

MINUTES	MEETING	TIME
KĀPITI COAST DISTRICT COUNCIL	THURSDAY 24 JANUARY 2013	10.08AM

Minutes of a meeting of the Kāpiti Coast District Council on Thursday 24 January 2013, commencing at 10.08am in Auditorium 2, Meadows Church, 1 Realm Drive, Paraparaumu.

PRESENT	Mayor	J	Rowan	(Chair)
	Cr	R	Booth	
	Cr	D	Ammundsen	
	Cr	R	Church	
	Cr	M	Cardiff	
	Cr	P	Ellis	
	Cr	P	Gaylor	
	Cr	K	Gurunathan	
	Cr	H	Wooding	
ATTENDING	Ms	L	Jensen	(Chair, Paraparaumu/Raumati Community Board)
	Mr	J	Cootes	(Chair, Ōtaki Community Board)
	Mrs	J	Elliott	(Member, Ōtaki Community Board)
	Ms	J	Holborow	(Chair, Paekākāriki Community Board)
	Ms	J	Smeaton	(Representative Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti)
	Mr	P	Dougherty	(Chief Executive)
	Ms	T	Evans	(Group Manager Community Services)
	Mr	W	Read	(Group Manager Finance)
	Mr	S	Mallon	(Group Manager, Infrastructure Services)
	Ms	A	Kenna	(Communications Specialist)
	Mr	J	Ebenhoh	(Sustainable Development Manager)
	Mrs	B	Van Gaalen	(Grey Power Kapiti)
	Cr	N	Wilson	(Greater Wellington Regional Council)
	Ms	V	Starbuck-Maffey	(Democratic Services Team Leader)
APOLOGIES	Cr	T	Lester	
	Cr	T	Lloyd	

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and read the Council blessing.

KCDC 13/1/309
APOLOGIES

MOVED (Mayor/Booth)

That apologies be accepted from Cr Lester, Cr Lloyd and from Michael Scott Chair of the Waikanae Community Board.

CARRIED

KCDC 13/1/310
PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

1. Betty van Gaalen on behalf of Grey Power Kapiti urged Council to reconsider putting in a ramp to facilitate access for the elderly to the Coastlands Aquatic Centre pool.
2. Salima Padamsey spoke as the Secretary of the group Coastal Ratepayers United (CRU), requesting a record of the question and answer session which took place between Councillors and Dr Roger Shand during the 1 November 2012 meeting of the Regulatory Management Committee (RMC).
3. Christopher Ruthe urged Council to appoint independent commissioners to the panel hearing submissions on the coastal erosion issue as part of the Proposed District Plan process and suggested mediation as per Resource Management Act provisions. He referred to difficulties experienced in speaking to Councillors about the coastal erosion issue. Lastly he referenced Professor Manning's evidence during the Expressway hearings which referred to sea-level rise impacts.
4. Prue Hyman a Paekākāriki resident spoke about the coastal hazard issue, referring to her letter to Council on 27 December 2012, which expressed concern about Council's actions and processes around coastal erosion. Specifically the concerns referred to the wording on Land Information Memoranda (LIMs), the status of setback lines, the requirement for an extension of deadlines for District Plan submissions on coastal erosion, and the relation of the District Plan to longer-term planning. In response to a question about the extension time needed she said that four to six weeks would be preferred. The Mayor signaled Council would be considering an extension to the deadline for submissions on this issue.
5. Marian Cox supported the request for an extension to the deadline for District Plan submissions on coastal erosion issues.
6. Chris Glover spoke about the NZTA Expressway which he believed was not in the best interest of Kapiti. He also recommended Council improve safety for cyclists and pedestrians around Otaihangā by broadening the cycleways.
7. Mike Alexander spoke about the need for a roundabout at Paekākāriki to improve safety issues at the intersection of SH1/Paekākāriki Hill Road/Beach Road and referred to issues raised during Public Speaking Time at the December Council meeting ie concerns over herbicide spraying over the December/January period and duplicate invoices for this work. Ms Evans, Group Manager of Community Services said a response to Mr Alexander's concerns would be forwarded to him next week.
8. Cr Nigel Wilson referred to a recent Council press release which he believed misrepresented his statement on Council's provision of infrastructure services to coastal residents, which had been made during a radio interview on Beach FM.

