



# Minutes

of the

## Thames-Coromandel District Council

# Ordinary Meeting

Date	18 December 2013
Venue	Council Chamber 515 Mackay Street Thames

### Present

GF Leach JP (Mayor)	HD Bartley	PA Brljevich
	DR Connors	LA Fox
	PL French	SA Goudie
	MK McLean JP	JT Wells

### In Attendance

#### Name

#### Community Board Chairs

John Walker QSM (Coromandel-Colville Community Board)  
Paul Kelly (Mercury Bay Community Board)  
Bob Renton (Tairua-Pauanui Community Board)  
Strat Peters (Thames Community Board)  
Keith Johnston (Whangamata Community Board)

#### Staff

David Hammond (Chief Executive)  
Elizabeth Brand (Governance Support Manager)  
Ariana Wickliffe (Senior Committee Advisor)  
Benjamin Day (Economic Development and  
Communications Manager)  
Laurna White (Acting Communications Manager)

#### Item(s)

All Items  
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Steve Baker (Chief Financial Officer)	6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4
Katina Conomos (Strategic Planning Team Leader)	2.2, 2.4, 2.6
Christine Tye (Strategic Planner & Policy Analyst)	2.1, 2.6
Marion Smith (Regulatory Manager)	4.1, 4.2
Allan Turner (Environmental Health Officer)	4.1
Greg Hampton (Thames Area Manger)	3.1
Garry Towler (Whangamata/Tairua-Pauanui Area Manager)	3.2
Matt Busch (Roading Manager)	5.1, 5.2, 5.3
Bruce Baker (Senior Policy Planner)	2.5
Francois Pienaar (Project Manager/Engineer Contractor)	3.2
Bruce Hinson (Acting Infrastructure Manager)	10.3

**Meeting Commenced** 9:04am

### **Adjournments and Absences**

<b>Adjournment</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>Finish</b>	<b>Reason</b>
His Worship	10:43	11:05	Morning Tea
His Worship	13:18	13:45	Lunch
His Worship	16.13	16.22	Afternoon Tea

<b>Absences</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>Finish</b>	<b>Item</b>
Councillor Goudie	12:10	12:12	Part 3.2
Councillor Connors	12:15	12:16	Part 3.2
Councillor Brljevich	12:15	12:17	Part 3.2
Councillor Brljevich	13:08	13:47	10.2
Councillor Goudie	14:02	14:04	Part 3.1
Deputy Mayor French	14:28	14:30	Part 3.1
Councillor Brljevich	15:15	15:56	6.2
Councillor Goudie	15:34	15:35	6.2

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# 1 Meeting Conduct

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## 1.1 Apologies

### Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the apology for lateness for Councillor Bartley

**Moved/Seconded By:** Wells/Leach

## 1.2 Public Forum

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

### Coromandel Harbour

#### 1.2.1

Ruby Powell – Coromandel Lobby against Indiscriminate Mining

Ruby outlined her concerns regarding the lack of investigation into environmental factors. She expressed her concern that further investigation will cause more sediment toxicity with dredging operations. She urged Council to hold off on milestone three and consider further investigations into environmental assessments. Ruby's discussion is noted in **Attachment A**.

#### 1.2.2

Scott Wynands – Coromandel Lobby Against Indiscriminate Mining

Scott reported that he believed the Economic Development Plan Harbour development is only driven by development. Scott questioned Cranleigh's involvement in the project, as he felt there was a slanted view without addressing community interests. Scott's presentation is noted in **Attachment B**.

#### 1.2.3

Sandra Cohen – Waipapa Bay Protection Society.

Sandra reported she supported the Furey's Creek site for development, and agreed that Sugar Loaf is not an appropriate location to meet the needs of the aquaculture industry. In her opinion milestone two falls short of their objectives and urges Council to ensure their decision provides for the foreseeable needs of all harbour facility users and stakeholders. Sandra's discussion is noted in **Attachment C**.

#### 1.2.4

Gilbert James - Mussel Farmer

Gilbert discussed the environmental impact of dredging and absorption of heavy metals into the sea life. Gilbert commented that Council should be liaising with Health Protection Officers and Medical Officers of Health.

#### 1.2.5

Tom Hollings

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Tom voiced his concerns about the effect this proposal will have on Furey's Creek particularly when in flood. Tom reminded Council that the continuation of dredging would result in contaminated sea life and that a marina proposal should address all issues.

