

MINUTES	MEETING	TIME
<b>KĀPITI COAST DISTRICT COUNCIL</b>	<b>THURSDAY 5 JUNE 2014</b>	<b>10.00 AM</b>

KCDC 14/06/094

### **APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no apologies, and no declarations of interest.

The Mayor read out a statement about his recent challenge to public speaker Salima Padamsey in relation to her use of the word 'corruption' in her oral submission to the Audit and Risk Subcommittee meeting. The Mayor had challenged Ms Padamsey to produce evidence of staff corruption or apologise. After subsequent discussions with Gavin Bradley, ~~acting on behalf of Ms Padamsey~~<sup>1</sup>, the Mayor accepted her assurance that taken in context her statement was not meant to use the word 'corruption' in this way. The Mayor said he had interpreted the word as most people would perceive it, and he withdrew his challenge.

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### **PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME**

1. Bernie Randall spoke to his submission (circulated) on three matters: (1) previous Council responses to his questions about the use of the carpark opposite the Community Centre were unsatisfactory. The consent wording indicated that the carpark had always been intended for use by Council staff and council vehicles; (2) he requested assurance from the Mayor that the Mayor would oppose any move to introduce districtwide parking meters; (3) the question posed to Cr Ammundsen at a previous meeting remained unanswered despite an OIA response which said that it had.

*Cr Wilson arrived at 10.05am.*

2. Dr Liz Hitchings clinical leader of dental health, Capital and Coastal District Health Board spoke in support of fluoridation with reference to it being a successful public health measure to prevent dental caries.
3. Dr Stephen Palmer spoke to his submission (circulated) on behalf of Regional Health in support of fluoridation, focusing on health concerns raised and New Zealand (and Kapiti) research and evidence. In response to a question about other scientific research he referenced the recent High Court decision that fluoridation of water supplies did not constitute mass medication.
4. Dr Brian Hooper spoke to his submission (circulated) about the Habitable Unit policy, expressing his concern about the policy disincentivising residents from caring for the elderly or disadvantaged in granny flats as this arrangement incurred increased rates on the properties. He was aware that there was a rates relief scheme but its criteria were too narrow. He asked Council to abolish or mitigate the policy.
5. Christopher Ruthe spoke on behalf of Coastal Ratepayers United (CRU) defending Ms Padamsey's previous address to the Audit and Risk Subcommittee about accountability. He also spoke about the Standen case and the appointment of a QC to carry out an independent review of Council's decision-making processes in this regard.
6. Kerstin Allan spoke against fluoridation, referring to her previous Annual Plan submission and thanked Councillors for listening with patience and respect to all the arguments.

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<sup>1</sup> Amendment presented for confirmation at Council meeting 27 November 2014