



EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

RODNEY DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES: of an Extraordinary meeting of the Rodney District Council which commenced at 9.00 a.m. in the Council Chamber, Centreway Road, Orewa on Tuesday, 19 May 2009 to hear submissions from the Hibiscus Coast Ward to the Draft Long Term Council Community Plan 2009-2019.

PRESENT: Penny Webster - Mayor (Chairperson)
Crs Ross Craig
Pat Delich
Michael Goudie
Gaye Harding
John Kirikiri
Dave Parker QSM
Grahame Powell
Zane Taylor
June Turner
Grev Walker
Wayne Walker
Suzanne Weld (from 9.29 a.m.)

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive (Rodger Kerr-Newell)
Assistant Chief Executive (Warren Maclennan)
Director: Customer Service (Lloyd Barton)(absent 10.35 a.m. – 1.18 p.m.)
Director: Transportation (Murray Noone) (till lunch)
Director: Corporate Service (Kevin Ramsay)
Finance Manager (Morna Macfarlane)(from 9.20 a.m.)
Executive Manager (Paul Garbett)
Democracy Services Manager (Ellen Barrett)
Democracy Services Administrator (Therese McDonald)

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9.00 a.m. Manager: Infrastructure Funding (John Hall) and Business Analyst (Dan Auber) in attendance.

295/05/09 APOLOGIES

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

Turner/G Walker

That the apologies from Cr Suzanne Weld (for lateness) be received and sustained.

Carried

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**296/05/09 HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS TO THE DRAFT LONG TERM COUNCIL
COMMUNITY PLAN 2009 - 2019****AGENDA ITEM NO.** 2**FILE REF** DG/11/3

Note: *Copies of all written evidence tabled and PowerPoint presentations provided at the submissions' hearing are on File: DG/11/3.*

The Mayor, Penny Webster, introduced councillors and the Chief Executive to members of the public present, advising that hearings to the Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP) would proceed on the advice of the Minister of Local Government, the Hon Rodney Hide, despite suggestions that there was no need for the Council to progress its LTCCP in light of recent announcements related to Auckland's future governance. The Mayor further advised that any expenditure over and above that reflected in the LTCCP would be reviewed by the recently established Auckland Council Transition Agency.

Note: Cr Kirikiri advised that as he had recently joined the Whangaparaoa Ratepayers' and Residents' Association (WRRRA) and had referred the matter of ownership of the Whangaparaoa Hall to the Council's Audit Committee, he would not participate in the discussion on the following submission related to the Hall.

Submitter H0095 - Beverley McLeod

Mrs McLeod circulated written evidence in support of her submission in relation to public ownership of the Whangaparaoa Hall.

In response to questions Mrs McLeod advised:

- she was a former WRRRA member but had been dismissed without question;
- because the Trustees now controlled the hall, her submission should be regarded as personal;
- she was against the lighting upgrade proposed at the Stanmore Bay Raiders' Rugby League Club, which involved the construction of 21 metre high light poles, suggesting that the current rules which provided for 9 metre high poles were adequate and going over this height would set a dangerous precedent for the future.

Submitter H0150 – Jean Taylor-Bell presented a written statement expanding on her original submission in relation to ownership of Whangaparaoa Hall, suggesting that the Council should assume ownership of the hall or provide for construction of a new hall for the benefit of the community, particularly that of the Peninsula Players performing arts group.

9.35 a.m. Team Leader: Development Engineering (Paul Howes) in attendance.

Submitter H0028 – Allan Parker provided a PowerPoint presentation in support of his submission in relation to sea level rise and climate change, provision for a new community hall at Whangaparaoa and volumetric charging for wastewater.

With regard to the proposed volumetric charging for wastewater, Mr Parker suggested that property owners not connected to a reticulated water system, that is those who provided their own tank water, but were connected to the reticulated sewerage system, should be charged on a separate basis to those connected to a reticulated water supply in recognition of their more economic use of water and subsequent smaller discharge into the wastewater system.

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In response to a question, Mr Parker confirmed that it was true that those property owners who provided their own tank water only flushed their toilets when it was necessary.

Submitter H0058 – Norma Buckland referred to her original submission in relation to passenger transport for the Hibiscus Coast, noting that since the time of that submission two new express services had been added to the bus timetable on the Whangaparaoa - Auckland City route, indicating that a process was in place to improve the current services. She urged the Council to investigate further beneficial changes to the current services as park and ride facilities were developed in the district.