#### 1.2.6

James Bailey -360 Discovery Cruises

James reported that he was in support of the Coromandel Harbour project and favours the Furey's Creek option. Appreciates this is a prime opportunity in creating the Coromandel destination for day commuters. Understands challenges of environment feasibility but believes the potential future developments would be beneficial to the Coromandel Community.

#### 1.2.7

Graham Shields - New Zealand Police

Graham proposed that the LAP would not address the harm reduction objective, given the hours of availability. Urged Council to address the proposed trading hours and demonstrate consistency with neighbouring Councils. Graham's presentation is noted in **Attachment D**.

#### 1.2.8

Ross Henderson - Population Health

Ross brought to Councils attention that the objective of the Act is to reduce harm. He suggested that Council has the opportunity within their policy to reduce harm by reducing the hours of trade. He suggested Council address the maximum trading hours particularly off-licence that is presently in the provisional policy.

#### 1.2.9

Michaela Latimer - The Waikato/Bay of Plenty Cancer Society

Michaela highlighted the availability of alcohol can be managed with a sensible policy. She said decreasing the hours of trade would support reducing the harm. Michaela also noted that location of outlets should be identified particularly in areas of low deprivation Recommends Council address the proposed trading hours in this Council meeting.

#### 1.2.10

Michael - Alcohol Action Group

Michael suggested Council has the opportunity to reduce the accessibility and availability of alcohol. He also recommended that Council re-considers the draft provisional policy.

#### 1.2.11

Jo Taylor -CAPS

Jo noted the effects and impacts of alcohol related harm for example family violence and commented that Council is to change the policy to reduce harm.

#### 1.2.12

Debbie Hauraki Family Violence Network

Debbie said she was interested in reducing alcohol related harm especially family violence. Reducing trading hours could potentially minimise the harm. Debbie commented that Council has an important role by enabling a change to the drinking culture.

#### 1.2.13

Sally Christie Hauraki Family Violence Network

Sally noted that Council should re-consider the provisional LAP.

#### 1.2.14

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Paul Sylvester Retired Health Profession

Paul recited an article named "10 things that the alcohol industry won't tell you". This information as noted in **Attachment E**. Paul expressed that Council needs to make responsible recommendations within the policy.

### 1.2.15

Elaine Illore Suicide Safer Hauraki

Elaine Illore is interested in reducing alcohol related harm especially into risk taking behaviour like suicide. Elaine urges Council to reduce the availability and accessibility of alcohol.

### Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the speakers in public forum.

**Moved/Seconded By:** French/McLean

## 1.3 Items not on the Agenda

### Resolved

That:

1. The following matter requiring urgent attention be added to the agenda.

#### Item Description

Terms of Reference for District Licensing Committee

#### Reason Not on the Agenda

The final Terms of Reference report was being prepared when the Order Paper closed.

#### Reason Cannot be Delayed

The new regulatory framework for District Licencing Committee will be effective from 18 December 2013

**Moved/Seconded By:** Bartley/Goudie

## 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.

No interests were declared.

## 1.5 Thames-Coromandel District Council Minutes and Workshop Notes for Confirmation

As per Council's Standing Orders, the Thames-Coromandel District Council must confirm the Minutes of its previous meeting.

### Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Confirms the following Minutes:  
Thames-Coromandel District Council Minutes - 30 October 2013  
Thames-Coromandel District Council Workshop Notes - 18 November 2013  
Thames Coromandel District Council Hearings and Deliberation Minutes - 2 December 2013.

**Moved/Seconded By:** Goudie/French

## 2 Planning and Strategic Relationships

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### 2.1 Thames Accessibility Audit Report

For Council to receive the Thames Accessibility Audit Report and confirm its use to inform forward work programmes.

The Thames Accessibility Audit project sits under the Council's Disability Strategy.

#### Key Discussion Points

- Council was pleased with the Thames Accessibility Audit Report.
- Staff provided an update that the Council has been successful with an application for funding to Ministry of Social Development's Making A Difference Fund, to undertake further Accessibility Audits in the remaining main settlements similar to the Thames Accessibility Audits.
- Councillors commented that priority of Audits should be based on need.

### Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the report.
2. Receives the Thames Accessibility Audit Report (Attachment A).
3. Confirms that the Thames Accessibility Audit Report be used to inform forward work programmes of the Council following consideration of the recommendations by the Thames Community Board of the Council.
4. Approves for the Thames Accessibility Audit Report to be made available to the public.

**Moved/Seconded By:** Connors/Goudie

## 2.2 Financial Rating Assistance for Community Organisations

Council confirmation was sought for a policy review process whereby the types of benefits and outcomes to be achieved through providing financial assistance to community groups.