Even after listening to the transcript of the interview Council had refused to change the press release which he believed was unacceptable and he demanded an apology from Council. The Chief Executive read out the relevant portion of the transcript in which it was clear that Cr Wilson agreed with the interviewer's statement that Council would be withdrawing infrastructure services from coastal residents. The Council was concerned at the misleading impression given to the community by the exchange and the subsequent press release stated that the assertion was incorrect. Cr Wilson said that during the interview he was quoting the Mayor's own remarks made in September 2012 but the Mayor and Chief Executive said this was not correct.

Cr Wilson left the meeting at 10.43am and returned at 10.48am.

9. Jackie Elliott spoke as a resident and ratepayer about the use of unauthorized tradespeople to install water meters and urged Council to halt work until residents could be informed of their rights. She also alleged that water meter installers had behaved in a bullying fashion towards some residents. In response to a question she also clarified that she no longer held the position of Secretary of the Kapiti Concerned Citizens although she was still a part of the group.

The Mayor asked that responses be provided to public speakers.

Tamsin Evans Group Manager Community Services addressed the concerns of Mrs Van Gaalen around access to the Coastlands Aquatic Centre pool:

- The original concept did allow for a ramp into the main pool (the 25m x 25m pool), but the decision to have a 2.4 meter deep pool with a moveable floor precluded the inclusion of a ramp.
- Council had consulted with the Disability Reference Group throughout the project to see what options were available to enable ramp access and there was no product available for this environment.
- However there was a supplier who makes 'telescopic' steps that adapt to the floor depth and it is likely those steps will be in place when the pool opens in March to assist those users with limited mobility.
- Access to the main pool will not be possible for people in wheel chairs via a ramp, but there will be a hoist for these people, with a sling being provided in the new financial year.
- Considerable effort has been made to ensure that a majority of users can access the pool.
- The building does meet building standards.

Jim Ebenhoh Sustainable Development Manager responded to the concerns of Ms Padamsey, Mr Ruthe and Ms Hyman:

- A transcript of the relevant part of the RMC meeting would be provided. The Chief Executive added that it was not usual practice to minute special presentations to Council.
- Council would consider putting independent commissioners onto the hearing panels for coastal erosion issues.
- Mediation was an important step of the process but Council was now in a quasi-legal process under the RMA including mandatory timeframes so it was necessary to ensure that submissions come through followed by the option of pre-hearing conferencing around evidence.

- He would investigate the delay in Ms Hyman's receiving the letter sent out on Friday and agreed that the word 'likely', if still on the Council's website, needed to be changed. He clarified the use of the word 'projected' and said the setback lines did not refer to 'the very worst case scenario'.
- Further public information sessions on the Proposed District Plan submission process were planned for February and a 'Friend of the Submitter' programme was also about to be launched.
- Regarding the request by CRU members for an extension to the submission deadline, a formal report would be brought back to Council next week for consideration.

Sean Mallon Group Manager Infrastructure Services said he would meet with Mr Glover to discuss his concerns.

Mr Alexander's concerns were being responded to.

Sean Mallon Group Manager Infrastructure Services responded to Ms Elliott's concerns by clarifying the threshold around the requirement for registration of tradesmen installing water meters. When working on private land plumbers, gasfitters and drainlayers need to meet the requirements of their Board; however, when work is done on the public watermain network, as was the case with water meter installation, the tradespeople had to meet Council competency standards, which they did. Their work was also monitored by clerks of work and qualified engineers.

Cr Ellis asked for a response to Cr Wilson and was upset at the allegation of corruption which he said affected the whole Council's reputation.