Submitter H0166 – Nolene Berger presented verbal evidence in support of her submission, advising that she had been coming in to the Council every year for 10 years to speak on the subject of health and chemical sprays and the Council's lack of acknowledgment of the harm sprays caused to peoples' health and the environment. Ms Berger advised that North Shore City Council and Auckland City Council had stopped using chemicals ten years ago, suggesting that if Rodney District Council had done the same thing, many people would not have had the problems caused by sensitivity to chemical sprays. She said that in discussion with representatives from the company Waipuna, the provider of chemical-free weed spray systems, she had been told that the Council had not approached them, contrary to what she had been told by Council staff members, but that if an approach had been made, chemical-free spraying could have started with effect from 1 July. Ms Berger asked why the Council was spraying on a six-weekly cycle and advised that advice she had received from the Council's contractor, Fulton Hogan Limited, on spray cycles was often inaccurate and unreliable. Ms Berger circulated information on the link between pesticides and breast cancer and urged councillors to read a book entitled: *Stop the 21st Century Killing You*, suggesting that the book was based on absolute fact. In conclusion, Ms Berger advised that she was unable to afford the de-toxing procedures she required as result of the Council's use of chemical sprays and said it was unfair that she was exposed to the sprays all the time.

Submitter 39 – Colin Forster briefly reiterated why he had made his original submission in relation to park and ride facilities, suggesting that the proposed purchase of land around Smalls Road would be a waste of time if construction of the facility was going to take as long as the Penlink project to proceed. He advised that his information indicated that the Council was holding up the sale of a property on land on East Coast Road, noting that this sale would self-fund construction of the park and ride at Silverdale. Suggesting that rising fuel costs and the current economic climate would mean that public transport would become a priority, creating greater demand than anticipated, he said the size of the facility being contemplated at Silverdale was too small and needed to be extended before construction even started. In conclusion, Mr Forster urged the Council to rethink its position on Penlink as its construction would benefit only a few, whilst a park and ride facility at Silverdale would service many.

In response to a question, Mr Forster advised that information he had received on the park and ride facility at Oteha Valley Road indicated that two thirds of the available parking spaces were used by Rodney residents.

Mr Russell Bartlett, representing Submitters H0167 - Silver Fern Property Trust Limited, H0157 - Orewa Subdivision Limited, and H0156 - Hopper Developments, urged councillors to make their own decisions rather than relying on recommendations from staff, suggesting that the Council's proposed development contribution charges were beyond those of other councils.

10.16 a.m. Communications Advisor (Mike Isle) in attendance.

H0167 – Jason Galea, Special Projects Manager for Silver Fern Property Trust Limited presented a written statement in support of the submission by Silver Fern Property Trust Limited.

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Dr Douglas Fairgray, representing Submitter H0157 - Orewa Subdivision Limited and Submitter H0156 - Hopper Developments, provided a PowerPoint presentation in support of the submissions made.

10.35 a.m. – 10.50 a.m. Morning tea adjournment.

Lloyd Barker, representing Submitter H0158 - Cabra Developments Limited, and H0157 - Orewa Subdivision Limited, provided a written statement in support of the submissions made.

Howard Jury, representing Submitter H0156 - Hopper Developments provided a written statement in support of the submissions made.

In answer to questions the submitters advised that:

- a development contributions' model which addressed community well being had not yet been developed although North Shore City Council was currently working through this process;
- in relation to retirement villages, daily vehicle movements provided took into account service and visitors vehicles, noting that the Council had accepted the figure of two vehicle movements per day for the Ryman Health Care facility being constructed on Grand Drive, Orewa;
- the Council could reserve the right to increase the levels of development contributions charged on the basis that occupancy figures might vary over time;
- the contributions system could be adopted by the Council subsequent to adoption of the LTCCP as the contributions required under the Resource Management Act could be applied in the interim.

11.15 a.m. Team Leader: Development Engineering (Paul Howes) retired from the meeting.

Submitter W0129 – Angela Van Winden circulated written evidence in support of her original submission on the importance of the installation of footpaths on Koraha and Oraha Roads.

In response to a question, Ms Van Winden advised that her preference would be for the construction of concrete footpaths.

