  - Heritage signage has been removed.
  - Tethered signs have been included.

### Resolved

That the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board:

1. Received the report.
2. Endorsed the revised Dog Control Policy and Bylaw to Council with the following comments:  
Schedule 1
  - Times relating to the bans. Would like to see these standardised across the district.
  - Tairua
    - Town Centre - on both sides of the state highway. Remove wording - from the public toilets to the medical centre (unless visiting the veterinary clinic).
    - Includes prohibition in the main street. Would like this to be consulted on when the bylaw is endorsed for public consultation.
3. Endorsed the revised Part 8 Control of Advertising Bylaw to Council.

**Moved/Seconded By:** Wells/Bartley

## 2.5 Freedom Camping Bylaw

For the Tairua Pauanui Community Board to provide input into the development of the new Freedom Camping Bylaw.

### Resolved

That the Tairua Pauanui Community Board:

1. Received the report.
2. Delegated Board members Coppersmith and Giles to liaise with staff with feedback regarding development of the Bylaw, in particular sites in each Community Board area needing protection (either through prohibition or restriction) and sites where freedom

camping could be encouraged.

**Moved/Seconded By:** Wells/Bartley

## 2.6 Confirm Submission to Draft 2014/2015 Annual Plan

The Tairua-Pauanui Community Board confirmed their submission to the Thames-Coromandel District Council's draft 2014/2015 Annual Plan.

### Resolved

That the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board:

1. Received the report.
2. Confirmed their submission to the draft 2014/2015 Annual Plan (**Attachment A**).

**Moved/Seconded By:** Giles/Brooke

## 2.7 Boat Trailer Parking

A request was put forward from the New Zealand Police, for Council Enforcement Officers to undertake enforcement of boat trailer registrations and warrants of fitness in all Community Board areas.

### Resolved

That the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board:

1. Receive the report.
2. Does not support the Police request for an increased service level of enforcement of boat trailers in the Tairua-Pauanui area.

**Moved/Seconded By:** Bartley/Brooke

## 2.8 Tairua Pauanui Draft Reserve Management Plan for approval and recommendation to Council for adoption

The Tairua Pauanui Reserve Management Plan was presented to the Community Board for approval and recommendation to Council for adoption.

### Resolved

That the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board:

1. Received the report.
2. Confirmed that the changes made to the Tairua Pauanui Reserve Management Plan were consistent with the decisions made at the deliberations meeting.
3. Recommended to Council the adoption of the Tairua Pauanui Reserve Management Plan (**Attachment A**) in accordance with Section 41 of the Reserves Act 1977.
4. Acknowledged that this document be kept under continuous development and review of the specific management policies for reserve classification and asset registry on a reserve by reserve basis, so that, the plan is adapted to changing circumstances and

as new information comes to hand in accordance with the Reserve Act 1977.

5. Acknowledged that changes to policies and objectives that were generic to all reserves in the Plan must follow the process set out in Section 41 of the Reserves Act 1977.

**Moved/Seconded By:** Giles/Coppersmith

## **2.9 Tairua-Pauanui Community Board - 5 May 2014 Non-notified Resource Consent Comments Summary**

The Community Board were informed of resource consent applications that were referred to it by the Planning Group within Council, and comments made by its delegated members.

### **Resolved**

That the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board:

1. Received the report.

**Moved/Seconded By:** Brooke/Giles

## **3 Local Activities: Policy/Levels of Service Operational**

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### **3.1 Kennedy Park Courts - Replacement/Refurbishing of perimeter nets and poles**

Approval was sought from the Community Board for funding from the Minor Reserves budget to replace/refurbish the perimeter fence nets and poles at the Kennedy Park tennis/netball courts.

#### **Key Discussion Points**

- One of the courts has been converted to a Netball court.
- The Board could consider providing funding for the nets for the netball hoops

### **Resolved**

That the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board:

1. Received the report.
2. Confirmed that it wished to replace/refurbish the perimeter fence netting and poles at Kennedy Park courts as identified in the report.
3. Confirmed the funding from the minor reserves budget to replace/refurbish the perimeter fence netting and poles at Kennedy Park courts as identified in the report.