### Key Discussion Points

- Through the workshop it was acknowledged that financial assistance for Community Organisations requires a full review however a staged approach to this review be undertaken due to staff workload.
- Council endorses the provision for 100% rates remission and lease support for Emergency Services as a priority.

### Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the report.
2. Confirms it wishes to initiate an incremental review process, developing a set of overarching policy objectives for providing financial assistance to community organisations, commencing with emergency service organisations.
3. Instructs staff to:
  - a) develop a draft financial assistance for community organisations policy, including a proposed programme of review
  - b) develop a draft statement of proposal to:
    - i) provide for 100% rates remissions for emergency service organisations in the District
    - ii) provide for 100% lease discount for emergency service organisations leasing council land in the District
  - c) bring back the draft financial assistance for community organisations policy and the draft statement of proposal to the Council for consideration in early 2014
  - d) co-ordinate a special consultative procedure on financial assistance to emergency service organisations with the draft 2014/2015 Annual Plan special consultative procedure.

**Moved/Seconded By:** Leach/Fox

## 2.3 Appointment of External Economic Development Committee Members

Council was provided with information to consider the appointment of external Economic Development Committee members.

### Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the report.
2. Appoints Mr. Leigh Hopper, Mr. Brent Page and Mr. Grahame Christian as economic development experts to the Economic Development Committee.

**Moved/Seconded By:** Goudie/McLean

## 2.4 2014/2015 Community Board Plans

Council received the draft 2014/2015 Community Board Plans as an input into the 2014/2015 Annual Plan process.

### Key Discussion Points

- Staff advised Council that further information will be presented at the Council Workshop on Friday 20 December 2013, because of the impact of decisions made from this meeting in particular, the following:
  - Potential funding options for Development Contributions Interests
  - Options for mitigating rating impact from rezoned land
  - Economic Development Activity Funding options
  - Exclusion of camp grounds and other multi-unit facilities for solid waste collection.

### Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the report.
2. Receives the draft 2014/2015 Community Board Plans (and indicative directions for the 2015-2025 Ten Year Plan) from each Community Board, noting any verbal comments made by the Board Chairs upon presentation of the Board Plans.
3. Acknowledges that there is a project definition process relating to all projects identified for the 2014/2015 Annual Plan.
4. Confirm that the draft 2014/2015 Community Board Plans are an input into preparation of the Council's draft 2014/2015 Annual Plan.

**Moved/Seconded By:** Wells/Fox

## 2.5 Plan Change 10 Clause 17 and 20 report

Council approval was required to declare as 'operative' the changes to the Thames-Coromandel District Plan as a consequence of Plan Change 10 'Pauanui Orchard Estate Structure Plan'.

### Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the report.
2. Approves Plan Change 10 - 'Pauanui Orchard Estate Structure Plan' in accordance with clause 17 (1) and (10) in Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991, and affixes the seal of Council to the plan change; and
3. In accordance with clause 20 (1) and (2) in Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991, publicly notifies that Plan Change 10 - 'Pauanui Orchard Estate Structure Plan' will become Operative' on 31 January 2013.

**Moved/Seconded By:** French/Leach

## 2.6 Provisional Local Alcohol Policy

Council was presented with the provisional Local Alcohol Policy (LAP) to the Council for adoption. The provisional LAP reflects resolutions made during Deliberations on the draft.

### Key Discussion Points

- Mayor Leach brought the provisional Local Alcohol Policy item forward to be addressed first in the Council meeting. Council acknowledged the speakers' feedback from the Public Forum and proposed an amendment to the provisional policy for maximum trading hours.
- Councillor McLean noted that he chaired the Council Deliberations on 2 December 2013 with the absences of Mayor and Deputy Mayor. Councillor McLean gave a brief overview of discussions on the submissions received and the reasons for the decisions made during the Deliberations.
- It was noted that the Hearings Minutes and Deliberations Minutes of 2 December 2013 were tabled at this 18 December 2013 meeting.
- It was explained that at the Deliberations held 2 December 2013, Council's discussions for off-licences maximum trading hours resulted in a split decision with the Chairperson then exercising the casting vote, noting that because of the even split the national default maximum trading hours for off-licences would apply. Also that discussion for on-licences maximum trading hours presented differing views. Therefore at this Council 18 December 2013 meeting Councillors requested that maximum trading hours be reviewed again.