Submitter H023 – Malcolm McCall provided a verbal statement in support of his submission on improvements to Whangaparaoa Plaza (repaving the entrance, reroofing and new informational signage) and Whangaparaoa Road (capacity improvements).

In response to questions, Mr McCall advised that:

- the area between the ASB and Farmers was Council-owned property;
- that roundabouts worked very well in similar situations where the road had been constructed on a slope;
- he was a former trustee of the Ecos Trust in the UK, a sustainable development trust, and an architect who specialised in sustainable master plans.

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Leanne Smith, representing Submitter H0172 - Destination Orewa Beach, circulated a written statement expanding on her original submission.

In answer to questions, Mrs Smith advised that:

- she believed the Council should extend the leases of cafes in Orewa to include an area on the footpath for chairs and tables at no additional cost as the land was public land, noting that it would be acceptable to increase these licences in time when the economic situation was more stable;
- the hospitality industry was known for its employment of unskilled labour and this was something she believed the Council could support as a way of improving tourism growth;
- her biggest concern was for the businesses in Silverdale as it was likely to become the biggest development in Rodney District, while Orewa could become a boutique town enhanced with planters etc to make the environment more pleasant;
- the Council should retain its two separate financial districts to ensure that money gathered from each was spent in the same district.

Submitter H0159 – Keith Corbett, on behalf of the Royal Forest and Bird Society addressed pressures on the natural environment because of development on the Hibiscus Coast and the implementation of various plans which hadn't been progressed because of a lack of funding being made available.

Mr Corbett said that the Forest and Bird Society had put forward the requests to the 2006-2016 Long Term Plan; however not one part of that submission had been adopted so he hoped the Council would achieve more during the next period. He noted that the summary LTCCP document did not mention the natural environment, though there was a good section in the main document about the coastal environment and planning for this but not for taking any action. The budget allowed for biodiversity was abysmally low, particularly for the Hibiscus Coast, but the staff needed to progress the strategy.

The Society had recently come out in opposition to Penlink because of the sale of surplus land, particularly those of environmental significance such as the Archer's block, which would act as compensation for the road. He urged the Council to consider the environmental benefits and make provision for mitigation of the Penlink project.

He had also been asked to raise the question of the two financial divisions and urged the Council to ensure that the proceeds from the sale of any land were spread over the district for the benefit of the environment, seeking support from Crs W Walker, G Walker, Harding, Turner and Craig.

In response to questions, Mr Corbett advised that:

- he did not feel that the natural environment in Rodney District was benefitting under the four well beings specified under the Local Government Act (LGA);
- he was aware of grants available to individual land owners and groups for the rehabilitation of natural areas but knew of only one small area on the Hibiscus Coast that had benefitted from the scheme;

Submitter H0101 – Dave Jackson made a verbal statement in support of his submission on the proposed rates increases for Kawau Island.

Sue Simmons, representing Submitter H0109 - WFH Properties, and H0092 - Waiwera Properties Ltd made a verbal statement in support of the submissions made, advising that she supported the evidence provided by Russell Bartlett in relation to the proposed development contribution policies. She urged the Council to reconsider proceeding with the proposed policy on 1 July because of deep dividing flaws that had become apparent at a recent workshop she had attended, reminding them of the situation North Shore City Council now faced through its lack of time spent with its stakeholders.

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She noted that Manukau City Council had delayed implementation of its policy by a year and following further consultation had developed a policy that was agreeable to its stakeholders and that Tauranga City Council had followed a similar approach, implementing its policy in November 2008.

Ms Simmons said that WFH Properties Ltd, developers of the Silverdale North area and involved in Variation 52, together with being parties to the Council's Plan Change 62, was extremely concerned about the draft policy, especially in terms of the Super City situation and the Council leaving a legacy of value. She added that should the policy come into effect on 1 June, it would be one of the quickest processes ever carried out by any local council, noting that causation was required to develop the policy and the Council had to understand how the intra and inter-generational issues were affected, together with the economic issues. Ms Simmons said that, having provided virtually all of the infrastructure for the development, WFH needed certainty that the private developer agreement would be honoured.

Ms Simmons also noted that there was no legal provision under the Local Government Act for councils to charge development contribution to cover the cost of interest, although there appeared to be an assumption by councils that this was so.

With regard to Waiwera Properties Ltd submission, Ms Simmons said the defective and deficient wastewater systems in Waiwera needed to be addressed before further development took place without the use of private property agreements so that the process would not be carried out in an ad hoc manner.