**Moved/Seconded By:** Giles/Coppersmith

### 3.2 Tairua Mary Beach Wharf and Boat ramp - report to re-scope project

A decision was sought from the Community Board as to the future direction of the Tairua Mary Beach wharf and boat ramp project. **Key Discussion Points**

- This project as it is currently scoped is under-funded and should be put on hold.
- Any unspent budget from the 2013/2014 financial year will be carried over to the 2014/2015 financial year.
- Tairua needs an easy to use all tide boat ramp. 85% of users are trailer boat users.
- An upgrade to the existing Tairua wharf and all tide boat ramp need to be included when considering options for re-scoping this project within the current available budget.

#### **Resolved**

That the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board:

1. Received the report.
2. Confirmed that the existing Tairua Mary Beach wharf and boat ramp project in its current scope be deferred indefinitely.
3. Directed the Area Manager to reconvene the Project team to explore alternative options that fit within the project definition and budget.
4. Report back to the July 2014 Board meeting on progress with preferred options in order that the Board, if it so wishes, can make a submission to the 2015/2025 Long Term Plan

**Moved/Seconded By:** Brooke/Coppersmith

### 3.3 January to March 2014 Libraries Quarterly Report

Report on the activities and performance of the district libraries (Thames, Mercury Bay and Tairua) and the community library Whangamata for January, February and March 2014.

#### **Resolved**

That the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board:

1. Received the report.

**Moved/Seconded By:** Brooke/Giles

## **4 District Activities: Local Input Policy/Levels of Service**

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### **4.1 January to March Quarterly Report - Pauanui Community Library Incorporated**

The Tairua-Pauanui Community Board received the quarterly performance results for the Pauanui Community Library for the months of January, February and March 2014.

#### **Resolved**

That the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board:

1. Received the report.

**Moved/Seconded By:** Wells/Coppersmith

## **5 District Activities**

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No items received.

## **6 Reports**

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### **6.1 Tairua-Pauanui Community Board 2013/2014 Work Programme - May Update**

An update was provided to the Community Board on their 2013-2014 Work Programme.

#### **Key Discussion Points**

- Local Transportation - Streetlights: Pauanui have identified that they do not require any further streetlights within the community.

#### **Resolved**

That the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board:

1. Received the report.

**Moved/Seconded By:** Wells/Coppersmith

## 6.2 Sport Waikato Update

The Community Board were provided with an update regarding the Sport Waikato work in the Thames-Coromandel District, and in particular the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board area.

### Key Discussion Points

- Establish a reporting regime to the Community Board. It was suggested an interim report is provided to the December meeting and a year-end report to the June/July meeting.
- The Board were asked if they had received enough support for the community or would the community like more support in future. It was difficult to gauge the level of support required with the Coordinator not living in the community but she has been making herself known around the community.
- The Coordinator had spoken with the Tairua Rugby and Sports Club (Inc) and was working with them on a number of activities.
- The Coordinator is happy to provide support for local events within the community.
- If there was enough interest in the community the Coordinator would like to run a funding workshop in Tairua.

### Resolved

That the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board:

1. Received the report.

**Moved/Seconded By:** Wells/Bartley

## 6.3 Members' Reports

The Chairperson invited members to provide a brief verbal report on activities undertaken and meetings attended in the period since the last meeting.

### Board member Coppersmith

- Appreciated the opportunity to lay the wreath at the Pauanui Anzac service.
- Hikuai have indicated that they need some support for collating the information from their Community Plan questionnaires.

### Board member Brooke

- Tairua Business Network is now affiliated to the Waikato Chamber of Commerce and listed on Destination Coromandel's web site.

### Resolved

That the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board:

1. Received the Members' Reports.

**Moved/Seconded By:** Wells/Giles

**Meeting Closed at 16:35**

The foregoing Minutes were certified as being a true and correct record of the meeting of the Tairua-Pauanui Community Board held on 5 May 2014.

Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_