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KĀPITI COAST DISTRICT COUNCIL	THURSDAY 18 JUNE, 2015	10.00 AM

Minutes of an additional meeting of the Kapiti Coast District Council on Thursday 18 June 2015, commencing at 10.00 am in Council Chambers, Ground Floor, Kāpiti Coast District Council, 175 Rimu Road, Paraparaumu.

PRESENT

Mayor	R	Church	Chair
Cr	D	Ammundsen	
Cr	M	Bell	
Cr	M	Cardiff	
Cr	J	Elliott	
Cr	K	Gurunathan	
Cr	P	Gaylor	
Cr	J	Holborow	
Cr	D	Scott	
Cr	M	Scott	
Cr	G	Welsh	

ATTENDING

Ms	M	Hakaraia	(Member, Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti)
Mr	J	Best	(Deputy Chair, Paraparaumu-Raumati Community Board)
Mr	P	Edwards	(Chair, Paekākāriki Community Board)
Mr	P	Dougherty	(Chief Executive)
Ms	T	Evans	(Group Manager, Community Services)
Mr	S	McArthur	(Group Manager, Strategy & Planning)
Mr	S	Mallon	(Group Manager, Infrastructure Services)
Mr	W	Maxwell	(Group Manager, Corporate Services)
Mr	K	Currie	(Group Manager, Regulatory Services)
Ms	J	McDougall	(Communications Manager)
Ms	V	Starbuck-Maffey	(Democracy Services Manager - Minute-Taker)

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

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APOLOGIES

MOVED (Mayor/M Scott)

That apologies be accepted from Ann Maree Ellison and Rupene Waaka (Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti) and from James Cootes Chair of the Ōtaki Community Board, and Eric Gregory Chair of the Waikanae Community Board.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

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PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME (FOR ITEMS RELATING TO THE AGENDA)

With respect to whether members of the public could raise matters mentioned in minutes on meeting agendas (ie as an 'item relating to the agenda') a Councillor suggested that the Ombudsman be asked for an opinion on this matter, but other Councillors did not agree.

1. Dale Evans spoke about a range of matters:

- the representation review – why wasn't the community consulted on what they wanted?
- numerous questions about the Ōtaki stormwater upgrade contract, including questions about asbestos piping in the stormwater network and flooding issues.

Regarding the representation review, comment was offered about the range and variety of approaches made by one particular Community Board in making its community aware of the Review. In response to a question Mr Evans offered information about the Stormwater Action Group (SAG) that was active some years ago. Mr Evans had not attended the public workshop hosted by the Paraparaumu-Raumati Community Board on the Representation Review.

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MEMBERS' BUSINESS

- (a) Responses to Public Speaking Time – responses to issues raised would be covered off during discussion on the relevant agenda items.
- (b) Leave of Absence

MOVED (Gaylor/Bell)

That leave of absence be granted to Cr Diane Ammundsen for the period 29 June – 21 August 2015 inclusive.

CARRIED

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

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**2015 REPRESENTATION REVIEW – DECISION ON INITIAL PROPOSAL
(CORP-15-1591)**

Democracy Services Manager Vyvien Starbuck-Maffey spoke to the report and a powerpoint presentation, outlining the pre-consultation period which was managed by the Representation Review Working Party and their recommendations to Council which included: either maintain the status quo for representation arrangements, or move to an all wards system with double the number of Ward Councillors, and fix a boundary issue between Waikanae and Ōtaki Wards. The total number of elected members (27) was not proposed to be changed, and Community Boards should be retained. The following comments emerged during discussion:

- This was only an initial proposal and this would be clearly signalled in the first resolution. There would be submissions and hearing of submissions before Council issued its final proposal in late August and then the public still had the right to lodge an appeal or objection at that point.
- Some recent feedback from the public had queried why the option of an all Districtwide system had not been proposed and it was clarified that Council could consider that if it wished.
- Some comment had been received during public pre-consultation about the inadequacy of Community Board delegations; this was outside the scope of the Review and should be dealt with by the new Council post-election when deciding on its governance structure.
- It was worthwhile highlighting the 2010 Determination made by the Local Government Commission (LGC) which had resulted in the current system.
- People already had a choice of elected members to approach; community boards were working well particularly with the Ward Councillor/s being appointed back. It would be too complex and confusing to go to an all Wards system with Community Boards as well, and there was no appetite to disestablish Boards.
- It was noted that the regional reorganisation process being managed by the LGC, while being a separate and independent process, had captured community interest and what strongly emerged was residents do see themselves as distinct communities of interest on the Coast and there was a fear of losing this local identity in any amalgamation.
- STV benefits (reflecting the diversity of the community) were believed to accrue more in a multi-member ward system which was another argument supporting an all Wards system.
- There was no drive for change from the public, the community benefits from the mixed model; Districtwide councillors provided an overview perspective, while Ward Councillors helped deal with local issues. The sense of choice was strengthened more with the mixed system than with either an all Wards system or an all Districtwide system.

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- The boundary change was supported because residents had been asking for it since the previous review in 2009 and the LGC at that time, while sympathetic, had not been able to change the Ward boundary because of the need to be compliant with the +/-10% rule. If Council supported the proposed boundary change this would result in non-compliance with the rule. However, since 2009 a change in legislation enabled Council to make an argument that not dividing a community of interest was more important than strictly enforcing a mathematical formula. It was noted that the LGC would have the final say and that if Council resolved to change the boundary this would mean an automatic referral to the Commission.
- While the Kāpiti Coast was not yet a city it was steadily becoming more urbanised; and Council could well decide at the next review to move to an all Districtwide model.
- The 2004 debate was instructive to consider, where the Council wanted to go to an all Districtwide system and disestablish Community Boards, but the LGC did not agree and in its Determination imposed a mixed system to reflect the mixed nature of the views and community needs. This was felt to be still relevant.

Cr Welsh left the meeting at 11.05am and returned at 11.07am.

Cr Elliott left the meeting at 11.06am and returned at 11.09am

The formal consultation phase which would commence once Council publicly notified its initial proposal would perhaps attract submissions for change, which Council would then consider.

MOVED (Welsh/M Scott)

That the Council receives the recommendations of the Representation Review Working Party and thanks the Working Party for its efforts, and notes that the preliminary decisions made today will be subject to a formal consultation process in accordance with the Local Electoral Act 2001.

CARRIED

MOVED (Welsh/M Scott)

That the Council identifies the distinct geographic communities of interest for the Kapiti Coast District are as follows, together with respective reasons:

Community	Descriptor/Reasons
Ōtaki	Separate township/s with associated rural areas, a major river and its own water supply
Waikanae	Separate geographic community of interest, with major river

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Paraparaumu	Paraparaumu is the largest central community and therefore warrants separate recognition
Raumati	Although closely linked geographically with Paraparaumu it identifies itself as a distinct community
Paekākāriki	Separate village with a strong community of interest with a natural boundary at Queen Elizabeth Park in the north, and its own water supply

MOVED (Welsh/M Scott)

That the Council shall comprise a Mayor who shall be elected at large and ten (10) Councillors as the most appropriate number of members.

The reasons for this decision include:

- There has been no call from the community to alter the number of members
- This number of members has been working well to provide representation across a District of this size.

CARRIED

MOVED (Welsh/M Scott)

That the ten (10) Council members shall be elected as follows:

A mixed system of representation, with 5 members elected from the Wards as follows:

- 1 member from the Ōtaki Ward
- 1 member from the Waikanae Ward
- 2 members from the Paraparaumu Ward (current boundary)
- 1 member from the Paekākāriki-Raumati Ward (current boundary)

- 5 members elected Districtwide,

The reasons for this decision include:

- There has been no signal from the community for arrangements to be changed
- The current mixed system is a familiar one for the community
- The balance of Districtwide and Ward Councillors provide multiple points of access of representation for communities
- Having both Districtwide Councillors and Ward Councillors caters to the dual nature of the Kapiti Coast District. The inclusion of Districtwide Councillors reflects the fact that many council services are funded on a districtwide basis and that the District is developing, while the inclusion of Ward Councillors

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provides representation for geographically distinct communities of interest and manifests the value the community continues to put on local democracy.