Submitter H0093 – Ivan Raos, speaking in support of his original submission, urged the Council to delay the sale of any property until after establishment of the Super City so that all the proceeds would go into a consolidated fund.

Submitter H0071, Janet Fitzgerald, who was authorised to speak on behalf of the Penlink Now Team, urged the Council to continue with the Penlink project.

Submitter H0126 – Silverdale and Districts RSA, represented by Janet Fitzgerald (the RSA Welfare Officer) spoke in support of the Council providing an initial \$30,000 in funding to facilitate the insulation of veterans' homes through the Government's Snug Homes Project. She advised that the cost per home was approximately \$3,500, with the Accident Compensation Commission and WINZ making contributions to this amount.

In response to questions, Ms Fitzgerald advised that:

- all other councils in the region apart from Rodney and Franklin Districts supported the scheme;
- the contribution requested was an arbitrary figure that would pay for approximately ten homes.

Jean Johnson, representing Submitter H0043 - HBC Citizens Advice Bureau, presented a written statement elaborating further on the Bureau's original submission.

The Mayor, Penny Webster, took the opportunity to thank all volunteers for the work that they did, especially during the current difficult economic climate.

In response to a question, Ms Johnson said that:

- although the Bureau was able to access many of the forms it required from the internet, there was a cost in providing the computer equipment needed to download and print these forms;
- additional funding over that received from the Council last year was needed to maintain the Bureau's current services.

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Submitter W0249 – John Clapperton circulated a written statement in support of his original submission on climate change and the proposed sale of Council owned property.

In response to a question, Mr Clapperton advised that he would be happy if the proposed sale of Council land was clarified to the extent of its location, the purchase price paid and what the funds would be used for.

Mike Isle, representing Submitter H0175 – Peninsula Players, spoke in support of the request that the Council purchase the Whangaparaoa Hall, which had been the group's home for thirty years. He said the group had built the annexe on the western side of the hall and this had been stripped away from the group without consultation, in breach of the lease agreement. Mr Isle explained the terms under which the group used the hall, including its payment of utilities, rental and fees for each performance. Mr Isle said that an alternative to having the hall returned to community ownership would be for the Council to provide a new venue as the current circumstances were not sustainable. In conclusion, Mr Isle said that he supported Cr W Walker's proposal of several years ago for a high-rise development on the site which was to have included a theatre facility.

In response to questions, Mr Isle advised that there were now two areas of the hall leased to commercial interests.

12.45 p.m. Chief Executive (Rodger Kerr-Newell), Manager: Infrastructure Funding (John Hall) and Business Analyst (Dan Auber) retired from the meeting.

12.45 p.m. – 1.18 p.m. Luncheon adjournment.

Submitter H0184 – Graham Nielsen advised that he had intended to make detailed submissions on development contributions but had decided not to dwell on these, instead speaking in support of his submission on Auckland Regional Governance, urging the Council to continue its business as usual for as long as it could as there was no reason to believe that having Rodney District represented by one elected representative would leave the district in any better situation.

In relation to the financial divisions, Mr Nielsen suggested that the transition to the Super City may be better with only one district but this decision could be deferred for twelve months; that the sale of surplus land should proceed with the proceeds being used to reduce debt; and that the development contributions policy should be adopted after any reasonable revision considered necessary.

In response to questions, Mr Neilson said that adoption of the revised development contributions policy on 1 July would be better than the status quo, although some provision for revision could be included.

1.30 p.m. Chief Executive (Rodger Kerr-Newell) in attendance.

Submission H0111 – Don Harrington had nothing to add to his original submission but expanded on points raised earlier in the hearing with respect to Maygrove Village and the way in which the Council proposed to levy rates on retirement villages, noting that this would be an inequitable burden to place on retirement villages which did not place the same burden on infrastructure as standard dwellings. Mr Harrington said that 70% of the Hibiscus Village units had only one occupant, with the balance having two residents, so they used less water and discharged less into the public sewerage system. He said that intending residents were finding it hard to sell their properties therefore there were empty units in the Village so it was placing even less of a burden on services. He noted that the village provided and maintained its own roads and footpaths and that the aggregate road frontage equated to 3m per dwelling, as opposed to 15 metres per dwelling in the rest of the town. He further noted that the Council only provided one connection for water and sewerage so that the Village also supplied and maintained its own internal connections, together with managing and paying for its own refuse and recycling collections.