The meeting adjourned at 11.11am and reconvened at 11.25am.

KCDC 13/1/311

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

(A) Confirmation of minutes

MOVED (Ellis/Booth)

That the minutes of the Council meeting on 29 November 2012 are confirmed as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

There was one amendment on page 16 of the 13 December 2012 minutes to remove the word 'words' so that the sentence at (c) read: 'Cr Ammundsen wished to provide a report... etc'

MOVED (Ammundsen/Wooding)

That the amended minutes of the Council meeting on 13 December 2012 are confirmed as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

(B) Matters under action

The public arts policy would be brought to the Environment and Community Development (ECD) Committee meeting in March.

KCDC 13/1/312

MEMBERS' BUSINESS

- (a) Responses to Public Speaking Time: as above
- (b) Leave of absence

MOVED (Mayor/Church)

That leave of absence is granted to Cr Ellis for Thursday 31 January 2013.

CARRIED

- (c) Matters of an Urgent Nature – there were none.
- (d) Declarations of interest – there were none.

KCDC 13/1/313

GENERAL WASTE FEE – ŌTAKI TRANSFER STATION (IS-12-779)

Sean Mallon Group Manager Infrastructure Services spoke to this item explaining the rationale for the increase in fees. If charges were not increased the cost was likely to create a deficit for Council. There would be a briefing next week on Solid Waste as part of the Annual Plan process and members of the Waikanae and Ōtaki Community Boards had been invited. After discussion Council agreed to leave this report lying on the table pending next week's briefing which would provide more details around the bigger picture.

MOVED (Mayor/Gaylor)

That report IS-12-779 is let lie on the table pending further discussion at the Council meeting on 31 January 2013.

CARRIED

KCDC 13/1/314

ORDER OF CANDIDATES NAMES ON VOTING DOCUMENTS FOR 2013 LOCAL BODY ELECTIONS (CORP-12-774)

Ms Starbuck-Maffey spoke to this item, explaining there were a number of options for Council to consider.

MOVED (Wooding/Church)

That the names of the candidates for the 2013 Local Authority Elections held for the Kapiti Coast District are to be arranged on the voting papers in alphabetical order of surname.

CARRIED

KCDC 13/1/315

PROGRESSIVE PROCESSING OF VOTES FOR THE 2013 LOCAL BODY ELECTIONS (CORP-12-773)

Ms Starbuck-Maffey spoke to this item, explaining this was a procedural matter and if Council adopted progressive processing it could help facilitate an earlier announcement of results on Election Day.

MOVED (Ammundsen/Gaylor)

That Council adopts progressive processing of votes for the 2013 Local Authority Elections to enable the early processing of voting papers during the three week voting period in accordance with Section 79 of the Local Electoral Act 2001.

CARRIED

KCDC 13/1/316

RESOLUTION TO MOVE INTO PUBLIC EXCLUDED

MOVED (Mayor/Ellis)

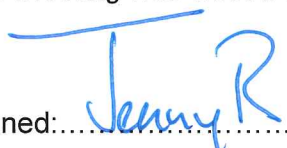
<p>That, pursuant to Section 48 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, the public now be excluded from the meeting for the reasons given below, while the following matters are considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public Excluded Minutes: 4 October 2012• Electricity Supply Contract Renewals (SP-12-754) <p>The general subject of each matter to be considered, while the public are 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:</p>	
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Public Excluded Minutes: 4 October 2012	Section 7(2)(i)—to enable the local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	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.
Electricity Supply Contract Renewals (SP-12-754)	Section 7(2)(b)(ii)—to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.	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.

CARRIED

*The meeting moved into public excluded session at 11.57a.
Community Board Chairs and Jennie Smeaton (Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti) were invited to remain for the public excluded session.
The meeting moved out of public excluded session at 12.13pm.*

The meeting was closed at 12.13pm

Signed: 

Date: 8 / 03 / 2013

Chair: Mayor Jenny Rowan QSO, JP