### Off-licences:

- Staff advised that the original (draft) maximum trading hours for off-licences were 7am to 9pm. The provisional (current) maximum trading hours decided on 2 December 2013 (deliberations) were 7am to 11pm.
- Councillors agreed that maximum trading hours for off-licences should be changed to be 7am to 9pm, to allow for consistency with neighbouring districts and to contribute to harm minimisation.
- Furthermore, it was discussed that for clarity reference be made to sections 47 (on-licences) and 48 (off-licences) of the Act regarding days when trading is not permitted.

**Moved/Seconded By:** French/Goudie

### On-licences:

- Staff advised that the original (draft) maximum trading hours were 7am to 1am the next day, with an extension period to 2am from 1 December to 31 March. The provisional (current) maximum trading hours decided on 2 December (Deliberations) were 7am to 1am with an extension period to 2am from 30 December to 5 January.
- Councillors discussed moving maximum trading hours for on-licences to 7am to 1am the following day with no extension period. This is to allow for consistency with neighbouring districts, as well as accepting the Police concerns regarding the extension of trading hours over the New Year period and the strain this places on their resources.
- In addition, the wording for the discretionary conditions regarding use of the word 'violent' was discussed. Councillors requested that the word 'violent' be replaced with the word 'disorderly' and to include a definition in the policy as per s.253 of the Act.

**Moved/Seconded By:** French/Goudie

**Club-licences:**

- Councillors discussed maximum trading hours for club licences and requested this also be changed to be consistent with on-licences.

**Moved/Seconded By:** Connors/McLean

**Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the report.
2. Adopts the provisional Local Alcohol Policy (LAP) subject to the following amendments:
  - Maximum trading hours for off-licences be 7am – 9pm.
  - Maximum trading hours for on-licences be 7am to 1am the following day.
  - Maximum trading hours for club licences be 7am to 1am the following day.
3. Instructs staff that for clarity reference be made to sections 47 and 48 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 regarding days when trading is not permitted.
4. Instructs staff that wording of discretionary conditions regarding 'violent' be amended to reference 'disorderly' and include a definition in the policy as per s.253 of the Act.
5. Approves for public notice to be given on 17 January 2014.

**Moved/Seconded By:** McLean/Brljevich

## 3 Community Governance

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### 3.1 Coromandel Harbour Facilities Project - Milestone Two

The purpose of this report was three-fold:

- to inform the Council of progress on the Coromandel Harbour Facilities Development Strategy;
- to present Milestone 2: Feasibility Study and Business Case report and;
- for Council to consider whether to proceed with the 'Milestones 3 & 4' phases of the project and therefore approve associated costs.

**Key Discussion Points**

- Following a tabled report Greg Hampton and Ben Day gave a brief introductory presentation on Economic Development and how this project fits into the bigger picture  
**Attachment A**
- Council was presented with the project's current progress from consultants:  
**Attachment B**
  - Michele Berry - Cranleigh,
  - Richard Apperley - Aurecom
  - Todd Whitaker - Harrison Grierson.

- With Milestone 2: feasibility study and business case completed Cranleigh demonstrated the importance of engaging early with Iwi and other key stakeholders.
- Regulatory planning risks have been assessed as part of the overall analysis.
- From the four locations that were evaluated under this project, staff presented their recommendation to move forward with Furey's Creek as the preferred development area for further concept or option development and consultation.
- The recommendation pertaining to the Furey's Creek option includes:
  - Enable all tide commercial ferry and charter boat access to Coromandel town
  - Enable cultural and recreational development - mixed use facilities and a possible alternative future marine precinct
  - Potential increased economic development of the town and district
  - Eventually with future stages potentially provide for a marina and other activities.
- Council noted matters that were heard in the public forum, particularly in concerns about environmental factors related to dredging of contaminated sediment.
- Council requested more information about the sampling undertaken as part of the current scope of works.
- Aurecon advised current sampling undertaken at low tide on intertidal mud flat only. Grab samples were taken at depths up to 300mm and focussed on the proposed channel area extending seawards from the mouth of Furey's Creek/Jack's Point boat ramp. As with the other data assessed for the area the sediment samples showed the presence of arsenic and mercury. Of the 10 sample locations the low level guideline value were exceeded in most sample locations, but none exceeded the upper guideline value. From previous reports there is evidence of three sample locations at the end of the Coromandel Wharf which exceeded the upper guideline value for mercury.
- Council expressed their concern that the potential contamination issue be well understood before progressing to other planned milestone stages.
- As well as committing to the additional operating expenditure funding. It was noted that further investigation into the geological and hydrogeological setting is required with a clear assessment of contamination concentrations, before continuing to fund the project.
- Council believe that this is a major economic development goal, but agree it is important to obtain as much information as possible to ensure that this project is viable.
- Council request a more detailed analysis of the potential contaminants and dredging at Furey's Creek, through sampling of the sediment at specific depth and levels before proceeding with the next stage.

### Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the report.
2. Requests a revised scope, approach and costing of the sediment quality report analysis of Furey's Creek / Coromandel Harbour Facilities Strategy Project to be delivered to the Economic Development Committee on 4 February 2014 for input prior to Council Meeting's 26 February 2014 for further consultation.

**Moved/Seconded By:** Connors/Brljevich

## 3.2 Cathedral Coast Walk

Council gave consideration to the economic and feasibility study and support to proceed with the Coromandel Great Walks project.

### Key Discussion Points

- The feasibility study was produced by Miles Marketing Destination and TRC Tourism Limited. Chris Adams (Miles Marketing Destination) presented the feasibility study of the Coromandel Great Walks: Cathedral Coast Walkway.
- The presentation addressed the proposed walk which will pass through Council reserve, Iwi, DoC, QE2 Trust land and private properties.
- According to the report, visitors expected estimates 50,000 – 100,000 total walkers. Furthermore 35,000 of these walkers will be new visitors to the region, generating up to \$14.9m in direct new visitor spending.
- The report also indicated an opportunity to coordinate parking, shuttles and indirect economic activity created by the walkway. Chris described paid parking solution to fund for the maintenance of the trail and upkeep of amenities.
- The presentation also illustrated the vision of creating an iconic natural landscape with the ability to become the number one attraction for New Zealand tourism.
- Council endorsed the report and agreed this initiative is an important economic development driver that would involve many sectors of the wider Coromandel community over many years.
- Council supported the key recommendations, and agreed partnerships with other key stakeholders e.g DoC and Iwi as well as community consultation will increase the success of this project.
- Council thanked the Staff, Miles and TRC Tourism Limited for their presentation, and believe the walk has potential to create business growth and job opportunities for the local communities.

### Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the report.

**Moved/Seconded By:** Leach/Connors

## 3.3 New Lease - Tairua Community Hall Society Inc

For consideration to approve a new lease between the Thames-Coromandel District Council and the Tairua Community Hall Society Inc. for the buildings (the premises) located at 210 Main Road, Tairua.

### Key Discussion Points

- Removed from agenda by the Chief Executive.

**No Resolutions were passed.**

## 4 Regulatory

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### 4.1 Report on the Monitoring of Licensed Premises and the Impact of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 Report

Council was advised about the auditing of liquor and health licensed premises and provided with information on the impact of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 and key changes particularly in regard to risk based fees and charges for liquor premises.

#### **Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the report.
2. Notes that health and liquor licence inspections are on track for completion.
3. Notes that new risk based liquor fees for applications and an annual fee will apply.
4. Notes that income and operating costs will be difficult to assess and a bylaw will be necessary to apply fees greater than the statutory default fees.

**Moved/Seconded By:** McLean/Connors

### 4.2 Late Item - District Licencing Committee - Terms of Reference

Council were informed of the terms of reference for the District Licencing Committee.

#### **Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the report.
2. Approves the District Licencing Committee and its terms of reference. 4

**Moved/Seconded By:** McLean/Connors

## 5 Infrastructure

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### 5.1 Storm Damage August - September 2013 Budget Request

Approval was sought from Council to fund storm damage response and reinstatement works resulting from road damage caused by the August and September 2013 storm events.

#### **Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the report.
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- 2 Approves the transfer of \$144,900 from the Disaster Reserve in 2013/14 to fund completion of storm damage repair works associated with the August and September 2013 storm events and the balance of repairs associated with the July/August 2012 and the January 2011 events.

**Moved/Seconded By:** Goudie/McLean

## 5.2 Change of Land Status from Reserve to Road - Homestead Lane

To request Council approval to change the status of a narrow strip of land Lot 7 DP 324870 running along the Homestead Lane frontage of 1043 Purangi Road from reserve to road to enable the proposed subdivision development to proceed with access for Lots 2 and 3 from Homestead Lane.

### Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the report.
2. Approves the change in the status of the area of local purpose reserve identified as Lot 7 DP 324870 to road extending along the full Homestead Lane frontage of Lot 1 DPS 70249.