A division was requested:

For the motion: the Mayor, Cr Bell, Cr Cardiff, Cr Gurunathan, Cr D Scott, Cr Elliott, Cr Holborow, Cr Welsh, Cr M Scott

Against the motion: Cr Ammundsen, Cr Gaylor

CARRIED

MOVED (M Scott/Cardiff)

That, pursuant to clause 19V(3)(ii) of the Local Electoral Act 2001, the Council agrees that the boundaries of the Ōtaki Ward and the Waikanae Ward be changed, to match those of the Ōtaki and Waikanae Community Boards, which will involve the addition of the following meshblocks to the existing Waikanae Ward (and removal of same from the Ōtaki Ward): 1883500, 1883600, 1883701, 1883703, 1883807, 1883808, 1883901, 1883902, 1883903, 1883904, 1884801, 1998502, 1998600, 1998700.

The reasons for this decision include:

- There have been repeated and strong requests from affected residents over a number of triennia for Council to address the anomaly
- A change in legislation since the previous review in 2009 allows Council to address the issue and therefore prevent a community from being divided artificially across ward boundaries
- It enhances representation for affected residents by helping them affect political change in their community of interest

CARRIED

MOVED (Welsh/M Scott)

That for the 2016 triennial elections the communities of the Kapiti Coast District will be represented by:

Ōtaki Community Board	4 elected members and 1 Ward Councillors
Waikanae Community Board	4 elected members and 1 Ward Councillors
Paraparaumu-Raumati Community Board	4 elected members and 2 Ward Councillors
Paekākāriki Community Board	4 elected members and 1 Ward Councillors

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The reasons for this decision include:

- There has been no request for change from the community
- The four Community Boards have been working well and have a positive relationship with Council
- The Council and community have previously signalled their support for structures that support local democratic decision-making such as Wards and Community Boards
- Having Community Boards provides a choice of elected representatives for the respective communities to approach

CARRIED

Cr Bell left the meeting at 11.37am and returned at 11.40am.

Cr Holborow left the meeting at 11.42am and returned at 11.45am.

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**ŌTAKI BEACH STORMWATER UPGRADE TENDER EVALUATION REPORT
(IS-15-1578)**

Group Manager Sean Mallon spoke to the report and introduced the Stormwater and Coastal Asset Manager Disna Pathirage. He corrected an error at para 11 of the report where the figure of \$3,173,536 should read \$3,761,182.10.

He provided answers to the questions raised by Mr Evans during Public Speaking Time, including addressing issues around contract contingency and supervision, the rationale for choosing Action Civil Ltd, and reference to the New Zealand Standard for management of such contracts.

He also addressed the issue of asbestos pipes; these had not been used for underground infrastructure since 1984. Stormwater pipes were made from concrete. Information would be provided as to how much consultants would be paid for managing the contract.

The Chief Executive commented on the amount of money spent on stormwater in the past 7-8 years which at around \$3.5million per year was one of Council's biggest ticket items.

MOVED (Gaylor/M Scott)

That the Council accepts the tender from Action Civil Limited for the sum of \$2,735,541 for Ōtaki Beach Stormwater Upgrade Contract.

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PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME (COVERING OTHER ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA)

Dale Evans spoke to a detailed submission (circulated) about costs associated with the Town Centres project and this would be treated as an Official Information Act request and actioned accordingly, including an assessment of how much it would cost to assemble the response.

The meeting was closed at 12 midday.

Signed / / 2015
 Mayor Ross Church, Chair