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Mr Harrington then compared vehicle movements in and out of the Village with those of other Orewa residences, suggesting that the proposed roading differential was also unfair and inequitable, noting also that the Council benefited from only having to send one rating bill per village. In conclusion Mr Harrington set out the basis on which retirement villages operated, noting that any additional charges would be on-charged to residents, most of whom were on superannuation and subsisting on \$500 or less each week and could not claim a rates rebate. He suggested that the proposed capital rating system would place a greater level of burden on village residents and would be unsustainable for retirement villages.

Submitters H083 – Nicki Kent and H0102 - Pat Shanks Speaking in support of both submissions, Nicki Kent said that she had been involved in performing arts for a number of years and was asking for funding and a partnership that would support the arts, particularly Centrestage, which required the services of a theatre manager on an annual salary of \$45,000 to operate. She said that although the Theatre brought in revenue, it was just breaking even with each show, particularly with the need to maintain the building. Ms Kent said that she couldn't identify any support for performing arts in the LTCCP and would like to see Centrestage Theatre recognised as the only performing arts venue in area.

Pat Shanks requested provision of support for arts related community groups, noting that Centrestage Theatre was used by a number of visiting groups as well as pupils from Orewa College, even though the College was building an auditorium. She said that income from the Theatre had to cover all incidentals such as electricity, water and toilet rolls, and though volunteers fund raised and carried out as much maintenance as possible, the Theatre Manager's salary still had to be paid and the criteria for most funding agencies excluded salaries. Ms Shanks said that 60% of audiences were senior citizens and although the Theatre hire rates were increased last year, this had resulted in less income, particularly from community groups. In conclusion, Ms Shanks said that without help from the Council serious consideration may be given to closing the Theatre to outside hirers.

In response to questions Ms Kent and Ms Shanks advised that:

- although Orewa College was building a large auditorium, it wasn't a theatre so was a different venue to Centrestage and the College would still bring its large productions to the Theatre each year;
- the only funding received from the Council in the past had been through the Creative Communities funding, which wasn't Council funding;
- the Theatre Trust maintained the exterior of the building, but Trust volunteers were unable to keep up with the work required;
- the current Manager was the Theatre's fourth in three years.

Note: As an illustration of the costs involved in staging a production, a budget for a recent production Les Miserables was distributed.

Submitter H0182 - Beth Wagstaff made a verbal statement in support of her submission in relation to Silverdale, stating that any long term planning needed to include reference to Silverdale, which wasn't just a bump along the way and could become the new Albany in a few years. She said this LTCCP was an opportunity for the Council to show some forward thinking, noting that she had taken possession of her property in Silverdale and been a Rodney resident for 15 years, seeing lots of changes with new arrivals, new businesses, rural land being subdivided, the construction of the Nautilus and the extension of the motorway. However, she said that Silverdale had remained constant and seen no changes of any significance or otherwise during that time. She said that Silverdale was touted as the gateway to the Hibiscus Coast but was falling into disrepair and in comparison to Orewa was being treated by the Council as a distraction rather than a destination.

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Mrs Wagstaff asked where the signage was that said *Welcome to Silverdale!* and said that with a little effort, thought and imagination, improvements shouldn't be too difficult, making suggestions for enhancement of the township and also requesting provision of an area for creation of a community garden which would help those families in the area in need. She also requested that the speed limit along the highway between the two sets of lights be decreased and advised that she didn't agree with the proposal to stop right turns into Silverdale, suggesting as an alternative that traffic lights be installed at the northern end of the bridge.

In response to questions, Mrs Wagstaff said that:

- traffic was a separate issue to that of aesthetics so one was no more important than the other, although the current traffic situation created frustration and traffic lights or roundabouts would improve this;
- one or two business associations had existed but none were currently operating, other than the Silverdale Ratepayers' Association;
- many of the current businesses were owned by people who didn't live in the area so the Council shouldn't rely on them as far as enhancement and improvement of the area was concerned.

Submitter H0087 Tom Parsons tabled a written statement in support of his submission, advising that he had served for four years on a town council in Washington where the council had had real power, to the extent of hiring and firing police. In addition to his written statement, Mr Parsons reminded councillors that they were the policy makers and said he believed the staff may have let them down in relation to the proposed volumetric wastewater charges, the formulae for which was based on assumptions that those properties using tank water would use the same amount as properties on reticulated water, but that with roof collection it was only physically possible to capture a certain amount and the Council was planning to charge on more water than property owners were able to collect.