**Moved/Seconded By:** Fox/McLean

## 5.3 Delegation of 50MAX Permitting to NZTA

Approval was sought from Council to:

- delegate authority to NZTA to approve and process permit applications for 50MAX vehicles on TCDC roads
- delegate authority to the Group Manager Infrastructure to sign the TCDC/NZTA Memorandum of Understanding on Council's behalf
- delegate authority to the Group Manager Infrastructure to approve restrictions to the roads available for access by permitted 50MAX vehicles.
- delegate authority to the Group Manager Infrastructure to approve High Productivity Motor Vehicle (HPMV) permits

### Key Discussion Points

- Council was advised that Andrew McKillop will be NZTA's representative for delegated authority.
- Council was happy to endorse permit application for 50MAX on TCDC roads.

### Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the report.
2. Delegates authority to NZTA to approve and process permit applications for 50MAX vehicles on TCDC roads.
3. Delegates authority to the Group Manager Infrastructure to sign the TCDC/NZTA Memorandum of Understanding on Council's behalf.
4. Delegates authority to the Group Manager Infrastructure to approve restrictions to the

- roads available for access by permitted 50MAX vehicles.
- Delegates authority to the Group Manager Infrastructure to approve High Productivity Motor Vehicle (HPMV) permits.

**Moved/Seconded By:** French/Connors

Under Standing Order 3.3.7 Council agreed to extend the meeting past the six hour duration.

### **Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

- Extends the meeting time past the six hour duration, until the conclusion of its business.

**Moved/Seconded By:** French/Connors

## **6 Finance**

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### **6.1 November 2013 - Financial report for the five month period ended**

Council was provided with cumulative financial information for the year to date to enable it to monitor the financial performance of the organisation.

#### **Key Discussion Points**

- Finance cost year to date down from last year through a significant gap between budget and actual.
- Impact on the depreciation of interest.
- Ongoing commitment to demonstrate financial prudence.
- Secure funding facility at the most competitive prices they can be.
- It was noted that the original Attachments A and B to this report were incorrect (October 2013) Addendum 1 was tabled.

### **Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

- Receives the report.

**Moved/Seconded By:** Leach/Fox

### **6.2 Potential Funding Options for Development Contributions Interest**

Council considered potential funding options to address the additional burden on development contributions levied by Council as a consequence of the interest costs on Additional Capacity loans.

#### **Key Discussion Points**

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- Additional information tabled at the meeting, which included the opportunity to partially fund development contributions interest in 2014/2015 year.
- An option to fund the interest on development contributions for certain activities, rather than all community activities was discussed.
- Staff noted that this would not include interest on community infrastructure and it would be staged and incremental approach to ensure less immediate impact on the ratepayers.
- Consequently Council would consult on funding the interest on essential services activities only
- Council advised that it is important for public to understand Councils position of funding the interests.

### Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the report.
2. Advises on its essential services activities to partially fund the amount of development contributions interest, with costs being apportioned by the current activity funding (as set out in the Revenue and Financing Policy), as the basis on which to build the draft 2014/2015 Annual Plan, and that staff make clear alternative options in the draft Annual Plan for consideration by the communities, including examples of rating impacts.
3. Instructs staff to bring back information and options for reducing expenditure in the 2014/2015 year.
4. Instructs staff to bring back further options for addressing the on-going AC interest issue as part of the 2015 Long Term Plan.

**Moved/Seconded By:** Connors/Fox

## 6.3 Options for mitigating rating impact from rezoned land

Council considered potential for minimising the financial impact on ratepayers as a result of land zone changes under the Proposed District Plan.

### Key Discussion Points

- Staff highlighted the policy will be consistent and implications on cost will take into account the underlying value of those land zones.
- Staff noted changes in land zones is not expected to move significantly in the first year however it will move thereafter when development and the environment changes.
- Clarification is required on Council's stance to support those land owners through a remission of rates.
- District rate based on value.
- District plan process, both parties treated equally. With discretional conditions
- Clarify the properties involved in the rezone.
- Future stimulation for wider services.

### Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the report.

2. Requests that staff prepare a draft rates remission policy for ratepayers whose land has been impacted/affected by Council initiated land zoning change through the Proposed District Plan.
3. Requests that the draft rates remission policy is explicit that the remission is not retrospective from the Proposed District Plan, and provides appropriate criteria for instances where privately initiated land re-zoning that aligns with councils high level growth and infrastructure strategy as set out in the Proposed District Plan.
4. Requests that staff prepare information (including consideration of cost effectiveness and affordability assessments) to be included in a statement of proposal, to go out for consultation as part of the draft 2014/2015 Annual Plan.
5. Requests that staff prepare an appropriate engagement approach to support this proposal.
6. Requests staff bring back items 2-5 for Council's consideration in February 2014.

**Moved/Seconded By:** French/McLean

## 6.4 Economic Development Activity Funding options

Council considered proposing changes to the current funding structure of its Economic Development Activity, due to changes to the activity.

### Key Discussion Points

- Council advises staff to report any changes to the funding structure to the Economic Development Committee prior to Council meetings
- Further investigations required for the ten year plan and figures will be made available subsequent to Annual Plan workshop.

### Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the report.
2. Requests that staff prepare a change to the Economic Development Activity funding, applying a capping of the commercial rate at current levels, and balance funded equally through UAGC, as the basis for the draft 2014/2015 Annual Plan.
3. Requests that staff prepare information (including consideration of cost effectiveness and assessments of options) to be included for consultation as part of the draft 2014/2015 Annual Plan.
4. Requests that staff prepare an appropriate engagement approach to support this proposal.
5. Requests staff to bring back items 2-4 for Council's consideration in February 2014.
6. Requests that staff continue to work on further options to address the inequity concerns of the moteliers to be addressed in the 2015 Long Term Plan.

**Moved/Seconded By:** Fox/Connors

## 6.5 Exclusion of Camp Grounds from Area of Service for Solid Waste Collection

To present potential options to Council for the exclusion of certain camp grounds and other multiunit facilities from the area of service for the collection of solid waste.

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**Key Discussion Points**

- Staff identified several options for solid waste collection and favoured a remission policy that could provide discretionary remission to be included for multi-unit ratings. For example an opportunity for multi-rating units to 'opt out' for the use of private contractors.

**Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the report.
2. Requests that staff prepare a draft rates remission policy that provides for the discretionary remission of solid waste collection and recycling targeted rates for multi-unit rating units that opt to use the services of private contractors.
3. Requests that staff prepare information (including consideration of cost effectiveness and affordability assessments) to be included in a statement of proposal, to go out for consultation as part of the draft 2014/2015 Annual Plan.
4. Requests that staff prepare an appropriate engagement approach to support this proposal.
5. Brings back items 2-4 for Council's consideration in February 2014.

**Moved/Seconded By:** French/Connors

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## 7 Support Activities

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### 7.1 November 2013 - Council Action Schedule

Provided an update on the Council Action Schedule

**Key Discussion Points**

- District Plan - staff will continue to monitor and report to Council any developments in relation to RMA reform, Hauraki Treaty settlement and appeals on the propose Waikato RPS.
- Local Government Reorganisation - the Policy Committee will prepare a report on a submission.
- Waikato draft triennial agreement - Staff advised that the Waikato spatial plan does not support the draft agreement.
- Audit Committee Membership - The Mayor advised that Councillor Brljevic should have been included on the appointment of members to the Audit Committee and requested an amendment to its Terms of Reference.

**Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the report.

**Moved/Seconded By:** French/Connors

## 7.2 Appointment to Thames Valley CDEM Committee and Waikato CDEM Group

To advise Council of the change of the appointment of Deputy Mayor Peter French to the Thames Valley CDEM Committee and the Waikato CDEM Group and that the Mayor Glenn Leach will be the alternate to the Thames Valley CDEM Committee and the Waikato CDEM Group

### Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the report.
2. Request staff to amend the Terms of Reference for the Waikato and Thames Valley CDEM Group to allow for the Deputy Mayor to be Council's representative and the Mayor as Alternate

**Moved/Seconded By:** French/Connors

## 8 Chief Executive

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### 8.1 November 2013 - Chief Executive Report

The purpose of this report is to present a discussion of significant projects from the Chief Executive's perspective over the past month. The report highlights that the work programme is well underway and that there are many fronts being taken forward at the same time.

#### Key Discussion Points

- Workshop will be held on 20 December 2013 to enable Council to be informed on the draft 2013/2014 Annual Plan.
- The Proposed District Plan is out for public notification, submissions will be running until 14 March 2014.
- Council were informed that Sam Napia and Katina Conomos will be representing Thames-Coromandel District Council on the negotiation for the Waikato Triennial Agreement.

### Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the report.

**Moved/Seconded By:** Fox/Bartley

### 8.2 November 2013 - Economic Development Strategy Report

Adoption of the Economic Development Action Plan and Summary for the Thames-Coromandel District.