In answer to questions, Mr Parsons advised that:

- the Council needed to carry out further consultation on the proposed amalgamation of the current two financial districts;
- he hadn't suggested that the Council didn't have the right to sell off surplus land, but he believed that the proceeds from the sale of land purchased using funds from one area should go back to those ratepayers who had contributed;
- those on tank water who purchased water could have the additional volumetric charges added to the cost of purchasing any water.

Submitter W0188 – Alan Pengelly elaborated on his original submission related to the Parakai recreation reserve in which he had suggested that a skateboard ramp be developed. Mr Pengelly said that Parakai Reserve was a disgrace and that there had been no result from similar submissions made for its improvement three years ago. He suggested that the camping ground, which had been there for 80 years and never looked so tired, should be run on a more professional basis as it was very run down and Council staff had not been carrying out their duties. Speaking about the township of Parakai, Mr Pengelly said that the population was made up largely of beneficiaries and that there were six tinnie houses down one street. He said he didn't believe the camping grounds and pool should be run separately and considered that the Council should resume responsibility for their operation, extending the camping ground and running it on a more professional basis, improving signage to attract visitors. Commenting that the urban design plan had been around for the past 12 – 18 months made no mention of Parakai, Mr Pengelly said that this was a serious error that should be put right. In conclusion, Mr Pengelly said that Helensville had a great museum that was well run by volunteers but they had serious problems with funding so it would therefore be a good idea to introduce a targeted rate for its upkeep.

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In response to questions, Mr Pengelly advised that:

- a targeted rate of \$5 for the museum could include those properties within a 5Km radius of the museum; however, it was of interest to the whole of the district;
- Helensville and Parakai should be developed together, with tourists being the big ticket that should be targeted;
- tables, chairs, lighting and other equipment installed on the reserve would be treated the same as in any other areas, although they should be the right sort, such as those concrete tables installed at Mangawhai.

Ian Wright, representing Submitter H0119 – Dexus Property Group, the Plaza Whangaparaoa Shopping Centre elaborated on the original submission made. Referring to an article published in 1996, Mr Wright advised that none of the improvements mentioned in that article had been actioned. He said that the Top of the Plaza project had therefore been on the 'make it happen' list for close to 25 years and he would like to see it on the 'to do' before the Super City came into being, with the extent of the upgrade being downscaled if finances deemed this necessary.

Submitter H0063 – Hector Anderson said that he lived at Arkles Bay and was very concerned about the proposed land sales and secret land deals, asking who in their right mind would want to sell property in a depressed market. Mr Anderson said that ratepayers' land was not the councillors' land and that there had been a drop in both values and development values. He said that there were a lot of elderly people on the peninsula who were very concerned and considered that the future of Rodney was in the balance so this land could be a legacy for the future. In conclusion, Mr Pengelly said that the climate was also not right for Penlink.

Jacki Dawson, representing Submitter H0161 - HBC Community House advised that nothing had changed since the meeting held on 7 May 2009 at which the relocation of the Community House had been decided, but that she would like a working party established to progress that move, together with additional issues related to the garage, decking and blue bins, which provided income for the Community House. She requested that provision for these matters remain in the LTCCP so that they and other building maintenance issues could be addressed.

Submitter N0128 – Jo and David Floyd speaking in support of their original submission, advised that they represented a large number of dirt road dwellers. They said they had lived on Upper Waiwera Road for 20 years and used to travel 10 kilometres before reaching the end of the seal, but they now travelled about 1.5 kilometres. They advised that levels of service had decreased in those areas where significant development had occurred and the removal of sealing programme from the LTCCP would therefore be a disadvantage. They were therefore asking that 80 kms of sealing work annually be put back into programme. They suggested that the Council seek other forms of funding, through development contributions in some cases where it directly affected development, and through private agreements where that was appropriate. In conclusion, Mr and Mrs Floyd asked that if the sealing programme was to be removed, the standard of maintenance on high volume unsealed roads be improved and that reductions in the speed limits be investigated.

In response to questions, Mr and Mrs Floyd advised that there was currently no forestry activity on Upper Waiwera Road.