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**Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the report.
2. Adopts the Thames-Coromandel District Economic Development Action. Plan and Summary

**Moved/Seconded By:** Fox/McLean

## **9 Members' Reports**

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### **9.1 Members' Reports**

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

**His Worship**

- Acknowledged the work of Council members and staff.
- Wished all members and staff a safe and happy holidays.

**Deputy Mayor French**

- Attended several meetings for this month including Infrastructure Committee and Workshop, Treaty settlement discussions with Ngati Tamatera.

**Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the Members' Reports.

**Moved/Seconded By:** Connors/Wells

## **10 Public Excluded**

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**Resolution to Exclude the Public**

Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

**Resolved**

That the public:

1. Be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting namely:

<b>Item</b>	<b>Business</b>
<b>10.1</b>	<b>Public Excluded Minutes</b>
<b>10.2</b>	<b>Hauraki Treaty Settlement Redress Proposals Relevant to the Thames Coromandel District Council</b>
<b>10.3</b>	<b>Water Services Contract Extension Review</b>

2. Also recommend that:

The following person(s) be permitted to remain at this meeting after the public has been excluded because of their knowledge in relation to the following. This knowledge, which will be of assistance and is relevant to the matter(s) discussed:

**Name** Councillor Clyde Graf  
**Company** Waikato Regional Council  
**Item** 10.3  
**Business** Water Services Contract Extension Review  
**Reason** Local knowledge

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48 (1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

<i>General Subject of Each Matter to be Considered</i>	<i>Reason for Passing this Resolution</i>	<i>Ground(s) Under Section 48(1) for the Passing of the Resolution</i>
PUBLIC EXCLUDED - Thames-Coromandel District Council Minutes for Confirmation	7(2)(a) – Protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons  (7)(2)(g) – Maintain legal professional privilege.	(48)(1)(a) – That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist.
Hauraki Treaty Settlement Redress Proposals	(7)(2)(c)(ii) - Protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely otherwise to damage the public interest.	(48)(1)(a) – That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist.
Water Services Contract Extension Review	(7)(2)(h) – Enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.	(48)(1)(a) – That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist.

**Moved/Seconded By:** Connors/Wells

## 10.1 Public Excluded Thames-Coromandel District Council Minutes for Confirmation

As per Council's Standing Orders, the Thames-Coromandel District Council must confirm the Minutes of its previous meeting.

### Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Confirms the following Public Excluded Minutes:  
Thames-Coromandel District Council Minutes - 27 November 2013

**Moved/Seconded By:** Fox/Wells

## 10.2 Hauraki Treaty Settlement Redress Proposals relevant to the Thames-Coromandel District Council

To inform Council, in confidence, of the Crown's Treaty settlement redress proposals that relate to Crown land administered by the Thames-Coromandel District Council. The Crown will, subject to Council feedback, include these redress items in deeds of settlement to be initiated with individual Hauraki Iwi in the first half of 2014.

### Resolved

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the report.
2. Endorses the proposals presented to Council in the memorandum of 27<sup>th</sup> November 2013 from the Chief Crown Negotiator and entitled: "Treaty settlement redress proposals relevant to the Thames-Coromandel District Council", and as amended by the Errata tabled at the meeting, subject to satisfactory co-governance arrangements being established.
3. Requests the Mayor to write to the Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations seeking seeding finance to assist in the establishment of the co-governance boards.
4. Instructs the Chief Executive to appoint staff to any Crown working party established to fully develop the proposals for inclusion in the Hauraki Treaty settlement. It is expected that a final draft will be brought back to the Council for approval.

**Moved/Seconded By:** McLean/Fox

## 10.3 Water Services Contract Extension Review

Council was provide background information to Council, and a summary of the work undertaken to date regarding a proposal submitted by Veolia Water New Zealand (Veolia Water) to extend their existing contracts for Water Services.

To seek a decision from Council to proceed with the contract extension negotiations subject to clearance from the Office of the Auditor General (OAG). Staff will also keep the Infrastructure Committee updated with any findings from the OAG work.

**Resolved**

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the report.
2. Approves in principal the overall direction recommended by staff and requires an independent review by the Office of the Auditor General (OAG)
3. Approves the decision to proceed with contract extension negotiations subject to clearance from the OAG.

**Moved/Seconded By:** Wells/Fox

**Resolved**

That the public be re-admitted to the meeting and resolutions taken with the public excluded be confirmed in the public session.

**Moved/Seconded By:** McLean/Fox

**Meeting Closed at 17:02**

The foregoing Minutes were certified as being a true and correct record of the meeting of the Thames-Coromandel District Council held on 18 December 2013.

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