3.12 p.m. - 3.32 p.m. Afternoon tea adjournment.

Joe Youssef and Mairie Barrett, representing Submitter H0127 – Coast Youth Community Trust provided a PowerPoint presentation outlining the work of the Trust and introducing its team members.

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Sandi Hackett, representing Submitter H0160 - Sharks Sports Trust expressed concerns that only \$100,000 had been allocated for landscaping in Victor Eaves Park over the next ten years, adding that stages 1 and 2 of the project had been completed, but that there was no provision for funding of stage 3, which included construction of toilet blocks. Ms Hackett noted that there was a lack of indoor facilities for mat sports, cricket and netball in the Hibiscus Coast, but if provision was made for toilet facilities in stage 3, there was potential to modify the current plans to provide an indoor facility for indoor cricket, soccer or netball for instance, which would allow access for individual sports bodies to gain funding from external providers such as the ASB Trust. Reiterating that there was currently a shortage of toilet facilities whether the facilities provided at the Sharks building were open or not, therefore Ms Hackett said toilet facilities should be included in the stage 3 works at the southern end of the park.

Sandi Hackett, representing Submitter H0128 - Metro Park East said that \$1.6m had been set aside in the plan for field development at Metro Park East but that there had been no financial provision made for any toilet block or changing room facility, which was required for sports group that used the fields. Ms Hackett said that if such provision was made it would allow a Trust formed by the sports groups which used the grounds an avenue to seek funding from external providers.

Note: Cr Taylor did not participate in the discussion on the following submission.

Steve Denize, representing Submitter H0173 – Orewa Beach Reef Charitable Trust provided a PowerPoint presentation illustrating aspects of the beach and how construction of reefs may provide future benefits. He asked that the Council join the Trust as a partner as it wouldn't be able to participate in the decision on the resource consent for the proposed construction seeing it had provided funding for the project. Mr Denize said this would enable equity on the investment to date to be built so that consent could be achieved for the 12 reefs. Mr Denize suggested that funding currently set aside in the 2009/2010 financial year could be deferred as the first tranche of reefs could be built, subject to resource consent from Auckland Regional Council, by private partners and community funding, noting that owners at northern end of the beach didn't want a sea wall to be built, preferring construction of the reef.

In response to questions, Mr Denize said that:

- the resource consent process would test whether the reefs would be successful in restoring sand to the beach;
- no one was sure what shape the barrier that had existed at the mouth of the estuary years ago to stop displacement of the sand had been;
- further bags could be added to the reefs if required and their primary purpose was to take the energy out of the waves;
- the company ASR, one of the principal drivers of the project, comprised international experts;
- the private sector was excited about the project, which would be a private/public partnership model that the Council and government would support;
- the initial one reef concept had progressed to construction of 12 reefs so that the benefits would be spread along the length of the beach, though how many were built beyond that depended on how much the Council would invest;
- the Trust was asking that the Council add its name to the resource consent process, which didn't have to be funded at this stage, and the cost for which would vary depending on requirements for further information.

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Submitter 118 – Danny Morris presented a verbal statement in support of his submission related to the Whangaparaoa Hall, its current state of disrepair and unsuitability for its current users, illustrating his request with copies of pictures. Mr Morris referred to the benefits of the Council acquiring the hall, which included the possibility of improving traffic movement through the area and allowing better access to the Top of the Plaza shops. Mr Morris said that the Lions Club had released its claim on the hall adjacent to the Whangaparaoa Hall and with the Library already in position, the redeveloped area would complete the community aspect of the shopping area.

In response to questions, Mr Morris said that:

- the new hall depicted would fit in around the Library and blend in well with landscaping;
- his design would facilitate removal of the traffic lights adjacent to the existing hall so there would be no need for the current multiple lights;
- the design would allow for an amphitheatre effect;
- the design corresponded with the current facility, allowing for an open area on the corner of Main Street that could be landscaped.

Submitter H0021 – Jim Kelly spoke about his request for transparency and public reassurance with regard to the proposed sale of land, asking that the section 14 principles of the Local Government Act be observed so that whenever reference was made to potential asset sales in the plan, it be acknowledged alongside that any related decisions would be made in openness and transparency.

The Mayor, Penny Webster, recorded her thanks and those of councillors to submitters for their presentations and attendance at the meeting.

The meeting closed 4.26 p.m.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD THIS 2ND DAY OF JULY 2009

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